

Is Mr. Biden Actually Mr. Obama's Useful Cutout¹?

"If I could make an arrangement where I had a stand-in, a front man or a front woman and they had an earpiece in and I was just in my basement with my sweats looking through the stuff, and I could sort of deliver the lines, but somebody else was doing all the talking and ceremony, I would be fine with that."

-- Barack H. Obama, 44th President of the United States²

"We cannot continue to rely on our military in order to achieve the national security objectives we've set. We've got to have a civilian national security force that's just as powerful, just as strong, and just as well-funded."

-- Barack H. Obama, Presidential Candidate³

"Washington is broken. My whole campaign has been premised from the start on the idea that we have to fundamentally change how Washington works."

-- Barack H. Obama, Presidential Candidate⁴

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For the past year, many American citizens have been asking a simple question: who is running our country these days? The three statements above could have been made by the Wizard of Oz, the Keystone Cops, and Homer Simpson, respectively, but these comments were, in fact, made by the 44th President of the United States, Mr. Barack H. Obama. Grandiloquent as they may be, these statements might also signal an answer to the question of who is controlling America today? And there are lots of other questions.

The perfectly apt question of who's running America arises from growing citizen agitation, fear, and uncertainty over the way our nation is being governed today. As citizens, we notice many government policies seem to have been arbitrarily changed in the past year. Not coincidentally, these changes align with a long familiar national political party agenda rather than any evident American societal necessity. Objective-minded Americans know the 2020 election process was seriously flawed. Mr. Joe Biden was initially proclaimed the winner by a decidedly biased, one-sided national media. After nearly two months of constitutional wrangling, a winner was declared. But is Mr. Biden truly the President of the United States today?

Questions about who is running our government today appear to be driven in part by: an endless politically exploited "global health pandemic;" an altogether avoidable American economy "stop work" edict which includes most of our economic sectors being negatively impacted by domestic and foreign forces; all of which have the feel of a centrally orchestrated, increasingly militant, liberty choking, over-arching communism-inspired political party narrative. Is this really what most Biden voters, let alone the entire American citizenry wanted or expected from the 2020 election?

Citizens choosing to remain faithful to the original American ideal, codified in our remarkable constitution, and exemplified by its 245-year existence, are often intentionally misidentified in the opposing political party's rhetoric as anti-American simply for voicing their support for concepts that have worked so well for so many for so long.

American citizens really want to know: who is the actual leader of our country today? Or is this now, as some in the "mainstream media" assert, an antiquated notion? Americans must simply adjust to this "new normal" of being dictated to by an elite, multi-headed authoritative group of nameless behind-the-scenes unelected politicians, techno-barons, and bureaucrats? Do many Americans really want to trade our constitutional republic for an autocratic communist regime? Most thoughtful Americans understand this distinction.

In the months since the January 2021 Presidential Inauguration, when the Democrat party took control of the U.S. Government, many changes have been imposed on American society. It is becoming increasingly clear much of this change does not bode well for traditional American values going forward. For example, what kind of a government, particularly a constitutionally based Republic, pursues, promotes, or enacts national policies that result in⁵:

- The chaotic Afghanistan withdrawal
- Soaring energy prices
- Crippling inflation
- Mounting border crisis
- A bewildering COVID response
- A withering military preparedness
- An onerous Tax policy
- The creation of a police state

This questionable change is only the beginning. Add to the above list: election and voting process corruption including weeks long voting periods, mass mailings and no voter IDs; crime and justice exploitation including prosecutorial malfeasance and no bail policies; government agency weaponization of the IRS, FBI, DOJ and others; school and education indoctrination programs like Critical Race Theory and the 1619 project; the rise of para-military "civilian national security forces" like Black Lives Matter and Antifa; mandating nation-wide health solutions without FDA approval, pandemic source investigation, or local physician input; Imprisoning selective American citizens indefinitely without full charges, trial dates, or other constitutional rights; among many more examples on a growing list.

After a full year of such non-stop questionable change, shouldn't Americans at least know who is responsible for this change? Why was so much change necessary in such a short period of time? Is it possible some of the change was fickle or whimsical or petty? How much of the change is "change for

the sake of change?” Was any of the change implemented simply because a new administration came into office and wanted to flex its power? Was any of the change exercised to punitively salute the previous office holder, Mr. Trump? Whatever the motivation, it is true a new administration can basically do whatever it wants. The recourse, though, is when We The People eventually figure out what the new administration intends to accomplish with such arbitrary change.

