

## Will American voters buy Wall Street's vote-rigging game?

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In speeches given in Michigan the week of Feb. 14, Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche blew the lid off the vote-rigging game now in process in the U.S. Presidential elections.

"Now, there are certain differences between this year's Presidential election campaign and world-class wrestling. But not much," LaRouche told a town meeting pulled together by his supporters in Detroit on Feb. 15. You have two dummies in the ring, George W. Bush and Al Gore, who both happen to be controlled by Wall Street. And the game is to prevent the voters of the United States from interfering with the pre-rigged outcome; the voters are supposed to simply sit on the sidelines, and cheer.

The pre-rigged outcome is intended to make none other than George W. Bush the next President of the United States, a prospect which should chill the hearts of Americans as much as it does those in the nations of the Middle East, South America, and Africa, who had enough of a taste of Bush neo-imperialism under George W.'s lunatic father. They are no more eager to experience the effects of the idiot son, who is guided by many of the same advisers who steered former President Bush.

This outcome is only possible if Al Gore becomes the Democratic Party nominee, as LaRouche has often stressed. And Gore could only become the nominee if the Democratic Party bureaucracy succeeds in suppressing those forces around challengers Bill Bradley and LaRouche, in favor of the "insider" thug machine which is currently seeking to lock up the nomination for Gore, by threats and exclusion, by March 7.

At present, the rigged game appears to be on course. Wall Street assets in the media have done their part by excluding the only candidate addressing the crucial strategic issues, LaRouche, and by treating the Bradley campaign as if it's all

washed up. The Democratic Party machine, under Wall Street influence, has sought to reduce the involvement of the general population in choosing the candidate, and to suppress the LaRouche-Bradley threat, as shown by the series of cancelled primaries, exclusions of LaRouche from caucuses and debates, and the like. Just think: In Delaware, a grand total of 5% of registered Democrats voted in the Feb. 5 primary.

But, as LaRouche laid out in his Michigan events, there are processes afoot that can blow the game apart. First, there is ferment among the 80% of the population who make up the nation's lower income brackets. Second, the turbulence now being felt on the financial markets, and strategically, promises a huge political shock in the period ahead, which will break through the aura of mass hysteria about the "markets." And third, there is the potential for the *reality* about the two dummies in the ring—George W. Bush and Al Gore—to hit the public, and galvanize a real revolt against them.

In the pages below, *EIR's* investigative team, Scott Thompson and Michele Steinberg, provide dossiers on the two dummies whom Wall Street has chosen, showing without a doubt that they are a couple of thugs unfit for public office, much less the Presidency of the United States. These scandals have the potential to derail the election rigging. These dummies, of course, don't tell you anything you can trust. Contrast their approach with LaRouche's half-hour TV message to the voters of Michigan, whose transcript is printed below. That TV show aired first on Feb. 13, and received an exceptional response; it will air again on Feb. 19, at the height of the last-minute mobilization for the Feb. 22 Michigan primary, where LaRouche is the only Democrat on the ballot.

### How the game is rigged

In a release from LaRouche's Committee for a New Bretton Woods on Feb. 16, LaRouche described the way the elec-

tion-rigging is now occurring.

“How’s the game being played? Well, let’s get at it,” he said. “How does it work? In New Hampshire, as a result of things that are happening across the country, there is a kind of ferment among independent voters. This ferment is concentrated in the lower 80% of the family income brackets—the poor. Remember, 80% of the U.S. population make less than 50% of the total family income of the entire nation. And, that has been a big change since 1971. You see that right here in Michigan.”

LaRouche explained that going into the New Hampshire primary, there was an apparent standoff between McCain and Bush, on the Republican side, and between Gore and Bradley on the Democratic side, with a small but significant Democratic vote for his own candidacy. Within that context, LaRouche said, although Al Gore moved 1,700 bureaucrats into New Hampshire, trying to organize some 50,000 votes, and despite widespread reports of thuggery by the Gore camp, “the polls showed the independent voters prepared to overwhelm Al Gore in the primary, with Bradley.” When the election actually occurred, LaRouche said, Gore was shown as winning, but, “suddenly McCain has a landslide victory over Bush!”

