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**What's This About Lipstick on a Pig?
Represent Our Resistance
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How many deaths are there world-wide each year due to acts of terrorism?

22,000. The U.S. State Department reported there were more than 22,000 deaths from terrorism last year. Over half of those killed or injured were Muslims.

-Voice of America, May 2, 2008. "Terrorism Deaths Rose in 2007."

How many deaths are there world-wide each day due to poverty and malnutrition?

About 25,000 people die every day of hunger or hunger-related causes, according to the United Nations. Poverty.com - Hunger and World Poverty. Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes - one child every five seconds. Bread for the World. Hunger Facts: International.

-Bill Quigley, "Twenty Questions Social Justice Quiz 2008"

Sarah Palin talks! Everyone listens. Those of us Women from the "old school" know it is hard to talk in the company of men. We talk "too much" and talk about "nothing." Anything in opposition to conscious or unconscious power is silenced.

But Palin talks! She's been given the microphone and a world stage. Talk as much as you like, little missy - with our scripted narrative before you. You go, girly. You *know* something!

When power concedes to hearing women it's for a reason, and it's not to hear women!

What's different about Sarah Palin? She wears lipstick? Is that it? What's different about Palin?

Nothing! There is nothing *historical* about Sarah Palin! She's the newest vessel of double-speak, straight from the stainless-steel laboratory of government and corporative power brokers. Palin has "nothing" to say that is different, oppositional. She is patriarchy speaking to patriarchy. And relish like Palin's body and soul commitment!

Palin is patriarchy - *in drag*.

"I would be honored to serve next to the next president of the United States." Yeah, bet she would be honored!

The once-mayor of a tiny town in Alaska, hockey mom, and now governor of a state with the population of Milwaukee is bad news for all women in the U.S. The "grooming" of Palin is an old Trojan Horse trick to break, to capture the will of independent-minded Women and strangle our memory of First Women - Black women - once powerful and certainly an equal force to reckon with in this world, before the onslaught of Western patriarchal constructions of "marriage," "familial lineage," and "community organizing."

Where is the outrage of white, Black, Native American, Asian, and Latina women?

Palin is a patriarch! She speaks with the mouth, lipstick and all, of a patriarch. Palin's mind is cluttered with the language of war. Her jab about community organizers is evident of a non-thinking robot, courtesy of her makers - the patriarchs. As someone pointed out, Jesus was a community organizer, but then Palin's "Jesus" is the "Christ" of a rigid, patriarchal, organized religion. Independent thinking Women, listen for the soul of humanity. Palin, on the other hand, hears the voice of "god" directly in her ears, calling for her to rise up against infidels here in the land of Christians. Governor Palin, the patriarch of Alaska, would favor Women bowing, as she does, before the altar of the warmongers!

Hockey Mom - Palin is clueless about the lives of women of color in this country let alone anywhere else. But why would Hockey Mom - Palin's mentors teach her about the lives of women of color? Hockey Mom - Palin's mind must be pure, free from concern about the unpure. "I'm a hockey mom" is code for her learned indifference to racial and cultural differences among women. How many Blacks, Asians, Latina, Native American, and low-wage white moms call themselves "Hockey Moms"? She spits out her contempt for women and womanhood; she sees the goal of sharing power as Empress beside her Emperor McCain. As Empress, she will be one among the boys, handing out cookies and milk at the big war meeting sessions at the White House. And Hockey Mom will be pleased. She'll cheer on the decision to set the drones to bomb Iran, bomb women and children. A day at work will be just like one big Hockey game for Hockey Mom.

Hockey Mom does not represent Women. Palin is the monster created and groomed by Frankensteins on the Right. Every time Palin opens her mouth she takes a bit out of womanhood. It's appalling to hear this "girly" voice come from such a monstrous creation who just rattles on and on as if she were the greatest historical event to happen recently since - Barack Obama! The corporate media won't have the American public exposed to the stand-up Womanhood of Green Party presidential candidate Cynthia McKinney and her running mate for Vice President, Rosa Clemente since the

public might see America's reality and hear the roar of Women standing up for the community of humanity. The corporate media hustles to overshadow images of McKinney and Clemente with the picture of Hockey Mom rattling about the American Empire's plans to kill more women and children.

McKinney and Clemente are reminders of when Women walked the earth rather than submitted to crawling.

Hockey Mom - Palin is an insult to those first Women who walked the earth. She already comes with her own Gate - that is, Trooper Gate - a nice story involving a former brother-in-law, an Alaskan public safety director, and a state trooper. When Hockey Mom isn't too busy doing the "office" business of patriarchy, she's on the trail looking for moose. For a woman squeamish about other women aborting fetuses, Hockey Mom doesn't mind shooting moose or any other large animal - for sport. Can you see Hockey Mom in the woods, jumping up and down with her little bangs and high-powered rifle, echoing King George about killing Iraqis and Afghans: "We killed them! We killed them all!" Yea!

Chief and current Director of Native Movement among the Arctic Neetsaii Gwich'in tribe, Peter Evon, pointed to the challenge led by Hockey Mom to deny his people human rights and their traditional way of life (*LA Progressive*). "Alaska Native peoples are among the only indigenous peoples in all of North America who's (sic) indigenous Hunting and Fishing rights have been extinguished by federal legislation." Yet, Hockey Mom does not miss the opportunity to kill the caribou and the human rights of the Neetsaii Gwich'in tribe!

She's the real thing, but I bet you won't see her satirized on the cover of the *New Yorker*.

In case of rape or incest - forget it! Hockey Mom will declare that Women must bear or die! She will draw attention to a woman's womb and declare abortions murder; but what does she have to say now about the mass murder of children in Iraq and Afghanistan? Every white child born is valuable while every colored child is another matter. Then there's Hockey Mom's pregnant daughter Bristol. Conservatives like Palin are "experts" in telling others how to raise their children. What happened to the good wholesome Christian values in that house? "People in glass houses..." Roe vs. Wade is blasphemy for Mrs. Hockey Mom - the *female* voice of patriarchy.

Aside from serving cookies and cheering the White House troops of co-patriarchs, what else will Hockey Mom do but guard the gate of Women's bodies?

As for Women's minds - they shouldn't have any, if unattached to the white supremacist, patriarchal, capitalist narrative. So Hockey Mom will work on cleansing the minds of the American public from any thought of Feminist and the Feminisms of women of color. Just as she attempted to associate the term "community organizer" with the lack of responsibility, she will see to it that Independent-minded Women are made to seem irrelevant. Bridge to nowhere? Palin's a bridge to corrupt power and the silencing of *Women!*

Hockey Mom is dangerous for *Women* who still think and who still value memory! She's a danger to anything living!

Similar to her fellow cohorts, she is as repressive as those tyrants. "Once Palin became mayor," said one resident of Alaska, "she became part of that inner circle." According to Charley James, *LA Progressive*, some residents compare life under Republican rule

to life in the Soviet Union. "See nothing that's happening, say nothing offensive, and the political commissars leave you alone. But speak out and you get disappeared into a gulag north of the Arctic Circle for who-knows-how-long."

Yeah, that's Hockey Mom Palin - a born-again patriarch, ready for service!


There's a story about lipstick... the better to see her twisted mouth talk of death!


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