

As Updated on Jan. 2, 2008:

It was said that "to reply to 80-20's questionnaire with all Yeses is morally right and politically safe." Another Democratic presidential candidate read the situation that way.

Gov. Bill Richardson has just replied with all Yeses. We thank him. To see the signed replies from Senators Biden, Clinton, Dodd, Edwards, Gravel and Gov. Richardson, please click on

<http://www.80-20initiative.net/news/preselect2008.asp>

Senator Obama and Representative Kucinich are the only ones who have not replied with "6 Yeses."

If Senator Obama wins, then the candidates who gave us iron-clad commitments to help us achieve equal opportunity will lose. With their losses, we lose our historic chance to become equal citizens of the USA. Therefore, help DEFEAT OBAMA. Senator Obama talks about change, but if the change doesn't include Asian Americans, then we must defeat him.

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Senator Obama has only one-fourth the national experience of our youngest President – Mr. Obama has served only 3 years in the US Senate while Mr. Kennedy served 12 years in the US House and the Senate before being elected the President.

3) Mr. Obama lacks executive experience.

The total number of employees that Obama has directed in his entire life, besides campaign staff, is probably less than 50. The total sum of the budgets that Mr. Obama has directed, besides campaign budgets, is probably less than \$10 million. Is he ready to direct the cabinet, the armed forces, and the national budget of the wealthiest-and-mightiest nation in the world?

4) Mr. Obama lacks the courage to meet his own standard.

NY Times article* of 12/29/07 on Senator Obama: "He suggested that his critics were comparing him (in civil rights matters) not with Mr. Edwards or Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton but with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Sharpton."

Even applying Mr. Obama's own standards, he has failed to stand up for equal opportunity. Senators Edwards and Clinton replied to 80-20's questionnaire with all Yeses. Senator Obama didn't. Does he have the character and courage to put his words into action?

5) Not ready for the real world.

His poll in Iowa has dropped to 24%, 8% points behind Senator Hillary, according to CNN poll of 12/30/07. How is he facing this challenge? One thing his campaign has chosen to do is to scramble and send an answer to many of the 80-20 supporters who faxed/emailed him earlier. Christina Fong, upon receiving such an email, replied:

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"If he is such a "friend" to the Asian-American community, why does he waste his time on such a flowery statement instead of just answering the questionnaire? Christina Fong"

Four days before the Iowa caucus, Mr. Obama chose this as one way to spend his resources. If he is as incompetent in apply our national resources to meet domestic/international crisis as he is with his current "Asian-American crisis," God help us! There is an easy win-win solution -- reply with all Yeses. After all, Senators Clinton and Edwards have already done so. Mr. Obama's political flanks are completely covered. To reply with all Yeses is morally right and politically safe. Yet he created a problem for himself. Is Mr. Obama ready?

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