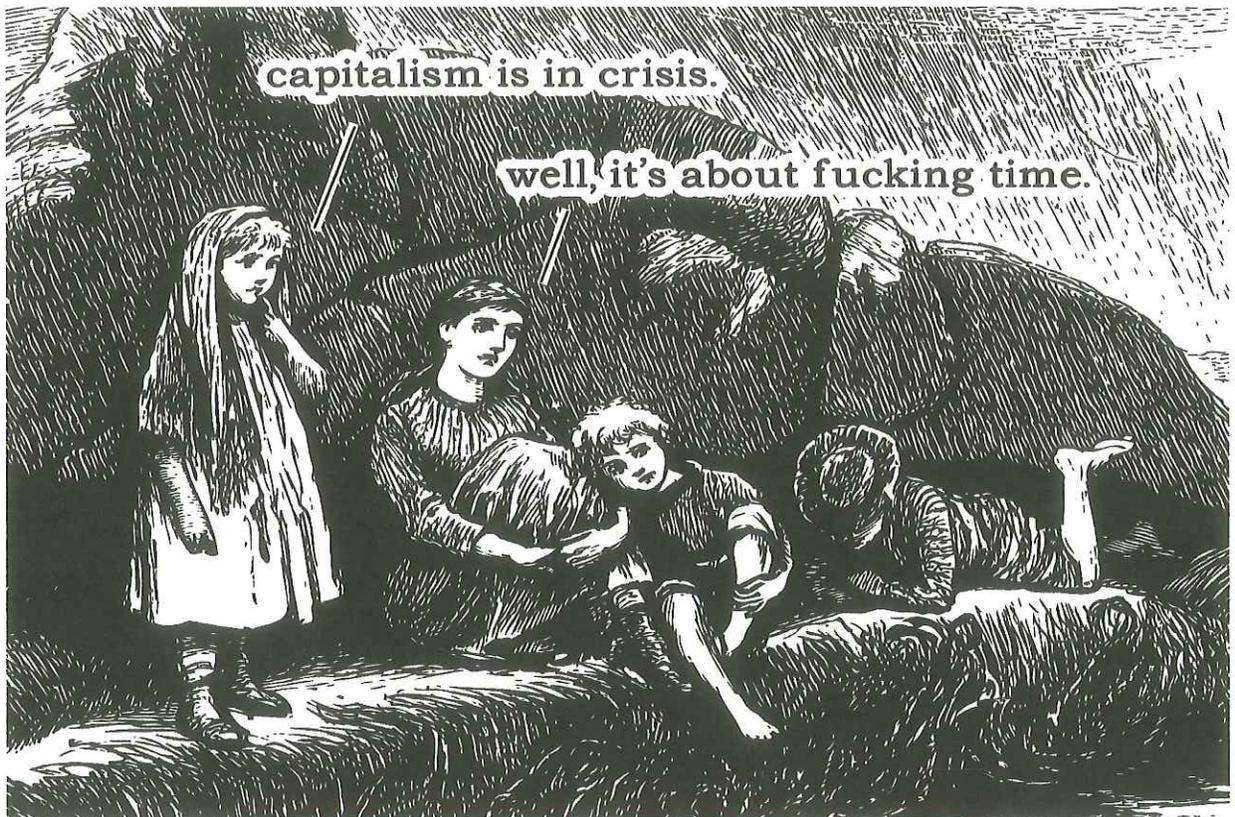


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# The history of a campaign that failed

The story of Sarah Palin, former Governor of a Really Big state, told by **Clay Reynolds** (*with apologies to Mark Twain*)

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Once upon a time there was a little boy named Barack Hussein Obama who was born in Hawaii, which is near Kenya – or maybe part of Kenya – who can tell? At any rate he was born in Hawaii, maybe, on an island named Oahu, which rhymes with “Wahoo,” which is the yell that came from my daughter’s bedroom so many times when she and her boyfriend were watching the Christian Broadcasting Network’s review of Gospel Favorites – they were such fans! – and his father was from Kenya, which made the little boy half an African American – a real African American, not one of the fake kinds from Georgia or someplace – or at least half an African American, since his mother wasn’t from Kenya or Hawaii, but was from Kansas, which is part of Chicago. I think. At least, there are some nice stores there and a really tall buildings and a lake a Canadian named Gordon Lightfoot, who is a Canadian or something, named Gitchigoomie that nobody can swim in because it’s so polluted and is bigger than the Bering Straits that you can’t really see across whether the Russians are there are not and can’t swim in because it’s so cold.

