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WHEN MOVEON SAYS JUMP, HILL DEMS ASK HOW HIGH?

*Capitol Hill Democrats
Have Sold Their Party To
The Radical Liberal
Group MoveOn.
Now The Democrat
Leadership Is Delivering.*



MoveOn.org E-Mail Claims It Bought And Owns The Democrat Party: “Now It’s Our Party: We Bought It, We Own It, And We’re Going To Take It Back.” (Adam C. Smith, “Unshaven, Unbowed And In Our Face,” *St. Petersburg Times*, February 18, 2005)

MOVEON SAYS JUMP ON JUDICIAL OBSTRUCTION

MoveOn.org Has Launched An Aggressive Campaign To Oppose President Bush’s Judicial Nominees. “With the first crucial vote on the first judge in less than a day, we’re launching a national campaign to let our senators know that we out here in America are counting on them to hold the line on all 20 of Bush’s rejected, corporate judges, and beat back his dirty parliamentary tricks.” (MoveOn.org, Fundraising Email, March 9, 2005)

MoveOn.org Vocally Opposed President Bush’s Renomination Of Judges Who Were Not Confirmed During His First Term. “[On] March 10th, the Senate Judiciary Committee will consider the nomination of mining and cattle industry lobbyist William Myers III for a lifetime

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appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals—the second highest court in the land. . . . All 20 repeat nominees were rejected last term by Senate Democrats (as compared to the 204 judges they accepted) because these nominees consistently sided with corporate special-interests over the rights of ordinary Americans. This time, Bush is ready to fight dirty to force these nominees through. Dick Cheney has even threatened to use a parliamentary trick to eliminate the centuries-old rule requiring judges to have broad support in the Senate.” (MoveOn.org, Fundraising Email, March 9, 2005)

MOVEON PLAYS AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SETTING THE DEMOCRAT STRATEGY AND AGENDA ON CAPITOL HILL

MoveOn.org Has Raised Its Profile On Capitol Hill And Is Increasingly Courted By Democrat Officials. “Once regarded warily by much of the Democratic establishment, the liberal grass-roots group MoveOn.org is being increasingly courted by Democratic officeholders for its 3 million members — and their deep pockets. The Web-based advocacy organization, by far the left’s most potent fundraising operation outside of the Democratic Party itself, has raised its profile considerably on Capitol Hill in recent months.” (Chris Cillizza, “MoveOn Goes Mainstream,” *Roll Call*, April 13, 2005)

A Spokeswoman For The Democrat National Committee Admitted MoveOn’s Message Is In Line With The National Party And Hill Democrats. “Laura Gross, a spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee, also praised MoveOn’s efforts. ‘Obviously they are relaying the Democratic Party message, which is in line with what the DNC is doing and what the Hill is doing as well,’ said Gross.” (Chris Cillizza, “MoveOn Goes Mainstream,” *Roll Call*, April 13, 2005)

MoveOn.org PAC’s Executive Director Eli Pariser On The Group’s Newfound Status As Part Of The Democrat Mainstream: “It’s Been An Interesting Experience For Us.” (Chris Cillizza, “MoveOn Goes Mainstream,” *Roll Call*, April 13, 2005)

DEMOCRATS ON CAPITOL HILL ROUTINELY SEEK THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF MOVEON

House Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) And Her Staff Have Weekly Meetings Or Calls With MoveOn’s Representatives. “House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) has worked with MoveOn since being elected the top Democrat in the House leadership in late 2002, but the relationship between the two grew closer during the fight over adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare, said spokeswoman Jennifer Crider. Crider added that Pelosi or her staff have calls and meetings ‘on a weekly basis’ with representatives of MoveOn.” (Chris Cillizza, “MoveOn Goes Mainstream,” *Roll Call*, April 13, 2005)

Senate Democrat Leader Harry Reid’s (D-NV) Chief Of Staff Said MoveOn “Effectively Represents An Important Part Of Our Constituency.” (Chris Cillizza, “MoveOn Goes Mainstream,” *Roll Call*, April 13, 2005)

MoveOn Participates In Conference Calls Organized By Senator Hillary Clinton’s (D-NY) Democrat Senate Steering Committee. “The Senate Steering and Outreach Committee holds a Monday telephone call with roughly 20 outside advocacy organizations whenever Congress is in session. MoveOn has been a participant, though infrequently, sources said.” (Chris Cillizza, “MoveOn Goes Mainstream,” *Roll Call*, April 13, 2005)

MoveOn.org's Washington Director, Tom Matzzie, Noted That Senior Democrat Senators "Eagerly Rearrange Their Schedules To Meet With MoveOn." "Tom Matzzie describes himself as a pacifist techno geek. Maybe so, but MoveOn.org's man in Washington sounds like one cocky computer nerd. Between bites of sushi, Matzzie noted how senior Democratic senators eagerly rearrange their schedules to meet with MoveOn." (Adam C. Smith, "Unshaven, Unbowed And In Our Face," *St. Petersburg Times*, February 18, 2005)

