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McCain To Meet With Jindal

John McCain will huddle with vice presidential aspirant **Bobby Jindal** during a trip to New Orleans later this week, sources close to the campaign confirm to The Fix.

McCain's trip to Louisiana on Wednesday was the cause of much head scratching in the political world as it was not in keeping with a week of planned stops in battleground states.



But, the meeting with Jindal, who has been the state's governor since 2007, suggests that McCain himself is deeply engaged in the process of picking his second-in-command and that the youthful Jindal is under serious consideration.

(Worth noting: Conservative columnist [Bob Novak is reporting](#) -- and [Matt Drudge is touting](#) -- that McCain will make his vice presidential pick known by the end of this week.)



Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal (R) (Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

Jindal, at 37, is widely regarded within the Republican party nationally as one of its rising stars and has been touted as the best choice for vice president by a variety of party luminaries ranging from former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (Ga.) to talk radio celebrity Rush Limbaugh.

In a [recent profile of Limbaugh](#), New York Times magazine reporter Zev Chafets wrote: "As for politics, Rush has already picked his candidate for the Conservative Restoration: Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, a 37-year-old prodigy whom Limbaugh considers to be a genuine movement conservative in the Ronald Reagan mold -- 'fresh, energetic and optimistic in his view of America.'" Gingrich has called Jindal "[America's most transformational governor](#)."

If McCain picked Jindal, it would have several immediate echoes in the race.

First, McCain would essentially cede one of the main pillars of his argument against Obama: experience. Jindal is a nearly a decade younger than Obama and, although he served in Congress before being elected governor, his foreign policy resume is at least as thin as Obama's.

Second, and more positively for McCain, naming Jindal would be a

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party. Jindal, an Indian-American, would put a whole new face on a party that is widely seen by voters as controlled by old white men.

A Jindal pick is the definition of unorthodox. But, in an election cycle where the Republican brand is as badly tarnished as at any time in recent memory, a "[Hail Mary](#)" (or "Hail Bobby") may be warranted.

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Hey Union Jack.

I find it incomprehensible that you actually attend Church.

Posted by: bob North Smithfield | July 21, 2008 9:59 PM

What about the Chiiiiiiiiildren?

Posted by: Hellary von Klinitin | July 21, 2008 9:58 PM

Piyush (bobby) Jindal has no interest in being a part of a failed campaign. In fact deep down he is probably rooting for Obama because of what the ground breaking relevance would mean for someone like him. He is young and has a long political career ahead of him he doesn't need the stink of McCain hanging on him.

Posted by: | July 21, 2008 7:06 PM

Posted by: | July 21, 2008 9:56 PM

When is anyone going to ask why Obama hung out in a racist Church for 20 years?

I live in Chicago and I can't think of anyone in my entourage who didn't know about the crazy Wright.

And quite frankly, aside from Wright, for a guy who talks about unity all the time... why didn't he decide to go to a Church where there's unity? Why a black Church?

At my Church we have whites, blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Indias, etc. THAT'S unity!

Want to try Oblahblahma?

Liberals can't understand Jindal: they assume that the son of Indian immigrants ought to automatically declare the United States "evil" and bash it every time he opens his mouth.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/thefix/2008/07/mccain_to_meet_with_jindal.html

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Posted by: unionjack | July 21, 2008 9:54 PM

jindal ? he looks and sounds
arabic to me.
how can that be a good thing?

Posted by: david | July 21, 2008 9:50 PM

Obama-Wright 2008: Kill the White People!

Posted by: chaban | July 21, 2008 9:49 PM

A VP that believes in intelligent design and that it should be taught in the schools?

McCain is crazier than I thought if he picks Jindal.

Posted by: smartinsen | July 21, 2008 9:46 PM

I said it before, and I'll say it again: The best three VP picks are Governors Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, and Bobby Jindal.

Posted by: Mrs. P | July 21, 2008 9:45 PM

If Jindal gets the nod...McCain will have my vote.Unlike O'Bama , he has much much more experince...showed up for his committe meetings and votes...

Posted by: Eugene Boyanton | July 21, 2008 9:45 PM

Lieberman for VP! He's the only choice that makes McCain look young!

Posted by: deepthought | July 21, 2008 9:44 PM

Jindal would be the best pick of course. The best hint? Look at the liberals' reactions! It's a no-brainer to me.

Jindal has accomplished more at 37 than more 50-year-olds.

And oh... Jindal never attended a racist, anti-semite Church. Take that for judgment!

Posted by: chaban | July 21, 2008 9:43 PM

Hey wait a minute, why hasn't anyone mentioned Florida Gov. Charley Crist? Their hasn't been a Bachelor Vice President in the White House since the 1800's. All of a sudden Charley Crist is getting married in October. Looks good to me.

Posted by: Al Young | July 21, 2008 9:40 PM

To the idiot who thinks that Louisiana picked Jindal, so he must be really great because he isn't white.

You and all the other anti-Louisiana bigots in the rest of the nation have no clue who we are. And this will prove how foolish the left has been in the USA. While you all were bloviating and salivating over the last 20 years, we WAY passed you in learning our left-wing lessons. Why do you think New Orleans went under? Because of Dem rule. Why do you think our then-governor refused help when offere? Because she was a Dem. Why do you think we elected Jindal? Because we are damn sick and tired of stupid, and that he ain't! He cares about America, he is an American, plain and simple with no hyphens, he works, (let me count how many days Obama has actually been to work as a Senator..about 7 months of work worth!, and even then he has the highest rate of "present" votes, not even taking a stand on many issues. He is a non-worker).Jindal embodies in spirit as well as in actual reality the ethics that made America great. If Jindal is picked, I will vote for McCain.

Posted by: Bridgespirite | July 21, 2008 9:26 PM

NAMASTE, McCAIN?

Any chance they're using you on this one to grab some bloggink during Obama's juggernaut jaunt abroad... playing you like a -- sitar?

Posted by: Harry Kirschnar | July 21, 2008 9:24 PM

The wacky governor from LA attended Brown University here in Providence. Apparently the McCain vetters have not made time to read some of the local press up here in Rhode Island.

One weekly had a long interview with him about the "power of exorcisms to clean the soul" published several years ago.

The paper was doing a story on "cults"

At the time of the interview, the idea of running for public office had not entered his "mind"

Please pick him McSame!

