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Kidz, I'm here to give you some harsh news. I was part of this blog before the horserace, I expect to be part of it long afterwards. Lambert is my Brother, and no matter what he says or does, he has my love, and knows that. Same with the rest of the MCB Sr. Fellows, past or present. But I've been on the phone, a lot, lately with higher ups and people in the know, and it's no more or less than I've been saying: it's not up to "us" anymore, and the people in whose hands it is...well, they won't "let her win." As the Princess, the ahead of the curve evil bitch, the sad, sick Edwards supporter of old, and Deaniac before that, I'm telling you. Nah. Gunna. Happen. It's time to deal.

This is the best blog you'll ever read, and not because of me. But because even as I expect some to jump all over my ass for this post, I'm fairly sure that my "different" opinion will be welcomed, and stimulate some minds. Because you all are the best, all of you, even those I think are wrong and clouded and uncritical and the rest. Unlike the rabble, I know you Listen.

At this point, for a long time now, I haven't cared which one is picked. I still don't. And: I could be wrong, very, very and publically wrong. I've tried, for all these long months, to "believe" something different could happen. I no longer believe it can. I won't bore you with why, except to say that smarter and more in the know people in my life are telling me so. I'm going out on a small limb and trusting them, and as much as I don't like it for feminist reasons (you will never convince me she got a fair shake, even as I know for a fact how she fucked it up herself in some ways too), I'm asking you all to Sober Up, Let Go, and Be Real. It's time.

Go Ahead with the remaining WWTSBQ posts and the like. I'm not offended. I'm annoyed; some of you posting here lately are way below Correntish standards and we've tolerated that, for various reasons. But I'd really like to bring things back up to snuff, which is to say, in and up to Reality World. Even my Divine friends who've been behind her for a long time, have let go. So I ask you, as one who has long argued that a "Black" man will never win the prez race (heh) in this country, what are you going to do when the HrC party is over? It's coming to an end. I know this as one who's thrown many successful parties and knows when it's time to kick out the stumblers. Don't let that be you.

I'd like my balanced blog back, I'm tired of reading about the horserace. **Soon, none of what you've put so much effort into will matter.** I tried to say this in a "nice" way, months ago, and got ignored. Well, you won't be ignoring me soon. It's over. The moderate, UChicago econ advisor-having, throw the progressive under the bus, guy is going to win. *It's not your fault.* Don't feel guilty, or sad. As a Deaniac, I'm telling you: I've been there and you can get over it. But, more importantly: you and I both know why it's going to be very rough this fall for BHO. So. It will soon be time to put your \$ where your mouth is, and stand up for Kerry, I mean BHO and make a difference. Are you ready? It's time for you to get ready. I'm tellin ya true. In love, and with compassion. Trust me, we've been here before, and this time, I'm really Hoping (heh) we can do better.

But without you, we won't. Are you willing? Or is being Bitter and Right more important to you? Flame away, I can hack it.

and let me stress again: thanks for all your efforts. Most of you here are on the side of Good and Right, and don't think I haven't noticed. FWIW, but more than that. Fighting spirit Always scares the bullies, cronies and cowards. Are you ready to turn that on McShame? I am. Cause he's hardly even that, and is a pathetic, "mature" man who looks so weak and stupid in person, well...let's just go for *his* jugular now. He needs putting down.

**UPDATE:** I have to apologize. I sort of started to lose it in the comments last night, and that's all my fault. I'm sorry. Some bullet points:

-I'm not well. Sometimes, it causes me to lose my temper. That's what happens when I'm afraid. I'm sorry and I'll try to control it better.

-Lambert is right. It's up to all of us to make Corrente what it can be. I've just not had the energy to contribute like I used to. I want to, believe me I love writing and arguing and blogging, but it's harder these days, for a lot of reasons.

-I've lost friends over this horserace, and that makes me sad and angry. I don't want to lose any more.

-My motto in politics: Everyone fights; no one quits. If you do, I'll shoot you myself. Heh, OK, that's not really my motto, but I'm getting more and more frustrated with people who want to "fight" over things that don't make any difference. I believe that this horserace crap has really hurt the blogosphere, and taken away from the power we were "growing." Again, that makes me sad and frustrated.

