

want to run against Dick Cheney. That's good for us. We'll do good, if we run against Dick Cheney, John. Don't attack attack him."

What about the question of the Swift Boat Veterans? Cheney's a chickenhawk! The guy's a draft-dodger! The President is a draft-dodger. It was a no-brainer, to counterattack. "No, no, no, John. You don't want to honor that stuff. You shouldn't respond. Don't worry about it. They'll defeat themselves."

By the time the Republican Convention took place, John Kerry was furious! For the first time, Bush not only pulled *ahead* of Kerry, first by 3 points; by the time of the convention, his lead was in double digits. And what finally asserted itself, was the LaRouche faction in the Democratic Party. Kerry finally figured out, that Shrum was leading him down the same road, that he had led Al Gore. And then, on Tuesday, in the middle of the Republican Convention, there was a major shake-up. The Shrum-boys were moved out. A team of Clinton operatives was moved in. And we were told, that everything was going to change. We saw the first sign of it, Thursday night, when John Kerry came out fighting, for the first time since New Hampshire.

Now, maybe it's true. Maybe now, everything's going to change. I don't know about you, but I'm not willing to stake my future on that. If everything is going to change, it's going to change, because *we* change it. What's important, is that we have a group now, that wants to fight. And they know, that if they want to fight, the best commander on the field, in any war, at this point in time, is Lyndon LaRouche! They know it! And, they're not inclined to keep Lyn out.

### Energize the 'Lower 80%'

But, the fact of the matter is, that our job is not to do anything but what we have already been doing, on a much larger scale. Our job is to build a movement, that will energize the "unlikely voters." That will give people something to come out for. That something is not John Kerry, per se. John Kerry's a fine guy—I don't have any problem with him. But that's not what this is about. This is about building a movement around a principle. That is the *only thing* that's going to bring people out.

And the LaRouche Youth Movement can do it. It has to be a lot bigger. They'll get bigger, in a march across this nation, will intervene in key states where we can make a difference—but not in the traditional way. Not in the way that anyone expects. We'll do it Lyn's way. And if we do that, then the youth movement will continue to grow. And as it continues to grow, it will successfully mobilize older people.

Thirty days have passed since Boston. We've already begun to see the fruits of the change. But, it is still up to us. And that means it's up to you. And one of the things we're here to do, during the course of this conference, is to persuade you to do the right thing.

Thank you.

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## Harley Schlanger

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# Our Strategy for A Landslide Victory

**Lyndon LaRouche:** Now, by an act of magic over power telecommunications, we will now bring you Harley Schlanger.

**Harley Schlanger:** All right, so what is this battle plan for November, which will bring not only a defeat for the Cheney-Bush crowd, the neo-conservatives, put Kerry in the White House, and create, also, a Democratic House and Senate? You have to start with a question: Is it a statement of hyperbole, or misplaced hubris, to say, as Debra just did, that John Kerry can only win the 2004 election by adopting the strategy presented by Lyndon LaRouche at the Democratic National Convention in Boston, when he initiated the LaRouche PAC?

The answer is, no. It's not an exaggeration.

But, to understand why this is true, we need a very quick history lesson, which will have been aided by the presentation we had this morning on economics, on what will take us beyond the domain of popular opinion and sense-certainty, into the human world of real politics. This is the world that was described yesterday by Lyndon LaRouche, in which reality is defined by the following certainties:

First, the certainty of the onrush of global financial disintegration.

Secondly, the danger of pre-emptive nuclear war, resulting from the synarchist financiers behind Cheney and the neo-conservatives, who are acting to save their bankrupt system.

Thirdly, the confused and ignorant reaction of many voters, who vote against their true interests.

And fourth, and most importantly, the demoralization of many among lower 80% of the income brackets, who simply choose not to vote.

By getting people to face the first two of these certainties, the collapse of the economy and the danger of permanent warfare, and by giving them an alternative, we can get them to change the second two certainties, so that we can win a landslide victory in November.

