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## *Bobby Jindal, America's Most Transformational Governor*

You may have heard his name mentioned as a possible vice presidential running mate, but if you don't know anything more about Governor Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, you should.

Governor Jindal is leading a revolution of conservative reform in Louisiana. He is the most transformational young governor in America today. The principles that motivate his Louisiana Revolution are the same pro-innovation, pro-competition, anti-bureaucracy and anti-big government principles that I urge each week in this newsletter - the same principles that are so desperately needed in Washington, D.C.

For those of you who don't yet know him, I'd like to take a moment to introduce you to Governor Bobby Jindal. And for those of you already familiar with this rising reformer, read on. You may just learn one more reason why Bobby Jindal is a reformer to watch, regardless of whether or not he gets a spot on the 2008 presidential ticket.

### **In Six Months, Jindal Has Accomplished More Than Most Do In a Lifetime**

The first thing to know about Governor Jindal is that he has been in office as governor for just six months.

Six months.

And in just six months he's accomplished more than most elected officials accomplish in a lifetime.

Governor Jindal has built his impressive record of conservative reform through an innovative, aggressive leadership that should be required learning for officials in Washington, D.C.

He didn't wait for the Democratic controlled Louisiana legislature to come to him. He went to it, calling two historic special sessions before the regular session of the legislature even had a chance to begin.

### **"A New Day Louisiana, a New Day!"**

In the first special session back in **March**, Governor Jindal began his reform agenda where it had to begin: fixing the culture of corruption and cronyism that has long dominated Louisiana politics and damaged Louisiana's economy.

The ethics reforms won by Governor Jindal catapulted Louisiana from a state with one of the lowest rankings to among the states with the highest ethics standards.

Thanks to Bobby Jindal, today Louisiana ranks as the number one state in financial disclosure requirements of its elected officials. And this new transparency and accountability in government is having real world results.

New financial disclosure **requirements** for public officials that went into effect last week have prompted mass resignations from state boards and commissions.

Said one Louisiana voter: "I don't know about anyone else, but I'm kinda liking the fact that this is resulting in 'out with the old and in with the new.' ... A new day Louisiana, a new day!"

### **Jindal's Louisiana: A Place to Work, Invest and Raise a Family**

In yet another special session of the legislature and the regular session which ended just last week, Governor Jindal has built a spectacularly impressive record of accomplishment for the people of Louisiana.

Here are just a few of the highlights:

- **Six Major Tax Cuts** worth more than \$500 million, including eliminating taxes on business and capital investment and the **largest personal tax cut in the history of the state - a \$300 million reduction in personal income taxes**, worth up to \$500 for an individual and \$1,000 for a family.
- Governor Jindal brought about a **Transformation of Job Creation and Retraining**. He completely eliminated the Department of Labor and passed a guarantee for employers that Louisiana educational institutions will train its workforce to meet their needs, and if they fail, they will retrain workers for free.
- He created **\$10 million in Opportunity Scholarships** so 1,500 poor children in New Orleans can escape failing public schools.
- Jindal led the passage of **The Health Care Consumers Right to Know Act**, creating transparency of cost and quality

for the first time in Louisiana's health care system.

- Bobby Jindal **expanded the number of charter schools in Louisiana from 42 to 100.**
- He passed legislation **cracking down on child molesters** and also passed a resolution calling for the creation of involuntary civil commitment of sexually violent predators to keep them confined for treatment after they complete their prison terms.

## Louisiana's Third Bond Rating Boost in a Week

All this, and Governor Bobby Jindal is just getting started. Just last week he vetoed \$9 million dollars in pet projects and pork barrel spending in the legislature's budget - another area in which this 37-year-old governor is showing the way to Washington.

Not coincidentally, Jindal also announced that for the third time last week, Louisiana's bond rating had been raised by a major credit rating agency.

## "The World Needs More Bobby Jindals"

The Governor was also in the news because he vetoed a bill that the legislature passed doubling members' current salary and guaranteeing future pay raises. Jindal had previously said he wouldn't oppose the pay hike, but he came to the conclusion that it was incompatible with his reform agenda.

