

Earth to DNC: LaRouche Is Number 1 in Support

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The Democratic National Committee and the mendacious U.S. press are sounding an ugly dissonance with reality, as they struggle to hype and stage Democratic Presidential candidate forums in Ohio on May 17 and Wisconsin on June 13, while so far excluding Lyndon LaRouche—the candidate who leads Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.), Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.), and all the other “major candidates,” in money raised, number of individual contributions, and number of contributors in those states! Nor is this a Midwestern regional anomaly, for LaRouche leads the other nine Democratic candidates in number of individual contributions nationwide, according to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) figures through March 31, 2003.

LaRouche also leads in all categories of support in Iowa, traditionally the first state in the nation to choose a Presidential candidate, and thus bestow early momentum to the winner.

Speaking to the press on April 29, LaRouche explained, “The Federal Election Commission reports, and our supplementary information on the extended support means, that, in terms of contributions, contributors, I’m the number-one candidate, presently, for the Democratic nomination for 2004.

“Now, under those circumstances, no party can claim to be serious, and keep the frontrunner, the current frontrunner in the campaign, from the controversy,” LaRouche told the South Carolina News Network on April 28, respecting his exclusion from ABC-TV’s May 3 debate there. Reality swiftly imposed its own penalty on ABC-TV, when the network effectively admitted how dull its “debate” would be, by cancelling the long-planned live coverage!

The organized-crime-linked Democratic Leadership Council, founded with seed-money from Michael Steinhardt, the son of Meyer Lansky’s jewel fence, has taken over the Democratic National Committee. The DLC exists to expunge the influence of Franklin D. Roosevelt from the party, and its attempts to make the Democrats a “second Republican Party” have resulted in defeat after defeat. For example, the Democratic Party loss of Congressional seats in the 2002 mid-term elections, was only the third time in 100 years when the opposition party failed to *win* seats in mid-term elections; the nearest precedent is the Republicans’ massive loss of seats in 1934, after two years of FDR’s leadership. The DLC-dominated DNC is exerting heavy, if bizarre, pressure on the state Democratic parties to act like fools, and

exclude LaRouche.

Associated Press asked LaRouche in an April 28 campaign interview, what his fundraising goal was. He replied, "I'm going for the big one—a giant machine." LaRouche explained that his funds are generally raised in small amounts, and are a result of mass organizing in the streets. The campaign, in that way, has a high impact in the population, he said.

LaRouche Leads in Debate States

The other candidates' strategy is the opposite. Most of them are Congressional incumbents, so they raise money from people in their home states, and deep-pocket donors in a few states like New York, California, Washington, D.C., and its Maryland and Virginia suburbs—in order to spend it in the rest of the nation.

Iowa is a good example of a state where the candidates expect to *spend* money, rather than build a grass-roots machine, which, among other manifestations of support, contributes money to the candidate. In Iowa, LaRouche has raised \$24,721 in 212 individual contributions from 43 people. Senator Kerry is a distant second, with \$11,000, followed by former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean with \$7,750, Rep. Dennis Kucinich (Ohio) with \$1,711, and Rep. Dick Gephardt (Mo.) with \$1,000 from three donors. In 2000, Gephardt won the Iowa primary.

In Ohio, a fight is being waged to include LaRouche on May 17. A letter, urging "fair and open debate on the critical issues facing our nation and our party," is being circulated to include LaRouche, and has been signed by former Democratic Presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy (Minn.), as well as state legislators from Ohio, six city council members, and ten labor leaders.

LaRouche leads in Ohio in money raised, number of individual contributions, and number of contributors, with \$100,622, broken down into 660 individual contributions, and 159 contributors. Edwards is a close second with \$99,700, but only 100 contributions from 85 contributors. Next are Gephardt (\$57,950), Sen. Joe Lieberman (\$42,000), Kerry (\$23,900), Kucinich (\$12,650), Dean (\$8,401), and New York Gov. Al Sharpton (\$1,020). Sen. Bob Graham (Fla.) and former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun have no Ohio contributions.

In Wisconsin, where the Democratic Party will host a candidates weekend on June 13-14, LaRouche has raised more than *twice* the amount of any other candidate, with \$52,476, in 422 contributions, from 87 individuals—showing a continuing self-activation by the same base, not one-shot contributors. Lieberman is a distant second (\$23,500), then Dean (\$8,986), Edwards (\$4,300), Kucinich (\$2,500), and Kerry (\$500). Four of the candidates have no contributions from Wisconsin: Gephardt, Graham, Moseley-Braun, and Sharpton. The LaRouche in 2004 campaign noted that all contributions figures are based on FEC data through March 31, 2003.