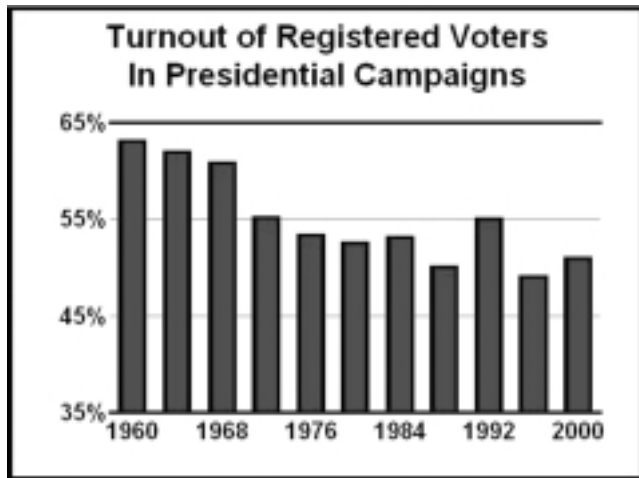
But first, let's look briefly at the wacky world of the nation's largest group of dangerous and deranged empiricists: the pollsters and pundits (**Figure 1**). This is what you see if you turn on CNN, or turn on Fox, or virtually anything else. This shows the orientation of the pundits and pollsters.

What we have up there, is a map of the so-called "red" and "blue" states. You may not know it, but you live in either a "red" or a "blue" state, depending on whether it's a hard-

FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2



core Democratic state or a hard-core Republican state. Now, on this map, you have the discussion of the nation being split down the middle, either 46%, or 48%, with perhaps 4%, 5% of the undecided. This is what Debra described earlier, as the “likely voters.”

And what Karl Rove, who’s the “brains” behind Bush, so to speak—a relative term—and Bob Shrum, who hopefully is now being pushed aside; what they do is look for the hot-button issues, that will bring out their hard-core voters. For Rove, it’s been described to me, by someone in Kentucky, as basically: abortion, God, and gun-control. If you’re on the right side of that, you’ll get the Republican votes. And for the

Democrats, much of what they’ve done has been anti-Bush.

Now, then the campaign boils down, if you listen to the pundits, over and over and over, what will the eight undecided voters in Marietta, Ohio do? The eight undecided voters, who are being dissected, and trisected, and put under a microscope. How do we turn them around, so Ohio will go to the Democratic or Republican Party? In other words, how do we keep reality out of the election? They use vague, fuzzy images—Bush at Ground Zero, in New York City. Kerry on his boat. They leave out these questions about who is lying. (And by the way, you know, if Dick Cheney’s lips are moving, he’s either cursing, or lying. Or, possibly both!)

But, the Democrats are ignoring the real problem, which is, what defines the so-called “battleground states,” the states that are too close to call, the “white” states on the map? What characterizes that, is a *lack of voters*. Lack of voter participation.

**Figure 2** is a graph of the turnout of registered voters in Presidential elections, 1960-2000. In 1960, during the Kennedy-Nixon election, 63.06% of registered voters voted. It fell to 61.9%, to 60.84%. By ’72, it was down to 55%. By ’84, 53%. In the ’88 election, which gave us the first Bush, only 50% of registered voters voted. You had a slight spurt with that crazy guy who kept talking about the crazy aunt in the attic, Ross Perot, in ’92: It went up to 55%. But, in ’96, 49%, and in the year 2000, only 51% of registered voters voted.

Now, of course, 50% of potential voters, are not even registered! So, it’s 50% of 50% that vote, that’s 25%. And it’s split down the middle at 12.5%, so no wonder the election was determined in 2000, by a 5 to 4 vote on the Supreme Court! With either Scalia or Rehnquist, or perhaps Clarence Thomas, casting the winning vote.

Now, you might ask yourself, why, in the aftermath of the Voting Rights Act, the vote did not go up? Why was there no jump? Now, that’s beyond the scope of this discussion, but one of the things to look at today, is something Lyn mentioned yesterday: the Republican voter suppression campaign. But, it’s also both parties suppressing the vote. If you can convince people that it’s going to be determined by something outside their control, if at most they have one vote, they can’t influence anybody, it doesn’t matter who gets elected; and then, on top of that, you do what the Republicans are doing right now, which is to spread money into the black churches, to tell ministers, “Don’t bring in the Democrats.” This is what Bush did to get elected in 1994, in Texas. Suppress the black vote that otherwise would have gone to Ann Richards. If you do that, and suppress the vote enough, and *bore* the voters, and demoralize them, by showing candidates who don’t talk about

anything relevant to their future, then you can lower the vote to a manageable percentage. And Karl Rove, the brains behind Bush, thinks that's how they are going to win.

This is added on top of the post-industrial degeneration of the country.

