

McCain's VP pick: Sarah Palin -- guess what?

Research by D. Niwa - September 8, 2008

In the spirit of "Knowledge is power. Ignorance is not a virtue" (to quote Bob Harris), I'm sending out links (see list at end) to sources with information related to Sarah Palin. Following are sound-bites ...

-- Governor Palin did not sign Alaska's SB 202 to prohibit state funding and implementation of the federal Real ID Act. The bill was allowed to become law (without Palin's signature) and went into effect 8/26/06.

-- As a candidate for governor, Palin's response to the question "What role does state government have, if any, in addressing global warming and climate change?" was: "We need to analyze the potential economic costs, needs and opportunities associated with climate change. Let's be cautious in how we react - to make sure we don't overreact. The Alaska Climate Impact Assessment Commission is supposed to assess the situation and issue a report on March 1, 2007. This is a good start." (Anchorage Daily News, 10/22/06)

-- "On September 14, 2007, Governor Sarah Palin signed Administrative Order No. 238, officially forming the Alaska Climate Change Sub-Cabinet. The Sub-Cabinet is charged with preparing and implementing an Alaska Climate Change Strategy. This will be a transparent document which deals with state policies for anticipated climate change. ..." (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

-- As Alaska's Governor, Palin is a delegate to PNWER (Pacific NorthWest Economic Region). PNWER is a public-private partnership including elected officials and private sector representatives from Alaska, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Canada (Alberta, Yukon, British Columbia) "PNWER is an international collaboration on economic structures" (AK Rep. Coghill). Among it's many areas of focus, PNWER works to "advance CANAMEX" -- a "seamless" continental intermodal trade and transportation corridor (a main artery in what has been referred to in the past as the NAFTA Superhighway system).

PNWER is also involved with the WA-BC Enhanced Driver's License for Washington State and British Columbia. The license "will be accepted by Department of Homeland Security at any land or sea port in North America including Mexico."

(NOTE: Enhanced/Secure Driver's License initiatives and REAL ID are basically the same: a national ID with the holder's information (including biometric) in an international data information-sharing system).

-- Gov. Palin signed two state proclamations that support U.N. agendas: Alaska Model United Nation Days and Environmental Education Week (a lead-in to the U.N.'s "Earth Day."). (NOTE: If you don't understand the implications, please take the time to find out how U.N. agendas are negatively impacting the United States and other nations).

--- In Sarah Palin's "Education in Alaska" (pdf attached), she proposes what are essentially the

SAME OLD reforms that have existed in federal law -- e.g., "Goals 2000," "School-to-Work," "Improving America's Schools," "No Child Left Behind," "Workforce Investment Act," etc. -- that have led to declining academic quality in U.S. public education. (NOTE: Read Charlotte Thomson Iserbyt's book "the deliberate dumbing down of america . . . A Chronological Paper Trail" if you want to learn about what has been taking place with the U.S. educational system. Download free pdf of Charlotte's book -- go to: < <http://www.deliberatedumbingdown.com/> >)

-- Palin as Mayor of Wasilla, Alaska: According to Michael Rollins (*The Oregonian*, 9/5/08): "Most of Palin's terms consisted of fairly routine, small-scale projects for public works improvements with one notable exception, a \$15 million multi-sports complex. Citizens must have wanted it bad. The net bonded indebtedness of \$926 per citizen jumped to \$3,381. The March 2002 vote to raise the sales tax .5 percent to 2.5 percent to pay for the complex had a 12.4 percent turnout. Of 4,231 registered voters, 306 voted yes and 287 voted no. Palin's hometown paper the *Frontiersman* ...[published a] story on an eminent domain problem that has stretched into this year."