Posted by: | July 21, 2008 9:14 PM

"To me, choosing to serve your community takes greater character than choosing to serve your bank account."

Yeah, that was one of the reasons I went for Obama over Hillary. I really admired that someone at the top of his class from Harvard Law would give up the chance to make millions right away and go work in Chicago.

Not think little of Hillary, but Obama's story was pretty special.

Of course, this was back before Super Tuesday and it was really a tough choice between the two. Once Clinton sort of lost her mind, it was easy.

Posted by: DDAWD | July 21, 2008 9:08 PM

Actually, "flip flops" wouldn't even be an issue if the Repubs hadn't made such a big deal over Kerry changing his opinion about funding the Iraq war and McCain hadn't tried to push it as an issue with his "words matter" advertising campaign.

We Dems/progressives understand that it is not unreasonable to shift your stance on a position after learning more about it. But you have to admit, when you look at the 180 degree turns McCain has made on so many critical issues (if you need a list, then read back through the blog) you have to wonder who the real McCain is, this one or the one who ran for the Repub nomination in 2000.

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Posted by: PeixeGato | July 21, 2008 9:04 PM

"On the subject of "flip-flops", which seems to draw the attention of many of you: what politician do you know who hasn't said at least one contradictory thing in his career? What politician hasn't changed his position on an issue or changed his mind when new facts have emerged?"

But have you ever heard a politician say he's changing his mind? Usually, he just denies ever making the original statement or claims he was taken out of context or something.

I can't speak for the rest of the country, but I'd like to hear a politician admit to changing his mind on things based on new evidence. I know Obama has done it a few times. Bush, of course, is the prime example of someone who is incapable of doing this.

Posted by: DDAWD | July 21, 2008 9:03 PM

Go Bobby Jindal!

+1 Catholic

+1 Young

+/-0 Not White (you get no points for race, that would be racist)

+1 Relative Experience (Clearly McCain's foreign policy needs no revision from the like of younger people. His campaign needs help with internal policy, which is where Jindal comes in.)

+1 for Ethnic Ties to a powerful growing Indian Economy

+1 as a signal to the whole world

+2 for Conservative Values

+1 for not being Mitt Romney

+1 to unite the Republican Party leaders

+1 for Jindal's REAL success in politics (as opposed to Obamamama's Fake Successes. Obama hasn't accomplished anything in fact.)

+1 for not being Rudy Guiliani (fake arse, non Catholic)

+1 for finding the ties to a community (Louisiana) that the whole world still mourns for and who is desperately looking for hope

+1 for the convert

This man has it ALL!! What a selection!

Posted by: Mike | July 21, 2008 9:02 PM

"America sucks" ...is that a direct quote from somewhere or just something you heard from the voices that are inside your head?

PG

Posted by: PeixeGato | July 21, 2008 8:59 PM

It is interesting how the righties believe that the only way to gain any useable or valuable experience in life is through being a career politician, being a POW, or making a ton of money in the Corporate arena.

I guess by that definition, Christian missionaries don't gain any valuable experience in their work. Boy, you righties have some mighty high principles to aspire to.

To me, choosing to serve your community takes greater character than choosing to serve your bank account.

Now before anyone jumps on me for criticizing people for working in private industry, that's not what I'm saying. I'm just saying that if you want to compare the moral fiber of someone who chooses to work a community-based job that pays less than \$15,000 per year after self-financing your own undergraduate expenses at Columbia University and go back to that job after again self-financing your own law school expenses (without the benefit of a trust fund or parental contributions) at one of the most expensive law schools in the country to that of someone who chooses to climb the corporate ladder, amassing personal riches along the way, my vote is for the one who decided to dedicate himself to helping other fellow Americans. Again, this applies ONLY to the question of degree of moral fiber, not a total judgement of the overall individual (there's nothing wrong with making money).

BTW if you don't know what a community organizer is or does, then consider yourself lucky enough to have grown up in a neighborhood or area in which you didn't need one. A community organizer is a pretty well-known position, so responding to it with "whatever that is" doesn't exactly put you in the best light.

PG

Posted by: Peixegato | July 21, 2008 8:58 PM

Jim, you sound exactly like that paranoid little troll DIANNE27. Are you one and the same? We have seen your posts on other forums. You toss out your little piece of excrement, get thoroughly discredited and merely pop up on some other forum with the same trash and a band new "name". I would ask

you for citations, but I can only assume that it would be in some neo-nazi gossip column. Using the same standards most of us could come up with claims that you are an alien pedophile and are the illegitimate spawn of John McCain's Doberman Pincher and Ipixq, a escaped criminal from a planet in the Andromeda galaxy.

Posted by: mibrooks27 | July 21, 2008 8:52 PM

"Lets face it. The McCain POW "story" has many holes in it."

Riiiiight! And SnObama's a radical Muslim hanging out, this week, with the Palestinian Authority and the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade.

You're a freakin' idiot. What do we know about lord Obama? He won't allow any discussions about his record, his experience, his lack of experience, his family, his pastor etc. Can't talk about anything but "hope" and "change" (Chope), "America sucks!" etc.

Posted by: Rob | July 21, 2008 8:51 PM

Jindal would be an excellent choice for veep. He's smart, articulate and holds those core values that define the party of individual freedom and small government. Our gain though, would be Louisiana's loss.

Posted by: ab | July 21, 2008 8:50 PM

Whoever McCain picks as his VP running mate will complement the ticket. We have a surfeit of excellent Republican candidates for that position.

On the subject of "flip-flops", which seems to draw the attention of many of you: what politician do you know who hasn't said at least one contradictory thing in his career? What politician hasn't changed his position on an issue or changed his mind when new facts have emerged?

"A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." I think that just a few of you need to grow up.

Posted by: Patrick C. | July 21, 2008 8:47 PM

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Posted by: Mrs. P | July 21, 2008 8:46 PM

Among the 50 states, Louisiana's rankings in 2007, including Outer Continental Continental Shelf activity:

First in crude-oil production.

First in OCS crude oil.

First in OCS natural gas.

First in OCS revenue generated for federal government.

First in mineral revenue from any source to the federal government.

Second in total energy production.

First in liquefied-natural-gas-terminal capacity.

First in natural-gas processing capacity.

Second in petroleum refining capacity.

Second in primary petrochemical production.

Second in crude oil proved reserves.

Second in total energy from all sources.

Second in natural gas proved reserves.

