
Barack Obama

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/08/29 11:29

We in Scotland find it hard to view the conferences of our chosen political party. BBC Parliament channel gives some of each conference, the parts they want to show.

We have problems in Scotland seeing our First Minister and what he wants to say to us on our televisions.

For days, we have BBC Parliament Channel show the American Democratic convention repeatedly. Every step of the way Barack Obama is shown as a perfect candidate for the American Presidency. Some of our newsheets are offering the same support.

I have questions

1. If we can view the American conferences in full why not our own
2. If we pay our fee for BBC why can we not have our own First Minister on our telly.
3. Why are we being bombarded with Barack Obama.
4. Why are we watching only the Democratic Conference and not others.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by dws - 2008/08/29 12:38

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Posted by Geeooo - 2008/08/29 14:25

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Posted by InfrequentAllele - 2008/08/30 00:30

It's not as convenient as watching on your telly, but you can watch proceedings at Holyrood online at

<http://www.holyrood.tv/>

They also have a video archive of First Minister's Questions.

I'm fed up with the wall to wall coverage of the US elections too. It's the typical London-centric attitude. The only place outside London which matters is the USA.

There's coverage of it in the Spanish media, but not quite so much as in the British/English media. In the past week however, the US election has been entirely overshadowed by the Madrid air crash.

Don't worry about being bombarded with Barack Obama. You'll be being bombarded with wossiface the Oven Chips guy next week. And then by both of them ad nauseum until November.

According to some reports, Labour will delay the Glenrothes by-election until the day after the US election so the bad news will be buried.

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/blog/ourkingdom-theme/tom-griffin/2008/08/28/gordon-goes-long-in-glenrothes>

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by Robin T Cox - 2008/08/30 12:41

we're being bombarded with US politics because New Labour has decreed that we are now the 51st State, that the BBC is its propaganda organ since they got rid of Greg Dyke, and that now politics is purely a spectator sport. You are allowed - in fact required - to watch but not take part. Only professional politicians may do that.

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I truly wish I took bets because considering how much the face and words of Barack Obama has been on our news over the last wee while i just do not believe we will see much of John McCain. So far I can't remember seeing his face. He has had more coverage than Hilary Clinton.

I believe it will be one of the first moves from Salmond after independence and quite right too we need a channel of our own.

The Scottish Parliament Channel often does not cover every committee live and does not give FMQ until hours sometimes a day later.

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Posted by dws - 2008/08/31 16:48

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Ha but it feels good :woohoo: :woohoo: :woohoo: :lol:

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by Clare - 2008/09/02 10:43

Well done to Obama yesterday for refusing to get caught up in the fact that McCain's running mate has a seventeen year old daughter who is pregnant. This was a leading item in US news most of the night along with damage done by the storms! One journalist stated if this "has been kept from us, what else do we not know about this woman's family?" Obama was then pursued for his view on the matter!

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/09/02 11:03

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Posted by DoricMan - 2008/09/02 11:48

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Posted by Martin - 2008/09/02 15:16

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Posted by dws - 2008/09/04 09:00

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I agree; any move away from playground politics should be welcomed. Having said that perhaps Mr Obama is just smarter than your average bear, he'll know serious-minded voters aren't going to be interested in tabloid smears so in distancing himself from that aspect of the media he'll show himself in a good light.

Or maybe that's too cynical of me...;)

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by Bananaman - 2008/09/07 00:57

This show is funny and an island of sanity in the cesspit o media political coverage.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYNfJ9SabFU>

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by maria143 - 2008/09/07 17:25

I hope not...I don't believe half the things he says...But then again when can you believe a politician...

They are all going crazy here for him because of his campaign "The Change" or something like that...he is promoting more his color than anything else.

I couldn't care if he was purple...

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/09/07 17:34

Half his family are black and half are white what does that make him, American by any chance. he has chosen to go with the I am black Barack Obama. Why? I have to say though I did not hear one mention of his colour from him during any of his speeches.

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by Robin T Cox - 2008/09/07 20:34

See:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2008/03/18/obama-race-speech-read-th_n_92077.html

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/09/08 10:48

A powerful speech, he is asking for unity between black and white but showing honestly that he will fight to ensure the fair treatment of blacks and other racial minorities. Although he is stating that, all should be equal no matter the race he points out quite clearly that the black American is treated as a second-class citizen and this can no longer continue but also pointing out that the help given could benefit the economy of America.

I see nothing wrong with those policies but I am not sure they will get him elected.

He, I think, in that speech is also saying honestly that ignoring the racial tensions will get America nowhere. That this time the whole issue of racial tension and inequality should be dealt with but realistically saying this will not happen today.

If all he states is true if all he states he will do is carried out then he could be a good leader but I am a cynic when dealing with politicians. Time will tell.

Thanks Robin I enjoyed that very interesting

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by KittyKisses71 - 2008/10/10 21:25

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Posted by Meg - 2008/10/11 23:06

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by Weegible - 2008/10/12 01:50

I'm not sure how well McCain's going to do now Palin has opened her mouth and shown how vacuous her brain really is. I've chatted with lots of people of all age groups... and it surprised me that it was the older folks that were dead against her and pro Obama. But on a more sinister mode, I've also heard talk of nutty right wing WASPS doing unto Obama = if he gets elected- what was done unto Kennedy.

Let's hope sanity prevails.

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by TLJ - 2008/10/12 06:21

Weegible wrote:

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I think that that's a real fear, I'm afraid. We've got some nasty right-wingers here but I get the impression that they look quite liberal when compared to some of the groups on your side of the pond.

