

## LaRouche's drive for U.S. Presidency: On to Michigan!

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With the so-called front-runners of both parties still licking the wounds inflicted on them by New Hampshire voters, Lyndon LaRouche's drive for the Democratic Presidential nomination is poised to seize new territory in the key state of Michigan, where LaRouche is the *only* Democrat on the Feb. 22 primary ballot. And, while many readers, both inside and outside U.S. borders, may be perplexed by that, the fact is that the behavior of the Democratic Party leadership in the state of Michigan typifies what is emerging as the most heavy-handed—and most inept—attempt at election rigging in U.S. history.

The Michigan primary has been called a “beauty contest” because, although it is a test of the candidates’ popular appeal, it is not the forum in which Michigan voters select delegates to the party conventions where the formal process of nominating candidates occurs. Al Gore’s racist friends at the Democratic National Committee’s Washington, D.C. headquarters were worried about a potentially embarrassing discrepancy between the results of the Feb. 22 popular vote, and the tightly controlled March 11 Democratic caucuses. Their solution was to direct both Gore and Bill Bradley to *remove* their names from the ballot, and to proceed with a black propaganda blitz of disinformation and outright lies.

In response to a barrage of questions from Democratic voters as well as from the national press, who want to know why Gore and Bradley are not listed on the ballot, the Michigan Democratic Party put out a scurrilous press release to “inform” voters that the only way to “vote for a Democrat” was to do so in the March 11 caucuses. The release lied that the Feb. 22 primary was a “Republicans only” contest for the Presidency (but *not* for local candidates!). Some district

Democratic organizations chose to march in lockstep. The Sixteenth District Democratic organization, which is chaired by Christopher E. Smith, and is represented in Congress by John Dingell, sent out a blatantly dishonest advisory. It states, “Be advised that Lyndon LaRouche will not be a Democratic Presidential candidate. He does not qualify [underlined]. He will not be a candidate.”

The truth? LaRouche’s supporters gathered the signatures of more than 22,000 Michigan voters, and he has, indeed, been certified for ballot status. The lying stupidity of the Democratic Party bureaucracy has *guaranteed* that Lyndon LaRouche will *win* the Michigan Democratic primary. And, keeping with his pledge to use his bid for the Presidency to mobilize the lower 80% of America’s family-income brackets, those who most frequently do not vote, who have been marginalized, disregarded, and forgotten, LaRouche is bombarding the population with radio advertising and printed flyers, informing them that there *is* an election, and urging them to come out and vote. The week prior to the vote, the campaign was hosting town meetings, on Feb. 15 in Detroit and Feb. 16 in Grand Rapids. Both will be broadcast live on the candidate’s website ([www.larouchecampaign.org](http://www.larouchecampaign.org)). And, LaRouche has purchased two half-hour TV spots on WWJ-TV (CBS channel 62), the first on Feb. 13, and the second on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. EST.

### ‘Don’t cheer for the lions’

In all of his addresses, LaRouche stresses the importance of voters getting out of the grandstands, and onto the battlefield. In a recent statement, LaRouche tells voters, “The trouble is that when Americans vote these days, they vote like

cheering football or wrestling fans. They vote like Romans sitting in the grandstand, cheering as they watch Christians being torn apart by lions! Then, after the election is over, they often wish that the candidate for whom they cheered the loudest had never been born.”

With that same imagery—that of the Roman Colosseum—LaRouche appeals to voters: “This time, vote Christian, vote Jewish, vote Muslim, but please, please, please, don’t cheer for the lions!” If the LaRouche campaign succeeds in turning Democrats out to vote in Michigan, despite the intense black propaganda that the Democratic Party there is spewing, it will be a harsh blow—some say a knock-out punch—to Gore, to those he controls on the Democratic National Committee, and to Gore’s Wall Street brokers, because ultimately, it would confirm that what occurred in New Hampshire was not a fluke, but a growing revolt. And, if LaRouche can actually mobilize a significant portion of that 80% of the population who are otherwise excluded from real participation in the electoral process, if he can motivate them to stand up and be counted, every aspect of this campaign will be transformed. And, to the horror of the crowd that had hoped to pull off the first completely rigged Presidential election in U.S. history, LaRouche’s drive to do just that is steadily gaining momentum.

### **LaRouche ballot victories**

Although the Gore apparatus seems determined to continue its effort to deny LaRouche access to Democratic primary ballots, and to deny delegates pledged to LaRouche access to the Democratic National Convention, in a bold affront to the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and to the Constitution itself, that effort is running into big trouble. An attempt to keep LaRouche off the ballot in Tennessee—a state that Gore seems to believe is still his father’s plantation—was smashed in early February.

On Jan. 26, Gore Democrats launched a challenge to LaRouche’s nominating petitions in Illinois, determined to avoid a repeat of the 1986 Illinois Democratic primary, when two LaRouche supporters, Janice Hart and Mark Fairchild, won the Democratic nominations for Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State. But, the challenge required a signature-by-signature challenge to LaRouche’s nominating petitions. The painstaking process began on Feb. 2, but the results were so demoralizing to the Gore camp, they threw in the towel: On Feb. 8, attorneys for Rep. Mike Madigan, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives and Chair of the State Party, who had launched the challenge, unhappily conceded that they could no longer contest the fact that LaRouche had filed enough valid signatures to appear on the state’s March 21 primary ballot.

