

# **ANOTHER OBAMA RECESS APPOINTMENT FOR SOMEONE NOT NAMED JOHNSEN**

Yet another recess appointment proves the sham and fraud that was the Obama White House handling of Dawn Johnsen.

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# **OBAMA ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWS BUSH/CHENEY ON POLITICIZATION OF DOJ**

The courts and government of the United States of America are open and unfettered. It is time for the Obama Administration to quit frittering away the American foundation of law to the whims and winds of personal electoral desire and perceived political necessity. There can be no greater show of strength and character than to demonstrate to the world that we live and die with the principles we were founded with. Put the September 11th defendants on trial where they belong, as criminals in the Article III Federal court of jurisdiction.

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# **LIZ “BABYDICK” CHENEY**

# AND DNC: IDEOLOGICAL SOULMATES?

A number of people have taken the DNC to task for its Rovian attack on RNC Chair Michael Steele for comments suggesting we might fail in Afghanistan (Glenn Greenwald, Greg Sargent, Adam Serwer). The only thing I would add to their comments is to note that not only a majority of the Democratic caucus in the House—as Glenn points out—but also two-thirds of Democrats in polls are ready to end the Afghan war, most of them strongly. Is the institutional Democratic Party trying to score political points on an issue that a solid majority of their party opposes? Really, we've gotten that stupid?!?

But what really demonstrates the stupidity of the move is how it puts us in ideological and political partnership with Liz "BabyDick" Cheney—who has called for Steele's firing over his comments.

"RNC Chairman Michael Steele's comments about the war in Afghanistan were deeply disappointing and wrong," Cheney's statement read. "The chairman of the Republican party must be unwavering in his support for American victory in the war on terror – a victory that cannot be accomplished if we do not prevail in Afghanistan. I endorse fully Bill Kristol's letter to Chairman Steele. It is time for Chairman Steele to step down."

Where BabyDick calls Steele's comments "wrong" DNC calls them "unconscionable." Where BabyDick demands that the RNC Chair "must be unwavering in support" for the Afghan war, DNC warns that Steele's "words have consequences."

Tim Kaine? A little unsolicited advice. BabyDick has spent a year and a half trying to undermine President Obama at every turn. She has done so using authoritarian dictates about what should

and shouldn't be done. It's bad enough the party adopted a strategy pioneered by Karl Rove. But the day we're moving in concert with Baby Dick and her Daddy? That's a pretty good sign that we've made a mistake.

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## **LANNY DAVIS FUDGES AND SHILLS HIS WAY THROUGH ANOTHER OP- ED**

Lanny Davis has an op-ed up at The Hill calling on Barack Obama to "Sister Souljah" the progressive netroots. As if Obama has not done enough of that already. Davis can go Sister Souljah himself.

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## **OBAMA MONTY HALL TO GIVE LOVELY PARTING GIFTS TO BP DEATH VICTIMS**

Obama has suddenly announced his determination to have an empathy fest with the family and friends of the deceased victims of the criminally negligent BP Deepwater Horizon disaster. they deserve much better, and more, than that.

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# THE NY TIMES, ELENA KAGAN AND BATSON

Why is it that the New York Times is suddenly up in arms about racial selection and exclusion in Southern Juries, but has no similar lofty concerns about the same inferences about the putative next Supreme Court Justice, Elena Kagan?

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## ELENA KAGAN WILL BE THE MOST UNQUALIFIED JUSTICE IN HISTORY

Elena Kagan is a poor selection to replace Justice John Paul Stevens on the Supreme Court.

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## DEMS NOT ONLY CALL FOR NATIONAL ID, BUT FOR ANTI-DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL ID

As DDay reported, the Reid-Schumer-Menendez draft on Immigration Reform calls for a national ID card (which they call a “biometric” or “fraud proof” social security card). Perhaps in a move to placate civil libertarians, the draft insists the card will only be used for employment.

It will be unlawful for any person, corporation; organization local, state, or federal law enforcement officer; local or state government; or any other

entity to require or even ask an individual cardholder to produce their social security card for any purpose other than electronic verification of employment eligibility and verification of identity for Social Security Administration purposes.

Now, let's pretend for a moment that this national ID program would actually fix the problem of employers trying to hire cheap, vulnerable labor rather than paying market rate wages. Let's pretend for a moment that this national ID program would avoid all of the security and privacy issues that such a program will be bound to have.

Why in fuck's name would anyone with a "D" next to their name advocate for a national card—of any sort—without at the same time attaching it to automatic voter registration, also tied to the card? Why would the Democratic party propose any national program that did not, at the same time, insist on getting rid of our byzantine voter registration system that leaves large chunks of the population exposed to disenfranchisement? Even if this is just a stunt designed to prove Democrats are "serious" about compromise so they can embarrass the bigots even more for their refusal to accept the compromise, why would you ever miss the opportunity to tie a universal registration card to a potential fix to the problems in our election system?

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## **A CONCURRENCE IN THE CASE AGAINST ELENA KAGAN**

Glenn Greenwald has been attacked for making the case against Elena Kagan as a nominee for the

Supreme Court on policy and ideology grounds. But neither Greenwald nor the Kagan supporters have addressed the fact Kagan would be effectively the first justice in the history of the Supreme Court to have had no experience whatsoever in court as either an attorney or judge, a critical deficiency in her already thin background.

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## **OBAMA KILLED THE JOHNSEN NOMINATION, NOT BEN NELSON NOR THE GOP**

It was not Ben Nelson who killed the nomination of Dawn Johnsen, nor was it Arlen Specter or Senate Republicans. No, the sole reason Dawn Johnsen is not leading the OLC is that Barack Obama and his coterie of advisors did not want Dawn Johnsen leading the OLC.