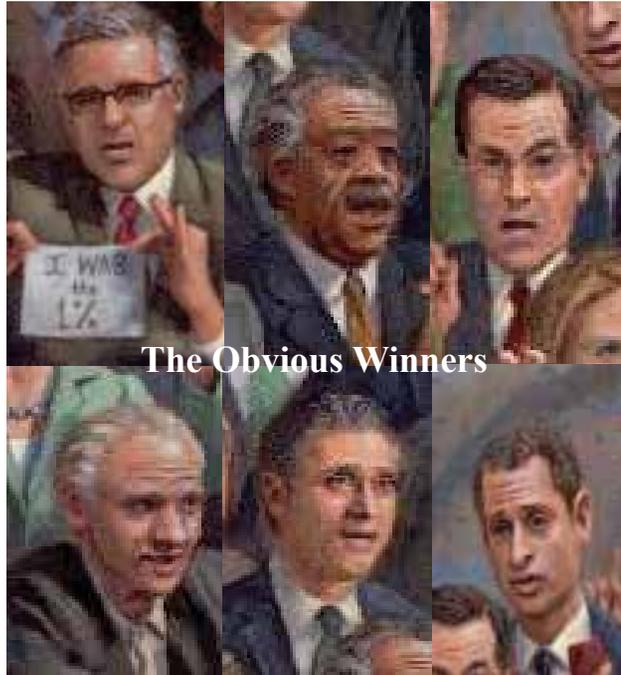


## Who Won - Who Lost in Primaries - by Bill Murawski

At the time of publication of the DeWitt Clinton Express, the New York City and State Boards of Election has not provided the information necessary for a follow-up article from last month. That being said however, the title of the article will remain the same as will the short answer. In essence, the article is written from a different point of view.

Since the time the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 many citizens and non-citizens alike shed their blood, lost their lives and limbs fighting for civil freedoms in America in the Pursuit of Life, Liberty and Happiness as stated in the Declaration of Independence.



The Obvious Winners

Talk show hosts and comedians are paid to entertain and inform the public about what is going on in the world. Former disgraced U.S. Congressman Anthony Weiner is also a winner as he demolished front-runner and overwhelming favorite for Mayor of New York City, Christine Quinn to put Bill DeBlasio in as Mayor. Bill DeBlasio was Hillary Clinton's campaign manager in her successful run for the United States Senate. Weiner is married to a loyal aide or former loyal aide of Hillary Clinton. This is a victory for the Clinton Royal Family. There is only one more piece of the puzzle that needs to be put in place.

Most importantly, however, the tragedies in life that war brings to the families of returning veterans, whether alive or in caskets, remains the same. Therefore the simple answer to the question Who Won – Who Lost the Primaries is America.

Earlier in 2014 the approval rating of the United States Congress was hovering in the single digits at a record low of 9%. Its approval rating is now higher at 13%. By comparing two consecutive periods of time, the pre Hill-Billy years (1960 – 1991) years and the post Hill-Billy years (1992 through 2014) you may come to the same conclusion and reason why Americans are so disappointed in Congress.

There were great strides made during the 60s and 70s as four Amendments to the Constitution were ratified and We the People stopped the war with little bloodshed thanks to

the Patriot Citizens who came before us.

The following are the facts for the years 1960 to 1991.

OPEC was established in September 1960.

23rd Amendment was ratified on March 29, 1961. It gave the rights of citizens living in the District of Columbia representation in Congress.

24th Amendment was ratified on January 23, 1964. It struck down the poll tax that although was still on the books in America, there were some southern states actively using it to prevent Blacks from voting.

25th Amendment was ratified on February 10, 1967. It provided for succession rights to the Office of the President of the United States.

26th Amendment was ratified on July 1, 1971. It gave citizens 18 years or older, the right to vote.

In 1973 oil crisis started in October when the members of Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries or the OAPEC (consisting of the Arab members of OPEC, plus Egypt, Syria and Tunisia) proclaimed an oil embargo. President Nixon resigned on August 8, 1974 and is the first and only President to resign the office as the Watergate scandal broke out in a very public way thanks to the investigative reporters Bernstein and Woodward of the Washington Post. It was a time when investigative reporters did and were given the time to conduct thorough investigations, and newspapers were in existence to report information that mattered to America as well as for its survival and forward progress.

The Iran Hostage crisis began on November 4, 1979. The hostages held by Iran were released hours after President Ronald Reagan was inaugurated on January 20, 1981.

