

## **B-A-N-A-N-A... R-E-P-U-B-L-I-C**

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I'm not much on conspiracy theories, but I am beginning to concoct one. Our government is adrift. We have not had any real leadership in the President's office for 10 years. What little "leadership" there has been has been counter to benefiting the vast majority of us.

The question then is who benefits from lack of leadership in this country. My short answer would be cowboys on Wall Street and the wealthy 1 or 2 percent of Americans who seem to be setting the government's agenda.

Clinton was a surprise winner in both of his elections. He did more than I would like to admit to enrich the elite, but he did provide some leadership. He did not totally forget the poor and middle class.

I cannot believe that any serious thinker would have thought George W. Bush to be a good President. I do not think any serious thinker believes now that he was a good President. He ran roughshod over the middle class and our economy. "His people", the wealthy elite and corporate overlords, benefited greatly under his mis-regime. Perhaps that was his "leadership".

I wanted Hillary for President. I had a bumper sticker on my vehicle since Bush's second election campaigning for her. This is a woman who knows the world and the way Washington works. She has more cajones than any 10 Senators you care to choose.

We elected Obama. The press and Oprah anointed him as The Chosen One. I had huge reservations as I did not feel then that he had the experience to lead this nation. I would dearly love to have been proven wrong, but it seems time is bearing me out. There seems to be little leadership from him. He keeps caving to the Rebukians. The moments he could have seized, he has not. His one semi-victory, health care, may end up a popped balloon if the Rebukians get their way. I voted for him hoping to have a Liberal in the office, but thought at least I will have a Democrat. I do not know what we have now except ineffective.

While the press did at one point shower him with adoration, what really got him elected was money. I am beginning to wonder where all this money came from. Reference my conspiracy theory about ineffective leadership benefiting the few. I would like to claim the theory of ineffective leadership benefiting the few, but I first read about it in [Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer—and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class](#). If I had a wish, I would wish that he would not run again and announce it in time for Hillary to start campaigning. I do not see that happening.

It is yet to be seen if Sarah Palin will run for President, but it would not surprise me if she did. I cannot imagine too many folks worse than her in that office. I imagine that if she did run she would garner a truck load of money. Remember it behooves the few to keep Washington in a dysfunctional mess and with weak leadership.

Now everybody repeat after me...B-A-N-A-N-A R-E-P-U-B-L-I-C.

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