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by KittyKisses71 - 2008/10/13 23:53

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The Conservatives could get in yet...but I doubt they'll have much luck here in Nova Scotia! They haven't exactly endeared themselves to us here. Stephen Harper has said that Nova Scotia has a "defeatist attitude" and a few other things that rubbed us the wrong way. Ontario and one or two western provinces may have enough voting power to get them back in, but they'll be stuck with a minority government again which will get them exactly where their last minority government got them - nowhere.

And I second what TLJ and Weegible said about the right wing groups in the states. Sadly, I don't believe Barack Obama will be president for long. He'll be the next JFK. :dry:

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by TLJ - 2008/10/14 06:42

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It's easy. There are two ways:

1) just use the quote button at the end of the post you want to quote from and edit out the bits you don't need or want

or

2) copy and paste the bit you want to quote then put {quote} at the start of it and {/quote} at the end - but change these brackets to square ones as if I'd used the square ones when showing you, all you would have got was a box !!

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by Jaimekens - 2008/11/01 12:11

Not so impressive when he doesnt even care that his own party members chewed her up like a piece of meat and didnt even rebuke them for it!!!!!!

I was totally offended by their bile and puke.

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me too! Im glad to see you agree!

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Posted by Weegible - 2008/11/05 06:08

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A historic victory in more ways than one. At last, a black-American president but also the level of turnout, the size of the victory and some of the swings which have taken place are quite unbelievable.

But, as you say, let's hope that sense and calm prevail amongst the lunatic fringe; unfortunately, I don't think it will.

And I hope the children enjoy the puppy !

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by Levenax - 2008/11/05 09:30

TLJ wrote:

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It's something to be applauded when you think of the apartheid which existed in America 40 - 50 years ago. That said, I'm sure that had the first female President been elected, just as much - if not more - celebrating of that breakthrough would be being done.

Re:Barack Obama

Posted by rickyross3359 - 2008/11/05 11:09

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by DoricMan - 2008/11/05 12:58

It was a splendid win for Mr Obama and he and his supporters are to be congratulated.

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by schawaldowris - 2008/11/05 14:00

With the declaration of the first black president elect in the USA, it has to be asked, who were the most overjoyed by the result?

May I humbly suggest Malia Ann aged 10 and Natasha aged 7, the daughters of Barak and Michelle Obama!

Their father promised them, that if he were to be elected to the position as the worlds most powerful man, he would buy them a puppy!

No doubt the girls are ecstatic the American people see things their way!

If the first action of the president elect is to fulfill the dreams of two little girls. Perhaps politicians do keep promises?

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Posted by dws - 2008/11/05 19:59

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A bit droll but perhaps true mate.

Obama has inherited a lot more shite than Blair di....No wonder Bush is pleased to get the firk out!

Bush, like Blair will be fine throughout the "credit crunch" (otherwise known as an "economic cuckooland f*ck up`) and so will Brown, even though he will not represent labour as a PM at a UK election if they lose Glenrothes tomorrow.

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Re:Barack Obama

Posted by Jaimekens - 2008/11/07 01:19

regardless, im keeping my eyes wide open. After these past years, I have every right to be a little weary of whomEVER gets the position. It greatly affects us. Ive been EATING it for TOOO long.

I heard that George Washington refused to do another four years because he didnt want anyone to get the idea that it was a monarch in anyway... I thought that was very revealing of what kind of man he was. Very serious for his countrymen. On that saying....I will not let my eyes get clouded up with the muddle that people deliver about any leader. Facts please. Im glad that you all helped me to see truthes too. thank ya.

Im not a Bush basher. He had many of the democrats right there with him... pledging by their own decision to follow him into the fires.... And then they scandalously pulled out after the math... it was very telling of how THEY operate. When the goin gets tough: they get going!!!! I believe he has tried to do the right thing and sometimes it wasnt right... but he tried to follow through and finish what he started. I remember the iraqis crying to him about their own country.. the cries of torture and the begging for him to do something. With the threat of MD that was 'very real' at the time... I dont discredit why he believed we must do what we had to do. Especially when the whole country was like a pressure pot ready to burst... Hell, Clinton was right there with him. I get very tired of the turntails that whine years later. We just need to make it right with them and do what we can to make it better. Cant go back wishing on a well.

This year my friend's hubby is headed out. He has MANY children. They know he must go. He knows where is duty lies and he will do what he has to do. With honor. Im proud of him. He will make his boys and all of us very proud. One day... Iraqi will be a booming metropolis just as your countries. They will be on road to a great future with their children. I have no doubts.

The JOB in iraq is minor compared to the disaster going on in our abortion clinics acrossed our great nation. ITs an atrocity. the abortions have done nothing but increased in the tenfolds since it was set forth. Its truely sad that we dont have more value to our first borns than we do... Tender babies that are protected and warm... and well fed in the comfort of the womb being lawfully slaughtered because their lives are unnecessary. Truely sad. the numbers of babies being slaughtered completely outweigh our troops by unbelievable proportions... the monies granted to these atrocities are over the top too!!! Theyve made a greedie factory line out of our ladies and their precious babes in the womb...indoctrinating them that their lives/lifestyle is way more important than the life held inside... what a shame. Mine eyes hath awakened. We have a LOT of cleaning to do!!!!!!!

Pray for us as a nation that we get our collective heads together and straighten these messes out. Its going to take a little more than the leader of the free world to fix this... the people are going to have to get their head out of their arses. peace be with y'all. cya soon!(hugs)
by the way.. Palin for 2012!(yeehaw):woohoo:

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