The Iran-Contra Scandal was exposed in November 1986 and was linked to the trade of arms for hostages that began in 1981. Military aide Marine Lt. Colonel Oliver North expanded the arms sales in 1985, in which a portion of the proceeds from the weapon sales was diverted to fund anti-Sandinista and anti-communist rebels, or Contras, in Nicaragua.

Harry Reid was elected to the United States Senate in 1986, Nancy Pelosi was elected to the House of Representatives in 1987, and John Boehner was elected to the House of Representatives in 1991.

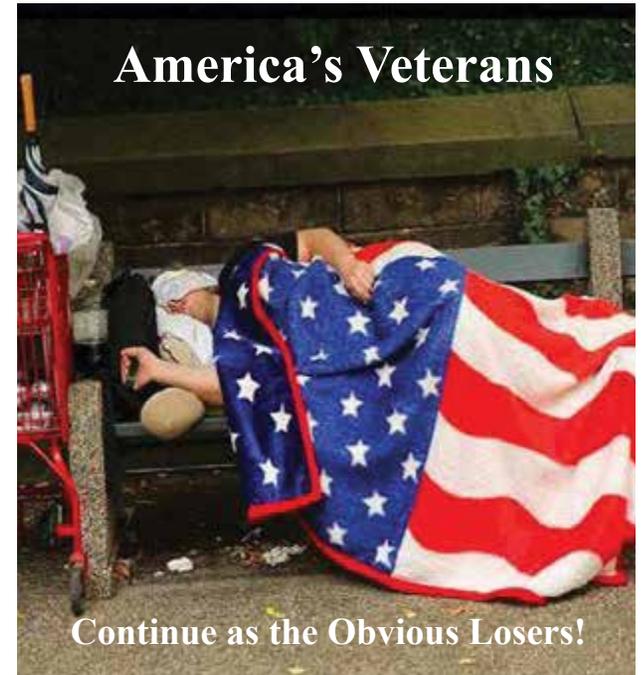
Bill Clinton won the Presidential Election in 1992 over then President George H. W. Bush only because Ross Perot decided to run as an independent candidate for President. Although Perot received 19.7 million votes, which is 19% of the total votes cast, he did not receive one single vote from the Electoral College.

It seemed as though there was nothing but drama, even before Bill Clinton became President of the United States in 1992 amidst the alleged sexapades of Clinton himself. The drama continued with the Monica Lewinsky Scandal, the Impeachment Hearings, White Water Real Estate Scandal and Travelgate.

Prior to Clinton leaving office, he deregulated banks which for all intents and purposes, set America up for the 2008 "recession" as it is often referred. Together with his then Secretary of HUD Andrew Cuomo, now Governor of New York State started Fannie Mae and Freddie Mack's demise. It was during Cuomos's tenure that the banking industry began to embrace predatory loans, and these creations led to a housing bubble that badly damaged America's banks and nearly toppled its financial system.

In 2000 America experienced the Florida Fiasco during the Presidential Election whereby the United States Supreme Court handed the Office of the President of the United States on a Silver Platter to George G.W. Bush as it dubbed him President when it stopped the recounting of votes in Florida. Although it is considered one of the most fraudulent elections in the history of the United States, where was the outrage? Why wasn't there an outcry for justice?

### Where was the Outrage of We the People?



America's Veterans

Continue as the Obvious Losers!

Nothing has changed since my Aunt Jean had to write a letter to the President of the United States demanding the U.S. pay disability benefits to my father as a result of injuries sustained during by him during World War II. Earlier in 2014 there was a massive scandal with the Veterans Administration Secretary Eric Shinseki resigned on May 30, 2014. Shinseki's resignation concluded a firestorm of criticism of sometimes deadly delays for veterans waiting for care at VA hospitals. The worst situation may have been about secret waiting lists at the Phoenix VA that may have played a role in the deaths of 40 veterans.

What were the effects of the Florida Fiasco? What did We the People do about it? Better yet, what did our elected representatives do about it?

We the People rolled over and played dead as we simply allowed Congress to pass the Help America Vote Act in 2002 (HAVA Act) that cost the taxpayers billions of dollars. HAVA forced all of the states to replace the mechanical lever voting machines with Digital Data Recorders, also known as DRE's. It was left up to the wisdom of each state to decide which type of voting machine would be selected and used. There were several types to choose from such as the paper ballot with a scanner or a ballot marking type screen that provided no paper trail, to name a few.

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