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## In Alabama

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# Get The Common Man To Vote For Himself

*Lyndon LaRouche spoke before the Alabama Democratic Conference in Montgomery, on May 15, 2004.*

Thank you all very much. To be quick and abbreviated:

There are two fundamental questions facing the nation and the Presidency at this time. Any discussion of any other issue which does not address these issues effectively, would be incompetent. The only two issues are: number one, the economy. The United States economy is now in the grip of the onrush of a global monetary-financial crisis beyond anyone's remembrance, even us old folks. This is *worse* than 1929-1933. It's coming on fast. Forty-one-dollar-a-barrel oil is only a symptom of what is coming. Fifty-dollar-a-barrel oil will sink the United States. There are certain other things that could do the same thing. The crash will probably come soon; it could come this month, it could come next month, it could wait until Fall. But the crash is coming, and those who don't face the reality of the crash are not in the real world, where it comes to politics.

Under these conditions, in which the entire U.S. banking system is bankrupt; the Federal Reserve System is bankrupt;

## 'We Need People Who Will Stand Up'

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I'm delighted, naturally, to be here, and I have much to say, and there's not enough time to say even what's important.

But my message is there for all of you.

I'll say one thing: In the history of humanity, there's been a long struggle to free man from a condition, in which a few have held the rest, the majority, as hunted or human cattle. This fight has not yet been won. But the particular fight we have, is to get the citizens who are in the lower 80% of family-income brackets—who are following what they're told to vote for—to get them not to be called out to vote for something, but to vote for themselves. And they have to get the spirit: That they have a *right* to vote for themselves, and demand that they be informed to the degree that they can make competent choices, and not make impulsive choices that kill us.

We are in the most dangerous period in modern history, right now. A great depression is descending upon us. A \$41.5 a barrel of oil is a warning. \$50 is a disaster.

We have a war, which is not an Iraq war: It's a *policy of war*.

We've got to fight these issues. But *I know in politics, most of our people are not moving!* They're treating themselves as self-condemned, to accept the status of being human cattle, and following a few leaders. We need the people to stand up on their hind legs, as JL [Chestnut] referred to it, on the question of the Pettus Bridge. We need people who will stand up, and know they have the right, as human beings not to be human cattle!

I'm sick and tired of seeing people being human cattle! And that's really what I'm about.

the International Monetary Fund is essentially bankrupt. We have 49 to 50 states which can not balance their budgets, and meet their obligations at the same time. You can't raise taxes to solve the problem, you can't cut taxes to solve the problem,

Therefore, the precedent we must operate upon, is the precedent of Franklin Roosevelt's approach to the Depression that he faced in March of 1933. This means the President of

the United States must, first of all, put the Federal Reserve System into receivership for bankruptcy reorganization—like a Chapter 11 receivership—to ensure that essential functions, including banking functions, continue. The President of the United States must get from the Congress a bill—and I would propose \$6 trillion dollars for that bill—for capital funds, to be used by the Federal government, for large-scale infrastructure projects, and also to provide credit through local agencies to expand business, based on the expansion of the market, caused by employment and activity in basic economic infrastructure.

This must be supplemented by measures taken now, to get us out of Iraq, and similar wars, which Brother Cheney has promised us. Cheney, if he was to remain in government, would send the United States into an attack on Syria, or send Sharon to do it. He would drop nuclear weapons on targets which he's designated in Iran. He would drop nuclear weapons on North Korea, and so forth and so on. It would be Hell on this planet. We must get Cheney out of government!

Bush is an idiot. I say that advisedly. But you have to understand the situation, you have to understand the control



*LaRouche speaks to the candidate selection session of the Alabama New South Coalition on May 14 in Montgomery. To his right are State Rep. Joseph Mitchell, Coalition President Barbara Pitts, and State Sen. Hank Sanders.*

over this puppet Bush by Cheney, is the most dangerous feature of our present situation.

If we get this out, we can get out of Iraq—not totally, but we can get out of warfare in Iraq. I have made a proposal which is being endorsed by many people, including foreign governments' influentials, people in my own country, military and intelligence; people of seniority have endorsed that what I proposed would work.

This is what should define the course of the next election.

Finally, the problem we have now, is, there's been a shift in the Democratic Party policy, away from the support of the common man, the forgotten man, the Roosevelt tradition, to the so-called suburban policy: by which the party is oriented to organizing around the upper 20% of family-income brackets, and trying to pull the rest of the vote along. We have to, instead of trying to get lots of money from millionaires, and billionaires, who want to loot us, we have to have the kind of program that brings the common man out to vote, because he's voting for himself, not because he's voting for some candidate, chosen like a movie star. That's what our problem is.

That's my policy. Anything else you want to ask me, ask me, I'll be happy to answer.



*Candidate LaRouche chats with a Democratic activist at the Alabama Democratic Committee's candidate selection meeting on May 15.*