

## **Hillary's loss no reason to vote for John McCain**

Recently on National Public Radio, I heard an interview with a self-described intelligent, college-educated woman who was either going to sit out the coming election or vote for Sen. John McCain. She said she felt disenfranchised because Sen. Hillary Clinton did not win the nomination.

I know that she is not alone, that millions of women who supported Clinton are angry about the outcome of the fight for the Democratic nomination. But anger and disappointment should not cancel out common sense.

I am a Democratic activist, a precinct committeeman and one who believes that the past eight years of American history will be ranked among the worst eight years since our founding.

I am also a person whose preference for the Democratic nomination was neither Clinton nor Obama, but who was prepared to work hard for whomever the people chose to lead the party. Which is why I write this letter.

Of those who feel disenfranchised because of Clinton's loss, I can only wonder if they really know the meaning of disenfranchisement. One sure way for them to find out is to help elect John McCain.

Before his tenure is complete we will have a Supreme Court that will overturn *Roe v. Wade*. We will have more borrow-and-spend fiscal policy, which will drop us deeper into the deficit chasm we now inhabit, leaving the tab to our grandchildren. We will lengthen the time our young people are placed in jeopardy in the senseless, unjustified war in Iraq.

We will, in short, perpetuate the kind of Republican policies and philosophy of government that have changed us from the guiding light of democracy in the world, and a champion of liberty, to a diplomatically impotent and bellicose bully now incapable of dealing with real threats to our security (i.e. Russia).

You want to discover what being disenfranchised is all about? Vent your spleen and elect McCain.

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