After a year in, we know, with certainty, President Joe Biden is not running America. He is indisputably the dictionary definition of a President In Name Only (“PINO”). Regardless how mentally capable or office-ready Mr. Biden may once have been, he is decidedly not a serviceable President of the United States (POTUS) today.

Media cameras astonishingly captured Mr. Biden’s three-peat, stumble-stepping up the Air Force One stairs. During his trip to Rome, Mr. Biden regaled the Pope with an impromptu Satchel Paige ramble, then told the Pontiff “he’ll have to buy the drinks next time.” Mr. Biden still insists the multitrillion dollar infrastructure bill will cost taxpayers “nothing.” After proclaiming for more than a year he had a plan to end COVID19, Mr. Biden recently peered into his teleprompter and sheepishly read aloud “there is no federal solution.. this gets solved at the state level.” The combination of Mr. Biden’s worsening senility, his apparent increasing reliance on the words of others via teleprompter, and the audacity of those behind-the-scenes actors perpetuating what amounts to an unprecedented national hoax via their participation, make a full mockery of America’s current government.

But does Vice President (VP) Kamala Harris offer any better capabilities should she be called upon to replace Mr. Biden? Is Mrs. Harris possibly already leading America? No, not Mrs. Harris. After a year in office, it is evident to objective observers that her primary focus as VP is to remain as anonymous as humanly possible, perhaps setting a record for the category. One opportunity after another has blossomed in front of Mrs. Harris. Her near auto-response each time has been to simply melt into the shadows and do nothing. Immigration, the border, Space, Jobs et al. Poof? Mrs. Harris acts as if she’s been advised to hide out, stay low, make no unforced errors, etc. One wonders who advised her to do this? Apparently, it’s better to have no accomplishments than have documented disasters when Mr. Biden’s fate as POTUS is eventually determined.

If neither Mr. Biden nor Mrs. Harris is running our country, who is? Who is the actual person, or persons, other than the apparent sitting President or Vice President, who might have their hands on America’s reins of power? And all that includes or implies? Could it be Secretary of State Blinken? Attorney General Garland? Secretary of Defense Austin? Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Milley? White House Chief of Staff Klain? The ubiquitous Dr. Fauci? The enthusiastic Dr. Jill Biden? Other Biden family members? As interesting as some of these cast members might be, available indications suggest none of them are in position to pull off a deception of this magnitude by themselves.

Does America have a Clancy-esque “shadow government” at work? Is a secretive cabal, junta, or perhaps a behind-the-scenes “politburo” of self-proclaimed elites in play? The question whether America is governed or ruled is an old one with the answer historically slanted toward governing. Today, in 2022 America, the answer to this question seems much less certain. How else should we describe an administration that purposefully props up such an obvious mentally diminished person as Mr. Biden?

Mr. Biden keeps showing up for public appearances to promote this or that far-left agenda item that polls indicate are rejected by most Americans. His dwindling mental capacities render him, at best, barely capable of articulating the talking points provided to him by others. Thus, a cognitively unarmed man is left, purposefully by others, stuttering and quivering under bright stage lights to endure the unavoidable criticism, scorn, rebuke, and mockery that comes with promoting such far-left policies in right-of-center America. While somewhere else, another person or group, sits quietly, out of public view, crafting the next words for the POTUS to speak. What kind of person or persons would intentionally place another human being, especially an incapacitated one, in this position?

Are any other eager serving or former public officials participating in this national charade? Including possible names like Pelosi, Schumer, Clinton, Bush, Kerry, Holder, Rice among many others? What about American technocrats (techno-barons) with their global aspirations? How about foreign nation states like Chinese, Russian, Iranian, North Korean, and others? Could there be combinations of any or all the above? Who is conceiving, devising, editing, and approving all the words that keep showing up in Mr. Biden’s teleprompter? We know Mr. Biden is no longer capable of such intricate mental tasks. According to available public sources, none of the above individuals or groups appear to be directly calling the day-to-day shots for American President today.

Though, among those listed above are likely a few ambitious Machiavellian-aficionados who indeed might pay great sums in exchange for the ability to control America while not having any public responsibility for the outcomes of their policies. Absolute power with absolutely no consequences or recourse? However, none of the individuals or nation states mentioned above seem to be positioned anywhere near as advantageously as one other individual American citizen. Who is it then, among all American citizens, who just might think they (he or she) are best suited to substitute their sideline judgement for a sitting but cognitively addled POTUS?

