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Sarah Palin – worst decision ever?

The McCain campaign is stupid, and sadly, they've just gotten a whole lot stupider. On August 29th, McCain chose Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his vice presidential candidate. We've all been hearing the argument that Barack Obama isn't experienced enough – a card that McCain frequently used throughout his speeches – and now McCain himself has chosen one of the least experienced choices possible to be the backup in case something happens to him. Palin is a terrible idea for vice president. She has almost no experience (governor of Alaska?! Wow, what an exciting job!), is way too religious and is literally unknown to almost all Americans.

While some might argue that Palin was a good idea, her political record is so bad and ugly that the pair will never make it to the White House. As usual, I'll start the criticisms with religion – and boy, do I have a lot to work with!

SARAH PALIN: RELIGIOUS NUTJOB

Palin, like so many in the United States, is *obsessed* with religion. And, of course (have you read *Religion in America?*), religion is my favorite weapon. Palin, a member of her hometown's Assembly of "God" [sic] church is so sadly obsessed with Christianity that I will *never* want to see her set foot in Washington, D.C. My first point: she supports the teaching of creationism in schools!!

Palin, you're an idiot! That goes against the entire "separation of church and state" rule in the *Constitution*! If you, a vice presidential candidate, are willing to violate the principles of the *Constitution of the United States* just so you can spread your contradictory religion, you will never make it to office. You, Palin, are a demented Christian who is trying to rub your flashy religion in our anti-"God" faces! Please *shut up* and go back to your snowhole in Alaska! I just *hate* people, like you, who keep blabbering about how your 1,000 year old books know more about everything than the scientists working their lives to provide us with knowledge! If the Bible were on Wikipedia, it'd be filled with millions of

[citation needed] marks! You will never be a good person if you keep trumping the tens of millions of non-Christians in America by saying that you know everything just because you read an uncited book written by “the Lord [sic],” a non-existent “thing” that has “less power than the Undersecretary of Agriculture”¹!!

Palin also opposes abortion in all cases. Why? Because, being the foolish idiot that she is, thinks that “all babies are born for a reason,” and that reason is a lie called “God”. Babies aren’t created by lightning strikes! Palin, the right-winged Obama-hater that she is, needs to shut up. I hate people like her that blab on about their religion like it’s their life. People like that really have problems if they believe in an invisible entity but not the Easter Bunny.

Palin’s over-religious position will give her a tough time with the non-Christians. Her ridiculous, pathetic stance on religion won’t go well with many voters, especially after they find out about her support of creationism (along with the rest of the Bible) in schools and her refusal to comply with the separation of church and state law set in the Constitution. But, after religion, there is a much larger problem – her severe lack of political experience.

1. Taken from the *Simpsons* episode “The Monkey Suit” (#377, aired May 14, 2006)

SARAH PALIN: WAY WORSE THAN OBAMA

Obviously, Palin is the most inexperienced vice presidential candidates ever chosen. She has only been on the political stage since 1992 (on the Wasilla, Alaska city council board) and in politics that *actually have an influence on national events* since 2006 (sworn in as Governor of Alaska). Wasilla, as most people shouldn’t care about, is a very small town near Anchorage, with a population of almost 7,000 people. Having a job in politics there must be very important, especially when almost your entire political career was spent in that town and you’re suddenly running for Vice President of the United States!

Palin is much, much worse than Obama when it comes to experience, a card the McCain campaign has pathetically played. Obama was a community organizer, attended Harvard Law, worked as a lawyer for constitutional rights, a Illinois state legislator, has been in the U.S. Senate since 2004, *and* is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on European Affairs. Palin, however, was Mayor of Wasilla, Governor of Alaska (for 2 years, and has *already* gotten herself into a political scandal), a local TV news anchor and a former beauty queen. While some may say that Palin has good looks, she has a terrible resume – and after all that bickering that McCain has done over the past few

months about Obama's experience, he suddenly chooses a politician worse than the man he said was too much of an amateur to be in office. McCain hasn't realized that he has made a terrible decision – people aren't *that* stupid, and hopefully they'll find out how underexperienced Sarah Palin is - a candidate they were thinking of voting for. Meanwhile, Obama chose Joe Biden, a tough man who has been in national politics (the Senate) since 1972 – back when Palin was just a kid. My advice is, if you want to choose the campaign with experience, choose Obama-Biden. McCain-Palin is just way too dumb.

