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Fake Symbolism vs the Reality of Change

Keeping It Real

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Hope is meaningless unless it is *actualized* (i.e. acted upon). So too, change means nothing if it is not *substantive and real*. Symbolism is *not* real change.

Having been among the very few writers who, well over a year ago, repeatedly cautioned and warned against being duped by the fake *corporate* Obama brand of "yes we can *hope and change*;" the correctness of those warnings is sadly, now coming to fruition. Despite its nebulous progressive sounding rhetoric, the Democratic Party has consistently and historically demonstrated that it is the graveyard of *real, substantive* change and progressive movements by and for the masses of people; and of course the Republican Party as ever, remains *blatantly* in opposition to such real and substantive change. The Democratic Party *foxes* and the Republican Party *wolves* have yet again spun their web of deceit and manipulation, around the peoples of this nation and world as their cyclical prey. Thus, the Democratic and Republican Parties are *jointly* nothing more than *Republicrats*, political pimps of the people.

This is not merely about the crucial issue of *single payer universal health care*, which assuming that any such legislation passes at all, will *fundamentally not* be what the people of this nation get from our trickster chief executive and Republicrat legislators. However, this is *also* about *ongoing and increasing U.S. militarism* in Afghanistan,

Iraq, Pakistan and elsewhere - actual *corporate domination and control* - rising *unemployment* - *homelessness* - worsening *global climate change* - *political repression* in this nation - *increased de facto racism* - and last but certainly not least, the *widening economic gap between rich and poor* of all colors in this nation. These are incredibly serious matters that are not being *honestly, forthrightly nor substantively* addressed and corrected by the Democrats and Republicans (i.e. the Republicrats). These are matters that will only be substantively addressed by bringing about *real systemic change*, not by window dressing and meaningless, rhetoric.

The *corporate slicksters, banksters, and robber barons* (both Democrats and Republicans alike) know only too well that their blood sucking system of global capitalism is in deep crisis presently. Thus, their cunning, almost total support, of almost a year ago, for the corporate *Obama brand* of manipulation of the masses in the name of some cloudy progress, [non-actualized] "hope, and [fake] change." It was, and no doubt still is, the objective of the ruling elite of this nation for the chameleon corporate Obama brand of manipulation to continue to provide them (i.e. the corporate and military *elite*) with enough breathing room / time to stifle and neutralize any serious and organized mass movement by every day people in this nation. Be clear about this: This nation does not need a *symbol* of change. It needs *real* change on behalf of every day common people.

Real, substantive, systemic change, on behalf of every day people, will *never* be brought about by the Democratic or Republican Parties (i.e. the Republicrats). Such a thing is in direct opposition to their vested corporate interests of the U.S. Empire. *Only* an organized, mass grassroots movement - from the bottom up - *can and will* accomplish this.

Moreover, it is no coincidence that the massive corporate self-described U.S. "news" media is *overwhelmingly* silent about, for example, the horrors re the ongoing and increasing U.S. wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, and elsewhere on the globe. It is no mere coincidence that this same corporate so-called "news" media is also overwhelmingly silent about the fact that a whopping 70% (or more) of the people in this nation want *genuine* [not fake] single payer universal health care. The *omission, misinformation, and disinformation* by said corporate media continues at full throttle.

The time is here to open our eyes and use our common sense! The pro apartheid Zionist, pro corporate, and pro militarism - Obama / Biden / Rahm Emanuel administration - will *never* bring about real systemic change for the peoples of this nation or earth, *nor was it ever intended to*.

We, the masses of every day people are the only ones who can and must educate, organize, and actualize our hopes in order to bring about *real systemic change*. Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr. understood this. Thus, in the words of the late activist Joe Hill: "Don't Mourn. ORGANIZE!"

Onward sisters and brothers! Onward!

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