- ✓ **Matzzie: "The Candidates Want Nothing To Do With The DLC [Democratic Leadership Council], It's So Out Of Vogue."** (Adam C. Smith, "Unshaven, Unbowed And In Our Face," *St. Petersburg Times*, February 18, 2005)
- ✓ **Matzzie: "If The DLC Disappeared From The Democratic Party Tomorrow, No One Would Notice. If MoveOn Weren't Part Of The Party, People Would Notice And Care."** (Adam C. Smith, "Unshaven, Unbowed And In Our Face," *St. Petersburg Times*, February 18, 2005)

One Democrat Strategist Said The Party's Leaders Recognize MoveOn's Ability To Excite The Democrat Base Outweighs The Risk Of Being Associated With The Group's Agenda. "Among elected Democratic leaders, there is a 'recognition that MoveOn can excite the troops and till the ground to grow more Democratic activists in a way that makes any risks associated with their activities or their views less important than the rewards we can gain,' one party strategist said." (Chris Cillizza, "MoveOn Goes Mainstream," *Roll Call*, April 13, 2005)

NOW HILL DEMOCRATS ARE ALSO TEAMING WITH RADICAL MOVEON FOR FUNDRAISING AND RALLIES

Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) Was The Star Of A MoveOn.org Rally Featuring Several Members Of The Senate Democrat Leadership. "The MoveOn.org rally featured several members of the Democratic leadership and one major liberal icon, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.). But it was Byrd who drew the most applause. At times during his colleagues' speeches, the 87-year-old himself could be heard yelling 'yeah,' 'hallelujah,' and 'right' to show support for their stated goal of preventing the change in the filibuster rule." (Mark Preston, "Feisty Byrd Looks Like A Candidate," *Roll Call*, March 17, 2005)

- **Robert Byrd: "That Organization Is Made Up Of Democrats And Republicans . . . It's A Patriotic Organization."** (Senator Robert Byrd, CNN's "Inside Politics," April 7, 2005)

Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) Urged MoveOn.org Activists To Flood Into West Virginia To Help Get Robert Byrd Reelected. "I say we're gonna see, we want to re-elect Bob Byrd to the United States Senate. . . . I want all of you right here to go down to Mingo County to Bluefield to Jefferson County to help him get reelected." (Senator Edward Kennedy, MoveOn.org PAC Rally, Washington, DC, March 16, 2005)

Over \$800,000 Was Raised For Byrd Through A MoveOn.org Fundraising E-Mail Featuring A Plea For Support By Liberal Senator Barack Obama (D-IL). "19,401 contributors had donated \$822,914 to Sen. Robert C. Byrd's 2006 re-election campaign. That's an average of \$ 42.42 per donation. All the money was raised in two days since Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., sent out a fund-raising letter early Tuesday afternoon over the Internet through Moveon.org. . . . Eli Pariser, who coordinates fund-raising for Move On, said, 'We came to highlight Sen. Byrd because we

wanted to demonstrate how much people in West Virginia and all over the country support him.” (Paul J. Nyden, “Donations For Byrd Come To \$823,000,” *Charleston Gazette*, April 1, 2005)

Harry Reid Told A MoveOn Rally That His Caucus Is Depending On MoveOn Activists.

“We are depending on you, we are depending on you to make sure this country stands for what we learned many years ago when Mr. Smith went to Washington.” (Senator Harry Reid, MoveOn.org PAC Rally, Washington, DC, March 16, 2005)

Assistant Democrat Leader Richard Durbin (D-IL) At A MoveOn.org PAC Rally: “MoveOn.org And Everybody Gathered Here Today, You’re Changing America For The Better.” (Senator Richard Durbin, MoveOn.org PAC Rally, Washington, DC, March 16, 2005)

✓ **Durbin To MoveOn: “Keep It Up. MoveOn America. Right On MoveOn.”** (Senator Richard Durbin, MoveOn.org PAC Rally, Washington, DC, March 16, 2005)

MoveOn’s PAC “Rewarded” Senators Boxer (D-CA) And Reid For Challenging Ohio’s Presidential Vote. “MoveOn’s PAC rewarded Boxer and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) for the challenge to Ohio’s presidential vote by posting an online petition to thank them and by giving the legislators the names of about 100,000 signers -- a potentially valuable fundraising list.” (Ronald Brownstein, “Democrats Aren’t Giving Bush A Break This Term,” *Los Angeles Times*, February 11, 2005)

Ben Branzel, Founder And Project Director Of MoveOn Student Action, On Senate Democrats: “We Know That We Have Champions And Allies. Senator Reid And Senator Byrd Are Two Perfect Examples Of Those” (Ben Branzel, MoveOn.org PAC Rally, Washington, DC, March 16, 2005)

BUT MOVEON IS OUT OF STEP WITH RANK-AND-FILE DEMOCRATS

A Senior Kerry-Edwards Campaign Adviser Said MoveOn Was Expanding “Possibly At The Expense Of The Democratic Party.” “MoveOn’s building up their own brand and they’re building (its) own fund-raising base - possibly at the expense of the Democratic Party,” said Marcus Jadotte, a senior Kerry-Edwards campaign adviser. “Their involvement with the 2004 election was more focused on building affinity with activist Democrats than defeating George Bush. They didn’t speak to the middle. They didn’t focus on enhancing the base, they focused on riling up the base.” (Adam C. Smith, “Unshaven, Unbowed And In Our Face,” *St. Petersburg Times*, February 18, 2005)

