

“The best way to control the opposition is to lead it ourselves.”

— Vladimir Ilyich Lenin



CODEPINK DECLARES OBAMA WIN A VICTORY FOR THE PEACE MOVEMENT

<http://codepink.org/blog/2008/11/official-release-codepink-declares-obama-win-a-victory-for-the-peace-movement/> (Posted by Jean – Wednesday, November 5 2008)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — *Like the rest of the world, CODEPINK is emboldened by Sen. Barack Obama’s victory in a historic presidential election.*

The victory came through the hard work of millions within the progressive peace and justice movement within the past six years, bolstered by a values shift among the majority of Americans and their growing demand and faith in change — including an end to war. It is a victory for the movement and inspiration for further change!

“Americans have stood up to say they know the cost of war in lives, dignity and money,” said Jodie Evans, CODEPINK cofounder. “Being against war is the winning decision. They are ready for change. War is so over.”

This victory will make it much harder for politicians to submit to the greed of Wall Street and the war machine, bending their own morals, by supporting war — as they have for the past six years.

But CODEPINK’s work is not nearly over. CODEPINK members will be in the halls of Congress and in city halls nationwide, using playful, disarming methods to remind politicians of the change their constituents demand and shine a pink light on any absurdities and abuses of power. They will urge them to end the occupation of Iraq and provide reparations for its people, to refuse to send troops to another losing war in Afghanistan, to create a diplomatic solution to the conflict with Iran, to restore our civil liberties and protect our environment, to bail out homeowners in foreclosure because of predatory lenders, and to create a NEW New Deal for America: jobs,



Obama mega-bundler millionaire capitalist and Code Pink cofounder Jodie Evans embraced by Barack Obama at \$15,000 per plate DNC fundraiser in San Francisco.

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housing, universal health care, education, roads and public transportation.

“We can’t stop now,” said Medea (Susie) Benjamin, CODEPINK cofounder. “An Obama administration will need our help to live up to its promises.”

“Evans has bundled between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for Obama as well as contributing the maximum \$2,300 to Obama’s presidential primary campaign. She co-hosted Obama’s breakout Hollywood fundraiser at the start of his campaign in February 2007. As a bundler, Evans has been given perks that include regular briefings by top campaign staffers on policy and private meetings with Obama and his vice presidential candidate Joe Biden.”

\$50,000	\$100,000	Furman, Jay	New York	NY	RD Management	78,200
\$50,000	\$100,000	Williams, Abigail & Todd	Dallas	TX	Goldman Sachs	77,250
\$50,000	\$100,000	Evans, Jodie	Los Angeles	CA	Code Pink: Women For Peace	77,218
\$50,000	\$100,000	Fulp, Carol	Newton	MA	John Hancock Financial Services	76,574

<http://www.opensecrets.org/pres08/bundlers.php?id=N00009638>

OBAMA FACT SHEET – <http://stpeteforpeace.org/obama.html>

- Unwavering monetary/military support of Israel
- Signed the NDAA (Indefinite Detention Bill)
- War on Libya without congressional approval
- Escalated the proxy war in Somalia
- Continued Bush’s rendition program
- Will maintain Iraq presence after “ending” war
- Touted nuclear power (even after Fukushima)
- Did a TV commercial promoting “clean coal”
- Sharply escalated the war in Afghanistan
- Started a covert, drone war in Yemen
- Escalated the CIA drone war in Pakistan
- Sold \$30 billion of weapons to Saudi Arabia
- Signed the Patriot Act extension into law
- Secretly deployed US Forces to 75 countries
- Touted deepwater drilling (even after BP spill)
- Defended body scans/pat-downs at airports

US Deaths in Afghanistan: Obama Doubles Bush-Era Total

by Jason Ditz, October 17, 2011 – www.antiwar.com

A grim new milestone was reached in the US occupation of Afghanistan this week, as the death toll in less than three years under President Obama has now more than doubled the number of US soldiers slain during President Bush’s seven plus years in the nation.

The Obama Doctrine

by David Rohde, March/April 2012 – www.foreignpolicy.com

Oddly, technology has enabled Obama to become something few expected: a president who has dramatically expanded the executive branch’s ability to wage high-tech clandestine war. With a determination that has surprised many, Obama has embraced the CIA, expanded its powers, and approved more targeted killings than any modern president. Over the last three years, the Obama administration has carried out at least 239 covert drone strikes, more than five times the 44 approved under George W. Bush. And after promising to make counterterrorism operations more transparent and rein in executive power, Obama has arguably done the opposite, maintaining secrecy and expanding presidential authority.

OTHER NOTE: IT SHOULD ALSO BE RECOGNIZED THAT A PROMINENT CODE PINK PARTNER IS KATRINA VANDEN HEUVEL, EDITOR/PUBLISHER/OWNER OF *THE NATION* MAGAZINE. VANDEN HEUVEL SERVES ON THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR) ALONGSIDE HER FATHER, WILLIAM J. VANDEN HEUVEL, WHO HOLDS AN HONORARY CHAIR POSITION OF THE OSS SOCIETY (CIA) ALONGSIDE FORMER CIA DIRECTOR AND U.S. PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH, FORMER CIA AND FBI DIRECTOR WILLIAM H. WEBSTER, FORMER CIA DIRECTOR R. JAMES WOOLSEY, FORMER CIA DIRECTOR PORTER GOSS, FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES R. SCHLESIGNER AND OTHERS. SPONSORS OF OSS SOCIETY EVENTS ARE XE SERVICES (BLACKWATER), THE RUMSFELD FOUNDATION AND OTHERS (http://www.ossreborn.com/files/OSS_Invite_2010.pdf). THE ROCKEFELLER-FUNDED CFR IS A GLOBALIST THINK TANK WHOSE FOUNDING CORPORATE MEMBERS INCLUDE: BANK OF AMERICA, CHEVRON, EXXON MOBIL, GOLDMAN SACHS, JPMORGAN, NASDAQ AND OTHERS (<http://www.cfr.org/about/corporate/roster.html>). *THE NATION* MAGAZINE AND CODE PINK NOW CO-ORGANIZE ANNUAL CARIBBEAN SEMINAR CRUISES – DELUXE SUITE (WITH VERANDAH) \$5,418 PER PERSON. (<http://www.codepink.org/section.php?id=180>)

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