As Governor,aside from oversight of the industies which provides 25% of Americas energy, Bobby Jindal has passed the toughest Ethics Laws in the U.S., State School Vouchers,reduced State income taxes and proposed their complete elimination,has worked with the legislature in spending bills for our 1 Billion surplus on Infrastructure and Hurricane protection, and, due to his fiscal conservatism, we will have well over that amount again this year.

Jindal is a Rhodes Scholar, former President of the Louisiana University System, former Secretary of the Louisiana Dept. of Health, was a two term

Congressman from Louisiana's 1st District and a former U.S. Asst. Secretary of Health & Human Services.

Barack Hussein Obama has done what????

Posted by: ETEE | July 21, 2008 8:46 PM

the case against bobby jindal

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- 2) tied to bush(assistant sec at health and human services for 3 years, not exactly a high level position)
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- 7)miltary experience? never served!
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...I was reading some rumors in european newspapers that :Obama tried to rape rape a 3 year old boy when he was in Indonezia or Hawaii?!.....If this proves to be truethan down the tubes goes Obama for President!

Posted by: Jim | July 21, 2008 8:38 PM

Against all abortions with NO exceptions, is for teaching intelligent design in public schools, against civil rights legislation, and likes to participate in exorcisms. Independents are going to love this.

Posted by: Sean | July 21, 2008 8:36 PM

The wacky governor wrote a thesis in college about an exorcism he performed. Its posted online.
He believes the world was created in 6-days.

ATTN: Jay Leno. Dave Letterman. Your dream VP has arrived. The governor and his orbit of "spiritual friends" will be fun fodder for months.

Posted by: bobbos | July 21, 2008 8:35 PM

Apparently, the reports from Louisiana are that the glow is coming off Jindal and that his popularity is really declining.

However, these new developments sure make it seem like Jindal is the front-runner to become McCain's VP choice.

Posted by: Mike | July 21, 2008 8:33 PM

Obama is much more principled than either McCain or Jindal.

There, I said it. Therefore it is indisputable fact. No need for any more discussion on it.

If you righties are going to profess the high principles of your candidates, please at least have the decency to begin the sentence with the words "I believe..." as that is what the words are, your BELIEFS about the subject and what you BELIEVE to be true, not hard fact.

PG

Posted by: Peixegato | July 21, 2008 8:32 PM

Governor Jindal lost a bunch of respect here when he refused to veto a doubling of salaries for the state legislators. He finally backed down when two recall petitions were filed with Louisiana's Secretary of State.

Jindal voted to allow huge increases in Student tuition and cut programs to attract new business into Louisiana like the IWTP training program. The pork he cut included a grant to the Boy Scouts.

He's better than John McAmnesty, but that isn't saying much.

Posted by: Anonymous | July 21, 2008 8:29 PM

Sorry for the length of this post, but there are so many things Mitt Romney has flip-flopped on...

ABORTION

From the Left:

Romney ran against Senator Edward M. Kennedy in 1994. During a debate, Romney declared: "I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country. I have since the time that my mom took that position when she ran in 1970 as a US Senate candidate. I believe that since Roe v. Wade has been the law for 20 years we should sustain and support it."
- Boston Globe, March 2, 2006

"I respect and will protect a woman's right to choose."
-2002 Questionnaire for the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL)
Boston Globe, July 3, 2005

From the Right:

"I am pro-life. I believe that abortion is the wrong choice except in cases of incest, rape, and to save the life of the mother. I wish the people of America agreed, and that the laws of our nation could reflect that view. But while the nation remains so divided over abortion, I believe that the states, through the democratic process, should determine their own abortion laws and not have them dictated by judicial mandate."
- Boston Globe, Op-Ed, July 26, 2005

More from the Right:

"Every decision I have made as Governor in a very liberal state has been on the side of favoring life." - Governor Romney

- Robert Behre, "Romney Gets S.C. Support," Charleston Post-Courier, January 30, 2007

STEM CELL RESEARCH

From the Left:

"Romney has decided to support experimentation on surplus frozen embryos from in-vitro fertilization procedures."
- National Review Online, February 11, 2005

"At a campaign appearance at Brandeis University in June 2002, Romney strongly endorsed stem cell research."
- Boston Globe, December 17, 2006 Read the article

From the Center:

"Governor Mitt Romney set off a storm of criticism yesterday after he declared in a published interview that he favored banning a specific type of stem cell research. Scientists and the leader of the state Senate accused him of trying to block a promising avenue of research, even as antiabortion groups assailed him for declaring that he did not object to stem cell research involving embryos from fertility clinics."

- Boston Globe, February 11, 2005 [Read the article](#)

From the Right:

"I studied the issue for many months, and entered into conversation with experts from across the nation who were looking for consensus solutions, like Stanford's Dr. William Hurlbut. In the end, I became persuaded that the stem-cell debate was grounded in a false premise, and that the way through it was around it: by the use of scientific techniques that could produce the equivalent of embryonic stem cells but without cloning, creating, harming, or destroying developing human lives."

- Governor Mitt Romney, Op-Ed, "A Stem-Cell Solution," National Review Online, June 15, 2007

GAY RIGHTS

From the Left:

"All citizens deserve equal rights, regardless of their sexual orientation. While he does not support gay marriage, Mitt Romney believes domestic partnership status should be recognized in a way that includes the potential for health benefits and rights of survivorship."

- Romney's 2002 campaign website

"Mitt and Kerry Wish You a Great Pride Weekend! All citizens deserve equal rights, regardless of their sexual preference"

- A flier handed out at "Gay Pride" by the Romney/Healey Campaign [See the flier here](#)

"We have discussed a number of important issues such as the Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which I have agreed to co-sponsor, and if possible broaden to include housing and credit, and a bill to create a federal panel to find ways to reduce gay and lesbian youth suicide, which I also support. One issue I want to clarify concerns [grammar in context] President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" military policy. I believe that the Clinton compromise was a step in the right direction. I am also convinced that it is the first of a number of steps that will ultimately lead to gays and lesbians being able to serve openly and honestly in our nation's military. That goal will only be reached when preventing discrimination against gays and lesbians is a mainstream concern, which is a goal we share..."

- Governor Romney letter to Log Cabin Republicans, October 6, 1994 [Read the letter here](#)

From the Right:

Lopez: "And what about the 1994 letter to the Log Cabin Republicans where you indicated you would support the Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) and seemed open to changing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in the military? Are those your positions today?"

