

Sarah Palin – America’s Point Guard

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On the eve of America’s celebration of Independence Day, Sarah Palin declared her political independence by resigning her position as governor of the state of Alaska. In the same announcement, she committed to full-time support of the fundamental ideals and principles set forth in our nation’s founding documents.

Palin’s declaration – a short, straightforward speech – also detailed the many accomplishments of her governorship and credited those she had appointed for its success. As in speaking to a group of assembled friends, she spoke simply and sincerely from the heart.

Perhaps no politician in American history has been so capriciously denigrated as Sarah Palin. The Leftist Statists and an enabling Liberal media have taken degenerative delight in scurrilously smearing one of the most decent and charismatic persons to emerge in the contemporary struggle between tyrannical statism and democratic liberty.

Since the recent presidential election, in which Governor Palin was the Republican running mate of Senator John McCain, she has been subjected to one frivolous litigation after another – running up a reported \$500,000 in defendant legal fees. This has taken a toll on her ability to effectively govern her state and has also cost Alaska a reported two million in legal fees as well. Each and every charge against her has been dismissed.

She and her immediate family, including minor-age children, have been the object of crude – even profane – ridicule emanating from the bowels of Liberal commentators and “comedians.” Nighttime television talk-show host Dave Letterman even sneered that her 14-year old daughter was “knocked up” by a major league baseball player – no off-the-cuff misspoken stupidity – this was in a rehearsed taped program.

Palin’s resignation becomes a brilliant political move. She is now free to write books, lecture and, perhaps as important as any – give personal support to conservative candidates and movements around the country. What conservative politician or group won’t want the electrifying Sarah Palin at a fund raiser? This is going to create a remarkable opportunity for Palin to broaden her support base to include Independents, moderate Republicans and conservative and moderate Democrats who are recoiling at the unimpeded reckless spending of the Obama administration and the centralization of power and economic control at the White House.

Disenchantment – even among some liberals – is growing with the arrogant administration of Obama's White House. Recently, at a White House press corps briefing, liberal writers Chip Reid and Helen Thomas took pointed exception to the White House policy of notifying selected press members in advance of questions they must pose to the president. And, they expressed disgust at the White House packing "town hall" meetings with preselected attendees and scripted questions.

A visibly angry Helen Thomas lambasted White House Press Secretary, Robert Gibbs, over the town hall process, "I'm amazed at you people who call for openness and transparency...controlling the press...you don't have any answer."

Obama's inability to articulate coherently and cognitively when off a scripted teleprompter has been apparent since his campaign. His gaffs and lapses have gone largely unreported, but one glaring moment came on the campaign trail when his teleprompter failed and he was at an absolute total loss for words. Among others, he's mistaken Memorial Day for Veteran's Day and once remarked on America's "57 states" – gaffs that would have never ceased being reported on were they those of a conservative politician.

In response to millions of Iranians protesting a fixed election and the ensuing street violence in Teheran, Barack Obama said he didn't want to interfere into the internal affairs of another state. On the other hand, when the Honduran military, with the blessing of the Honduran Supreme Court, disposed its leftist president who was taking an unconstitutional step to assure perpetuation of his power, Obama aligned himself and the United States shoulder to shoulder with leftists Hugo Chavez and Fidel Castro in demanding the return of the exiled president.

Obama has been shamelessly pressuring Israel over its internal settlement policies. He's apparently more concerned with Israel's construction of fifty homes on the West Bank than Iran's production of nuclear arms.

North Korean nuclear missiles are now being test fired in the direction of Hawaii. Many will recall that it was the Clinton administration and Secretary of State Madeline Albright, with the blessing of former president Jimmy Carter, which arranged for the first North Korean nuclear power plant from whence comes the material for its aggressive nuclear weapons program.

Domestically, Obama and his White House team are moving rapidly to take over control of what's left of American industry. An enabling Democrat-controlled congress is spending trillions in "stimulus" taxpayer money. Little of it is directed to increasing productive enterprise, yet much of it at political aggrandizement – such as the mega-millions headed toward the corrupt Obama-affiliated ACORN and its related entities. National unemployment numbers are about to reach double digit proportions.

Meanwhile, Congressional political junkets – some to international tourist destinations – have increased 50% since the Democrats came into control.

Statism, at the expense of liberty, is the concentration of government control of the economy through state-owned enterprises and central planning. Politically, it holds that sovereignty is vested in the national state, not the people. It is the model for Fascist and Marxist governments. It's also the model for the Obama government. And, it is the model for destroying our nation's economy and culture, pitting faction against faction, using fear and chaos to centralize control over every facet of our lives. The latest statist move – “universal health care” will create a nationwide database detailing everyone's most personal history and bring our wellness and even life or death decisions under the control of distant bureaucrats.

Years ago, Sarah Palin starred as point guard of her high school state championship basketball team – head up, eyes focused on the goal. Today, she's emerged as point guard for America – calling upon Americans as individuals to unite in defense of our liberty – to keep our heads up and focused on the goal of defending the principles and ideals that founded our great nation and made us a free people, responsible for ourselves, our families, our communities and our country.

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