## The Battleground States

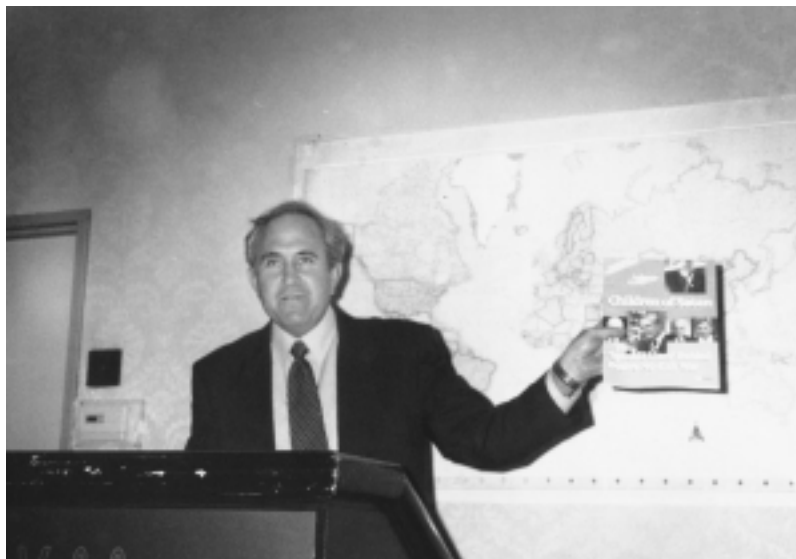
So, let's just go back to that first map for a moment. I just want to point out a couple of things on this. The battleground states are divided into four general groupings. First, you have the post-industrial area of the Great Lakes. This includes states such as Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin. These are states that, as we saw in the morning presentation, were the core of the original build-up of the U.S. industrial manufacturing belt, as well as the highest agricultural sector, in terms of productivity in the country. And an area that was built up by infrastructure, along the Great Lakes, such projects as the Erie Canal, in an early development in the United States.

If you follow this area, from Buffalo, New York, to Erie, Pennsylvania, down through Pittsburgh; and then, from Pittsburgh through the Ohio steel belt, up to Cleveland, across to Toledo, to Detroit, to Chicago and Milwaukee, you get part of the key industrial area of the United States. Most of those states are now battleground states—states where there's high unemployment, where there's a loss of manufacturing jobs. These are states which *should be* Democratic states, and they *will be* Democratic states because of what we do.

The second grouping, if you look again on that same map: You start in Pittsburgh. Go down the Ohio River. Pittsburgh is where the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers meet and form the Ohio River. You go down through the area bordering Ohio and Kentucky, Indiana and Kentucky, on to Missouri; you link up there with the Mississippi River. The Missouri River coming in from the West, the Tennessee River—again, these were areas that were built up, largely, through the early industrial development of this country, and then restored during the period of Franklin Roosevelt. This is a second belt of battleground states, which, again, are states that can be won, provided the LaRouche Youth Movement is able to get in there.

Just an example: We're deploying in Louisville. There were 100,000 Democrats, registered Democrats, who did not vote in 2000. And, as a result, a neo-con Republican was elected to the Congress, and the state went over to the Republican Party. It's a state we can win.

Now, the third general area is a couple of key border states: New Mexico, Arizona, you can throw Nevada in there. This is an area affected by drought, affected by the need for the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA)



*In a Town Meeting in Houston, Texas, sponsored by LaRouche in 2004, campaign spokesman Harley Schlanger holds a "Children of Satan" pamphlet, as he explains LaRouche's view of the necessity of developing water, power, and transport for the western United States and Mexico.*

and industrial build-up: which is addressed by the bi-national border development program, drafted by Lyndon LaRouche, for water and economic development on the border.

And the fourth area, is the Northwest—Washington state and Oregon. Again, we saw this morning, how Washington has been victimized by the destruction unleashed with the post-industrial economy.

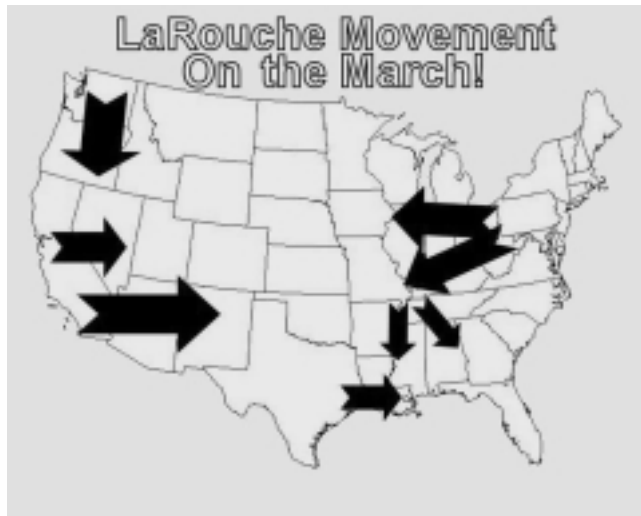
Now, I might add a couple of additional campaigns that are specific areas. One, which you can see from up here, "Save the Congress, Without DeLay" [holds up a bumper sticker]. This is something we're going to do without DeLay. We're already doing it—and for the first time, Tom DeLay has actually opened campaign offices in Texas.

