

“Ultimate Exercise in Futility”

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Well, another Democratic Primary has come and gone and we're still not any closer to knowing whom they will be taking to the big dance in November. All those who say “they” know are saying that Hillary has no chance to overtake Obama who has a 100+ lead in delegates and a popular vote lead of over 700,000 votes. As stated in previous articles it is purported to be a mathematical impossibility for Obama to keep from winning.... WITH THE EXCEPTION of the Super Delegates who are still lurking in the wings waiting to take the stage and make someone very happy or very unhappy.

The “experts” again are saying that those holding these votes “would not dare deny Obama their vote if he maintains his delegate and/or popular vote superiority over Hillary.” Of course, there are other “experts” who say that Hillary Clinton will leave no stone unturned nor loop-hole ignored in her quest to become this country's President. She is counting on the “supers” to cast their vote for her once she proves to them that she is the only one who can beat Republican John McCain in November. How will she do that? When it was suggested to Hillary that winning the election with coerced and/or manipulated votes would be tantamount to thievery and skullduggery, she replied, “We would only be operating within the rules allowed by the Party.” We must do what's best for the Party is the mantra.

Several weeks ago former Democratic Presidential Candidate, the Rev. Al Sharpton, was quoted as saying, and I paraphrase... If Super Delegates steal the election away from Sen. Obama by awarding Hillary Clinton votes she did not earn and votes that go against the will and wishes of the voters in the states and districts represented by the Super Delegates, then not only would there be demonstrations in the streets, there could very well be a cessation of future support for the Democratic Party and the candidates it backs. That's pretty hard rhetoric and could be construed, if not a threat, a very powerful promise of negative action against any Super Delegate who would deign to defy his or her constituents.

It has gotten to the point that future primary elections have lost their excitement because no matter who wins, the delegate counts are split almost down the middle, thereby keeping each candidate in a status quo position. In essence they, the Party in question, has brought this quagmire upon themselves with poor decisions made for wrong reasons in the past. Who wants to watch or even vote in an election that means absolutely nothing in the whole scheme of things?

If one would really admit it, the Pennsylvania Democratic Primary Election, won by Hillary Clinton by 10% could have had an entirely different outcome if the Independent voters had been allowed a place at the polls. It should also be remembered that in a General Election Democrats, Republicans AND Independents will be allowed to vote for whomever they wish. Hillary could be low man on the totem pole with that scenario, so she really can't claim she would be the candidate most appealing to the American voters.

With West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky, Oregon, Puerto Rico, and North Carolina primaries still ahead we will probably be hearing exactly the same ho-hum rhetoric ad nauseam from both candidates so don't expect anything new folks. Let's all pray that one of the two Democratic candidates will cry uncle and throw in the towel "for the good of the Party" and the American public. Maybe, just maybe, the remaining candidate will be gracious and name the other as his or her Vice Presidential running mate?

Have a great week folks.

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