

Profiles in Courage: Rachel Brown Fights for Kennedy's Legacy

by Matthew Ogden

Aug. 29—John F. Kennedy, in the introduction to his book *Profiles in Courage*, clinically diagnoses the psychology of cowardice and compromise that dominates the institution of the U.S. Congress: “the terrible pressures,” he says, “which discourage acts of political courage, which drive a Senator to abandon or subdue his conscience.” The primary pressure, Kennedy states, is the desire to be liked, the desire for praise and popularity: “Realizing that the path of the conscientious insurgent must frequently be a lonely one, we are anxious to get along with our fellow legislators, our fellow members of the club, to abide by the clubhouse rules and patterns, not to pursue a unique and independent course which would embarrass or irritate the other members. . . . *The way to get along*, I was told when I entered Congress, *is to go along*” (emphasis added).

Nearly 50 years have passed now since the assassination of President Kennedy, and “go along to get along” has become a disease of pandemic proportions which has delivered our nation to the very point of disintegration and destruction. A fascist President, Barack Obama, has all but eliminated the rule of law as written into our republic’s Constitution, yet Democrats, including those in positions of leading responsibility, have thus far refused to challenge his incumbency, to force him to step down, and to hold him accountable for the crimes he has committed—all this, in the name of “party unity.” As Kennedy wrote: “What sins have been committed in that name!”

However, during the 2012 election season, courage *has* been exhibited—not on a mass scale, but by a committed few. The LaRouche National Candidates Slate, consisting of five candidates for U.S. Congress running on a single unified platform including the impeachment of Obama—have fought for the Kennedy legacy both in policy and in spirit, demonstrating what real political courage represents in a sea of pervasive political cow-

ardice. And as the victory of Kesha Rogers shows (who won her primary with 51% in the 22nd C.D. in Texas, becoming the nominee for a second time), or the success of Bill Roberts (whose 41% in Michigan’s 11th District mirrors similar numbers voting against Obama in statewide Presidential primaries)—commitment to truth and principle is the only pathway to serious leadership, especially in times of crisis.

Rachel Brown, now running her second campaign in the 4th District of Massachusetts in the Sept. 6 primary, a district that includes much of John Kennedy’s old district when he was a Member of Congress—has exemplified this commitment to truth and principle, since she first challenged Rep. Barney Frank in 2009 at a now-famous town hall meeting on the subject of Obama’s health-care bill, which Brown denounced as a Nazi policy, provoking Frank to respond by inanely comparing her to a “dining room table.” Using that confrontation as her launching pad, Brown declared her candidacy in 2010 as a LaRouche Democrat, running a campaign in which she focused on the necessity to stop the bailouts and restore Glass-Steagall, long before that policy attained its current popularity nationally.

In a live televised debate during the 2010 campaign between Brown and Frank, Brown established the basis for her candidacy: “We are in a fight right now for the survival of the nation, and people deserve to be told the truth, and they deserve to be given solutions. So now, we are in a dire crisis, where people are losing their homes, and their jobs, and meanwhile, we have been keeping a bailout policy of Wall Street. This is what Barney Frank has proposed, endorsed, and pushed through, every step of the way, and this is contributing to the continual crisis.

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Rachel Brown, running for the Democratic nomination in the Massachusetts 4th C.D., established herself as the unique voice of intelligence and courage, in a series of debates with Joe Kennedy III; they are shown here during a debate in Easton, Aug. 14.

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gall policy. Actually, the only way the Democrats will not get wiped out in November, is if they immediately act to restore this policy. President Obama is not in reality; he's acting in a similar psychological manner to Emperor Nero, which ended in the collapse of Rome. Obama is fiddling while the United States burns."

Brown Debates Joe Kennedy III

This year, with Barney Frank announcing his retirement—perhaps to avoid confronting the disgrace of his opposition to Glass-Steagall in the 2010 campaign—Rachel Brown is running again, this time in a race against Joe Kennedy III, the grandson of Robert Kennedy. Though name-recognition and official party support has gained the young Kennedy popularity and prominence, when it comes to policy and political courage, to date, Brown has proven herself the true heir and defender of the Kennedy legacy.

Beginning on Aug. 14, three televised debates occurred between the Democrats running for the 4th C.D. seat. The first of these was hosted by Stonehill College in Easton, in front of an audience of approximately 300 people. Brown was joined by Kennedy and a third candidate, Herb Robinson. From the very beginning, the accuracy of Brown's statements established her role among the three candidates, as the unique voice of intelligence and courage, and many of the follow-up questions were provoked directly by her bold leadership.