His earlier comments, the Governor admits, were a "mistake," one that he chose to correct by vetoing the bill. And Jindal's correction has cemented his reputation as a principled conservative reformer.

Here's how one would-be opponent of Jindal's put it:

Dear Governor Jindal: I wanted to leave you a quick note that I plan to withdraw my recall petition effective tomorrow (July 03, 2008). I filed the recall petition about an hour before you announced your veto. After researching your record, your goals, and your vision for Louisiana, the only conclusion I could come to is that the world needs more Bobby Jindals.

"The world needs more Bobby Jindals." I couldn't agree more.

## Celebrating Independence Day in Baghdad



This photo and **video** say it all. 1215 servicemen and women re-enlisting in a July 4 ceremony presided over by General Petraeus in a former Saddam Hussein palace. This is twice the number of re-enlistments from a similar ceremony last year.

When I shared this photo with my **Days of Infamy** co-author, historian William Forstchen, he had this emotional reaction:

Lump in throat time. ... I suspect it is not the largest single re-enlistment in American history. In the spring of 1864, tens of thousands of Union volunteers, who had signed up for three years service in 1861 were up for discharge.

They had served with honor and distinction, they had every honorable reason to take their discharges and go home, but if they did so, the cause of the Union would be in jeopardy. They knew with utter certainty what awaited them if they signed up again ... and what might be lost if they did not. Over 30,000 of them reenlisted ... that action, as much as any other, saved the Union.

The young men and women in this photo show the spirit of the volunteer soldiers of our nation. I believe that hovering near them are the spirits of so many who gave the last full measure of devotion and now whisper, "Thank you soldier, God bless you, and well done."

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Newt Gingrich".

Newt Gingrich


**P.S.** -- Last week I told you about my visit to First Baptist Atlanta, where I spoke to about 6,000 parishioners about the threats to American civilization from within and without. You can view my speech **here**

**P.P.S.** -- I've written a lot about increasing drilling for oil in our American Solutions "Drill Here, Drill New, Pay Less" **campaign** but I want to also point out how one restaurant chain is powering its operations entirely through wind energy. The Austin Grill is based in the Washington, D.C. area, but they get their energy from wind farms in West Virginia. A Center for Health Transformation staffer, Michelle Stein, ate at Austin Grill this weekend and thought that was **quite clever**.

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**Comments**


 By Cynthia Brown @ Tuesday, July 15, 2008 11:04 AM

Taken from an article by Stephen Sabludowsky.....

"Governor Jindal can diffuse part of the possible public and legislative backlash. If he really cares about Louisiana and not about his own political career, he would put a total end to his vice president aspirations. By not doing so, he is only fueling the fire. "...

Link to complete article.....  
[http://www.bayoubuzz.com/News/Louisiana/Politics/Louisiana\\_Jindal\\_Vetoes\\_Cuts\\_Into\\_His\\_Political\\_Identity\\_\\_6787.asp](http://www.bayoubuzz.com/News/Louisiana/Politics/Louisiana_Jindal_Vetoes_Cuts_Into_His_Political_Identity__6787.asp)

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 By 42long @ Monday, July 14, 2008 10:05 PM

Reuters  
Monday July 14, 7:33 pm ET

GM readies for new round of job cuts.


Thank you CONGRESS.

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 By mochas boss @ Monday, July 14, 2008 7:59 PM

I live in Louisiana, and we can see the progress and transparency of Jindal's ethics bills already. Why Cynthia Brown attacks him is beyond me. Is she a supporter of Edwin Edwards, or Huey Long, or worse yet, Mary Landrieu?! You have a problem with ethics reform and Louisiana, you should check NJ, or NY, or NV. And, yes it's the largest budget in Louisiana history, but it's the largest most needy Louisiana in Louisiana history. As a congressman Jindal finally got the Democrat Party to go along with giving us some of our offshore drilling money back so we can repair our coastline for future protection, since Reid & Pelosi & Landrieu would rather have issues instead of successes to run on. Newt is right, but we need Jindal to stay here longer. He needs more gray hair!

