

"Honest politician" no longer an oxymoron

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If you're like me, Tuesday night was filled with anticipation and political anxiety. For the past few months, we've all been watching Barack Obama's lead in the election polls grow to overwhelming proportions. After eight years of being led by George W. Bush, I think it safe to say that a radical change in the White House was extremely necessary. As you may well know, this represents a historic time for the United States. And I'm not referring to Obama's race. With the changes he has promised, America's future has never seemed brighter. Time and time again,

we have witnessed leaders come from humble beginnings, manage to triumph over adversity and then lead our country into a position of great prominence. These rags-to-riches stories have helped define our nation since the very beginning.

As fervent democrat, I will applaud John McCain and his efforts during this past election. But I believe that his poor choice for running mate, along with his negative ads against Obama helped solidify his demise. John McCain frequently tried to paint his opponent as a 'terrorist' and socialist, but the American population wouldn't hear of it. If you are saddened by the outcome of this election because you feel that John McCain had more qualifications or if you simply think 'President Palin' has a nice

ring to it, I'm sorry things didn't turn out the way you wanted. But keep in mind that the Republicans have had eight years in office to change things around, and the only thing that has changed is the level of debt that our country is now in.

The Republican Party is responsible for choosing a candidate that exemplifies the American ideals. And I'm not afraid to say, that they blew their chance. So cheer up, Republicans! You'll have another chance in eight years, but for now, we have chosen a leader that no longer makes the United States look like it's inhabited by complete morons. Barack Obama will be our president in a few months, and the phrase 'honest politician' will no longer be an oxymoron.

SO YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE TO CANADA?



Inevitably many students are going to be upset with Tuesday's election results and threaten to move to Canada. If you are one of these people, don't let the fact that those crazy Canucks already have socialized health care, strict gun control laws, decriminalized marijuana, and many of the other things that you fear may become the downfall of the American Empire, go on and show how much you love your country by leaving it. We here at The Clarion even want to help you, by giving you a step by step guide to putting the "patriot" in expatriot.

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Step One: Move to the Province of your choosing

Want to learn French? Or maybe become a rodeo clown or find a place where your large girth will become an asset instead of a liability as it keeps you warm in winter? Canada offers it all! Just research what you want out of your new life and pick the province that best suits your needs, but make sure you realize that moving to Canada does not make you a Canadian citizen.

Step Two: Fill Out a Canadian Visa

In filling out a Canadian Visa, there are six different routes that can be taken. One is to be approved by Quebec for immigration specifically. This is not the route you want to take, because, let's face it, if you're leaving the U.S. because a Democrat won, you probably

aren't too fond of the Frogs. Another route is to apply for "Family-Class Immigration." Also not applicable to most BC students, so we'll skip that one as well. You can also be adopted by a set of Canadian parents and earn your Visa that way, although that would only apply to BC students under the age of 18. If this is your chosen route, you might want to look into whether Angelina Jolie is Canadian or not, as she will probably jump at the chance to expand her personal Model U.N. Club. The fourth route for citizenship is to be nominated specifically by a province. If you are good at hockey or brewing horrible beer, look into this as provinces will probably vie for your services, otherwise look for another route into the Fraternity of Eh-sayers. The last two options are the most likely two to be successful. One option is to prove that you are planning to open a business venture in the country that will improve the economy. The other is to simply to pass a test proving that you speak English, have basic common sense, and will become employed once you become a citizen.

Step Three: ADAPT

Once you have been granted your visa, you will have to work hard to avoid culture shock. It is highly recommended that you watch the film "Canadian Bacon" and also familiarize yourself with the strategic intricacies of the line change and power play. Once you have accomplished all these things, enjoy yourself. But remember, in the words of Robin Williams, "Living in Canada is like having a loft apartment over top of a great party."