Gov. Romney: "No. I don't see the need for new or special legislation. My experience over the past several years as governor has convinced me that ENDA would be an overly broad law that would open a litigation floodgate and unfairly penalize employers at the hands of activist judges...As for military policy and the 'don't ask, don't tell' policy, I trust the counsel of those in uniform who have set these policies over a dozen years ago. I agree with President Bush's decision to maintain this policy and I would do the same."

- Interview with National Review, December 14, 2006 [Read the interview](#)

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

From the Left:

In 2002, before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court declared same-sex marriage protected by the Constitution, Romney denounced as "too extreme"

the effort by pro-family groups to enact a preemptive state Marriage Protection Amendment prohibiting homosexual marriage, civil unions and same-sex public employee benefits.

- Boston Phoenix, May 14-20, 2004

From the Right:

MSNBC's Joe Scarborough: "Do you support a national constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage?"

Governor Romney: "Boy, I sure do. You know, that's a topic that's really, I think, very important to the country because marriage is not just about adults. Marriage is about the development and nurturing of kids, and in my view, the development of a child is enhanced by having a mom and dad. And so, I think it's very important that we have a national standard because marriage is a status. You get married in one place and then you move to another, you're still married at least in the eyes of the community and the children and the benefits may not follow you, but ultimately we're going to have one standard of marriage in this country and that standard ought to be one man and one woman."

- MSNBC's "Morning Joe" September 17, 2007

GUN RIGHTS

From the Left:

"He [Romney] is a supporter of the federal assault weapons ban."

- Romney 2002 campaign website

More from the Left:

In his 1994 US Senate run, Romney backed two gun-control measures strongly opposed by the National Rifle Association and other gun-rights groups: the Brady Bill, which imposed a five-day waiting period on gun sales, and a ban on certain assault weapons.

"That's not going to make me the hero of the NRA," Romney told the Boston Herald in 1994.

At another campaign stop that year, he told reporters: "I don't line up with the NRA."

- Boston Globe, January 14, 2007 Read the article

From the Right:

"Americans should have the right to own and possess firearms as guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution," said Governor Romney. "I'm proud to be among the many decent, law-abiding men and women who safely use firearms."

- Governor Romney, News Release, January 12, 2007

WAITING PERIODS FOR GUNS

From the Left:

Regarding the Brady Bill which required waiting periods to buy a handgun, Romney stated, "I don't think [the waiting period] will have a massive effect on crime but I think it will have a positive effect."

- Boston Herald, August 1, 1994

From the Right:

"Romney says he still backs the ban on assault weapons, but he won't say whether he stands by the Brady Bill. And after the gun show tour, his campaign declined to say whether he would still describe himself as a supporter of tough gun laws."

- Boston Globe, January 14, 2007 Read the article

TAXES

From the Left:

"Governor Romney...imposed a slew of fee hikes and tax 'loophole' closures....The largest of these was \$259 million worth of fee hikes in FY 2004, the bulk of which came from higher Registry of Deeds fees. Smaller fee hikes, including higher charges for boaters and golfers, we imposed in FY 2003 and FY 2005. Romney also sought \$128 million worth of so-called tax

loophole closures for FY 2004; \$70 million for FY 2005; and \$170 million for FY 2006, which were later reduced to \$85 million due to backlash from business leaders."

- Club for Growth's White Paper on Mitt Romney

"Romney continues to oppose the flat tax with harsh language, calling the tax 'unfair.'"

- Club for Growth's White Paper on Mitt Romney

Romney didn't support President Bush's tax cuts in 2003. That earned him praise from liberal Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA)

- Boston Globe, April 11, 2003.

From the Right:

"I said no to a tax hike; raising taxes hurts working people and scares away jobs. I also said no to more borrowing; borrowing just shifts our problems to the backs of our kids...Instead, I went after waste, inefficiency, duplication, and patronage."

- Governor Romney, Boston Globe, October 24, 2005

CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

From the Left:

Governor Romney has changed his position on key campaign finance reform issues several times during public life. During his 1994 Senate campaign, he held far left positions that advocated for abolishing PACs and creating strict campaign spending limits.

- Club for Growth's White Paper on Mitt Romney

From the Right:

As he runs for President, Romney abandoned his previous stance and has come out as a harsh critic of McCain-Feingold, and those presidential candidates who support it. His transformation has even propelled him to call for the legislation's repeal.

- Club for Growth's White Paper on Mitt Romney

Watch the video from Mitt Romney's 1994 debate with Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA).

Governor Romney is not a good choice for McCain. He has changed his positions too many times to be trustworthy.

Posted by: Mrs. P | July 21, 2008 8:27 PM

Why all of the McCain bashing??? I'm no McCain fan but this Jindal talk is nothing more than talk. He will pick Minnesota Governor, Tim Pawlenty. Pawlenty has been an ardent supporter since day 1.

Posted by: Oliver | July 21, 2008 8:27 PM

It has to be Gov. Sarah Palin. She is best candidate for V.P. Go search some videos on youtube about her. You will see for yourself.

Global aging: the demographic winter is coming.

Aging workforce in the USA.
geocities(dot)com/demographic_crash

P.S. Also new website prowomanprolife(dot)org

Posted by: SM | July 21, 2008 8:27 PM

I think Jindal would be a bad choice.

McCains whole argument about Obama's lack of experience would be gone and that's the main issue he has.

If Jindal is ready to be President, then so is Obama.

Posted by: Pmontana | July 21, 2008 8:25 PM

"Jindal has never done anything for Louisiana but continually run for office"

And win...

But you know, that's the nature of being a Congressman. Gotta run every two years.

And he dominated in the governors race gaining a majority vote in a crowded field.

But I'm not quite sure what he's accomplished. His voting record in Congress is very Bushy. He makes McCain look like Bernie Sanders. Jindal did help override the veto on the waterworks bill that had provisions to rebuild parts of the Katrina damaged areas.

He's a fundamentalist Catholic and holds the views that you would expect a fundamentalist Catholic to hold. He was born a Hindu, but converted to Catholicism in high school. For politics? I doubt it, but anyone might disagree.

A Rhodes Scholar, kind of like another President we used to have.

