

## **Obama Can Be Beaten!**

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The mainstream media's new mantra, the concept that they now want to drill into the American People's psyche, is that potential Republican presidential candidates believe that Obama cannot lose in 2012. As it has become all too common during the past three years, Liberals are dominating the airwaves and are successfully filling the minds of a majority of Americans with myths, distortions, or outright lies.

I refuse to buy their argument since I believe that there are numerous reasons why Obama is indeed, quite beatable:

**First and foremost it is increasingly evident that his inexperience in areas such as the economy and foreign policy is gravely affecting the destinies of our great nation.** What many perceived as a "calm demeanor" now appears to be more a function of his dithering and hesitant stances when confronted with the most pressing issues that America is facing.

**Obama is reactive, not proactive. He seems to prefer that others start the necessary processes before getting involved himself.** He is a follower, not precisely the trait that the American People want in their leader. To make matters worse, the People are getting increasingly tired of the blame game where nothing is Obama's fault and are beginning to demand at least a minimum degree of responsibility from the president.

**Obama's "sidelines approach" to the country's problems** has resulted in what I believe is the second reason why he is vulnerable in a presidential race: he lost the trust of certain key groups that helped propel his presidential race in 2008.

Undoubtedly, during his campaign he captured the imagination of many Independent voters. However, he seems to have lost the confidence of all those who gave him the benefit of the doubt. Those doubts are now crass realities: **the presidency seems to be indeed, "above his pay grade".**

Time and again we see members of his cabinet taking action and/or making the decisions that should be the exclusive responsibility of the president. It is only after such decisions have been made and such actions have been taken that Obama usually appears, and often times with little more than a speech, in an attempt to demonstrate that he is actually participating in the processes.

**An honest slogan for him should have been: "You have a problem? I've got a speech for that!"**

The third factor that I believe makes him unlikely to win re-election has to do with the **flagrant inconsistencies between his words and his actions**, particularly the words uttered during his campaign.

His failure to close Guantanamo, to end the military conflict in Iraq, to show substantial improvements in Afghanistan, should come back and haunt him during his next campaign.

Similarly, **his unfortunate cabinet choices** (failed or appointed) ranging from a broad list of tax-evaders (including the Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner, Tom Daschle, or Ron Kirk) to controversial figures like Van Jones; or lobbyists like William Lynn, William Corr, Mark Patterson, Jocelyn Frye, or Cecilia Munoz, should raise more than a few eyebrows when it comes to analyzing Obama's judgment.

**Obama also failed to deliver on his promises to eliminate earmarks from the budget and perhaps most importantly to maintain fiscal responsibility and prevent any increase in the deficit** by offsetting cuts and revenue sources in other parts of the government. And that does not even include his promises like "sunlight before signing" (a policy clearly trashed with the Health care Reform backroom deals with the Democrats) of the "comprehensive immigration reform" that does not even seem to have a start date.

Finally, it seems clear that the overall political environment is not as ripe for "change" as it was at the end of the Bush administration. **Many of the issues that Obama raised as necessary to change are now dated and feel old** and further, are unlikely to spark another wave of enthusiasm like the one we saw three years ago.

**The two really big things that Obama has in his favor are his extraordinary fund-raising ability and the still relentless support of most media outlets whether in print, electronic, or the so-called new media.** However, any good Republican candidate with strong ideas and the ability to articulate them well should be in a good position to reach the hearts and minds of disaffected Americans that are and are likely to continue to be disappointed in the failed promises of an Obama presidency.

**I have no doubt that a strong ticket will result in a formidable challenge that Obama; despite his rich coffers and deep pockets will be unable to meet successfully.** The American People want solutions to their most pressing problems and not only platitudes and flourish but empty speeches and generic promises like "hope" and "change".

Obama has demonstrated that he is a genius at marketing but that he cannot deliver what America needs. **I believe that the "fool me once" sentiment will be very present in voters' minds come November 2012** and therefore, Obama will lose his push for reelection.

I only hope that Republicans don't get carried away by the Obama-infatuated media and believe that the president can in fact be beat and will be beat with a good platform, a sound set of policies addressing our nation's problems, and a credible ticket to deliver them.

**If that happens, a one-term-Obama presidency is far from unthinkable. If anything, quite the contrary.**

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