

With friends like these ...

It's not just Barbra Streisand who has lined up behind Barack Obama - actually, *against* John McCain and Sarah Palin is probably closer to their positions.

When Jay Leno joked about not going to the Streisand Democratic bash, at which the entry fee was \$28,500, he said he had stayed home, shoved in a Streisand CD and ordered himself a Domino's pizza. Said he saved \$28,488.

They must have to funnel money like that through the Democratic Party - the legal limit for individuals giving to federal candidates is only \$2,300 per election cycle.

Having Barbra Streisand sing for your supper is pretty special, whether you're a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Green Party or Ralph Nader. Or apolitical.

But almost daily some other wingnut in the entertainment business has something to say critical of McCain, Palin or the Republican Party.

Sandra Bernhard. Remember her? The woman with the grotesquely shaped and sized lips? She managed to disparage both Sarah Palin and African-Americans - not to mention New York City - in one quote. She was never funny, except for being funny looking, and her comments were offensive no matter who you intend to vote for. Or not vote at all.

Woody Allen. All Democrats are not immoral. Seriously, they're not. But old Woody Allen would tip the meter in that direction. Not only does he make movies, always neurotic and painful to watch, that don't make any money at the box office, he is most famous for slinking off in the night to wed his "daughter."

Granted, legally and biologically, the child was *not* his daughter - she was the adopted daughter of Woody's playmate, Mia Farrow - but most people would consider the girl to be Allen's daughter, too.

Yeah, you really want someone like that creep backing your candidacy - or opposing your opponent's.

Antonio Banderas. Didn't he steal Don Johnson's wife, Melanie Griffin? And, who gives a damn what he thinks about our politics. He can't vote here. He's not an American citizen. He's Spanish.

Pam Anderson. She is *not* most famous for being in that awful television skin series, *Baywatch*. She is *not* even most famous for being married to Tommie Lee for three years, Rick Salomon for four and a half months before getting the marriage annulled, or Kid Rock for three and a half months before divorcing him. She's most famous for, let's call them ... blue ... tapes she made. And she made a filthy reference to Sarah Palin.

What credibility have these low-lifes earned to be taken seriously when they disparage McCain, Palin or the Republican Party? Absolutely none.

But, there's more.

Lindsey Lohan. A child actress who has not handled becoming of age very well at all. She is of an age where she knows, in addition to the immoral parts of her behavior, how to "blog."

At 11, she played the roles Hayley Mills first made famous in *The Parent Trap*. That is maybe the last moral thing she's done with her life. Public drunkenness, addictions and confusion about her sexual orientation have plagued her young life. She's still only 22. Her father has been in and out of prison himself.

As an actress, Lohan recently was named first *and* second worst actress in the business at the Golden Raspberry Awards. To do nudity, her mother felt, was "an honor." And this tramp has the nerve to write anything about Sarah Palin or Palin's parenting?

Written by and about Lohan's blog:

"I get Sarah Palin's views against abortion, but I would much prefer to hear more about what she can do for our country rather than how her daughter is going to have a child no matter what. Maybe focus on delivering some words and policy with stronger impact like Joe Biden."

And then Lindsay wraps it all up with a message about the importance of teaching kids [about] safe sex and the consequences of not practicing it: *"I think that parents need to recognize how important it is to talk to their children about the things that can result from being sexually active if they aren't protecting themselves (birth control, condoms, etc.)."*

Obviously, her mother and father (when he was not incarcerated) "talked" to her about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and promiscuity. But, if they did, she evidently wasn't listening. Now she questions Sarah Palin's parenting skills?

One more.

Sharon Osbourne. This one really takes the cake. A Brit who can't vote in our elections either - thank God - and she decries the selection of Sarah Palin as a running mate because Palin is just "a woman." Sharon's a woman who married a crazed heavy metal mumbling drug-addled "icon." Two of their three children, the two on the cable TV reality show they had, have been treated for multiple addictions and other emotional problems. Son Jack has attempted suicide.

Ozzy himself has been arrested for attempted murder (of Sharon). Don't forget that Ozzy bit the head off a live dove off-stage and a dead bat on stage. Alcoholism and heavy drug addiction have been a major part of his life. Once, while drunk (he claims), he shot all of their pets. 17 cats. Also, he urinated on the Alamo. Texas doesn't much like him.

Sharon did not speak to her own father for 20 years. And when her own mother died, she felt no sadness. What a "woman." A saint in comparison. No wonder she looks down on Sarah Palin.

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Ah, Joe, Hoover was president and television wasn't in homes yet

You don't have to be psychic or clairvoyant to know that Joe Biden is going to repeatedly say the wrong thing - either in conflict with his presidential running mate or just plain wrong - over and over again until November 4th. Joe Biden can't help himself. Unless he steals someone else's words, he is going to continue to get his own all tangled.

In a recent live interview with Katie Couric, Biden said that when the [stock] markets crashed in 1929, "Franklin Roosevelt got on the television and didn't just talk about the princes of greed. He said, 'Look, here's what happened'."

Maybe in your world that happened, Joe.

In fact, Herbert Hoover was president during the stock market crash of 1929 and Franklin Roosevelt made "fireside chats" famous in America. **ON THE RADIO!** because television was not in use by the public even in the 1930's or 1940's.

Slate magazine wrote: *"But it's hard to see Biden's runaway mouth doing much damage. Just look at the history. Biden drew glares when he suggested that in Delaware, 'you cannot go to a 7-Eleven or a Dunkin' Donuts unless you have a slight Indian accent.' Later, he called Obama 'the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy.' Careers have ended over less."*

"But Obama bailed him out, saying he knew Biden meant well. Those two gaffes could easily have created the narrative that Joe Biden is a racist. But that didn't happen."

There are those in the country who believe Sarah Palin is inexperienced, unqualified and not ready to be vice president. Many of those same people forgive Joe Biden for his failings because of the trauma in his personal life and his own brain aneurysms and surgery. Perception becomes reality. Gerald Ford was portrayed as a clumsy guy who lucked into becoming president. That latter is true but he was probably the best athlete to ever occupy the White House. Not a good golfer, to be sure, but an adequate college football player.

Perhaps Joe Biden can become the new Norm Crosby and his utterances will only bring smiles and laughter, with no serious damage done. Who cares if a vice presidential candidate does not know who was president in 1929 and that television was not in American homes until the 1950's? If he has traveled to foreign countries at public expense, he has foreign policy experience and is ready to be president.

There is no question that Biden has more foreign policy experience than Sarah Palin. But he is not more ready to be president than she is.