Anyone notice the horrible record minorities have running Republican? They had a bunch of black candidates running for different things. Michael Steele, Lynn Swann, Alan Keyes (well, he doesn't really count)

I'm not aware of what he's accomplished as Governor other than vetoing the pay raise. I guess I'll scope out wikipedia later today unless someone knowledgeable wants to give a list.

Correction, though. He has only been governor since January of 2008. He wasn't governor in 2007. Not a lot of time to build a resume.

He's charismatic, and young, and handsome.

I think he would be a good pick for McCain except for the risk of losing the racist vote. Although I think Obama might protect against that.

Posted by: DDAWD | July 21, 2008 8:25 PM

This is what McCain said about Mitt Romney back in January:

"One thing I think we should really give Governor Romney credit for -- he is consistent. He has consistently taken both sides of any major issue. He has consistently flip-flopped on every issue..."

"As the liberal governor of the state of Massachusetts, he raised taxes by 730 million dollars, the state is now stuck with a quarter billion dollar debt over government-mandated health system. When he was governor, they had the third or fourth worst economy of any state in America, and the manufacturing jobs left this country at 7%. They left Massachusetts at 14%...As the head of his investment company, he presided over companies that immediately laid off thousands of workers."

<http://firstread.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2008/01/28/615314.aspx>

McCain is right - Mitt Romney is a flip-flopper...

Posted by: Mrs. P | July 21, 2008 8:23 PM

Lets face it. The McCain POW "story" has many holes in it.

- He was not injured by his guards, but rather when he ejected from his plane-
 - He tells various versions of his treatment, depending on the audience. Who knows which version, if any, is true?-
 - Even Nancy Regan once said "John tells interesting stories"
 - Two fellow prisoners claim he got "easier treatment" than most prisoners-
 - He was last in his class at the Naval Academy-
 - He was such a poor pilot, he crashed 5-planes-
 - He refuses to release his military records, unlike John Kerry, who did-
 - Is McCain "fit to hold office?"-
 - He abandoned his first wife and married Cindy 6-months after he met her.
- That is why his children, from this first marriage refuse to campaign with him-
- McCain took payoffs from a local banker, and was sanctioned by the US Senate in the 1980s, barely escaping an indictment-
 - His frequent verbal gaffes make his staff alarmed about the prospect of the

debates- (They'll be happy as long as he does not drool)-

--If McCain were a tv channel he would be the "War Channel: All War, All the time".-

- Being a POW does not make McCain qualified to be president-

- There were two POW's from my home town-

- None of them milked their experience for a lifetime time on the public payroll-

---McCain: The More You Know....The Less You Know.."

Posted by: bob North Smithfield | July 21, 2008 8:19 PM

Mccain is the ultimate lightweight. Picking a talented guy like Jindal would give him a boost, but won't reverse the trainwreck that is the Republican party in 2008

Posted by: matt | July 21, 2008 8:18 PM

what about that whole exorcism thing with Jindal? Isn't that a no-brainer for not not picking him?

Posted by: kathleenk1 | July 21, 2008 8:05 PM

Mrs. P - With Huckabee you have a case of the VP carrying the President! I'm an Obama voter and, having actually read about the candidates positions, think Huckabee would be a better fit with the moderate Obama than with a lunatic like McCain or Bush or Cheney. Huckabee wants curbs on outsourcing, wants to end the H1-B and any other guest visa that takes jobs from American's, is for energy independence and a real green economy (ala Gore, yet!), agrees with Obama's on pulling out of Iraq (and Obama's stances on Afghanistan and Pakistan, too). He is a one of a new breed of Christian voters - a genuine Evangelical Christian liberal! How on earth he ended up as a Republican is completely beyond me; once you get past his stance on abortion, he is far more a Democrat than most Democrats.

Posted by: mibrooks27 | July 21, 2008 7:56 PM

Yes, Dems, convince yourselves that the election is in the bag. Obama, first president of all 57 states.

Shouldn't someone tell him he's only going to get a say over 50 of them.

Check out Obama's comment on 57 states. Now THAT'S a real lightweight.

More to come in the upcoming weeks when they wean him off the teleprompter and force him to speak in his own voice in front of a live audience.

I can't wait for the eye-opening the American electorate is going to get when they find out how empty this guy is when he doesn't have a script to read from.

Posted by: Aquariusstar | July 21, 2008 7:56 PM

Jindal isn't a Hindu. Jindal is a Catholic. Pick Jindal and the Republicans will win in November with the Catholic vote.

Posted by: Philip Saenz | July 21, 2008 7:53 PM

Cede the experience issue? Are you kidding me?

If anything picking Jindal will contrast well with Obama because Jindal has accomplished more a few months as governor than Obama has in his entire political career, including when he was a "community organizer," whatever that is.

Additionally, Jindal makes a great contrast with Obama because he has earned his way in life through his own merit and has not been the beneficiary of affirmative action.

Posted by: Maddux314 | July 21, 2008 7:52 PM

The best three VP picks are Governors Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, and Bobby Jindal.

Governor Romney should not be the VP. He has flip-flopped on so many issues that McCain wouldn't even have a chance with him on the ticket.

Posted by: Mrs. P | July 21, 2008 7:50 PM

Well...Jindal is the Governor of my state and I would hate to lose him. Its so refreshing to have a truly intelligent Rhodes Scholar in high office instead of the pundits with pseudo-intelligence. By gosh, this guy is SMART!! He even last week vetoed over \$500,000 proposed porkbarrel projects headed to my part of the state, and that's fine with me. I will be okay with loaning Bobby for a while if it helps straighten out the Washington mess.

Posted by: Harry Hebert | July 21, 2008 7:49 PM

Please, Obama a lightweight? Why? b/c you said so?! The Republican party is full of ideological, lightweight hacks who have resorted to copying Obama's policies! It doesn't matter who McCain picks, Obama will win. If McCain ultimately picks Jindal, it will be to mix things up b/c Jindal is not a traditional republican. Even Republicans know Republicans don't have a snowballs chance in hell in this election. what a riot!

Obama '08

Posted by: SD Patriot | July 21, 2008 7:47 PM

McCain should go with Romney. I've already got my "Newt-Jindal 2012" stuff ready.

Posted by: David - Georgia | July 21, 2008 7:46 PM

Didn't Jindal authorize the teaching of Creationism in Louisiana public schools? I don't want him anywhere near the White House.

Forget it.