DLC CEO Al From: “You’ve Got To Reject Michael Moore And The MoveOn Crowd.” (NBC’s “First Read,” March 1, 2005)

“Rank-And-File Democrats ‘Are More Like Us Than MoveOn,’ Which [Al] From Called A Group Of ‘Elites, People Who Sit In Their Basements All The Time And Play On Their Computers.” (NBC’s “First Read,” March 1, 2005)

Peter Beinart, The Editor Of *The New Republic*, Urged Democrats To Take Back Their Party From “Soft” Antiwar Groups Like MoveOn.Org. “While this argument has been smoldering, Peter Beinart, editor of the *New Republic*, opened another front in the party’s ideological conflict. His cover piece in the Dec. 13 issue urged Democrats to strike a much more hawkish stance in the war against terrorism. Most provocatively, Beinart urged Democrats to ‘take back their movement’ from antiwar elements in the party that he called ‘softs,’ a group that included filmmaker Michael Moore and MoveOn.org, the giant online liberal advocacy group that led opposition to the Iraq war.” (Ronald Brownstein, “Democrats Split Again Over Party’s Agenda,” *Los Angeles Times*, January 2, 2005)

The Democratic Leadership Council Applauded Peter Beinart's Call To Take Back The Party. "Beinart's cri de coeur drew applause from the Democratic Leadership Council, which raised similar arguments in the December issue of its Blueprint magazine." (Ronald Brownstein, "Democrats Split Again Over Party's Agenda," *Los Angeles Times*, January 2, 2005)

MOVEON IS SUPPORTED BY LIBERAL EXTREMISTS GEORGE SOROS AND MICHAEL MOORE

MoveOn.org Is Michael Moore's Army. "Michael Moore has a war plan to defeat President Bush. With MoveOn.org, he now has his army. Speaking to an estimated 55,000 liberal activists by conference call Monday night, packed into 4,600 homes nationwide, Moore asked three things of his devoted listeners." (David Paul Kuhn, "Michael Moore's Army On The Move," CBSNews.com, June 29, 2004)

MoveOn.org Promoted Michael Moore's Anti-President Bush Movie, Fahrenheit 9/11. "On a Monday night in late June, just after Fahrenheit 9/11's record-setting opening weekend, the liberal group MoveOn.org hosted more than 4,000 house parties across the country, at which some 55,000 people showed up to listen to a live webcast featuring Moore. It was the biggest such event in MoveOn's six-year history, according to MoveOn PAC Field Director Adam Ruben." (Jason Zengerle, "Crashing The Party," *The New Republic*, July 19, 2004)

Organizations Linked To Hezbollah Offered To Help Distribute Michael Moore's Film In The Middle East. "Meanwhile, in the United Arab Emirates, the film is being offered the kind of support it doesn't need. According to Screen International, the UAE-based distributor Front Row Entertainment has been contacted by organisations related to the Hezbollah in Lebanon with offers of help." (Samantha Ellis, "Fahrenheit 9/11 Gets Help Offer From Hezbollah," *The [U.K.] Guardian*, June 17, 2004)

Billionaire Financier George Soros And Partner Pledged \$5 Million To MoveOn.org. (Chuck Raasch, "Liberal Group Running New Anti-Bush Ads In 5 Swing States," *Gannett News Service*, December 3, 2003)

- ✓ **Soros Compared The Bush Administration To Nazis.** "Soros believes that a 'supremacist ideology' guides this White House. He hears echoes in its rhetoric of his childhood in occupied Hungary. 'When I hear Bush say, 'You're either with us or against us,' it reminds me of the Germans.' It conjures up memories, he said, of Nazi slogans on the walls, Der Feind Hort mit ('The enemy is listening'). 'My experiences under Nazi and Soviet rule have sensitized me,' he said in a soft Hungarian accent." (Laura Blumenfeld, "Soros's Deep Pockets Vs. Bush," *The Washington Post*, November 11, 2003)
- ✓ **Soros: "America, Under Bush, Is A Danger To The World."** "'America, under Bush, is a danger to the world,' Soros said." (Laura Blumenfeld, "Soros's Deep Pockets Vs. Bush," *The Washington Post*, November 11, 2003)

Two Ads Comparing President Bush To Hitler Appeared On MoveOn.org's Voter Fund Website. "One ad begins with Adolf Hitler making speeches, until a picture of President Bush appears. Another also uses Nazi and Bush images, with the tag line: 'What were war crimes in 1945 is foreign policy in 2003.' The videos appeared on the Web site of MoveOn.org's Voter Fund as part of a nationwide contest for an anti-Bush television ad on which the liberal group plans to spend a considerable sum." (Howard Kurtz, "Anti-Bush Ad Contest Includes Hitler Images," *The Washington Post*, January 6, 2004)

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