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 By 42long @ Monday, July 14, 2008 4:52 PM

I'm sorry but this Jindal story is not the most important right now.


Gasoline prices are. The President will lift the executive ban on Drilling. It is now up to the Democrats and they are already rejecting this move. Speaker Pelosi has called the Presidents order a HOAX. Speaker PELOSI says this order will NOT bring prices down and it will NOT make America energy independent.

SPEAKER PELOSI YOU ARE AN IDIOT. You and your Leftist friends are destroying this economy single handedly. America knows that gasoline affects EVERYTHING around us.

It is time to get behind the President and put more pressure on CONGRESS. The President has opened the door for us and it will be up to us to apply 100 times more pressure.

God Speed.

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 By 42long @ Monday, July 14, 2008 4:51 PM


Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday oil prices could hit \$300 per barrel if U.S. oil company Exxon Mobil again freezes Venezuelan assets in a dispute over a nationalized oil project.

"If they freeze us there will be no more oil for the United States, and the price will go to \$300," Chavez said during a televised meeting with Caribbean and Central American leaders.

This is what we're up against. Democrats, Leftists, and Dictators and Terrorists.

The time to DRILL is RIGHT NOW.

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 By Cynthia Brown @ Friday, July 11, 2008 9:55 AM

Governor Bobby Jindal has vetoed ethics legislation that as its author, Representative Neil Abramson, said would apply to all elected officials including the Governor. According to a letter by Rep. Abramson after the Governor announced his veto, the "bill required the disclosure of political appointments and jobs given by elected officials after they were elected to individuals who contributed to their campaign. This way the public could see whether political jobs and appointments were political paybacks and patronage, or legitimate decisions. My bill was true transparency, real ethics reform and a good government bill."....

Read complete article by Stephen Sabludowsky ....

[http://www.bayoubuzz.com/News/Louisiana/Politics/Louisiana\\_Gov.\\_Jindal\\_Shoots\\_Ethics\\_Reform\\_In\\_Own\\_Foot\\_\\_6768.asp](http://www.bayoubuzz.com/News/Louisiana/Politics/Louisiana_Gov._Jindal_Shoots_Ethics_Reform_In_Own_Foot__6768.asp)



By For\_The\_Gipper @ Thursday, July 10, 2008 11:58 PM

Bah the Union. They still speak of Northern aggression here. Although the union was right in their cause.

Anyway the main reason I am here to post is about the Colombia and South Korea free trade deals. While not as important as drill here. I wish the democratic congress would approve these.

I mean look Colombia just rescued 3 AMERICANS and South Korean President has been dealing with resignations and month long protests for resuming U.S. beef. In the global economy its either compete or perish.

For a Party (Democratic) that says the U.S. popularity worldwide is worse off this seems irresponsible for them. What better gift to these to allies then approving these deals? Especially Colombia look at the region around them.

I am curious about the drilling on one thing but I'll just keep it to myself. I can not question other republicans. Same thing on the VP choice.

I am just going to support whoever is VP choice. I mean we finally have a fiscal conservative, a dying breed.

Also good job Newt, the Dems seem on the Defensive on the drilling.



By Wally @ Thursday, July 10, 2008 9:24 PM

Jindal is a Wonderful Six Month Story. We Need More of It! Someone Living the American Dream By Giving Back to the Country. He's Taking care of the Opportunity and the Compensation for a Job Well Done Will Take Care of Itself in Due Time. Jindal Needs to be Kiln Dried for a Few More years - He's 36 years Old - Let Him be a Kid for a While! :-)



By John Ashman @ Thursday, July 10, 2008 1:45 PM

Also, consider that you would be taking someone who is doing, apparently, a great job and then grinding him up in a presidential race and potentially allowing Louisiana to go back to Democrats. Let him keep doing a great job and prove he can do it over more than 6 months. He could well be president in 8-16 years and be a godsend. He's not terribly valuable as a VP and head of the Senate, a waste of his talents. Why waste him?