Posted by: Bob | July 21, 2008 7:44 PM

Obama would WISH for the resume that Jindal would bring to the ticket. To compare Jindal, with executive experience and innovative ideas that are being implemented, with the empty talk from the O-Man who's meager resume sd "community organizer" (think Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton) is laughable.

And Jindal would be at the bottom of the ticket..where the relative inexperience (compared to Obama's HUGE deficit) should be.

Obama comes out second-rate in comparison with Jindal and no contest in comparison to McCain.

Posted by: Aquariusstar | July 21, 2008 7:42 PM

Fred Quimby, What does religion have to do with politics? I can see you don't know since you are a Democrap of the Democrap Party.

Posted by: Philip Saenz | July 21, 2008 7:41 PM

I'm a liberal dem, but Bobby J. is the man.....Being elected a governer as an indian american in a state like LA is amazing

Posted by: Jig | July 21, 2008 7:41 PM

Jindal at 37 is much more experienced and principled than Obama and Jindal as as McCain's VP would highlight what a

light weight Obama is. The only real choice is Bobby Jindal for Vice-President.

Posted by: Robert | July 21, 2008 7:40 PM

I forgot to mention that I won't write anymore if Senator McCain picks Jindal.

It is a losing ticket and not worth of commenting on the possibility of winning.

Posted by: premier | July 21, 2008 7:40 PM

Picking Gov. Jindal would surely appear to be Sen. McCain's attempt to undercut Sen. Obama's Kennedyesque appeal...can't you just see the desperate GOP ads now..."It's time for another John and Bobby to inspire America!"...this watcher takes the safe bet on Romney, so that Sen. McCain can get that massive infusion of Romney-raised cash ASAP.

Posted by: WingNut Alert | July 21, 2008 7:39 PM

What's this about "Bobby" Jindal being tapped to be McCain's VP. I think I should have a shot at it.

Posted by: Piyush J. | July 21, 2008 7:37 PM

If Senator McCain Campaign is worried about the issue of religion, then they are still naive. As I said, religion is not an issue for this election.

Identities and semiotics that deliver the qualification of the candidate in this post-modern world: Why do you spend your time on something not worth?

Posted by: premier | July 21, 2008 7:37 PM

Republicans aka Appalachia aka hardworking blue collar workers won't vote for Jindal-- he's not white!!!

Posted by: SD Patriot | July 21, 2008 7:37 PM

According to SurveyUSA polls, Governor Mike Huckabee would be McCain's best VP choice. In almost every state where they took these test polls, he was shown to be better for McCain than Romney, Pawlenty, or Lieberman.

The polls were taken in PA, NM, VA, CA, OH, IA, KS, WI, NE, OR, NY, MA, MN, AL, KY, and MO.

Of these, PA (21), OH (20), VA (13), MO (11), MN (10), IA (7), OR (7), and NM (5) are generally considered to be possible battleground states in November.

McCain/Huckabee '08 !

or, to put it another way:

Mac 'n Mike '08 !

Posted by: Mrs. P | July 21, 2008 7:34 PM

After hearing the MSM bloviators endlessly trash BO because of his alleged lack of experience and exotic background, Mac is leaning toward Jindal we're told. Huh? BJ has less experience than Barack did when he ran for student government. What's more, what is more exotic or strange than doing exorcisms (allegedly). What happened? Was Max VonSydow not available? BJ's only claim to fame as governor is his initiative to "fix" prisoners (as you might "fix" an animal). Mutilating inmates hardly seems a shining achievement, at least not in a positive way. I don't get it. P.S. Bucky's confused, too.

Posted by: Captain America | July 21, 2008 7:33 PM

Love Bobby Jindal!

We just got Bobby as governor here in La.

It's just too soon to lose him to Washington. Y'all can have him on down the road, and by then he'll be much more seasoned. We need you here in La., Governor...there's still a great deal of work to be done.

Posted by: NOLA Mom | July 21, 2008 7:30 PM

Chris what are your qualifications - why should YOUR BIASED opinion matter (its not like you even are differing from the wapo editorial stance). The VP is supposed to complement the Pres. ANYONE that BHO could get would have to outshine him on the experience scale.

Bobby Jindal -

Brown, Oxford, Rhodes Scholar, consultant to Fortune 500 cos., he was elected to the US congress while Barry HO was still sucking up to "rev" Wrong and his racist cult. At 24 years old - 24!?!- he was responsible for a multimillion dollar budget (40% of the LA budget) and turned it around. His parents were actually hard working fiscally responsible people and he did not hang with separatist or terrorists.

He had not been tapped - but even if he is..He - even at the second level is more qualified than BH(empty suit)Osama.

Posted by: ask | July 21, 2008 7:28 PM

I think picking either Jindal or Palin is not a good choice. The pick should be able to unify the Party and be able to pick up some Electoral Votes. While Jindal may be the pick of the future, Palin is from a small state (in the Electoral College). Giuliani will pick up some votes that should already go McCains way so that is not a good choice either. I would have to say the best all-around pick is former Maryland Lt. Governor Michael Steele. His track record is proven and he neutralizes the race card. I have some friends that think Romney should be the VP choice. McCain should leave Jindal where he is and should think about appointing Palin to a cabinet position. But we need Good Republicans in all offices of Government and should leave anyone with a job in the position that they are in....

Posted by: Harry | July 21, 2008 7:26 PM

"First, McCain would essentially cede one of the main pillars of his argument against Obama: experience."

How so? Jindal's presence in the #2 slot would simply emphasize that Obama himself belongs at the bottom of the ticket.

Posted by: scot | July 21, 2008 7:25 PM

The question is should McCain go with someone of a experience like a Romney or energize the base along with non-voters with a Jindal? It would totally mute the black factor Obama has going for him despite he himself not having much experience either. I'd rather have the experience guy like McCain at the top of the ticket.

Jindal could turn out to be a good choice. With the economy turning south over the last year, gas prices high(thanks Obama), dissatisfaction with the war, Obama still has not cracked the 50% mark in any reliable poll. He should be over that hump and he is not. McCain can go with that old white party perception or he can totally take the Republican party and this country for a ride.

I am an Independent who was hoping Jessee Ventura was going to make a run for it. So I am not really excited about either party right now.

Posted by: Trent | July 21, 2008 7:24 PM

Mike Huckabee was Governor of Arkansas for over 10 years. He is undoubtedly John McCain's best VP pick!