The first question to the candidates was, "What industry in the Fourth District of Massachusetts do you see as the most critical to the economic future of the country?" Brown answered by referencing the victory of Curiosity on Mars, and stated that the Route 128 corridor high-technology firms employed in the Apollo missions of the Kennedy-era represent the latent potential of Massachusetts, when seen in the perspective of the success of the Mars Science Laboratory and what it implies for the future of man in space. This optimistic vision characterized many of Brown's answers, and provoked the moderators to return to questions of how to launch such a recovery, how to finance it, etc. throughout the debate.

Brown used the opportunity of each question to educate the moderators, the audience, and her fellow candidates. She repeatedly elaborated in-depth the history of national banking, the principles of credit and true wealth creation, the history and design of the NAWAPA project, and the details of exactly how a national credit system would work today to fund such a project—but only after Glass-Steagall is used to sever our national obligations to the quadrillions of outstanding gambling debts, a point that she emphasized several times, stating that the Glass-Steagall revolution that we're seeing now is being driven by the crisis, and that it will be a foot in the door for the full recovery program.

The second question, on Obamacare, elicited empty and politically correct answers, from other two candi-

dates, while Brown responded that health care is a human right, not something which should be determined by “cost-effectiveness,” but rather in its connection to principles of science, economy, and the general welfare. She identified the Independent Payment Advisory Board of the Obama plan and its “Quality Adjusted Life Years” principle as the deadly carbon-copy image of Hitler’s pre-war Tiergarten-4 program. She stressed that Obama’s commitment to such a killer agenda at the outset of his Administration demonstrated clearly exactly where his loyalties lay: rather than acting on his mandate from the American people and enacting a Roosevelt program as FDR did in his First 100 Days, he immediately established a program of killing Americans for the sake of Wall Street and London bankers.

With several more questions focusing on how to effect an economic recovery (with one moderator asking in response to Rachel if it were possible to create a recovery *without* a fundamental change of the entire financial system), she continued by elaborating her full three-step program of Glass-Steagall, National Banking, and NAWAPA. On the other hand, Kennedy referenced his model for how to deal with the economic crisis by “balancing cutting and spending.”

The most moving part of this first debate came when Brown read a 1960s letter from Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, endorsing the original NAWAPA project, and stating that this is important for the entire nation, both West and East. Grandson Joe Kennedy listened with shocked but genuine interest as Brown unveiled this crucial but unknown part of his own family history. (After the debate, he asked for the hard copy of the quote, and was honestly appreciative when given a copy of the LaRouchePAC National Platform document containing the summary history of NAWAPA, saying that he will make sure to be more educated on the project by the time he and Brown meet again in the next debate.)

The final question addressed the dysfunctionality of the 112th Congress due to the “partisan gridlock” which has dominated it. Brown, who spoke last, answered by stressing that the current fight for Glass-Steagall has become genuinely bi-partisan, since it’s not an issue of politics but of survival, and that the only real opponent of this policy is Obama himself. She asserted that Obama must be removed before the convention, and replaced with a candidate who can defeat Romney—something that many of the citizens she meets in her

day-to-day campaigning agree with. She stressed that Congress should have stayed in session to resolve this emergency. She finished by stating that she is confident that if certain individuals find within themselves the courage to take the actions that are needed now, the United States can be saved, and Americans can be inspired once again around a unified and future-oriented program of space, industry, and NAWAPA.

After the debate, a Republican Congressional candidate approached Brown and said, “I’ve learned just how important Glass-Steagall is from listening to you during your campaign, and yesterday, during a Republican debate, in response to a question on the financial crisis, I responded by saying that I supported a return to Glass-Steagall, but that I wasn’t qualified to answer in detail and would rather refer those listening to Rachel Brown—that you and your campaign represented the real authority on this issue of critical importance.”

‘Vindicated in Every Aspect’

The second debate took place Aug. 16, aired live on New England Cable News, which reaches viewers across New England. Brown again dominated the debate, with her clear three-step program, calmly and concisely educating the host, the other candidates, and the viewers, and constantly kicking the discussion upwards into the higher level of principle and policy in her responses to the questions.

