

# LaRouche movement mobilizes to stop Gore coup against Clinton

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Will the 70-80% passive support which President Clinton has among the American population be turned into an effective political movement to reverse the ongoing coup against constitutional government? That is the question which the mobilization of the LaRouche political movement in the United States is seeking to answer in the affirmative.

Since early January 1999, when the U.S. Senate decided to go ahead with the lynch mob proceedings against the President, more than 2 million leaflets have gone out calling on citizens to “stop the coup.” These leaflets have been supplemented by circulation of the *New Federalist* weekly newspaper, and special offprints of *EIR*, which have saturated meetings held on the farm crisis, the impeachment crisis, and many of the nation’s state legislatures.

The results of this activity are not directly quantifiable, but the following can be said for sure. An increasing number of leaders from the core constituencies of the Democratic Party — labor, African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and small farmers — are sufficiently fed up with the lack of leadership from their own institutions, that they are turning to the LaRouche political movement for direction. This is reflected in an increased pace of signatures being gathered on the LaRouche’s movement appeal for Clinton to bring in LaRouche as his economic adviser, but in many other ways as well.

LaRouche has long anticipated that it will take a substantial financial shock here in the United States, to move President Clinton, and larger social forces, decisively in the direction of reversing the disastrous economic and social measures of the last 30 years. But, whether that shock provokes an effective reaction, relies heavily on the success of the work which serious constituency leaders are doing right now. And that’s what you see building in the LaRouche movement’s activity.

## Organizing a change

Many meetings of 40 to 100 people have been convened to discuss the urgency of turning around the coup against President Clinton during the last month. While a few of the meetings have featured celebrities — including former South Carolina Congressman James Mann, former California Congressman Mervyn Dymally, and Pennsylvania State Legislator Harold James, among others — most of them have brought together ordinary citizens who have finally decided to act.

Every meeting has dealt with the constellation of three crises: the world financial crisis, the growing war danger arising particularly out of the Middle East, and the British-inspired coup against President Clinton.

One of the more exceptional events occurred over the last weekend of January, when more than 90 people attended a town meeting in Los Angeles, which was addressed by the Mexican leader of the LaRouche movement, Marivilia Carrasco. Carrasco brought the Americans a vivid report on both the reality of the economic collapse directly to the south of the United States, and the tremendous growth of Lyndon LaRouche’s influence. She then presented a challenge.

“While the world is looking to the U.S. for leadership, President Clinton is under attack from a foreign insurrection. Most of the world recognizes that attack against Clinton is a fraud. The ones behind it are the financial oligarchs, who fear that he might turn against the bankrupt IMF [International Monetary Fund] system, and toward the ideas of LaRouche. That’s why they want to destroy him, and destroy the U.S. Constitution.

“The forces moving behind LaRouche’s policies internationally,” she concluded, “are therefore looking at *you* — you must now take historic responsibility. . . . The U.S. is next, you won’t escape the next financial explosion.”

The response was animated discussion of how those attending the meeting could mobilize their friends and neighbors.

## Labor and minorities

Generally, the labor unions and the civil rights organizations are sitting on their hands, when it comes to defending the Presidency. But the members of these organizations are anxious for leadership, and are getting involved with the LaRouche movement.

This is lawfully related to the fact that these constituencies are the most attuned to the reality of the financial collapse — as well as the understanding that the assault on President Clinton is politically motivated. The “outsider” Clinton has been seen as the most pro-African-American President in decades. And while labor has been decidedly unhappy with the President’s decision to go with the North American Free Trade Agreement and the welfare reform bill, many unionists think the President’s heart is in the right place, especially compared to Vice President Al Gore and the Conservative



*The Schiller Institute banner at the Martin Luther King Day Parade, in Houston, Texas on Jan. 16. The way to save the U.S. Presidency, is to destroy the oligarchs' option of a President Al Gore.*

Revolutionary Republicans.

It is among these constituencies that the elimination of more than a quarter-million manufacturing jobs over 1998 has had a sharp impact, countering the propaganda about the "eternal bull market." These are the people who have lost their health care, lost their subsidized housing, and have been thrown into the slave labor jobs which "workfare" offers.

LaRouche organizers have found that trade unionists have become increasingly willing to circulate material in defense of the President, and to study the dossiers which *EIR* has put together on Al Gore. Numerous African-American pastors have begun to come to meetings to discuss how to organize, and are taking reams of literature out into their communities.

Here and there, one finds an official of a Democratic Party organization who is willing to step forward to fight for the Presidency, but such are shockingly few and far between. Thus, it was quite an unusual event when a Maryland Democratic state delegate introduced a resolution in late January "for the purpose of urging the U.S. Congress to dismiss the impeachment trial in the absence of impeachable evidence or to consider censuring the U.S. President if the record demonstrates improprieties by the President, but does not show any impeachable offense." A LaRouche movement representative was one of the few to testify on the resolution's behalf.

### **Institutional saturation**

The LaRouche movement has also saturated Washington, D.C. and state legislatures around the country with literature documenting the nature of the coup in process, and the dangerous character of Al Gore. More than a dozen state legislatures have been blanketed, and the degree of interest is great. The alliance between the Confederate Republicans and Gore has

also become a very hot topic on numerous talk shows around the country.

This phase of the mobilization is building upon almost five years of educational effort by the LaRouche movement, which began with the LaRouche Presidential campaign's "Assault on the Presidency" pamphlet from March 1994. The hundreds of thousands of pieces of written material have been supplemented by tens of thousands of videotapes, which have circulated both in political centers, and among ordinary people, over the last year.

As the impeachment crisis escalates, and Al Gore takes a more prominent position in his pursuit of the Presidency, more and more people will be reminded of LaRouche's warnings. Even the sight of a stony-faced Gore sitting behind President Clinton during the State of the Union address on Jan. 19, provoked many to tell LaRouche organizers that they found *EIR's* characterization of Gore's evil to be more credible now.

Even more striking to many will be the blatant endorsements of Gore now coming out of the mouths of so-called conservative personalities, which proves the point which the LaRouche movement has been making. On Feb. 1, no less a Clinton-hater than Jerry Falwell came forward on CNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews," to say that it would be better if Gore were in the White House. On Jan. 31, it was the McLaughlin show which featured a section entitled "President Albert Arnold Gore Jr.," weighing the so-called pros and cons, and coming out with a picture favorable to the Vice President.

There is no doubt, of course, that Gore continues to be unelectable in the year 2000 elections. But will the American population wake up to stop his ascendancy to a co-Presidency, or worse, in the period between now and then?