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Jennifer's Corner

by Jennifer Martin



How To Deal

I'm going to go ahead and concede. By time you read this article, we're probably going to be addressing President Obama. McCain, your tactics weren't very good. You had the advantage after the introduction of Sarah Palin and the Republican National Convention – and then, you blew it. I felt really sorry for you. Your debates always started out strong and then fizzled out toward the end.

Well, I was rooting for you anyway. Your policies were better, you have more experience, and you have more change in your little finger than Obama has in his entire elitist body. But you just didn't address these things enough or effectively. A little charisma would have gone a long way.

So now you're behind in the poll by 10 points. Sorry, man. Even here in Bradley County, the most Republican county in Tennessee, there are tons of Obama signs. I've never seen so many signs dedicated to a Democratic candidate in this county in all my life.

But, every cloud has a silver lining. Let's try to think about the positives as we face the new president with his fantastic liberal and socialist ways.

First of all, no matter what you think about Obama, this will be a historical moment. I'm glad that black people have come so far in the past 150 years. I only hope to see a woman president in my lifetime as well. This will pave the way for conservative African-Americans to also seek the presidency and other high positions in politics.

Secondly, the positive media vibes currently surrounding Obama will dissipate after he takes office, and all these positive people will start to criticize his every move the same way they have done to President Bush. The real Obama will come out for once and for all, the inexperienced man who really ought to have written a bill before he considered a job like the presidency will really show his true colors of naiveté and empty elitism.

Also, as happened with Clinton, I suspect that the Senate will take a nice right turn after his two years in office. This country, despite Obama's attempts to decipher otherwise, is a right of center one.

A bunch of us, believe it or not, are still clinging to guns and religion. If Obama wants to accommodate the middle class like he says he will, he is going to have to accept the fact that we're not all New Age bi-curious hippies. I hope that Obama's supporters, if you are reading this, hold him to his promises, because it just seemed like a lot of hot air to me.

And, lastly, this is only going to last four years. In this time of severe crisis in our economy, I'd doubt that any president would be able to last more than four years in this seat, much less one who wants to incorporate a basically socialistic health care plan and tax small businesses.

Just make sure you keep voting Republicans into your Senate every two years as well – those elections are just as important as the presidential one. Remember: George W. Bush has a 30% approval rate. Congress has an 18% approval rate. Which election is more important?

(If, by the time you read this, McCain has somehow won the election – please disregard this entire article.)