

LaRouche: Join the fight, don't be a spectator!

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. made the remarks excerpted here in a webcast discussion with voters in Delaware on Feb. 1.

... From my standpoint, the big problem is that the majority of voters in the United States, and citizens generally, are behaving like the proletariat marching into the Roman Colosseum to watch the lions eat Christians, and they're deciding, who's the front-runner: Shall we bet on the lions, or shall we bet on the Christians? And generally, they vote against the Christians, because they look like losers to them.

So, the problem in the campaign is that voters—and I've watched this behavior—are cheering for what they think are front-runners. It's like cheering for athletes who they don't know personally, in a football game, mass football game. The crowd is cheering. What are they cheering for? Do they know who that bum on the field really is? And then they find he became President because they cheered for him, and they said, how did we get that bum in there in the first place?

The trick today, is to get the average voter, the average citizen, to realize that *they* are not sitting in the grandstand, of a Roman Colosseum; they're sitting *in the arena*, down with the Christians, and the lions are coming on. The trick here, is to get the Americans to flee from their sense of

unreality—probably not a grandstand, maybe a television screen. They're not spectators; they're victims in the field. . . .

Imagine yourself sitting up in the grandstand of the Colosseum, and looking at the lions eating the Christians, and you're wondering which you're going to cheer for. Realize that you're one of the Christians, and when you look at a television set, or you look at some electoral spectacle, or some candidate parading through town, dropping promises which he will not keep, or could not keep, perhaps, in many cases, don't think, "Which is the front-runner?"

Think of yourself: Are you one of those proletarians who is going to sit in the grandstand, you as a Christian, to watch and cheer for the lions who are eating the Christians? And start to think about politics in a more serious way, and get your neighbor to think about politics in a more serious way, since you're obviously more serious about it than most of them are. Get them to see: Stop being a spectator in matters on which your life, and your family's life may depend. Think clearly! What should our nation's policies be? Who represents what those policies must be? Who is qualified to represent those policies?

Don't be stamped by the orchestration of public opinion by mass news media. Don't be stamped by other tricks. Don't be corrupted and turned into a Yahoo by watching sex and bloody violence on your television set. Think of yourself as one of the Christians down in the arena about to be eaten by lions, and think of which way, under those circumstances, you would vote.

collect 40,000." The reason for this, is that not everyone who votes as a Republican or Democrat in New York is *acknowledged* as such. Only those who have voted in party primaries, not those who have voted Democratic or Republican in the general election, are considered by the party to be "members in good standing." A voter may have cast his ballot for every Democratic Presidential candidate since Franklin D. Roosevelt, but, in the eyes of the party apparatus, that does not qualify him to vote in the Democratic primary, and therefore, he cannot sign the petition.

The *Times* continued: "These names must be secured in a month, over the [Christmas] holiday season. Moreover, Republicans [and Democrats] can sign only one petition, so as the party regulars call their established lists of voters for Governor Bush, they automatically shrink the pool of possibilities for Senator McCain or Mr. Forbes." This was an even greater problem for LaRouche, in that the Gore and Bradley campaigns were also collecting petitions, thus seeming to shrink the potential pool even further.

The LaRouche campaign faced even greater obstacles

than the McCain campaign, yet successfully gathered over 68,000 signatures, *more than the Bradley campaign*. Although Gore's campaign filed, according to one of his campaign spokesman, between 90,000 and 100,000 signatures, a cursory examination of his petitions revealed at least one Congressional District in which he could have been disqualified. It was not, however, the LaRouche's campaign's intention to remove people from the ballot, unless provoked. There was, for the first time that LaRouche has run, no such provocation attempted.

The Republican State Committee challenged the signatures of Forbes, as they had done in 1996, as well as those of McCain. (Senator McCain, as of this writing, has been thrown off the ballot in 12 of the 31 districts. He is expected to be reinstated in these districts by Judge Edward R. Korman of the U.S. District Court in Brooklyn.) Forbes was challenged in three Congressional Districts in Long Island. Judge Korman reportedly "expressed astonishment at how election officials on Long Island disqualified Mr. Forbes from the primary. . . . The election officials invalidated more than 2,000 signatures