Survey USA took a series of polls to determine the VP candidate (out of Huckabee, Lieberman, Pawlenty, and Romney) who would help John McCain

the most.

They took polls in PA, NM, VA, CA, OH, IA, KS, WI, NE, OR, NY, MA, MN, AL, KY, and MO. Of these, PA, NM, VA, OH, IA, OR, MN, and MO are generally considered to be possible battleground states in November.

In almost every case, Governor Mike Huckabee did best. He even had a slight lead in Massachusetts where Romney was once Governor!

Also, there have been five bellwether states - OH, MO, LA, KY, and AR - that have correctly predicted the winner of the General Election for each of the past eight elections (dating back to 1976). Of those, in the GOP Primaries, Huckabee won the popular vote in two of them (AR and LA), coming in second to McCain in the other three. McCain won the popular vote in three of them (OH, MO and KY), coming in second to Huckabee in the other two. The margin between the two in the state of MO was extremely narrow. And in the state of KY, Huckabee even managed to come in second to John McCain three and a half months after he suspended his campaign and endorsed McCain.

Governor Huckabee would be a great Vice President. Even Mitt Romney thinks so! At a town hall meeting back in December (before Iowa) he was asked what he thought of Huckabee as VP. Romney replied: "Sure, he's a wonderful person... He'd make a great vice president."

Posted by: Mrs. P | July 21, 2008 7:23 PM

ted....give it up. palin will not be chosen. mccain never considered her. its only palin and her followers that are spreading the rumors. she brings nothing to the table.

Posted by: rick | July 21, 2008 7:19 PM

jindal attended an exocism. cant wait for that to come out.

Posted by: | July 21, 2008 7:18 PM

I think the govenor would be a wonderful pick. He is smart, young and an honest individual. He's got my vote!

Posted by: Carl Gillig | July 21, 2008 7:15 PM

tot he first poster and the usual spiteful, childish vile spewers from the "lib" side:

Carly Fiorina, Palin, jindal - but of course the party of TRUE diversity is the republican party -

TO the moron who calls HIMSELF mcsame - i supposed you think you are labelling McCain - but in actuality it is YOU is the SAME OLD BS. " He has waffled on abortion so much I want to drown him in Mrs. Butterworth's!"

1. You are making an AUNT JEMIMA comparison - you bigotted A\$\$?
2. B Hussein Osama - give s EVERYONE WHIPLASH.

It is so pathetic that whenever faced with a fact you throw slurs and insults in your PATHETHIC attempts to divert and deflect. Definitely the sign of a weak mind.

All you leftist disparage anyone who disagrees and rich and elitist. And you sound like an ignorant child. So when you are not resorting to playground level insults - you argument is that Republican are intelligent and successful. Damn I guess that means all Dems are stupid and failures....wait - that is what it means!

Posted by: intelligence antonym of Democraps | July 21, 2008 7:12 PM

The only Hail Mary will be by the Democracks . Thank you Democracks for the high food prices.. When I fill up my car with gas I thank reid and peloski who are stuck on stup. I will remember you in November Democracks Vote NO

Posted by: jake | July 21, 2008 7:11 PM

Jindal is a damn indian and needs to go back to the country he came from. He abandoned his racial idenity and needs to go. He did nothing in his state and will do no good for the Republicrats.

Posted by: Bo | July 21, 2008 7:08 PM

What BIAS from The Obamington Post! If McLame were to pick Jindal it would add some excitement to the ticket. Saying he would be bad because he lacks foreign policy experience JUST LIKE OBAMA from a newspaper that is currently papering over Obama's complete lack of credentials in everything, foreign and domestic is a real hoot. Jindal has turned around the chronic mess in Louisiana in a very short time after the Democrats screwed it up royally. What has Obama ever done any time any where that qualifies him to be considered for the toughest executive job in the country? I cant wait for him to pick some Ed Rendell-type hack to try to fool the blue-collar types into thinking he's not the Marxist that he is.

Posted by: skep41 | July 21, 2008 7:07 PM

Boy, would I give lots of money to see a debate between Palin and Obama!!!

In any case, man oh man, would Palin wipe the floor against whomever Obama picks as Veep.

Posted by: Ted | July 21, 2008 7:07 PM

Just wait till the world hears about Jindal's exorcisms. Man that will be fun.

Posted by: Fred Quimby | July 21, 2008 7:06 PM

Piyush Jindal has no interest in being a part of a failed campaign. In fact deep down he is probably rooting for Obama because of what the ground breaking relevance would mean for someone like him. He is young and has a long political career ahead of him he doesn't need the stink of McCain hanging on him.

Posted by: | July 21, 2008 7:06 PM

Clearly it's gonna be Palin over Romney. Like it or not, Romney brings more negatives to the table in terms of garnering votes for McCain than positives. Palin, on the other hand, is off the charts on positives -- Hillary voters, epicenter of oil/energy debate, etc. -- and there's no way she can be attacked by the Dems!

Posted by: Ted | July 21, 2008 7:03 PM

"im not a conservative but i think mccain choosing the slurpy drinking hindu could help him with the far right nutjobs."

You see, Rick typifies Democrat bigotry. And their inability to use proper grammar. The party of identity politics wants to peg everybody as belonging to this race, or that gender. Jindal recognizes that we're all AMERICANS. Not Indian-American, or African-American or choose your hyphenated identity. I pray we'll all be saying "Obama Who?" in 20 years.

Posted by: LoonsToTheLeftOfMe | July 21, 2008 6:59 PM

I can't pick Romney because he's pro-choice. Or is it pro-life? Both? Help! Mr. Lieberman!

Blame Romney for my confusion. He has waffled on abortion so much I want to drown him in Mrs. Butterworth's! The sugar-free kind, like that sugar-free bridge mix in the bins by the pharmacy. That's the candy for my generation!

Posted by: McSame | July 21, 2008 6:55 PM

The Fix is in.

The Veep will be Romney.

If the election were held today McCain would loose by an 80% to 20% margin. The Republicans can not afford that big of a loss. There are credible projections out that say he may get less then 20% of the popular vote.

Since the party can't just dump him, McCain will get the nomination at the convention (as his reward and place in history for good party service).

Shortly after the convention, McCain with resign because of "health" reasons.

Romney will take over as the presidential candidate and name a Veep from east of the Mississippi river.