By John Ashman @ Thursday, July 10, 2008 1:37 PM

There's no doubt that common sense beats age or experience in a leader because you can get facts from other people. I'm just saying it would be a risky pairing as it rationalizes Obama's position by appointing basically a Republican version of him. And I don't think Jindal will pull away from Obama core supporters because they are so similar. Just as Obama needs to bake more, perhaps Jindal needs to finish his current job before running for a bigger office. Obama is the Peter Principle in operation. He just keeps getting promoted until he sucks at his job.



By BudWiser @ Thursday, July 10, 2008 12:20 PM

Too many of us judge a candidate solely by age and experience. There's another important qualification which most people ignore. COMMON SENSE. Bobby Jindal may be young, but he has more common sense than most of those twice his age. And since common sense is one of the least common things in this world, that makes him novel and acceptable, does it not? A symptom of a lack of common sense is one's head up his butt. How many lawmakers in Washington do you see walking upright? I think we should clone Jindal and use the clones to replace all the self righteous, ignorant and greedy politicians in Washington. Sound like a plan?



By Cynthia Brown @ Thursday, July 10, 2008 8:21 AM

Louisiana's Governor's office now ranks 50th in transparency due to amendment attached to last minute bill....

<http://blog.lj4a.com/2008/07/09/jindals-office-the-most-opaque-in-the-nation/>

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The article reads, "That's right, after all of his grandstanding on how government needs to be more transparent, about how there needs to be increased disclosure and stronger ethics laws in the state of Louisiana... Governor Jindal's office ranks dead last nationwide when it comes to transparency."



By John Ashman @ Thursday, July 10, 2008 12:58 AM

Mitt Romney comes across as a phony politician and comported himself poorly in the race turning me off completely. He offers no real advantage. Huckabee is far better spoken and is well liked, comported himself beautifully. Romney should get a cabinet post, however.



By John Ashman @ Thursday, July 10, 2008 12:56 AM

Jindal would be a mistake for many reasons, but the main one is age and experience. Choosing him validates Obama's theory that you need none. Secondly, he should say that Louisiana clearly needs him there on the job. Huckabee is a much better choice, though Condaleeza Rice is clearly the best option because she's bright, a woman, black and yet is one of the few people that can stand alone as being not chosen for political expediency. She's clearly at the head of the pack with brain power and knowledge.



By Dr Pepper @ Wednesday, July 09, 2008 10:29 PM

I don't know why they're pushing for Jindal. Mitt Romney....now there is the clear choice for VP.

Drill Immediately !!



By MikeSmith @ Wednesday, July 09, 2008 9:05 PM

Jindal is no conservative.

He is a political careerists. He talks like a conservative but put through the biggest budget from state sources in history, opposed a big credit he now takes credit for, exaggerates his accomplishments, gave huge raises to his supporters, cut deals with legislators to give them a raise then vetoed after recalls were filed against him, expanded socialized medicine, and claim tax cuts that were passed in a previous administration.

Newt he is a phony.

As a fiscally conservative life long republican I worked for him and contributed to his campaign. He is a HUGE disappointment.



By CowboyJoe @ Wednesday, July 09, 2008 4:45 PM

I like Bobby Jindal but I heard from somewhere that he has a bit of baggage. I have to research further to make sure it is not LIBERAL spin.

As usual the IRANIANS are being bullies. They know that we have this CANCER in government called LIBERALISM. Thats why they taunt us and push us around.

I'm tired of our AMERICAN dollars going to support these middle eastern countries. Why must we get on our knees all the time to these 'dirty' OPEC nations. They were never our friends. NEVER.

We must Drill here in AMERICA for our childrens sake. Lets tell OPEC to stick their 'dirty' oil up their pipes.



By macarter @ Wednesday, July 09, 2008 12:23 PM

You would not see this in the main stream media!! Thanks Newt for giving us this information on Mr. Jindal. We do need more politicians like him.

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