

**WHO WILL SLEEP IN THE WHITE HOUSE AFTER NOVEMBER ?
WHAT WILL BE THE COLOUR OF COUNTRY'S POLITICS ?**

It has been stated that Mr William Jefferson '*Bill*' Clinton was the first '*black*' American to become President of the United States of America.

President William Jefferson '*Bill*' Clinton was, of course, a whitey, but because he fought long and hard for the downtrodden black man of the US of his day, he was voted into office from 1993 to 2001 as the 42nd President of the most-powerful country of the world.

He was the third youngest President in the history of the country.

As history has recorded, sadly, some of the deliberations of President William Jefferson '*Bill*' Clinton were predicated with the force of middle appendage as Ms Monica Lewinsky would, no doubt, gladly have attested, during the time that she was 22 years old and an intern at The White House.

Today, Senator Barack Obama, a '*real*' black man is desirous of becoming the first black man to live in the White House.

He is intelligence and clever and he has demonstrated his mettle by beating off his former closest rival for the job of President of the US: Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, the wife of President William Jefferson '*Bill*' Clinton.

Senator Barack Obama's last opponent is Senator John McCain, a whitey, and a well-respected moderate thinker, who measures his words and deeds, carefully.

The Presidential Election is fast approaching: November 4, 2008, is, now, less than 4 months away.

Surveys in the US have indicated that about 80 percent of the electorate is in favour of change in the political and financial approach to the problems that ail the largest-single economy of the world.

The US economic slowdown is now well into its fifth, consecutive quarter – and there is no indication that things will be changing in the short term.

In fact, it has been suggested by quite a number of US economists that one should not look for a turnabout situation in the US economy until the last quarter of 2009, at the earliest, or the first quarter of 2010.

For pencil pushers, that is at least 18 months down the road.

Meanwhile, US workers are having a difficult time in making ends meet; frustration on this front is widespread.

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton played that '*card*' in her campaign to live in the White House: '*Time for Change*'.

Senator Barack Obama's manifesto embraces:

1. The extension of health care to about 44 million, uninsured Americans;
2. A taxation policy, aimed at the low to middle-income groups;
3. New public investment programmes;
4. An energy and climate policy that veers away from the George W. Bush policies; and,
5. A higher minimum wage, linked to an inflation index.

One could say that this is a good and well, thought-out election platform for a candidate, hoping to attain the position of being the most-powerful man in the world.

Senator Barack Obama has, repeatedly, stated that he has never employed the so-called '*race card*' in his campaign to become the 44th President of the US.

In the soliloquy of Mark Antony in Shakespeare's play, Julius Caesar, it starts off:

*'Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears
I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.'*

Mark Antony, then, proceeds to praise his murdered friend by reading out the will of Julius Caesar to the assembled throng.

The will, it is emphasised by Mark Antony, makes it clear that much of Julius Caesar's wealth is bequeathed to the people of Rome on his death.

One has to ponder: If Senator Barack Obama had been as black as the ace of spades, to be very crude and rude to this very able man, what would have been his chances of sleeping in the White House?

TARGET suggests: Zilch.

Which is a sad testament to The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave.

Senator Barack Obama is not jet black, but of a blackish hue which is acceptable to the majority of the US electorate, both black and white, it seems.

This medium hastens to state, definitively, that nobody at **TARGET** is prejudicial to any Afro-American, be he totally black, partially black with red, white and blue stripes, green with red polka dots, or any other colour of the rainbow.

One would hope that the majority of the American electorate embraces such a position, but, it is known that that is not the case – sadly.

In 1978 when Mr William Jefferson '*Bill*' Clinton was elected Governor of Arkansas, making him the youngest governor in the country, being just 32 years old, the black man of the US had a very rough road to hoe.

Things are much better, today, but there are, still, people of the ilk of Dr David Ernest Duke, a former Louisiana State Representative, a candidate in the Presidential primaries for the Democratic and Republican Parties, and a former Grand Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Congressional Elections

Thus far, little has been said about the coming 111th Congress when, without question, Democrats hope to hold onto leadership – regardless who is sleeping in the White House.

It would appear, at this juncture, that '*President Obama*' would have an easier time of pushing through his policies than would '*President McCain*' have in trying to persuade lawmakers to see his side of things.

The so-called '*race card*' would come to mean absolutely nothing to members of Congress when push comes to shove.

Senator John McCain has stated that he wants a change in the US Government's foreign policy and its present policy toward climate.

This war hero – he claims that he does not like to play this '*card*' in his Presidential campaign – has gone on record as stating that he would like to see corrections to the current, healthcare programme.

He states, also, that he is very much in favour of continuing to give tax breaks to tax-payers; and, he would work to slash the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent.

Senator McCain wants to put a halt to Government spending and would like Congress to take a year or so to reconsider the entire spending programme of the US Government.

If Senator McCain does become President McCain, it could well divide Congress and make things very difficult for him since he would have a diminished, or no, power base.

Regardless of whomsoever makes it to the White House, it is going to be an extremely difficult time for the new President and, most likely, it will turn out that being President of the United States will be a completely thankless task.

Matters to be put right include:

- a. Tackling the horrendous housing crises;
- b. Tackling the horrendous growing number of bank/finance house failures in the US;
- c. Trying to persuade consumers to return to the High Street;
- d. Trying to turn the economy round before it dips into recession/stagflation; and,
- e. Trying to put a halt to the erosion of real income.

The above list is just a tickle, of course, considering the massive problems, confronting the largest and most-important, single economy of the world, today, problems, such as spending more than the country is earning, with the budget deficit, growing at such a pace that it is bewildering to international economists.

Is it any wonder that the US dollar's translation value vis-à-vis other '*hard*' currencies of the world is being eroded with every announcement about this US financial failure and that financial failure?

The Presidential Elections of November could well turn out to be the most-important political decision for the electorate of the United States in many a decade.

The colour of a man's skin is immaterial: It is the mettle from which a candidate is made that will win the day.

The United States still remains the best hope for the free world – because the alternative to freedom is unacceptable.

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