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ELECTION 2008

Now comes the most critical election(s) in American history. We the people have challenges as never before.

There will be a new President of the United States. That President will be different than any before. The next President will be either a man part black and part white or a man who would be the oldest ever elected President. Age and race will be large factors in this race for the most important job on earth.

There are also critical races for US Senate. One third of the Senate seats are at stake. There are significant races for the House of Representatives which must be run every two years. The composition of the members of both Houses of Congress will surely change.

There are important races for Governor in many states. There are state and local elections which are so very important to the values, priorities and lives of so many citizens. With all this at stake, it is important more than ever that we the people be informed. More than ever, vote 2008 must be an educated one. America is at stake.

The battle rages as always between Democrats and Republicans. Smaller third parties though active have little impact. Political rhetoric now begins. Slow and careful at first but by October, language will be no holds barred. Many expect this election to be the most argumentative, aggressive, attack-oriented and confrontational. In a word, Negative Campaigning will undoubtedly be like never before. Awful, hurtful to the American people, but the way of politics in America. It is up to us to recognize and ignore such polemical rhetoric, sort through the hatemongering, the lies and get to truth and fact. We must know why we are voting and what we expect. We must, this year more than ever.

Party philosophy will change as a result of the candidates nominated. McCain will surely liberalize the Republican party to the chagrin of Conservatives. Some basic Republican principles will remain intact but priorities will change as the platform is formulated. Republicans are on the defensive and in need of change in order to be competitive as a political entity. But, change from what to what?

And so would the Democrats. Obama if elected will lead them and the country in a path far more Liberal, more aggressively so than Clinton before him. The essential centrist philosophy of the Democratic party in the previous 16 years (the Clinton era) will give way to a much more Liberal, true Liberal philosophy and approach Obama will demand. Change, radical change is inevitable. But again, change from what to what?

We need to know precisely where every candidate stands no matter the office. When we vote, we must know the issues and the stance of each candidate on that issue. Many think traditional party loyalties, once counted upon, will not hold in this election. There are so many factors which could cause typical Democrats to vote Republican and disenchant Republicans to vote Democratic. So called red states and blue states may not vote as they did in block in 2004. Democrats will hope for inroads in those red states where Republicans hold sway and Republicans will hope for inroads in the blue states where Democrats rule. In many ways, the untraditional and unexpected could triumph in election 2008.

We the Crawford Broadcasting Company ask that you our listeners and friends be involved more than ever in elections 2008. We ask that you make certain you are fully registered to vote, and that you know the polling place where you can vote. You should study sample ballots when they appear to understand the candidates, issues and how they are presented on the voting machines for your consideration and action. Be ready to do the most important thing you can do as a citizen for this great county on November 2, 2008.

Identify and learn the issues. Research them. Get information from the political parties and the candidates regarding these issues. Find out exactly how the candidates will solve problems and create potential. Know exactly what will happen to America and you if you vote Democrat or Republican. Prioritize the issues important to you and America. Vote for what you think is right, not a party or a candidate.

Often times a vote is cast for the lesser of two or more evils rather than for what is right. Although it is impossible to agree with everything a candidate says or believes, the one for whom you vote must think and believe as you do for the most part. The candidate should see America through your eyes every much as you see America through his.

But no matter what, VOTE. You must vote. And you must help others vote. Encourage all, help them, educate them and take them to the poles if necessary. But make certain that everyone you know of voting age does in fact VOTE. America needs it now more than ever. It continues to be shocking how many Americans of voting age simply do not bother to vote for whatever reason. The results of any election could have been changed handily in so many cases if everyone eligible to vote did in fact vote.

So, it is not only your responsibility to vote, but also to do everything in your power to make certain that all others vote as well. Whoever the individual elected for President, or any other office, America should make it clear that we the people in the majority clearly want this candidate and all others to lead us and render him or her full support

and cooperation for the best interest of our great nation. ELECTIONS 2008 ARE UP TO YOU!

It's your country. Do right by it so it can do right by you.