

Obama Hit by Mass Strike in State Elections, D.C. Demo

by Nancy Spannaus

Nov. 9—Contrary to much of the media spin, the smashing defeats of the Democratic gubernatorial candidates in New Jersey and Virginia on Nov. 3, were a shocking rebuke to President Barack Obama and his British-dictated program, a rebuke expressing the mass strike process underway in the United States ever since Congressmen returned to their districts in early August. Lyndon LaRouche warned Obama and the Democratic Party in a statement issued Aug. 27, that the party is “virtually finished, if the Party does not change its policy to one of opposition to both the hated, thieving bailout, and cancel all support for that health-care policy of President Obama which is an exact copy, in explicit content, of the 1939-1942 health care policies of dictator Adolf Hitler, personally.” Obama and the Democrats didn’t listen.

Not that the result was a victory for the Republican Party, although it reaped the immediate electoral benefit. The nub of the process was a massive shift of self-described independent voters—now the largest plurality among the electorate—from their votes *for* Obama in November 2008, to voting *against* him and his representatives this November. Nowhere could this be clearer than in New Jersey, where the President campaigned heavily for defeated incumbent Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine, right up through the weekend before the election.

The mass demonstration in Washington, D.C. Nov. 5 against the President’s Nazi health-care reform—which drew 20,000 people or more in response to a call issued a mere 5-6 days before—underscores the reality of the mass strike process which underlies the vote.

There should be no mystery about the outcomes of the votes or the rally. The American population is enraged, and profoundly dismayed, about the deepening economic breakdown crisis, which is throwing people out of their jobs and their homes. The Democratic Party leadership is painfully aware of this reality, which is

why House Speaker Nancy Pelosi decided to try to ram through the Nazi health-care bill this weekend, and demanded that Members not leave town, but stay to cast a vote. Through bribery, and, as yet unreported thuggery, Pelosi and the Administration succeeded in getting their thin margin—although the Administration will try to ram through a Senate bill with even more draconian austerity measures.

Meanwhile, unemployment and foreclosures continue to skyrocket—as even the massaged official unemployment figures issued today, at 10.2%, indicate. The mass strike will escalate—to the peril of all those, Democrat or Republican, who fail to provide a solution, just as LaRouche forecast.

New Jersey and Virginia

What is striking in the New Jersey and Virginia elections is not just the results, but the magnitude of the change from the 2008 election, and, in the case of New Jersey, earlier.

In defeating Corzine by 49% to 45%, Republican Chris Christie became the first Republican to win statewide office in that state for more than a decade. (A third candidate, independent Chris Daggett, polled 5%.) Just one year ago, Barack Obama had swept the state by a 15% margin. Obama and Corzine clearly hoped to tap that same sentiment, as shown by the fact that the President visited the state for Corzine five times, and, on the Sunday before election days, appeared to be campaigning as if he himself were on the ballot. Corzine also spent three times as much as Christie on the campaign.

But, in the midst of the economic disaster hitting the voters, it didn’t work. Instead, a full 23% of the electorate switched their votes. Christie won 62% of the independent vote, according to *Politico*, and 60% of those voters who said they were “very worried” about the economy. Fifteen percent of Democratic non-college-

graduates (blue-collar workers, or the equivalent) shifted to the GOP. According to Dan Balz in the *Washington Post*, there was also a considerable jump in the number of over-65 voters, a group that feels particularly threatened by the Obama economic program.

The Virginia picture, in contrast to 2008, is even more dramatic. Republican Bob McDonnell won in a landslide, 58% to 42%, against Creigh Deeds, a moderate Democrat. This nearly reverses Obama's 2008 win of 53% to 46% against McCain, in which Obama mobilized youth and minorities, in particular, to be the first Democratic Presidential candidate since Lyndon Johnson to win the state. The under-30 voter turnout collapsed by 50% this year, while voter turnout overall was down to 53% of those who voted in 2008. Boycott of the polls is another means of protest, in this case against the Democratic candidate, who, while not close to Obama, was closely tied to the incumbent Democratic state governor.

As in New Jersey, there was also an indication of the blue-collar shift. Thirty percent of non-college-graduates shifted to the GOP candidate in Virginia, and Republican McDonnell carried 75% of those voters who said that they were "very worried" about the economy. McDonnell was credited with 63% of the independent vote.

Dynamics

The blue-collar, "independent" voter (or non-voter) formed the core of the mass turnouts at town meetings on health care, through August and September; no wonder they are the ones coming out to punish the party of the President, whom they see as responsible for the shambles of their lives. Indeed, most of these voters place even more blame on Congress, which is reaching new lows in terms of popularity and trust. Nor are these citizens loathe to confront their Republican Congressmen as well—or even independents. Note that multi-billionaire "independent" Michael Bloomberg got a run for his money (nearly \$1 billion of it) in the New York



www.joncorzine09.com

President Obama campaigns in Newark, N.J. with Gov. Jon Corzine, who lost his re-election, following Obama's five visits to the state. At least one Democratic pollster opined that Obama contributed to Corzine's loss, whereas, if the popular Bill Clinton had taken the lead in campaigning for Corzine, he might have eked out a win.

City mayoral race, in which he was supposed to be a shoo-in.

The Nov. 5 rally in Washington, called by conservative Republican Congressmen, reflected the August mass strike movement in another form. Here, according to organizers on the scene, the predominant identification of those attending was "independent," and they were eagerly receptive to the strategic and economic solutions being put forward by the small group of LaRouche organizers who were present. Busloads of demonstrators came from all over the eastern United States, and many were thrilled to see the world-famous Obama-'stache poster displayed at the LaRouche PAC table. Many were equally interested in the economic solutions being put forward by the LaRouche movement, including the Russia-China deals.

Particularly useful, was the fact that many of those mobilized to Washington swarmed into the Capitol, where they made their voices heard to those Congressmen who have been hiding from their constituencies since the August town meetings. Those Congressmen are now on notice—and those who capitulated to Pelosi and Rahm Emanuel can expect to reap their just reward.

It's that dynamic that has to be realized rapidly, as the political and economic crisis deepens.