This little boy worked hard all his life to earn money so he could go to school, and he made good grades, although he probably didn’t deserve them but only got them because he was in Kansas and everyone

knew he was from Hawaii or Kenya, which made him special because nobody can remember where Hawaii is, except my sometimes bestest friend, Anne Marie Smith, who thought she was so smart because she made all As on her report cards and went to a real college and finished her degree and was so prissy that she didn’t even have to wear glasses so everyone could see her when she winked.

Anyways, Obama grew up and went to Harvard, which is a big college somewhere near Maine or Connecticut or one of those teeny-tiny states that nobody can remember on a geography quiz – or at least nobody in my class could remember the capital of except, of course, Anne Marie Smith, who was so snotty just because her daddy was a big deal in town, which is why I wanted to be a PRESIDENT or SENATOR or GOVERNOR of the State of Alaska like Arnold Schwartzberger, who is my hero, even though he was born in Armenia or Alsatia or one of those A places, or Ronnie Reagan, whose picture should appear on Mount Rushmore in Wyoming or Montana or somewhere, and who looked so cool in his cowboy hat with Nancy who always said NO, which I wish my daughter had listened to her about, or own my own nail salon or be something important when I grew up, right after I beat the socks off of her in all the beauty contests we could find

to enter – and I did, too! Any-who, he went to Harvard or somewhere like that and became a lawyer or something like that and came back to Kansas and worked hard to make things all better in the neighborhoods of Chicago, which everybody knows is full of Mafia goon squads and such things who are always shooting at each other and not even from airplanes, and finally was elected to the US SENATE from the State of Illinois or Idaho or another one of those I States or someplace that has lots of corn and wheat and pigs and stuff, and lots of African Americans, too – the fake fake kind who aren't even from Georgia or someplace.

While he was in Chicago or Kansas but before he left for the SENATE, he joined this church that is run by Black Pantherites, who hate America and say “G.D. America” and talk about h-e-double two-sticks all the time, not as a place that Muslims go to burn forever because they don't believe in Jesus Christ as their PERSONAL SAVIOR and even though they think there are a bunch of virgins there waiting for them in ETERNAL D – NATION, but as a description of the same communities Obama was working hard to organize, and he became a Muslim and a Nazi and a Socialist. His work as an organizer was because of him being a Socialist, who are also organizers, mostly. He became a Muslim because his daddy was a Kenyan and an African American – the real kind – and because he hates America because his grandmother lived in Hawaii and he didn't get to go visit her very much, which is why he hates old people, too. He became a Nazi because he heard that the Nazis rounded up all the old people and killed nearly six million of them somewhere in Europe – Australia, I think – during one of those World Wars we had that nobody could keep straight except Anne Marie Smith, who always thought she was so important because her mother could make stew from fresh-killed moosemeat, something that I soon learned to do better than she did and got my stew on National Television to boot, and not just because it

was a slow news day, either, although I had to make the network pay to have the house cleaned up because it was such a mess from my kiddos tracking in moose guts and fish scales and stuff because they know that because we eat we hunt since the supermarket doesn't sell moosemeat. So he kept it a secret that he was a secret Kenyan and Muslim and Socialist and Nazi from Chicago, Iowa, which is near Kansas or Hawaii.

He was in the US SENATE just long enough to get his chair warm and to vote for a bunch of stuff only Socialists believe in – like abortions and not praying and letting homosexuals act like regular people – and then he ran for the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES, and he won, even though he was half an African American, the real kind, and even though he had Hillary Clinton as a running-mate opponent and she was a woman and everything and had been married to Bill who was the cause of all the problems in the REPUBLICAN National Convention, especially the bazillion-dollar deficiency, because he had an affair with a chubby young woman named Monica and then lied about it on national television and got a peach for doing it, although Hillary wasn't nearly as pretty as Monica or as me or even Anne Marie Smith! And I ran for Vice President, I think, but they made me hang around with this really old guy named John McCain who was kind of crippled up and really old and was a prisoner of warfare when he was shot down over China or someplace, even though he'd divorced his wife, who was faithful to him while he was away fighting COMMUNISM and the Domino Theories and staying in the Hilton in Hanoi, or somewhere, but who didn't look good standing next to me because he's so short and who didn't know how to match his tie with my dress, and who kept wincing and making faces at me whenever I tried to tell him how the cow ate the cabbage, which, by golly, I know! Even though we don't have a lot of cows in the Wonderful State of Alaska, because we keep thinking they're caribous or rein-

