

How Excluding LaRouche Lost Gore 2000 Election

Some 53,150 Democrats voted for Lyndon LaRouche in the May 2000 Arkansas Democratic Primary—18.23% of the vote cast, which entitled LaRouche to send at least seven delegates to the Democratic National Convention. The candidate was not surprised by the vote. But the Democratic National Committee, and Arkansas Democratic bureaucrats were hysterical at the prospect of LaRouche breaking open the vacuous Convention prepared for loser Al Gore. The Democratic Party therefore proceeded to disqualify LaRouche—disenfranchising his 53,000 Democratic voters—and to give his delegates to Gore! This flagrantly violated state election law, and the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act, passed expressly to protect minority voters from the racist exclusion policies Southern Democrats practiced for decades.

The LaRouche delegates took the matter to state court, where the Democratic Party's lawyer successfully urged the court to "put on its hood and robe" and invoke the 1996 U.S. Supreme Court *LaRouche v. Fowler* decision,

nullifying the Voting Rights Act, and making the Democratic Party again a racist, private club.

With LaRouche excluded from the Democratic Convention, the way was cleared for the DNC-directed Gore campaign to lose to the dumbest man ever to occupy the Presidency, George W. Bush—by the margin of the Florida vote, the media and pundits screamed.

Ironically, the truth is much simpler: *Gore would not have needed Florida to win, if he had won Arkansas.* He lost Arkansas in November by fewer than the 53,000 votes he'd stolen from LaRouche. Had he not disenfranchised those Democrats, he probably would have won Arkansas, and thus the Presidency.

Come 2004, for the May 18 Arkansas Primary, State Democratic Chair Ron Oliver filed a list of candidates with Democratic Secretary of State Charlie Daniels; it now included an "Uncommitted" line, besides those for LaRouche, Kerry, and Kucinich. (The Democratic chair had not put "Uncommitted" on the ballot in 2000, although the Secretary of State's Counsel Tim Humphries told *EIR* that Statute 7-8-201 required it.) In the 2004 Primary, LaRouche's vote was 6%, while "Uncommitted" siphoned off 24% of the Democratic vote. Once again, the Democratic Party is choosing to lose to Bush, by excluding LaRouche.—*Anita Gallagher*