

Can Anyone Vouch for Obama's History? Not at Columbia!

By Phil ([index](#))

It is already known that nobody has stepped forward to vouch for witnessing or being connected to Mr. Obama's birth as alleged to have been in some Hawaiian hospital. And now it appears that nobody seems to remember their fellow classmate at Columbia University.

The Anti-Mullah blog posted this story last Sunday; I did some further research to find out from whence they pulled much of the verbiage in their posting.

First, Reason.com posted an article back in September, 2008 in which they interviewed the Libertarian Party Vice Presidential candidate, Wayne Allen Root (poignantly excerpted quotes):

Root is no fan of the Democratic nominee: "A vote for Obama is four years of Karl Marx, and *no one* should be happy about that," he told us and a few genial young libertarian activists over cocktails. "He's a communist! I don't care what anybody says. The guy's a communist.... And his mother was a card-carrying communist, and he says she's the most important person in his entire life; he learned everything from her."

But the thing Root *really* wanted to talk about was Obama's grades. Specifically, he was willing to bet a million dollars that he earned a better grade point average at Columbia than his old classmate, and that the only reason Obama went on to Harvard Law School was the color of his skin. ...

"I think the most dangerous thing you should know about Barack Obama is that I don't know a single person at Columbia that knows him, and they all know me. I don't have a classmate who *ever knew* Barack Obama at Columbia. Ever! ... Where was Obama? He wasn't an outgoing young man, no one ever heard of him. ...

Class of '83 political science, pre-law Columbia University. You don't get more exact than that. Never met him in my life, don't know anyone who ever met him. At the class reunion, our 20th reunion five years ago, 20th reunion, who was asked to be the speaker of the class? Me. No one ever *heard* of Barack! Who was he, and five years ago, nobody even knew who he was." ...

There's much more at the posting.

It also appears that *The New York Times* had interviewed Mr. Root during the next month:

Neither one knew their famous Columbia classmate, Barack Obama. ?I've not only not met him,? Mr. Root said, ?I've not *met* anybody who met him.?

Part of Anti-Mullah's posting covered reporting on the part of Fox News (h/t NewsHounds, August, 2008, excerpted):

The FOX website released a collection of information about Obama to go along with their examination of his "character and conduct". The choice of material pretty much illustrates the message they crafted in last night's piece. ...

Although time was spent exploring Obama's community work in Chicago there was very little emphasis on his teaching career at the University of Chicago. Although viewers were informed that after interviewing 400 Columbia University graduates none of them knew Barack Obama when he attended, they didn't bother to interview even one of his students about their experiences in Obama's class. Wouldn't that have provided insight into the candidates character?

The friendship with Sohale Siddiqi who he meant when he left home for the first time at 18 to attend Occidental College was made into a big deal during the documentary. They made a point to note that Obama visited Pakistan at age 20 to visit Siddiqi's family. Then gravely explored Obama rooming with him in New York when he first got there alone, broke and homeless to go to Columbia. Obama had written about being forced to sleep on the streets for a few nights and waking up in an alley with a chicken pecking at him. FOX News managed to use it to connect Obama to the drug world with a claim from a New York City detective that the alley was located in a rough neighborhood run by Dominican drug lords. It's doubtful that they were trying to stress that Obama's poverty had put him in danger. The article about Obama and Siddiqi on the website is far more positive and objective than last night's coverage.

Part of the last link in the above quote to *The Seattle Times*:

The Obama campaign declined to discuss Obama's time at Columbia and his friendships in general. It won't, for example, release his transcript or name his friends. It did, however, list five locations where Obama lived during his four years here: three on Manhattan's Upper West Side and two in Brooklyn – one in Park Slope, the other in Brooklyn Heights. His memoir mentions two others on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Naturally, there's the question of Columbia's yearbook. This question is more than fully covered by DBKP and further commentary over at FreeRepublic; both links are certainly worth investigating for more insights into next to no background on this President.

While part of the story is dealing with Mr. Obama's presence at Columbia University, I would invite all of my readers to not miss the bigger point here:

There is clearly precious little evidence showing substantial bona fides for this President. And for someone who claims to want to operate within the realm of transparency, one could not be any more opaque.

In related eligibility news, here are two links regarding the now-dismissed but promised-to-be-appealed *Kerchner v. Obama* case:

- [Federal judge cites lack of standing, dismisses Obama eligibility case \(SonoranNews.com\)](#)
- [Judge Simandle Has Granted the DOJ's Motion to Dismiss \(attorney Mario Apuzzo's blog\)](#)

See the following links regarding the eligibility saga:

- The background:
 - [Obama's Presidential Eligibility: What You Need to Know](#)
 - [Obama's Sealed Background Documentation](#)
 - [Obama Citizenship Facts](#)
 - [What's the Difference Between a Birth *Certification* Versus a Birth *Certificate*](#)
- The questions:
 - [Leo Donofrio Affirms FightTheSmears.com's Obama Citizenship Admission](#)
 - [Fallible FactCheck.org: TheBirthers, Donofrio Cause Change on Obama Citizenship](#)
 - [Newsmax.com: Obama Birth Certificate Not Released](#)
 - [Keyes v. Lingle: Forensic Examiner and IT Expert Disprove Certification of Live Birth](#)
 - [The State Department and Sen. Patrick Leahy's \(D-VT\) Natural Born Citizen Resolution \(April 10, 2008\)](#)
 - [Citizen Grand Jury Updates and Eligibility Lawsuit Listing](#)

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