Duncan Hunter in California, a Republican obstructionist. The Democratic candidate running against him, is out either surfing, or doing his legal business most of the time. That doesn't matter to the LaRouche Youth Movement: We're going to go and win that district. And he will be the beneficiary, but he's going to know that he won that district because of us.

## LaRouche Youth Movement on the March

So, we're going to address this, by launching a campaign from pivot points. Let me have the third chart (**Figure 3**), a very neat thing that John Hoefle drew up for us. This is the LaRouche Youth Movement on the march. What Lyn describes as the "lines of march," where it shows arrows going from Pittsburgh up to the Great Lakes area. From Pittsburgh through the Ohio Valley. There's another one from a pivot point in Houston, going east—Louisiana, and possibly up to Arkansas. From Washington state and Seattle, going down into Oregon. From Northern California into Nevada, and from

FIGURE 3



This graphic is taken from an animation depicting the direction of the organizing drive of the LYM between Labor Day and the November Presidential election.

Southern California into New Mexico, Arizona.

The pivot points will be cities such as Detroit, the former industrial center, auto center of the world, where we have a group of LaRouche Youth, who are organizing in Michigan and in Ohio. The second pivot point: Louisville. Where we'll be going either east, up the Ohio River to Cincinnati, or west, hitting Kentucky, going into Missouri. The third pivot point is Houston, and the fourth, broad pivot point is the whole West Coast, which for me, is one giant pivot point.

Now, additionally, we have a special operation in Boston, where we decided, after the great success at the Democratic Convention, that, in addition to the Democrats who came there, there were a lot of young people in Boston. You couldn't walk down the street without tripping over three or four of them. And so, we now have a team of LaRouche Youth in Boston, which is going to be a special recruitment center.

They call themselves there, "the Athens of the United States." Well, we're going to turn it into a real Athens: We're on the street, challenging the "Hawvawd" students to double the square, including can they double Harvard Square! Double the cube. And, we're doing something which will be one of the themes of our campaign, which is called "Bach the Vote."

Now, how is this going to work? The strategy is clear, going into these areas. Let me just give you a brief picture, historically, how this will work, and then we'll turn this over to Lyn.

The biggest problem we have, is the lack of bold ideas among the candidates. And we, in Los Angeles, recently had a Democratic Party official come in. And he said, "Well, there are bold ideas, it's just that no one wants to present them,

because they'll piss people off." That's never stopped Lyndon LaRouche. You have to understand the history of the United States, to know, that's the *only* way you can move the American people to go *after* their popular opinion, to go after their laziness!

This nation was forged, in battle, against the British Empire, as Lyn has always stressed, going back to 1763! The handful of great Presidents that we've had, always acted on the principles embedded in the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble of the Constitution, the idea of inalienable rights, of national sovereignty, of general welfare, and of posterity. The handful of Presidents, such as George Washington, John Quincy Adams, Lincoln, McKinley (who was a Lincoln Republican): These were people who always operated from this standpoint. Franklin Roosevelt, who understood, in particular, the idea of the forgotten man, as he spoke in his April 7, 1932 radio address on the campaign trail, where he said, during the height of the Depression, "These unhappy times call for the building of plans that rest upon the forgotten, the unorganized, but the indispensable units of economic power that build from the bottom up, not from the top down, that put their faith once more, in the forgotten man at the bottom of the economic pyramid."

That's the approach, the "forgotten man" approach, the so-called "unlikely voter." The people who may live in white states, or red states, or blue states. In fact, I don't really *believe* there are states that are even red states—how can people support Cheney and Bush? It's just the lack of an alternative.

Now, we addressed this problem in the population with the *Children of Satan III* pamphlet, and for those who aren't familiar with the series, we now have the three *Children of Satan* reports in one book, that's available to you at this conference, or you can contact us over the web. But, the rock-drug-sex counterculture, the Congress for Cultural Freedom, which launched the destruction of cognition in the United States, to convince people, there's no future, that that's the "natural condition" of man—existentialist insanity; that you *can't* make a difference, that all life is about, is pleasure and entertainment.

