

## The test of INTEGRITY -- Obama as President

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I wish I could remember the exact phrase the 'excited' radio announcer, Steve Chase, used to introduce his audience to the Obama victory speech in Chicago.

To the (background) sound of the roaring crowd, applauding, cheering, whistling and screaming -- as mindless as any crowd the Roman Colosseum would have contained -- the announcer exclaimed, "*can you hear that; the sound of rapturous supporters; **let's all absorb the atmosphere?***" With that Obama began one of the most mediocre victory speeches I have ever heard -- and I've heard a few!



**Uncle Tom Obama**

The announcer's invitation or rather his deft manipulation of his listening audience betrays his employer's directives. "Let's ALL absorb the atmosphere," indeed! [My emphasis in all instances.]

I'm afraid I'm immune to the best efforts at mass hysteria, propaganda and mind control; I have a background in social and political theory, advertising, semiotics, textual theory and production BUT unlike the others, I didn't go over! I have never delighted in duping anyone let alone the mindless masses nor have I ever been attracted or fascinated by large amounts of money or other meaningless symbols of status or wealth.

Nevertheless, it was interesting listening to Obama, the master of the 'rhetorical flourish' -- short persuasive expressions -- attempting to string much longer, meaningful sentences together; a task that is presently beyond him and his speechwriters -- most of whom betray their marketing backgrounds [semiotic analysis in action!]

But to the point and I thank you for indulging the overuse of the first person personal pronoun.

INTEGRITY is the test of Truth and honour and you will soon discover that none of our leaders, least of all Obama, possess a skerrick of it! Did Gordon Brown arrest Tony Blair or Kevin Rudd arrest John Howard after they were placed in power? NO! The status quo prevails; those who stage elections and fanfare for the mindless masses allow two of their chosen to run -- it is irrelevant who 'wins' as the orchestrators never lose. Obama supported the Paulson bailout (theft of the public purse) and he supports the illegal wars of plunder in Iraq and Afghanistan which he initially pretended to oppose --

that's a 'real' man of integrity for ya!

Much is being made of the "first black man to become President;" surely that should convince a disillusioned world of 'real' change in the White House - bunk! To paraphrase Martin Luther King, who really opposed the status quo, I judge a person on the 'content of their character not the colour of their skin!' Skin colour is utilised today as another rhetorical symbol; contributors to this site often end with the affirmation, "We are One" - it seems that skin colour is irrelevant to many including me.

INTEGRITY, morality, Truth and Justice are the tests of character - the opportunity presents itself to all new 'leaders', but especially to Obama in post Cheney-Bush America!

In Obama's case the immediate arrest of the most notorious criminals KNOWN TO THE WORLD and the USA, Cheney, Bush, Rove, Rumsfeld and the rest would define the new (puppet) president as a man of integrity; one who truly represents the people, justice and the democratic ideal

Realism is not cynicism - will Obama serve the interests of the people, Justice, Truth or democracy and arrest the criminals in the previous administration? Not a snowflakes chance in hell!

Yaaaay Obama, whistle, yell, scream, cheer, yaaayyaaa!! Bring on the lions and gladiators - you dumb, mindless, fucks! You deserve your leaders, now bend over!

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