“What happened is, the Gore people ran an operation to run a lot of independents to voting on the Republican side, against Bush, for McCain! It was a big boost. Now, what’s in process?”

LaRouche pointed out that, in the long run, although McCain may do some damage to Bush, McCain “is not really a problem. *They* can sink him anytime they want to. Because, who is ‘they’? ‘They’ are the people that control Gore, own Gore from Wall Street, because Gore is totally owned by Wall Street money. *And, they own Bush!*”

“See, the election is not about Gore versus Bush. As of now, the election is rigged. By supporting Gore on the Democratic side, you ensure that you’re going to get George Bush as President! Now, that’s a fine Democratic policy.”

Turning to Michigan, LaRouche said, “People inside the Democratic Party are doing exactly what happened in New Hampshire; pushing independent voters, and Democrats, to go into the primary, to *vote for the Republicans*, for McCain, against Bush. From *inside* the Democratic Party! *and they call themselves ‘good Democrats.’*”

“What’s the game? If you sink the independent vote, up through March 7, Super Tuesday, sink it to the point that Bradley is out, forced out by the drawing of the independent vote, which would tend to go to him, away from him, into McCain—as was done in *New Hampshire*—then McCain becomes the opposition to Gore and Bush. Then, the Bush crowd comes in and sinks McCain, with the biggest load of scandal you ever saw, including a rearming of ‘Keating Five,’ and the breakup of his marriage, and a few other things. *He’s out!*”

“The election is not among these figures. It’s not among Gore, Bush, McCain. It’s a question of how the politics are

being orchestrated to prevent the independent vote, and the American people, from intervening to change the name of the game.

“Who’s doing it? Wall Street! The big financial interests that control the mass media, and control both party machines from the top down, with money. It is the mass media; it is Wall Street—*against* the American people, and against the world. So don’t worry about voting your choice for McCain, or Bush, or Gore. If you are voting for any one of them, you are one of the fools who believes in the sincerity of world class wrestling, or worse!”

## South Carolina, Michigan are key

The primary elections in South Carolina on Feb. 19, and Michigan on Feb. 22, will be critical in determining whether the Wall Street strategy works. Both are what are called “open primaries,” where Democrats and Independents can vote in the Republican contest. In both states, there has been an unabashed campaign by Democrats, to get the vote out for McCain, in order to defeat Bush.

In South Carolina, the Democratic Party of Don Fowler, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) official who excluded LaRouche’s delegates in 1996, and is a leading sponsor of the DNC’s legal effort to nullify the Voting Rights Act in order to keep LaRouche out, has done its part to play the game. First, it refused to permit LaRouche to participate in its primary; then it cancelled the primary altogether in favor of a caucus. Then two Democrats filed suit in order to force the Republicans to open up more polling places for their primary in African-American-dominated areas, an effort that was at first publicly touted as a bid for blacks to vote for McCain.

At present, the race in South Carolina is too close to call, but the mailed fist underneath George W. Bush’s goofy smirk is beginning to show, as the race gets tighter.

In Michigan, the stakes are much higher, as the LaRouche Democratic campaign is on the ground there, with significant support in the African-American community and among other constituencies, in an effort to bust the game wide open. The Democratic Party leadership, under orders from the Democratic National Committee’s chair Joe Andrew, has carried out unabashed black propaganda campaign, and in many areas is openly campaigning for a vote for McCain. The official line is that a vote for McCain will hurt Governor John Engler, the hated Republican who is leading Bush’s effort in the state.

But it is not lost on the DNC, that a significant vote for LaRouche, who is only running against “uncommitted” on the Democratic line, will throw a huge spanner in their election-rigging game. Particularly problematic for them is that LaRouche is endorsed, and is being campaigned for aggressively, by Rep. Ed Vaughn, the vice-chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, who appeared with him in Detroit, and whose endorsement has drawn significant press attention going into the election.