Exemplary of her confidence, and refusal to compromise on principle, was her answer when the host brought up the LaRouchePAC posters of Obama with a Hitler mustache, saying “How can anyone take that kind of candidate seriously in a race for the U.S. Congress?” Brown responded without missing a beat, saying “I’ve qualified the mustache, particularly with Obama’s health-care plan, which includes the IPAB board, which is modeled on the T4 program in Nazi Germany.” She added that she has been “vindicated in every aspect” of her campaign, not only in what she’s said about Obama, but also in her advocacy for Glass-Steagall, which has now received national and international prominence, with now everyone, even former Citibank chairman Sandy Weill, realizing that it’s necessary.

In the remainder of the debate, Brown identified the clear and present danger of Obama being allowed to remain in office, stating that ever since the illegal Libya War, the world has been moving in the direction of a

direct thermonuclear confrontation with Russia and China through needless attacks against Syria and Iran. “What we need is not world war,” she stated, “but world economic development.”

In her final statement, Brown called for leadership in the tradition of Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy, with the courage to stand up to Barack Obama, to replace him with a real Democratic Presidential nominee.

‘New Things Are Possible Now’

On Aug. 17, Brown and Robinson appeared together for a third debate (Kennedy declined the invitation) on a round table on NBC 10. Again, Brown exhibited clear-headed leadership and maintained a commitment to principle, evidently making a strong impression on the hosts, who asked her questions which showed that they had studied her platform, including one on what it would mean to bring back a National Bank.

When asked why Obama would want to go to war with Russia, Brown replied, “Because Russia and China pose a real threat to the system of empire.... Ever since the assassination of John Kennedy, we haven’t had a real American policy. In recent years, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—some people can say that this is the policy of imperialism, but I would say that that’s when we’ve been under the wrong leadership. We need to get back to the real American principles of FDR, Lincoln, and Kennedy—and that is the American System. Right now we’re under the British system.”

Brown was able to expose the real enemy when she detailed the British origins of both the imperial war and fascist health-care policies which Obama has been enforcing, as well as the significance of the shift within the British establishment itself for a survival of Glass-Steagall. When asked about the feasibility of accomplishing such a profound paradigm-shift, she replied:

“I do think we’re in a revolutionary situation. There was just a battle to keep Congress in session, which I led, along with the LaRouche movement, right before the Summer recess, to keep Congress there to pass Glass-Steagall and enact emergency measures for the economy. We were successful in that. Obama shut it down, saying no, get out of here, so that he could, possibly, start a new war with Syria. We also had, from the City of London itself, including the *Fi-*

nancial Times, and banks associated with the Rothschilds, those who said we need Glass-Steagall. Everyone knows that the Euro system is collapsing and this is a blowout of the planet. So, new things are possible right now.”

Later that day at a press conference attended by 12 reporters, Brown was able to answer questions for one hour. Despite intentionally provocative and confrontational questions, the candidate maintained a posture of total authority and unwillingness to compromise. Some, local media have given her prominent coverage. One example is an [article](#) headlined “Rachel Brown States Case for Space Research, Infrastructure.” See also, the candidate’s profile published by the [Herald News](#)

‘I Pledge Myself’

Since the three debates, and the extensive coverage that Brown’s campaign has received, the campaign has taken to the streets throughout the district, continuing to represent the courage to stand against Obama, and fight for principle as opposed to party. In a statement issued on Aug. 26, titled “Remove Obama To Prevent Thermonuclear War,” Brown declared:

“I, as a LaRouche Democratic candidate for Congress, have been campaigning for Obama’s removal, since 2010. This must now be done, before the Democratic nominating convention, so Obama can be replaced with a viable candidate who will enact the needed measures to reverse the collapse of the economy, as I’ve proposed. Romney, who couldn’t win against anybody but Obama, will be shown as the empty-suit fool he is, and a more respectable Republican candidate will have to be chosen.... I call for an immediate reconvening of Congress, to pass Rep. Walter Jones’ HCR 107, which would make it an impeachable offense—by applying the U.S. Constitution—were Obama to launch an offensive military action against Syria without approval by the U.S. Congress. Any patriot, citizen or elected official, who does not make sure that Obama does not become President, could be responsible for the loss of civilization.... We must act now, with the urgency of warfare, to remove Obama before the convention, and I pledge myself to lead that drive.”¹

1. For more from Rachel Brown, and to watch the videos of the three debates, visit www.rachelforcongress.com.