SARAH PALIN: A FEW MIXED FINAL THOUGHTS

When Palin was chosen to be McCain's VP pick, I can guarantee that almost everyone in the country was asking one question – “Who??” Alaska is a very unfamiliar state to most Americans, and not many people really care about the Government of Alaska at all – it oversees a state population of about 700,000, an amount less than the residents of New York City's Manhattan district. She has been governor since 2006 and before that was mayor of the tiny highway road-stop town known as Wasilla, a city that suffered unbelievable tax raises during Palin's mayorship – thanks to Palin trying to build a \$15 million sports stadium in a town that has a budget of only \$20 million. Her terrible handling of the situation caused the town's government to raise sales taxes 25% in order to pay off a stadium that should have cost much less. During her run for governor in 2006, Palin repeatedly stated that she supported the pork-barrel project known as the “bridge to nowhere”. But, only quite a while after the project was upheld did she flip-flop and start saying that she “canceled the project”. Now she uses that as a weapon against Obama



A photo of Wasilla. Note how the town is almost unnoticeable.



Wasilla's City Hall, where Palin was once employed. Note how it looks like a store in a strip mall.
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and those who the McCain campaign claim “support pork-barrel spending”. Palin is a brand-new sparkling governor that has already gotten into a infamous political scandal involving the fired public safety commissioner Walt Monegan. Monegan, officially, was fired for “performance-related issues,” but Monegan claims that he may have been fired due to his unwillingness to fire state trooper Mike Wooten, who had been involved in a custody battle with Palin’s sister, Molly McCann. Monegan claims to have been contacted “many times” regarding Wooten, while Palin dismissed the issue as a “distraction” and claimed that there was “no pressure” on Monegan to terminate Wooten. While it all sounds confusing, in politics every move you make matters. No-one is safe from mass media.

Palin also came under fire for trying to force a Wasilla librarian to take “objectionable” books off shelves. Palin clearly doesn’t understand the meaning of “freedom” and “of” and “expression”. With all her crazy conservative ideas that reflect just how stupid this woman is (in my opinion, less than Bush himself), she sounds more like a communist than an American. Sarah Palin represents how incredibly stupid and idiotic people can be. She is an overly religious wackjob that supports all the wrong things, is under experienced and refuses to let people in this country be free from government. She flip-flops and lies along the way, making herself look way “better” than she really is. But, with how bad she is, “better” is not even close to “good”.

Frankly, I am disturbed by how well Palin has been received by the population. In a country representing international freedom and democracy, the way the United States populace has been receiving this is more than disgusting. It is *idiotic*. Many are choosing Palin simply because she is a *woman*, which shows how bad the United States is at choosing leaders than the rest of the world. The rest of the world supports Obama. The United States can’t decide. The best choice is clear – Obama for America, people!! We have two amazing people on one side, and two filthy liars on the other. After 8 horrifying years with W. in office, this Republican reign must end before we must suffer 4 more years of right-winged hypocrisy. McCain has chosen the worst possible candidate - a former mayor of a town in Alaska who supports all the wrong sides of issues. I must ask all Palin supporters: are you sure you trust this political newbie to help run the world? Are you just supporting her because she’s a woman? What do you think will happen to this nation if Palin gets elected – with her level of experience, the only thing she’ll be good at is chatting with mayors and throwing money to churches. Will you vote for Palin – or will you make the better choice and choose Obama? Americans control America. Sarah Palin does not represent the United States properly. She never will.

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