This way, if they loose, which is almost a given, that way the Republicans will have an excuse, Romney didn't have time enough to run, or people voted against him because he is a Mormon, etc. If they stick with McCain they will suffer a greater loss and have no excuse.

Posted by: Walter | July 21, 2008 6:55 PM

Jindal is a great speaker and knows what he is talking about. He also does not sound like a cocky robot (i.e. Obama). It would be sad to see him leave the one-time mess he has helped clean up in Louisiana, but it might actually put McCain over the top for the presidency. Palin would not be bad, either. Then again, I love Giuliani and Romney, too. Lots of excellent VP candidates for McCain to choose from. Can't say the same for the Dummycrats. ;^)

Posted by: Seattle Conservative | July 21, 2008 6:55 PM

Hey Chris... who is running for PRESIDENT, McCain or Bobby Jindal? Either your reasoning ability is flawed or your just part of the typical in the tank for Nobama, biased so-called mainstream media.

Posted by: DH | July 21, 2008 6:54 PM

Just like in the bachelor or bacheloret, in the last episode, the one who shows up first is the one sent packing. Good news for Sarah Palin!

Posted by: Daymon | July 21, 2008 6:53 PM

Jindal has never done anything for Louisiana but continually run for office, this this is just another office he is running for. He has not done a damn thing for our state so good riddens. Just shows how desperate republicans are for a new young off-white face.

Posted by: nola guy | July 21, 2008 6:52 PM

I hope to counter Obama's Muslimness with a Hindu from Louisiana.

Wait a minute. He's from India, not Louisiana. Isn't India where they hold the Indianapolis 500. I'm confused. Mr. Lieberman! Help!

Posted by: McSame | July 21, 2008 6:52 PM

With McCain's age he needs someone who could step in right away. I don't have a problem with Jindal though. But you can bet the media would question his youth and inexperience. I still prefer Romney and last week he ate all his campaign debt so we'll see.

Posted by: Jacob | July 21, 2008 6:52 PM

He wouldnt be VP Bobby for long when Mcain dies.
But Pelosi as a VP. Horrible.

Posted by: BDL | July 21, 2008 6:52 PM

Jindal is a national treasure, and a tremendous future asset for the GOP, but not not experienced enough yet for the veep slot. Let him mature and develop the experience and we'll run him for the top of the ticket in 10 years. Meantime, McCain should go with Romney in these dire economic times.

Posted by: LoonsToTheLeftOfMe | July 21, 2008 6:52 PM

Lord no. We here in Louisiana finally get a good conservative governor, who is doing some good things and the dang Washington circle wants to take him away. They will use him, abuse him and then dump him out like Newt.

Posted by: Chris | July 21, 2008 6:50 PM

Morover, if the brand new McCain ad is not an announcement that Sarah Palin is gonna be Veep on his ticket, I don't know what is. It's even got the McCain/Palin campaign slogan vs. Obama: "Don't hope for new energy, vote for it" ----

<http://www.breitbart.tv/?p=135403>

Insofar as the red herring "newbie" argument contra Palin, she's got more actual accomplishment, qualifications and experience than Obama times 10! Just let the Dems (and their fawning MSM) try to make an argument on that. That would be rich indeed. I say, bring it on!!!

Posted by: Ted | July 21, 2008 6:49 PM

as long as he doesnt pick that hack sarah palin from alaska. why the hell does she think she's qualified?

anyways, im not a conservative but i think mccain choosing the slurpy drinking hindu could help him with the far right nutjobs.

Posted by: RICK | July 21, 2008 6:49 PM

Jindal has actually done very little as Gov. of La. so far. Unless you want to take into account a few weeks ago when sheer public outcry, and a recall threat, forced his hand in vetoing a legislative pay raise.

America does not need another yes man, America needs leadership and Jindal is not that person.

Posted by: Louisiana Citizen | July 21, 2008 6:48 PM

Bobby is fine right where he is...give us 6 more years with him then we'll share

Posted by: NOLA | July 21, 2008 6:48 PM

If Israel attacks Iran before November, does anyone really think Ol' big ears (i.e., Obama) has a shot to win? The answer is a resounding NO.

Posted by: Aaron Burr | July 21, 2008 6:47 PM

Really though, if he does become McCain's veep spot, all the ignorant voters will initially see him as a Mexican, then after all the "He's Indian" corrections, they're going to see him as a "Navajo Indian" or an ancestor of a participant in the "battle for wounded knee." I personally would love Bobby Jindal to be VP for the GOP party. It would thwart conventional views of the Republican party and acclimate what the Republicans should have run on, which should have closely resembled that of Ron Paul's platform sans his foreign policy stance.

Posted by: andrew | July 21, 2008 6:47 PM

"Vice-President Bobby? Not exactly a surfeit of gravitas, eh?" ...

I thought "President Bobby Kennedy" would have been a good name. What is a name?

Posted by: Larry | July 21, 2008 6:47 PM

"First, McCain would essentially cede one of the main pillars of his argument against Obama: experience."

Why? Comparing the Pres candidate to the VEEP pick isn't going to favor Obama.

Posted by: Darin | July 21, 2008 6:46 PM

The Republican party typified by its image as being controlled by old white men, huh? And Jindal would rebrand that, somehow? It certainly hasn't had any bearing on the media's definition of the G.O.P. that it was the first to place an African American and a woman in the post of Secretary of State. I suggest the typification of the Republican Party comes not from the voters but from the media.

Posted by: Marion | July 21, 2008 6:43 PM

Word out of McCain meeting with Jindal means McCain's picking Alaska Gov Sarah Palin, not Jindal!

Posted by: Ted | July 21, 2008 6:43 PM

As a resident of Louisiana, I would hate to lose him as our governor, but he would be a great V.P. The guy is brilliant, decent and ethical.

Posted by: Ian | July 21, 2008 6:43 PM

The best part: the Indian-American community would likely come through with buko money for a historic candidate such as Jindal and the Catholic community would have on of its own on the ticket again.

This is a choice with, for the downside of ceding experience, has a great deal of upside in excitment and giving the ticket a sense of history.

Posted by: Rhoda | July 21, 2008 6:42 PM

I hope Jindal is chosen.

Posted by: josh mathes | July 21, 2008 6:40 PM

"Vice-President Bobby?" Not exactly a surfeit of gravitas, eh?

Posted by: FlownOver | July 21, 2008 6:32 PM

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