

If you're looking for work in China, Pakistan

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I have heard it said that "A man who lies simply hides the truth. A man who tells half lies has forgotten where he put it".

The other day, I heard a presidential hopeful say that lowering taxes on the rich creates jobs. That makes a kind of sense. They can invest that money in money making activity which generally leads to jobs. Problem is: the jobs they're creating are in China, Pakistan and the Philippines. All places where you've been looking for work, right? Consider that Apple employs 45,000 people in the U.S. and 500,000 people in China.

Another half lie you've heard has a coat of many colors. "Obama is conducting class warfare". "He wants wealth redistribution". "He wants to turn this country into a European type socialist state".

Fact is: Class warfare has been underway in this country since W moved into the White House; and the middle class has been taking an awful beating. Poor folk have been doing even worse. Very few of the millions of homes in foreclosure across the country are in gated communities. Bankers and mortgage lenders have the payments that were made and the houses. And we've bailed THEM out of their losses in order to avert a massive depression.

In the coming months you can also expect to hear a number of variations on racist themes. "Obama is in over his head". Heck, Daffy Duck could've succeeded W and looked smart. But, sadly, there are a lot of folk in this country who want to believe that a Black man can't be an effective President. Considering republicans in Congress would not follow Obama out of a burning building, he has worked magic.

The war in Iraq is over. W and 2-gun Dick Chaney would have extended it if only to keep Halliburton on the clock.

Bin Laden is gone and we hear little, if anything, about Al Qaeda. Soon every American will have health insurance despite "pre-existing conditions". Republican spin is that we're no longer free to NOT have health insurance. There's a freedom I'm going to miss. The super rich have their medical staffs on retainer.

The auto industry is returning to health, and hundreds of thousands of jobs were saved. Auto makers themselves are just the top of a food chain that supports folk that make bushings, door handles, wires, bolts etc.

"Obama is the food stamp President". Newt Gingrich would like to tie Black folk and welfare together; despite the fact that white people far outnumber Blacks on all public aid programs. It's easier for the republican/old confederate South to vote against what they're told is programs that benefit people of color.

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We will soon see if the party of old, white men and their half lies, money and trickery can steal an election in the "land of the free and the home of the brave".

Let me tell you; any society that allows 1% of its people to amass 47% of its assets, is kidding itself if it thinks it's a democracy.