Also showing signs of backfiring, is the heavy-handed attempt that was initiated in 1996 by then-DNC Chairman Don Fowler and continued today by DNC Chairman Joe An-

drew, to force state parties to violate the Voting Rights Act by either excluding LaRouche from the ballot in states like South Carolina (where the parties themselves control the primary process), or in states where primary rules are governed by state law, by locking duly elected Democratic Party delegates pledged to LaRouche out of the convention. Highly placed sources have reported that the issue of LaRouche’s exclusion, and the national party’s continued willingness to assault the Voting Rights Act, caused a major brawl at a recent meeting of the DNC’s own Black Caucus. And, a growing number of state parties are defying the explicit orders emanating from Andrew and the Washington, D.C. office, and are not only accepting filings by Democrats seeking to go to the National Convention as delegates pledged to LaRouche, but are promising that those delegates, if duly elected, will indeed be included in those states’ delegations. Former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, who is the co-chairman of the party along with Andrew, and who is widely viewed as a more rational, less controlled figure in the party’s bureaucracy, has reportedly been deluged with demands by Democratic elected officials, labor leaders, and civil rights leaders, that he intervene to put an end to behavior that, if continued, is sure to destroy the party.

Meanwhile, LaRouche continues to advance his campaign with a heavy schedule of live Internet broadcasts of his exchanges both with citizens at town meetings, and with leaders of the many constituencies that comprise the traditional base of the Democratic Party, as well as with the major policy addresses, including some to prestigious international audiences, that are unique to his candidacy.

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## **International Endorsements**

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*The following is a selection of endorsements by international political figures, of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.’s campaign for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination.*

### **Russia**

*Open letter from Russian scientists and intellectuals.*

Dear Mr. LaRouche,

With great interest and agitation, we are following the Presidential campaign in the United States and your own participation in it. Despite the well-known obstacles, thrown up by your opponents and the mass media that are faithful to them, we are well aware of your high standing among American voters.

That standing is no accident. In our view, people such as you, Mr. LaRouche, best match the spirit of our times. The people who come to power now, should be highly competent political figures, who are capable of undertaking to solve ex-

traordinarily complex social and economic, moral, financial, and political problems.

Through personal contacts and acquaintance with your scientific writings and political speeches, we have gotten to know your profound erudition, the precision of your analysis, your sharp mind, your intolerance of phoniness, your high level of scientific honesty, and your ability to put forward original ideas and find constructive, sometimes unexpected solutions and recommendations. Like no one before, you have succeeded in uncovering the harmony and interaction of rigorous science and classical art forms, as well as uniting the methods of scientific discovery and the education of youth.

To this should be added your great human daring, strength of will, and confidence in your powers, as well as the ability to overcome the dangers and misfortunes, which all manner of ill-wishers and foes have attempted so “generously” to heap upon you. It is difficult to imagine, what the cost was to you in nervous energy and health, of those undeserved five years behind prison walls, inspired by former President Bush and his entourage for political motives.

We think that you, Mr. LaRouche, are the one capable of directing your country onto the path of progress and prosperity for the American people, and for the sake of all the people of our planet. We hope that American voters will make the right choice, by voting for you as the future President of the United States.

(Signed)

**Iskhak I. Davletchin**, Institute of General Physics, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Mark D. Dvortsin**, Chairman of the Public Council of Economic and Political Unity, professor, doctor of economic sciences

**Mikhail I. Gelvanovsky**, General Director of the National Institute of Development, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Olga Glazunova**, Center for Experimental Work in Education

**Nina V. Gromyko**, Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Rossiyskoye analiticheskoye obozreniye (Russian Analytical Review)*, doctor of philosophical sciences

**Yuri V. Gromyko**, Russian Academy of Education, doctor of psychological sciences

**Ruslan I. Khasbulatov**, former Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Department of International Economic Relations of the Russian Economic Academy, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences



*Nina V. Gromyko*

**Yuri V. Krupnov**, Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Rossiysiya 2010*

**Boris D. Lazebnik**, INKOTEK company

**Taras V. Muranivsky**, professor, doctor of philosophical sciences

**Vladimir S. Myasnikov**, Deputy Director of the Institute of the Far East, Russian Academy of Sciences, Chairman of the RAS Association of Sinologists

**Grigori G. Pirogov**, Senior Scientist, Institute of Comparative Political Science, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Leonid A. Shelepin**, Chief Scientist, Institute of Physics, Russian Academy of Sciences, professor, doctor of physical-mathematical sciences

**Valeri A. Zaderey**, Editor of the newspaper *Znaniye – Vlast (Knowledge Is Power)*

## Western Europe

**France.** *Statement by five mayors of French towns.*

We, the undersigned, mayors of towns and villages in France, consider the candidacy of Lyndon LaRouche for the American Presidential elections as being not only in the interest of the Americans, but also of the French and of France.