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## SATIRE

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deers and shooting them. And so we lost to Obama even though we don't have any African Americans — not any kind — in the Great State of Alaska, which wasn't fair, because they made fun of all my earmarkers, which everybody knows are part of what people want when they want bridges and pipe lines and stuff, and they questioned my ethicals, like when I fired my no-good rotten ex-brother-in-law because he was such a dirty bird, and they made me answer all these really hard questions about Africa and other countries I'd never heard of on television and in other places, and even though they gave me the answers ahead of time and wanted to put this gizmo, which I would not wear because it did not match my earrings, in my ear so they could even tell me what they were, I never could remember them the way that nasty Anne Marie Smith would have, just because she thinks she's so perfect because she married a guy with a real job and stuff and who takes a bath once in a while and shaves and looks good in a real suit, but who really isn't very good in bed, and, by golly ... well, never mind that, tick-a-lock.

And the first thing Obama when he and his perfect wife and perfect kids, who are even more obnoxious than Anne Marie Smith and her kids and are nothing like my kiddos who are almost perfect and know how to use all kinds of firearms and fishing equipment and can skin a grizzly bear with a bottle opener, did when he got to the WHITE HOUSE, where no African American — even the fake kind — had never spent so much as one night, was run the economy into the ground and make people lose their jobs and go broke, especially on Wall Street, and the second thing he did was raise taxes on babies and crippled people, and the third thing he did was make us keep fighting this war in Iraq, or maybe Iran, which we didn't even start, because they had all these massive destructibles, which he never could find even though we had already killed Sadaam Hussein, who was this really bad guy who lived in a hole

and never shaved and had fleas and lice and stuff and who I think Obama is related to because they have the same name and who captured a bunch of airplanes and ran them into the Empire State Buildings in Boston or Philadelphia or someplace like that when he could just as easily have run them into some building in Chicago, like the Sears Twin Towers, or somewhere, and the fourth thing he did was keep us invading Afghanistan and try to find Ossama been Laden, who is another really bad man who ran the Talibans, which I think is a kind of religious department store for Muslim women in India or Peru, or someplace in the Apex of Evil, where they sell these really ugly dresses and head scarves, which are no good in the cold of my Home State of Alaska, and who makes lots of video tapes even though nobody has a VCR anymore and only play DVDs, and who won't speak English, even though he can, and who doesn't even know how to hold an AK-47 right, even though Obama tortured every man, woman, and old person in the country by making them ride surf boards in the water and also made them wear these really ugly orange jumpsuits and shower shoes and live in Gitmo, Cuba, which is near Florida or Texas, where there's no new cars at all, but he never could, and the fifth thing he did was give all the money in Washington D.C. to the car makers because everybody, including Anne Marie Smith, who thinks she's so important just because her daughter has a husband and stuff, wants economical cars made in Pakistan and other parts of Africa, especially Honduras, which is why we are going to war with Pakistan next, because of all the boarder problems they're having with the warlords, who are, I think, men who are witches, and because they hate Indians, which we have a lot of in the Great State of Alaska, although we call them Eskimos, even though they like to be called Inuits, which is another one of those I words nobody can pronounce except Anne Marie Smith, who is such a snob because she wants them to be able to hunt

