

TABOO OPINIONS #113

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8-26-08 WHO REALLY CAN DECIDE THE COMING ELECTION?

1. President Bush by making a deal with the Iraqi leadership and pulling out some of our armed forces from Iraq, thereby temporarily killing that losing issue for John McCain and thereby taking that winning issue from Obama.

9-9-08 BINGO! Bush did it today: fewer troops staying in Iraq, more going into Afghanistan. This is almost identical to Obama's stated policy.

But let it be also noted that the Iraqi insurgents also can decide who wins our election---by resuming heavy-duty attacks and ruining all those ephemeral 'gains' made by The Surge. Would Bush then have the guts to mount a new Surge (by taking troops out of Afghanistan and scouring America for the last National Guard troops?).

But not to worry. I suspect Bush has already made a secret deal with al Sadr and the Sunnis for them to stay quiet until next year, at least.

2. The Iraqi leadership can also decide our election by asserting the sovereignty we gave them and telling us to get the hell out of their country.

9-9-08 The UN 'permission'; given us to invade and occupy Iraq expires next month, I do believe. The Iraqi leadership is dillying and dallying in agreeing to a separate permission agreement allowing us to stay. They're probably holding out for more bribe money. They, and the UN, could embarrass us mightily if time runs out and we refuse to leave.

"International law? International law? We don't need no fokking international law!"

3. And McCain could lock in a win by promising no American will go hungry or cold or sick during his four years as president via a new 'Healthfare' department. (Assuming the oncoming depression has made itself brutally manifest by then.)

By stealing the core Demo issues, by promising to lower taxes for those making less than \$50,000 a year ...

But McCain is too 'conservative' to do that, I think.

9-10-08 GEORGIA ON MY MIND

Let's see now --- the USA has funded, equipped and trained the armed forces of Georgia (on the southern, Caucasus, border of Russia), and bribed, ordered, encouraged the (bought and paid-for) CIA-linked president of Georgia to use his armed forces to reclaim and punish two 'renegade' provinces of Georgia which favor reunification with Russia.

Thus taunted and provoked, Putin/Russia has taught the Georgians a lesson by an incursion into some non-rebel parts of Georgia. And so on and on...

I suspect the Georgia incident is a 'foreign policy' lesson given the American public to point up McCain's superior "experience" in foreign affairs, and to point up Obama's lack of foreign policy experience. I'm sure the Georgian people don't mind bleeding and dying to help elect John McCain president of the United States, half a world away. I would credit Richard Cheney for this scenario.

9-11-08 THE BLEEDING GOES ON AND ON

Every day the bleeding of wealth goes on in this country (and Europe) as property loses value and unemployment increases.

The bottom line is that more dollars are being destroyed than can be created by new loans and new deficits. This is called by that unmentionable word **deflation**, The news media will not report it except rarely and briefly in the financial news cable channels.

Because it soon is said that it is inherently impossible to now create the enormous amounts of new debt required to replace the bankruptcies, foreclosures, defaults and run-aways that used to create Happy Days and Flush Times. Monetary stimulation is a wonderful drug.

Now, as everyone is afraid to loan money for fear it will not be paid back, and as 'Deficits' becomes a very bad word again, and as

the dollar 'mysteriously' increases in value in re other currencies (and soon due to manifest in other price declines than yen and euros and pounds and houses and cars), the classic explanation for this phenomenon will be unavoidable (as in the Roaring Twenties and the Depression Thirties) --- as fewer dollars must 'spread' to cover existing and new products, property and work.

Just as **inflation** is the process of creating more money than necessary to cover existing products and work. The new money, 'backed' by billions of new promises to pay new debts, stimulates consumption and prosperity delusions ("They're not making any more property--- my house and lot will go up in value forever!")

Now the banks, who swallowed the bad, unpayable mortgage poison in huge gulps of pure greed, are faced with shrinking incomes, ballooning debt obligations, and customers who don't meet the new, more strict, rules for new loans, and the banks are facing millions of former savers who now cannot afford to save (after corporate America persuaded them NOT to save anymore!).

I must comment on the new golden-colored dollar coin being issued by the Treasury Dept to save paper dollar printing costs.

The coin isn't really a coin. Coins are legally and technically made of precious metals, gold and silver, usually. This "coin" is a token made of base metals, copper, nickel and a bit of zinc. Might as well be made of plastic. It would be made of plastic if the government could find a durable plastic which conducted electricity properly for coin-operated machines.

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