

WHY VOTERS SHOULD SUPPORT EMMA BERRY AND NEITHER THE DEMOCRAT NOR THE REPUBLICAN FOR US REPRESENTATIVE

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I am not connected to the machinery of either party. I am an independent who is running my campaign for US Representative for the Third Congressional District on a budget of \$2,000 from my savings—no money from constituents, no money from local businesses and darn sure no money from Wall Street. I don't own Wall Street stock. Wall Street, with its heavily taxpayer subsidized corporations is a monopoly game for the rich few.

On April 27, 2010 we had the grand drama of another Senatorial side show. Many of us were glued to our televisions watching as rich Senators slashed rich Goldman Sachs employees with their wet noodle rhetoric. Pardon me if i am not overly impressed with our government of the rich, by the rich and for the rich.

We saw multi-millionaire Carl Levin (net worth of \$1,698,553 to \$2,338,541) berating Goldman employee Sparks with titillating naughty rhetoric. We saw Claire McCaskill, the 14th richest person in Congress with a net worth of \$19.42 million being "very angry" with Goldman Sach's CEO Lloyd Blankfein. I couldn't help but wonder as I watched the sideshow what role that Goldman Sachs has played not only in funding their campaigns, but also in adding to the personal wealth of their own Wall Street portfolios. I'll wonder the same thing when other multimillionaire self-righteous Senators question down the CEO of Massey Mining and BP and Halliburton—Yes, Senators, and what percentage of your quarterly Wall Street dividend payments are derived with these criminals? Or perhaps—and how many dollars did these crooks contribute to YOUR campaign?

Today was little more than another example of the good cop/bad cop game that our two-party system of rich Democrats and rich Republicans have been playing for at least the past40 years with the American people.

And the result at the end of the day? Goldman stock was up slightly (\$1.85, or a little more than 1%) .

While many Americans are struggling to make ends meet, our national lawmakers are living comfortably: 44 percent of Congress members are millionaires, compared to around one percent of the general population. And these fortunes, my friends, were all made on Wall Street. **The rich represent the rest of us? Please excuse me while I forget to laugh as some insist that this is not a class war.**

TWO-PARTY POLITICS IS A GAME THAT HAS BEEN RIGGED BY DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

The two parties formed a pact in 1987 called the "Commission on Presidential Debates". Once upon a time in our history we had real presidential debates that were managed by the Women League of Voters. Then in 1987 the Democrats and Republicans got together and literally formed a corporation together. The candidates decide who will participate in the debates and which individuals will be the panels and what the topics will be. This is the reason why we have such insipid "debates" whereby topics such as the value/non-value of flag pins are discussed. This is why we will never hear any discussions regarding issue such as corporate welfare during this pseudo debates or at any time for that matter. When the "Commission on Presidential Debates" was formed, the

Women League of Voters withdrew their support saying that they would not participate in such a fraud being perpetrated on the American voters. Walter Cronkite agreed with them and so do I, and so should you.

THE “DEMOCRATIC” PROCESS OF ALLOWING INDEPENDENT TO RUN IS NOT SO DEMOCRATIC

The two-party system is a rigged dog and pony show that the rich put on for the rest of us to make us believe that we have a democracy. If we had a democracy, they would not work so hard to shut out Independents and third party candidates. They have their minions working overtime to exclude any competition. For example, just to get my name on the ballot I must have the signatures, names, addresses and dates of birth of 500 registered voters who did not vote in the primary. If we had a true democracy, ALL candidates would be subjected to similar requirements PRIOR to the primary. But the discrimination does not end there. Representative from both parties will comb through my ballot petition for the purpose of finding a reason to disqualify my ballot petition. Perhaps a voter will not have understood the requirement of not having voted in the primary. Perhaps a voter will have moved since they last voted and the addresses don't match so it appears that the voter is not registered when the name is checked. There are many ways to disqualify the signatures and they will be applied to each name on my list. **THE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS WANT TO KEEP THEIR TWO-PARTY CLUB EXCLUSIVE AND THEY WORK TO CREATE LAWS TO ENSURE THAT PROTECTION.**

SO WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM?

The big problem is the conflict of interests that their representation poses:

- Their campaigns are funded by Wall Street.
- The Commission on Presidential Debates is funded by Wall Street.
- Nearly all of them made their fortunes on Wall Street

Now whose interests do you think that they are going to represent—your interests, or those of Wall Street?

In the fall of 2009 Evan Byah and Joe Lieberman, although Democrats, both threatened to filibuster the health care bill. Why do you think they did that? They did that because both of them have wives who earn hundreds of thousands of dollars each year as lobbyists for the Wall Street Health Insurance industry. Each couple own in excess of a million dollars worth of Wall Street Health Insurance stock.

Evan Byah and Joe Lieberman were simply looking out for the good of their own stock portfolios—not the good of the American people. Thus was the case with the majority of Republicans who opposed real health care reform. As a result, the American people ended up with a watered down version that has no public option from which Americans can choose. Instead, we will be forced to purchase a product from the same Wall Street health insurance crooks who have been ripping off Americans for years. Their monopoly on the market was protected by their minions in Congress.