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## Moving Further Backwards in the Name of Progress & Change Keeping it Real By Larry Pinkney

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Those who align themselves with the proverbial devil should not be surprised when they are dispatched to hell. Such is the hellish political reality of the U.S. Empire's hoodwinking Democratic and Republican Parties, those ignoble Republicrats who pretend to loosen their corporate and military stranglehold on the peoples of this nation and world - only to get a tighter *grip*. Such is the *actual* state of affairs as offered by the Democratic & Republican Parties [i.e. the Republicrats] in the United States of America today.

Millions of persons throughout the nation are losing their homes and their jobs at an ever increasing and alarming rate, while universal single-payer health care remains a thing of *myth*. The Republicrats and their U.S. Presidential candidates offer nothing of *substance* to address and *systemically* change this despicable and unacceptable reality.

Multinational corporations continue to be economically bailed out, while ordinary men, women, and children are offered flim-flam rhetoric and hung out to dry by the Republicrats. Wars of hegemony rage on in Iraq and Afghanistan as economically poor American young men and women sacrifice as cannon fodder on the bloody, amoral battlefields of corporate greed.

In the very name of so-called progress and "change", the Republicrats [i.e. Democratic and Republican Parties] of America are attempting to move the nation ever backwards towards historical revisionism and denial. Nothing could be more insidious and foolhardy.

As the chasm of economic disparities between rich and poor grow throughout the globe, so it is that the same is mirrored inside the U.S. The human rights to decent education, jobs, housing, and health care have in fact been substantively abandoned by the corporately-owned, double-talking Democratic and Republican Parties.

The French philosopher, Albert Camus, was correct when, in essence, he pointed out that the right to vote is utterly meaningless if the masses of people do not control the political machinery that selects *whom* they are voting for. Money, and most especially *corporate* money, has made an utter mockery of any people's democracy in the United States of America.

It must be understood that this sad and unacceptable state of affairs is a reflection of an amoral, ahistorical, and politically bankrupt. The elite few who profit from this system will not and cannot be expected to bring about this much needed *systemic* change. This includes Republicrats Barack Obama and John McCain.

The Republicrats are serious about efforts to *distort and eliminate* the people's struggle, both inside the United States, and around the world. Ignoring this reality will only serve to ensure its continuance.

In contrast to the machinations of the 21st Century corporate / military controlled conjurers of the Democratic and Republican Parties, stand *we the people*. Nothing short of the complete and total assertion of *real* political power, by *we the people*, outside of and consciously apart from the choking stranglehold of the Democratic and Republican Parties can and will make a real difference now and in the foreseeable future.

It must be reiterated that those who align themselves with the proverbial devil should not be surprised when they are dispatched to hell. It's time to make and take a stand for ourselves and the future this nation and planet.

Onward then, *now* and in the *future*...

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