In effect, we consider it indispensable, that the spirit of John Fitzgerald Kennedy or of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal are revived in America, and none of the other present candidates, either Democrat or Republican, in particular neither Al Gore nor George W. Bush, seem to be capable of achieving this.

We also hope for the reestablishment of good Franco-American relations, as they began between de Gaulle and Kennedy, and we are convinced that LaRouche, with his name rooted in French, and his familiarity with universal republican culture, would be the right man at the right time and right place.

We know that for a long time, Lyndon LaRouche has been thinking about the global problems which would bring about the financial and monetary crisis we are facing right now. We are informed about his proposal for a New Bretton Woods, and we found there a way out for the world and the different nations which form it, in mutual respect and based on a community of values.

It would be deplorable should his contribution, human, intellectual, and moral, not be mobilized in the interest of all, to the leadership in the United States.

He is a Renaissance man whom we support, because it is also a matter of interest to us, that he is headed in the right direction.

(Signed)

**André Bartot**, from La Crique (Seine-Maritime department)

**Etienne de Ravinel**, from Nossoncourt (Vosges)

**André Paviet-Salomon**, from Tigneu-Jameyzieu (Isere)

**Philippe Giraud**, from Autichamp (Drome)

**J. Jankowski**, from Redange

## Ibero-America

**Argentina.** *Three former colonels of the Argentine Army, jailed since 1991 as political prisoners, addressed this open letter to the citizens of the United States:*

From the southernmost part of this continent, we respectfully write you, as you reflect on your decision in the election. It is lawful to assume that at this time, your personal needs, and your own conception of the future of the United States, are uppermost in that reflection.

But what American citizens must remember, is the importance of their vote to the international order. Providence has placed your country in a position of relevance in the world. At other times, other nations occupied that [place of] honor, and their imprint modified the conduct, and the very capabilities, of other peoples.

Today it is the United States which exercises that power, and the repercussions of your individual actions, as small as they might appear to you, will be multiplied throughout the world, especially in the other nations of America, whose political lives and economies are put to the test, and analyzed, on a daily basis. Here, our own strategies barely exist; we live each day with the illusion of progress, although it be only ephemeral.

Thus, what happens in your country concerns us in a fundamental way. If the emerging political power of your vote is characterized by the spirit of justice, we know that our relations, and our own future, will in turn be harmonious. If this is not the case, and local priorities encourage egotism and inequality, then injustice will be multiplied and felt in the less developed countries.

Not since the time of John F. Kennedy, when we were proud of America's identity, have we felt hope. But today, one of the candidates for the Presidency of the United States, Mr. Lyndon LaRouche, has given us back that feeling, that America is possible.

Aside from his particular talent in diagnosing the crisis in the world economy, and in having demonstrated his ability to stand up to it and resolve it, he has shown us his other great quality—his solidarity. His projects in all areas of political leadership prove his aptness; his spirit of solidarity, toward his compatriots and toward all the citizens of the world, show him to be, not a simple benefactor, but an authentic strategist, a faithful referent, and a capable and noble leader of humanity's destiny.

We do not believe ourselves to be unjust or egotistical in making this suggestion. We wish for a better world, and we dream of a better America.



*Mohamed Ali Seineldín*

May God, the source of all reason and justice, illuminate your conscience and move your heart toward justice.

(Signed)

**Mohamed Ali Seineldín**

**Luis Enrique Baraldini**

**Oscar Ricardo Vega**

**Colombia — Gen. Harold Bedoya Pizarro,** *former Presidential candidate of the Fuerza Colombia movement, former head of his country's Armed Forces:*

Mr. LaRouche:

Your promethean efforts to alter the mistaken course of economic, financial, and cultural policy of the United States, have made you a target of the powerful interests of usury which control Wall Street, as well as of the big media. It's no accident that Richard Grasso, president of the New York Stock Exchange, is leading the absurd process of legitimizing the narco-terrorist gangs which assail Colombia. What do these bankrupt international financiers seek? Leveraging the speculative bubble with funds from the cocaine and poppy [trade]? Installing as Colombia's official government a merciless gang of terrorist psychopaths, dedicated to drug-trafficking and kidnapping?



*Gen. Harold Bedoya Pizarro*

It is time for the United States to return to the path set for it by its Founding Fathers, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and Alexander Hamilton, among others. Government of the people, by the people, for the people, which Abraham Lincoln defined as the goal of every legitimate republic, continues to be the aspiration of all the peoples of the world. The postwar world envisioned by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in which the United States would be the leader in the fight to eliminate colonialism and poverty, was cut off with the premature death of that great American patriot. With the exception of the great space program promoted by President Kennedy, and the epic defense of civil rights undertaken by Martin Luther King, practically all the events of the last 50 years have meant abandonment of the goal established at the founding of the United States: that that great nation of the North would be the beacon of hope for the nations of the world, in the search for progress and development.

I personally am familiar with the vendettas unleashed by the presumed gods of Olympus, whenever anyone dares to question their arbitrary [dictates]. But I also know that truth and justice end up imposing themselves, when nations are led by wise men and women. It is with hope and enthusiasm that I view your courage in offering the citizens of the United States a real option in the upcoming Presidential elections.