### How FDR Fought the Oligarchy

Now, what we face today, in dealing with the so-called "apathetic" or "unlikely voters," is not new. Listen to these words: "The stress of business competition in this hectic 20th Century of ours, the even more feverish pursuit of pleasure to compensate for our strenuous business days, these so occupy the time and thought of our average tax-payer, as to leave no inclination, either to study or assist in the conduct of the community in which he lives." Those were words of Franklin Roosevelt's second inaugural address as Governor of New York, in 1928.

Roosevelt was campaigning for Governor, in the midst of the 1920s "prosperity" so-called! The Coolidge-Hoover speculative bubble. And what did Roosevelt call for? Regulation of utilities; limits on speculation; extension of the social

welfare net. This was Roosevelt's theme, and Roosevelt also pissed a lot of people off!

In a speech he gave during his campaign in 1936, he said, "In the beginning of the New Deal, we had to struggle with the old enemies of peace: business and financial monopoly, speculation, class antagonism, sectionalism, war profiteering. They had begun to consider the government of the United States as a mere appendage of their own affairs." Remember Enron? "And we now know that government by organized money, is just as dangerous, as government by organized mob."

So, Franklin Roosevelt knew what he was fighting.

Now, let me just add one note on Franklin Roosevelt: To listen to the people in the Democratic Leadership (or Democratic Losership) Council, who are trying to wipe FDR out of the memory of Democrats, as well as such gas-bags as Rush Limbaugh, and the whole crew of Fox Television reporters, FDR was a horrible socialist—he's the one who put "gub'mint on our backs." He's the one who destroyed the free enterprise system, and he never should have come near the White House, they say.

Well, maybe I missed something—but, FDR unpopular? Didn't he *win four terms* as President? Has that been taken out of the history books? Didn't he get us out of a Depression, caused by Cheney-type policies? Didn't he guide the world to victory, in a war against the synarchist fascist networks that we face today?

## Bold Ideas

So, Lyndon LaRouche has intervened in this campaign, with bold ideas, that have been validated by history: the idea of a Super-TVA. You take the programs, the infrastructure programs, the re-industrialization programs, that we saw in the presentation this morning, from the four corners of the country, to rebuild the industrial areas of the Great Lakes. You want to win those battleground states? Go in there, with LaRouche's Platform, which talks about reindustrialization. You want to win the states in the Ohio Valley? Go in there with the program of rebuilding the locks and dams, revitalizing the TVA, building the canals that have not been built. This is the kind of boldness that will transform the country.

But, at the same time, as Debra was talking about what the LaRouche Youth Movement has done and what it represents: It's not just the deployment of forces in this battle that makes the difference. It's the adoption of the Classical method, which has been at the core of everything Lyndon LaRouche has done. His economic policy, his policy of development, will never occur, unless we *change the way people think*, to give them the courage to fight against popular opinion, to fight against the idiocy of "going along to get along." This is what the Classical method employed by the LYM, the "Bach the Vote," to mobilize the youth who have been convinced they have no future, and to awaken the Boomers, to recognize that being a human is more than a

## IN HIS MIND'S EYE



*Franklin D. Roosevelt emphasized the benefits of government-backed power development, in the interests of the "forgotten man at the bottom of the economic pyramid."*

collection of sense-perceptions. Besides, as Boomers age, we're beginning to realize, our senses are becoming dulled. You know, they're dulled by age—you can't see as well, you have trouble hearing, and this also is enhanced by the effects of the rock-drug-sex counterculture. And I won't go there, for the moment.

So, we're going to mobilize. And, as Lyn has said, this is going to be a fierce battle. But, it is one which Lyndon LaRouche does not intend to lose. We're going to fight in our own way: We're going to build a movement. I was discussing with a Democrat the other day, who said, "Well, we really could use some people in here." And I said, "We're coming in. But we're not going to do what you want us to do. We're going to do, what we do best." And they said, "Well, how is that going to help me?" And I said to this person, "How many new voters have you activated? How many people are going door-to-door, pulling people out of their stupor from television, by singing, and bringing people out to the porch to have a discussion?"

Whether we're in northwest Louisiana, central Kentucky, Cleveland, Ohio, or Pittsburgh—when the youth movement comes out and sings, people suddenly come to their porches. And what was previously a dead zone, becomes an area of debate, of deliberation, of Socratic dialogue. Oftentimes capped with a discussion of Archytas and the doubling of the cube.