and make beads and blankets and stuff in their igloos where they don't even kiss but rub noses which is why they're overpopulated, like everybody knows, and the sixth thing he did was give all the other money he borrowed from the RED Chinese, who are near North Korea and look just like them and who make Obama look like a chipmunk in a polar bear cage at feeding time, even though the Chinese should probably save all their money to pay for the winter Olympics they had there, even though it was so terribly polluted that nobody could breathe and didn't snow the way it does in my Beautiful State of Alaska, so they had to do all kinds of other stuff that made no sense, like beach volleyball, which is where they should have the Olympics, even though that snooty Anne Marie Smith would probably enter the swimsuit competition again and beat me out, since I had all my children naturally and not by Caesar Section the way she did, to the other forty-eight states even though those that were REPUBLICAN just said NO and turned it down, like I did, and the Red Chinese stole water from all the regular Chinese farmers so they could have their river races in these skinny little boats that wouldn't last two seconds in the Bering Straits, even if the Russians weren't there, and the seventh thing he did was to find this Mexican woman and make her a Supreme, even though she wasn't even a fake African American and probably can't even sing or dance because she was a racist and a Mexican and too short, besides, and has no fashion sense whatsoever – just like Anne Marie Smith! – and who probably doesn't even speak English and who I think snuck into the country before we could put up a wall to stop that kind of thing, and the eighth thing he did try to make CONGRESS, which is where the US SENATE, which I was going to run like a clock, by golly, as soon as I got to be Vice President, or something, and which I think is in NEW YORK CITY, which does not have small town values and is an evil

place full of illegal aliens from Port Rico and Russia and places like that and muggers and millions and millions of fake, fake African Americans and fake other kinds of minorities, like gays and Catholics, who are from all over the place and all talk dirty, or so Anne Marie Smith said when she was being so stuck up about having a bunch of clothes from fancy stores there, which is something I made John McCain buy for me and my husband and my kiddos the very second I became a mate on his running ticket but before he fooled around and lost the election because he hung around with this homeless guy named Joe Plumber who wasn't really a plumber and who never wears a tie and was even dumber than Anne Marie Smith, try to pass a health care bill which would mean that we would have to give FREE HEALTH CARE to people who had NO MONEY AT ALL, if you can believe that!, is. I mean how are drug pushers and chiropractors and insurance pharmacy companies supposed to get ahead if that happens? And what about Medicare? What about that? Then he wanted to kill all the babies, including my own little girl's baby, I'm sure, and just because her boyfriend turned out to be such a jerk – which was a total surprise to everyone, and I don't care what Anne Marie Smith says!

And part of his stupid, ridiculous health care thingie was to make sure all the old people were rounded up by DEATH PANEL SQUADS and put into gasoline chambers where they would be burned alive before being strangulated by poison glasses, the same way the Nazis did – and I've seen the pictures of those, by golly, so don't try to tell me! – which proves that he's a Nazi, just like giving all that Chinese money away to all the banks and car companies proves that he was a Socialist, and the fact that he bowed down on his knees before some Muslim shriek in Arabia, which is near Turkey or Egypt or Israeli, or someplace in the Middle of Asia, and then he refused to prove that he was ever actually born anywhere, and then he wanted to tell all the

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kids to stay in school so they'd all turn out like Anne Marie Smith, probably, and be so stuck-up, just like that sneaky Katie Couric – who thinks she's so smart and who actually looks like Anne Marie Smith, only she's shorter and a little hippy – which I am not!, I don't care what Anne Marie Smith says – and who I happen to know dyes her hair and wears contact lenses when she reads all her stupid magazines and stuff, or that mean old Jon Stewart, who I think is a Jew and who is shorter than John McCain and not even as cute as Joe Plumber, or that stupid David Letterman, who is not funny and has a gap between his teeth that he's too cheap to get fixed and was mean to my little girl and her little baby and made nasty jokes about both of them and about me and my husband and all that I hold dear in my Beloved State of Alaska on National Television, or that real Nazi Steve Colbert, who I think is really a Secret Pal or maybe boyfriend of Anne Marie Smith's or maybe of one of her daughters, and who I know for a fact went to Iraq so he could spy for the El Kadas, who are, I think, all Kenyans or maybe Kurdistanis or one of those K words – like Kansas! – and so they could remember something they read, or maybe so they could actually read, which is a waste of time in The Glorious Sate of Alaska, since there's lots of wild animals to shoot and hockey to play and snowmobiles

to race around, and stuff like that to do when we're not counting the fish floating down the stream or watching the Russians off our back porches!

Which is why I resigned as Governor of the Really Big State of Alaska, so I could put on my lipstick and spread my story far and wide about how I only lost my election to Vice Presidentship because the Media and Anne Marie Smith were running around making stuff up about me and my family, who are off-limits! So that's why Obama is an evil person and unAmerican and probably wishes he was born in one of the original thirteen colonials, like I was, and that he was more than half an African American – the real kind – which, of course, he isn't even that, really, since even Anne Marie Smith knows that there are no Africans in Hawaii!

The End.

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