



LSE public lecture

Obama and the Empire of Liberty

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OBAMA & THE EMPIRE OF LIBERTY

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‘I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR’



ELECTION VICTORY



JOHN McCain



VIETNAM VETERAN



ADMIRALS OF EMPIRE



HILLARY CLINTON



STUDENT FEMINIST



WOMEN'S LIB



SARAH PALIN



LIBERTARIAN VALUES



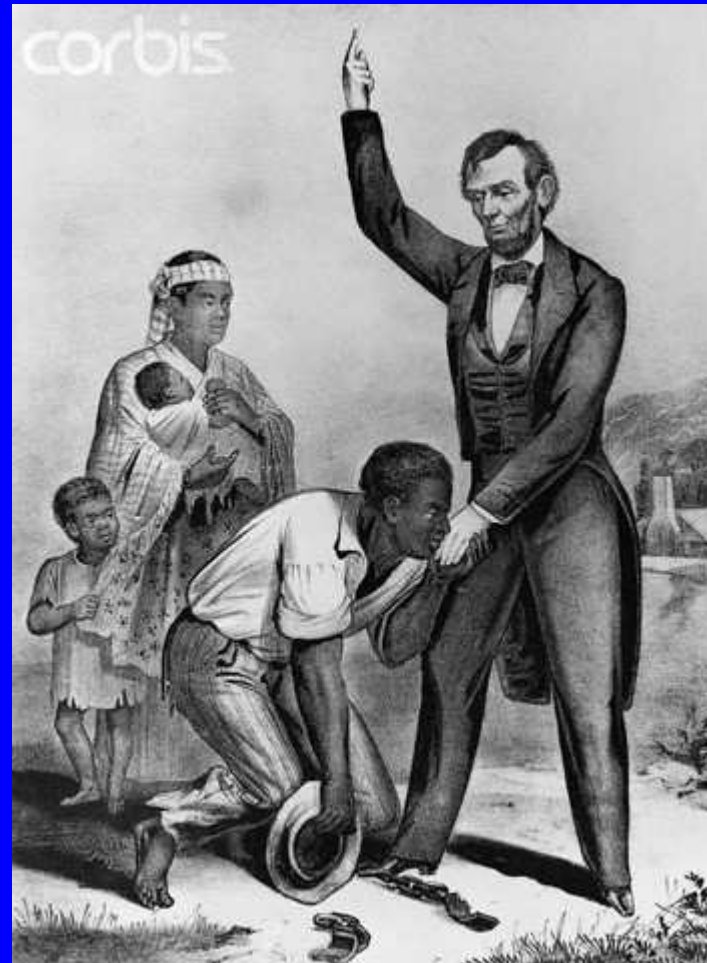
BIBLICAL FAITH



THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT



LINCOLN AND EMANCIPATION



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- ‘... endured the lash of the whip’
- ‘... tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation’
- ‘... a man whose father less than sixty years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath’

BUT NOT = JESSE JACKSON



THE BURDEN OF SOUTHERN HISTORY



TIGER WOODS – ‘CABLINASIAN’ (Ca-BI-In-Asian)



THE FIRST MIXED-RACE PRESIDENT

- 2008: 'whites' = 66% of the US population
Of the rest: 15% Hispanic, 13% Black, 5% Asian
- 2050: 'whites' = 46% of the US population
- 'Obama is 2050. Multi-racial, multi-ethnic. By then the term "Hispanic" and the term "white" will have no meaning because there will be so much inter-mixing.'
(William Frey, Brookings Institution)

THE SPEECH



OBAMA ON FOREIGN POLICY

- ‘. . . for those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror . . . You cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you.’
- ‘To the Muslim world, we seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect.’
- ‘. . . we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist.’

9/11



GROUND ZERO



BEYOND TERROR?



OBAMA ON DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT

- ‘ . . . we will act, not only to create new jobs, but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together.’
- ‘We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories.’
- ‘ . . . we will work tirelessly . . . to roll back the specter of a warming planet.’

THE MOVING FRONTIER



THE EMPIRE OF ABUNDANCE



THE GOSPEL OF CONSERVATION



POWERHOUSE or PRISON?



THE REALITIES OF POWER



REFORMING PRESIDENTS



‘GOD CALLS ON US TO SHAPE AN UNCERTAIN DESTINY’



THE 44TH PRESIDENT