-On a similar note, I think it's a Sign, that this blog has finally made the cut, and gotten the attention of Mrs. \$175m, 6 years of free PR, married to the most popular Dem alive, former front runner. Doesn't that tell you something, that *now* she's finally reached out to us all? It tells me: desperation. Believe me, some folks couldn't be bothered with us, back when it could've made a difference. This blog was Toxic, and I was proud of that, in the way that contempt for people who won't listen to reason makes one proud.

-This isn't about me. It's about you, and Lambert, and the rest of the fellows. And you. HRC, just like BHO, isn't going to be there for us all When It Matters. Not that she doesn't care (I don't think he does), indeed, I perceive underneath it all a caring, liberal woman of great moment. If she could be Queen of the World, a lot of shit I don't like would get changed, stat. But that's not going to happen. More importantly, there's literally nothing she, or anyone, can do to fix the Shit That's Coming. And it's coming. That is really what I'm trying to hammer home here. Is your support for HRC all these long and painful months going to put gas in your tank, get you a job, or give you health care? No. But here's the thing, the original thing that made me fall in love with the blogosphere in the first place:

**We can help each other.** I'll talk about that more, in future posts. Because again, It's Time.

-I'm very proud of HRC not giving up. Let me stress that. Fuck the SCLM, you Go Grrr! Don't quit. I'm just trying to speak of the future, and what comes after. You blew it with your war vote, and you should've run in 04, when that choice could've helped you. Just sayin.

-Rather than get angry, as I woke up and headed towards, let me back down and remind everyone: this year is the year to truly and significantly Elect More and Better Democrats. Really, our chances are pretty good. Also, BHO isn't going to be able to control his hoardes. They are way more liberal and progressive than he is, and it'll be funny/sad/amusing to see him come back to them, hat in hand, when his moderate and Republican and warmonger and UChicago friends drop him like a hot plate. Assuming he can beat McStain. Which I'm not at all sure he can.

-Corrente means a lot to me. Can you all, esp you newer people, please try a little harder, in terms of quality, diversity, tone and tenor? This is a special place, and I won't give up on it until I'm dead. I'm showing you all, publically, what Loyalty is all about. I'll tell you true: I've had Offers. From "A List" blogs, from backroom insider types, from People with Power; if I'd been willing to leave/slam publically/detach myself from this place, things could've happened for me, things a lot of bloggers want. I didn't take up any of those offers for a reason, and although that may prove a "stupid" choice, I'm not sorry. I'm going to fight to keep this place the unique, amazing, forward looking, ahead of the curve, *honest* people's blog it's always been. Are you with me?

-Propaganda works. I've seen it here, all over the blogosphere, across Amurka. It's long past time for the blogging community to realize, the SCLM is designed to make you think and talk and (not)

act about *this* and not *that*. Blogging is like teevee to me; I know when I blog, I'm not really doing all I can to Make a Difference. Sometimes, blogging really does make a difference. But a lot of the time, most of the time, not so much. But we can change that! Still! Even, each and every day. So let's try. My garden posts are political, I suppose they bore and annoy some of you, but they really are meant to lead, and help people accept What's Coming/Already Here.

-Finally, let's all stop beating up on our friends. We Librul Blogging Types are a family. One big, ugly, drunken, beat down, bitchy family. We're all We've Got. I have really and truly hated the way that some of us have turned on each other, over two people who don't waste a moment's thought about us or our lives except when it suits them, politically. Matt Stoller is not your enemy. Chris Bowers can be an ass, but he's not your enemy either. Even GOS, bless him, isn't really so bad. They are wrong sometimes, bullheaded and sucked into the Village Game, like any of us can and would be sometimes. But Booman, the crew at the Agonist, Pam, Glenn, Duncan...jesus krist these are some of the best people I've ever known. Let go of your anger. Embrace unity. Not "Unity," but the real kind. Agree to disagree. Make up, put up, and shut up. Or, scream more loudly about what you really care about and ignore everything I've said. Either way, the only way to get there is together. Or we'll all hang separately.

Thanks so much for the patience and attention. Love me, hate me, don't think about me. But go over to your right and press that little button so Lambert can keep this place going. Thanks.



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