Not surprisingly, again thanks to a largely subservient national media, little public information or discussion is available about who might be the “Wizard of Oz” behind the scenes manipulating America’s power today. Clearly, Mr. Biden’s public appearances show he is far less mentally adroit than any recent POTUS. Mr. Biden’s obvious mental debilitation is serious enough to infer someone else could be performing, contributing, or doing the Presidential work Mr. Biden should, under normal

conditions, be capable of doing himself. Is it believable that Mr. Biden's workload is being carried out as part of the normal workload of POTUS staffers, aides, and other assistants?

Just how much of this substitute Presidential work includes activities the American people expect our taxpayer dollar-supported (\$450,000 annually) POTUS to do personally? If someone else is doing the work, both physical and mental, usually expected of the incumbent POTUS, and that someone seems to be performing it adequately, with some degree of competence, might that indicate the surrogate POTUS has prior knowledge or possibly even direct previous experience in performing POTUS duties? Asked another way, who would be better at acting as a POTUS than a former POTUS?

Conspiracy theorists might enjoy sorting through the implications of such a suggested arrangement. However, limited available public information hints the substitute POTUS is likely none of the previously mentioned possible interlopers. Coupled with the existence of an otherwise obvious, available, willing, and perhaps even motivated candidate, the field of possibilities might be narrowed to a single human being.

Who, then, remains among the current group of potential surrogate POTUSs? Former POTUS' Mr. Trump and Mr. Bush would be disqualified by party affiliation. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Carter could be possible candidates though age, temperament and inclination likely disqualify both. So, who remains in the "Who Is Running Our Country" sweepstakes?"

Even without the three quotes at the top of this essay, it's safe to say that Mr. Obama is the most likely former POTUS capable of posing as the modern day "Great and Powerful Oz," behind the curtain, propping up the failed Mr. Biden, from afar. After eight years in office as POTUS, plus five years since, Mr. Obama has repeatedly intimated his desires to have his third term. His many 2007 and beyond Presidential candidate speeches promising to "fundamentally transform the USA" via his brand of what can only be interpreted as Marxism and Communism AKA "Social Justice" remain in the public forum. Undoubtedly to his regret, a majority of Mr. Obama's 2008 campaign visions remain unrealized.

Mr. Obama's eight-year tenure likely will be historically marred as the first administration in U.S. history to unabashedly unleash the Marxist-communist beast formally into mainstream American society. A wobbly piecemeal centralized government healthcare system, a dystopic gender-centric awareness program, and an overall un-American-like lowering of individual aspirations and expectations of future success were his only seminal in-office accomplishments. Clearly, a third Obama term would be necessary to continue the "transformation" Mr. Obama has in mind.

Few citizens would refute Mr. Obama's well documented life-long emersion in, and enthusiasm for, Marxism and communism. Lingering doubters should conduct your own objective research into figures such as Barack Hussein Obama Sr, Stanley Ann Dunham, Frank Marshall Davis, Jeremiah Wright, Saul

Alinsky, William Ayers, Bernadine Dohrn, Richard Cloward, Frances Piven, George Soros, Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, Mao Zedong, Vladimir Lenin, et al. All were relatives, friends, mentors, or heroes of the 44th POTUS. Mr. Obama learned early and well from each of them. Measured by the collective teachings of his lifelong exemplars, and the eager esteem in which he holds them all, Mr. Obama has long signaled his belief America and its capitalistic society have a lot of catching up to do.

Which leads to a relevant segue: why did Mr. Obama choose Mr. Biden for Vice President in 2008? Speculation follows. Was it possibly because Mr. Biden had a reputation for playing the Washington “Pay to Play” game? Even then Mr. Biden had a public relationship with Communist China, and more specifically, with the current Chinese Communist Party President, Xi Jinping. Is it possible Mr. Obama saw this relationship as evidence that Mr. Biden had been compromised and thus could be manipulated, controlled, or otherwise directed?

Speculation continues. Ties with a foreign nation, particularly an avowed adversary of America like China, naturally begets concerns about corruption and potential blackmail. These ties surely could lead to Mr. Biden being compromised, and hence controlled, by the Chinese. But further, would Mr. Obama take advantage of the knowledge that Mr. Biden had benefitted from Chinese largesse, and use this knowledge to leverage or otherwise control Mr. Biden? In any event, in 2008, when standing next to Mr. Biden, Mr. Obama could not help but look “more Presidential.”

Another relevant segue. If choosing a VP like Mr. Biden could make Mr. Obama look more Presidential, could picking Mrs. Harris, in the same vein, make Mr. Biden look more Presidential? And now, if or when, Mr. Biden’s medical condition finally forces him to leave office, and Mrs. Harris assumes the office, who will be selected to replace her as the new VP? Will that yet unnamed person’s qualifications, abilities, and ambitions continue along the same vector as Mr. Obama, Mr. Biden, and Mrs. Harris? And who exactly will make the final decision on that selection?

