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“Super Tuesday”

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The second "Super Tuesday" is over and done and the winners are—McCain on the Republican side and on the Democrat side—no one's really sure. Hillary won the popular Primary vote in the big ones, Texas and Ohio, but not by a landslide. Obama won the Caucus portion of the "Texas Two Step" as some call it, and still leads in the delegate count. Of course each has claimed that his team won and Hillary declares she now has the momentum to hang on for the next seven weeks until the Pennsylvania primary that, according to the pundits, she should win handily because of the state's blue-collar, union households.

Obama still maintains that he is riding the wave of change created by the many youthful followers he has garnered over the last few months. His rhetoric remains the same, but he still hasn't specified just how he intends to pay for all the giveaways he has promised to produce once he is President.

Hillary, of course, keeps talking about her experience and ability to be the "commander-in-chief on day one"—and her giveaway list is actually longer than Obama's. If one thinks about it, as far as experience is concerned, can anyone come up with a list of legislative accomplishments of either Democrat candidate in their short terms of Senatorial service or as First Lady?

Unfortunately, for all of us it appears we are in for several more months of meaningless debates between B & H listening to each one accuse the other of incompetence when apart from each other, but become all nicey-nicey when they are face to face. Both of them are ultra-liberal candidates who want to turn our government into a "let's give everybody anything and everything they want, and not require anything in return" type of country.

As far as I can see, the Democratic Party will not have an honest-to-goodness winner of their nomination until the actual Convention, which is not what they want. Of course, the Democrats have created this quagmire themselves by proportionately splitting their state delegates between each candidate, based on each candidate's percentage of the vote, rather than "winner take all." They did this back in 1982, under pressure from Jesse Jackson when he was running for President, and the black caucuses who were saying they were being discriminated against in the Primary tallies. They didn't feel that the person with the most votes should have gotten the entire state's delegates and thereby sealed the fate of two candidates who are vying for the presidency now. It is feared that the ultimate winner of the Democratic nomination will be decided in a back room, by those "super-delegates" who haven't been elected by anyone. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

John McCain, on the other hand, has finally sealed up the 1,191 delegates needed to make him the official nominee of the Republican Party. Wait a minute, is it true, are there really members of the Republican Party who don't want McCain as a candidate because he's too liberal? Yep! Unfortunately, it is true and John McCain still has to convince all his Party members that he is a true Conservative and, if elected to the presidency, will toe the line on such issues as: Lower taxes, tight border security, continued support for the war in Iraq, continued heavy security for our country, and being more "business friendly" in setting regulations and tax breaks for large and small businesses alike.

His Conservatism, according to some, appears to come and go according to whom he is speaking. In the not too distant past he has: voted against a gay-marriage ban; against President Bush's tax cut continuance; for the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance law which put in place controls on donating money to political campaigns; called Pat Robertson and the late Rev. Jerry Falwell "agents of intolerance"; and collaborated with Ted Kennedy to pass a immigration bill that would effectively give illegal immigrants amnesty.

Conservative talk show hosts and authors, i.e., Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham and Anne Coulter have denounced McCain as a Liberal in a Republican disguise and encouraged voters to vote for Hillary in the Primaries.

So, if the above allegations are true, regardless of who wins on the Democrat side, it looks like the General Election will not give the American voter the option of voting for either a Liberal or Conservative. We will have to wait to see if Senator McCain will show his true colors by November so we'll know exactly what our choices are. It should prove to be exciting but is it really what we want?