

# Letters on Obama's "patriotism tour"

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*The following letters were received by the World Socialist Web Site in response to the article "Obama's patriotism tour: the last refuge of a Democratic scoundrel".*

Great article, Bill. A capitalist politician is, after all, just a capitalist politician! Unfortunately, there are those who will jump on the bandwagon and try to convince us this guy is some kind of alternative when, in the end, we will end up with the same politics. This system offers nothing for the majority of humanity any more, especially us working folks. It is time to get rid of it—lock, stock and barrel (every pun intended).

GC

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Mr. Van Auken's analysis of and comments on Obama's recent travels and speeches show that Obama's move from the progressive left to center is really a move to the far right. Scolding the barely leftist group, MoveOn, for criticizing a right-wing political general for supporting W's failed war efforts was a belated cheap shot at a group who supported Obama before he became popular. Embracing W's faith-based initiatives boondoggle can't be called bargain debasement, because Obama's campaign is rolling in money and spends freely to spread Obama's ever-more rightist messages. Obama is showing his establishment supporters that he is a loyal employee of the USA's power elite, not an agent of change. The definition of patriotism as the last resort of scoundrels may have inspired Obama's patriotic moves. While the 1st dictionary of English is still cited, the multi-volume OED is now the world's standard. Obama is showing a charming devotion to atavistic practices in his move to the center. Obama in July 2008 isn't the Obama of February 2008. What will the Obama of July 2009 have for us?

LL

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Given Obama's mad rush to the "center" (i.e., right),

the next step is obvious. McCain should be Obama's vice president! This would be a simple solution for everyone in power, Democrats and Republicans, and their corporate masters.

JW

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Obama asks, "How do we keep ourselves safe and secure, while preserving our liberties?" By not attempting an answer to his own question, Obama clearly *implies*: (1) that doing both is *impossible*; and (2) that, since safety is a necessity, while liberty is a mere luxury, safety must at all times be preferred to liberty, whenever there is a choice, or an apparent choice, between the two.

Respectfully,

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This is another great analysis stating what the mainstream media dare not say. And is it not reminiscent of the false hopes generated by the Clinton campaign where the victor ended "welfare as we know it" and sold American jobs down the line? Also, the Illinois Democratic Party is one of the most corrupt in the USA, and Obama's ties with Emil Jones (who helped quash a recall motion designed to remove a corrupt governor who is already threatening the less well-off in Illinois society with budget cuts should he not get his way), Tony Resko, and Governor "Hot Rod" himself (who used illegal, McCarthy-era tactics against state employees in 2006) are not totally unknown. Keep up the good work!

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