Back to our main topic. Who IS controlling our country today? It’s bad enough for America’s future that Mr. Biden has so obviously, so publicly, and so miserably failed as POTUS. Owing to his apparent degraded cognitive condition, it is increasingly apparent Mr. Biden has been aided and abetted by the protective, communist-inspired, democrat sycophantic national media, resulting in very little accountability accruing to Mr. Biden for “his” policies.

Worse, someone other than a “duly elected” POTUS is out there conceptualizing, creating, designing, engineering, implementing the policies and plans that appear to come out of Mr. Biden’s mind and mouth. Yet, that someone, thus far, has escaped any discernable public criticism, wrath or blowback appropriately attributed to “Biden’s bad policies.” It’s as if that historically illusive “perfect storm” of means, motivation and opportunity has merged with a familiar audacity, arrogance, and megalomania

to spawn a hyper-progeny of the Wizard of Oz, the Keystone Cops, and Homer Simpson. With serious consequences for our Nation.

What kind of person or persons would intentionally allow such an obviously cognitively diminished human being like Mr. Biden continue to be exploited and pawned for such blatantly political purposes? Does the American Constitution permit this situation? Do American citizens want or care if such a ghost-person or persons is in fact running our nation?

It can be reasonably and logically deduced that “someone” is out there other than Mr. Biden who is not just attempting but indisputably directing, managing, leading, deciding, manipulating, controlling – or otherwise influencing what the rest of us American citizens think and do. Yet this one person was not elected. This person is not being held accountable for the impacts, results, or implications of his actions even though the actions are being presented in such a manner they appear to be being administered by Mr. Biden.

If the person lurking in the shadows behind Mr. Biden is not being held accountable for his actions let alone any mistakes he makes in the process, then that person is free to continue the confidence game unabated, foisting his unelected and unrepresentative politically minority views on the American citizenry without fear of recourse. In any event, whoever is responsible for this arrangement is clearly not doing so within the dictates of America’s representative democracy or her Constitution.

If this person is Mr. Obama, he is likely helped by an extensive internet-connected network of “volunteer” staff, aides, assistants, analysts, and researchers from many industries and sectors. Indeed, if Mr. Obama is out there, providing Mr. Biden with detailed briefings, research, background, decision-making i.e., the real intellectual content of an effectively performing POTUS, then America may have indeed entered an unprecedented, de facto “unholy alliance” with an unelected, communist-inspired leader at our helm.

If Mr. Obama IS making decisions – small or large -- on behalf of the actual POTUS... is this acceptable to any or all Americans? If it is Mr. Obama, directly or indirectly, cleverly, or deceptively, orchestrating the words, phrases, notions, ideas... indeed, the policies that are broadcast to the American citizenry everyday via the highly biased and supportive media, as ostensibly being Mr. Biden’s own emanations, then we have entered a radical and dangerous new era in America.

If it became widely known that Mr. Obama was, in fact, running America today, effectively enjoying a third term in office, from his Washington D.C. mansion located several blocks away from the White House (“in my basement with my sweats looking through the stuff et al”) then what do Americans think should happen?

- Should this “situation” be permitted to continue? Is it legal?
- Should America’s Fourth Estate media immediately investigate this situation as they did in the “Laptop From Hell,” “Russian Collusion,” “2020 Election,” or “Jan 6 Insurrection” situations? Or not?
- In the absence of a thorough, objective media investigation, should someone call for a complete top to-bottom judicial review of this situation? Who should do that?
- Should the DOJ and its component agencies be trusted to investigate this situation?
- Should a special counsel be directed to ferret out the truth of who is running America today?
- Should Americans care about this situation? Do they?

Whether right or wrong -- legal or illegal -- America’s 2020 election process produced Mr. Biden as the POTUS. Mr. Obama was not re-elected for a third term. This situation cannot be simply explained away as “all presidents have close confidants on speed dial.” If in fact Mr. Obama is running America today, then We The People should know it. This knowledge should be brought fully into the public forum, scrutinized, and appropriately adjudicated. In the meantime, We The People still have, and will continue to have, many questions. The foremost of which remains who is running our country today? Indeed.

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**“The most basic question is not what is best, but who shall decide what is best.” ~ Thomas Sowell**

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Notes:

1. Cutout Definition: In this instance, a cutout is a disposable intermediary who stands in for another usually more valuable person. The cutout provides the valuable person with the anonymity to freely carry out their intentions. The cutout is, of course, subject to being disposed of at the whim of the valuable person.
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