(NOTE: Eminent domain was used to seize the private land chosen for the sports complex. Construction began before all the legal issues were finalized over the property title. Bottom line: "years of litigation and at least \$1.3 million in extra costs for a small municipality with a small budget." (Wall St. Journal, 9/6/08)

-- Did not find verification of Palin's NRA membership or when she joined. To date, NRA has not come out with an endorsement for Palin. [9/9/08 UPDATE: Someone has alerted me to a NRA-ILA article that states Palin "is a NRA Life Member" < <http://www.nraila.org/legislation/read.aspx?id=4156> >. Still haven't located info about when she joined.]

-- Palin is a member of Feminist for Life (FFL). Length and degree of Palin's involvement: ?. Outside of Palin's connection, the history of this pro-life feminist group makes for interesting reading, Snipits: FFL was founded in 1972 (Ohio) by two former NOW members who felt "abortion violated feminist principles" FFL actively pushed for E.R.A. ratification; the international body has consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council and supports the U.N. Millennium Development goals; FFL of New Zealand split away (with a name change) from the FFL of America as consequence of the New Zealand group changing "from a secular liberal organization to a Christian conservative organization, reflecting the changing views of its founder Connie Purdue (1912-2000). It now focuses solely on fetal life, in contrast to FFL's pro-woman, pro-life approach." (FFL History)

-- Governor Palin is a member of the National Governors Association (NGA). She chairs the NGA's Natural Resources Committee. (NOTE: The NGA's policy positions -- on education, health, workforce, environment, security, etc -- are similar to congressionally legislated initiatives as well as recommendations from appointed members of commissions and task forces.)

There is a lot more. See links below.

My conclusion about Sarah Palin and her policies is that she is not so different from many elected and appointed U.S. leaders who are leading us down the wrong path.

I close with these thoughts by Bob Harris:

"We have to stop believing stuff just because we like the way believing stuff makes us feel. Feelings are not truth. [...] Our future is fragile. ...So asking questions -- especially uncomfortable ones -- is part of our healthy process of figuring out how to react. Gaining information so you can make informed decisions is a patriotic act. ... Knowledge is power. Ignorance is not a virtue. [...] Our ability to discuss and dissent and grow from the exchange is precisely what makes America a free country worth protecting." ("America's war on terrorism: How we got in this mess, how we can get out," *Cleveland Free Times*, 10/24-30/2001)

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NOTE: If links are not active, then copy & paste the url into your web browser address window. These links were working at the time I compiled this list. If there are problems, you can do a search to find the information < <http://www.scroogle.org/scraper.html> >.

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NGA "Governor's Information" for Sarah Palin:

<http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.29fab9fb4add37305ddcbeeb501010a0/?vgnextoid=864bb9006da3f010VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD>

Check out the **NGA Center for BEST PRACTICES** -- see where Governors get ideas:

<http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.9123e83a1f6786440ddcbeeb501010a0/?vgnextoid=8430303cb0b32010VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD>

Here's the NGA's **Education Best Practices** web page -- compare these against Palin's school reform proposals:

<http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.8274ad9c70a7bd616adcbeeb501010a0/?vgnextoid=e9e8fbc137400010VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD>

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Palin and REAL ID -- Read Palin's 5/30/08 explanation for not signing Alaska's legislation to prohibit use of state money for the federal REAL ID. Act < http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_jrn_page.asp?session=25&bill=SB202&jrn=2992&hse=S >

SB 202 Bill history < http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill.asp?session=25&bill=SB+202&submit=Display+Bill >

PNWER Leadership

<http://www.pnwer.org/AboutUs/Leadership/PNWERLeadership/tabid/141/Default.aspx>

Alaska Senate Welcomes PNWER Delegation to State Capitol

Meetings on AGIA Timeline, Other Regional Issues / Jan. 21, 2008

< http://www.aksenate.org/press/012108_welcomes_PNWER_Delegation.pdf >

Excerpt: The PNWER delegation will meet with legislators and Palin administration officials on three important issues.

- **AGIA Timeline.** David Coutts, former Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Province of Alberta, will discuss the AGIA timeline and Alberta's possible role in the proposed North Slope natural gas pipeline project.
- **The WA-BC Enhanced Driver's License.** It will be launched by Washington State and British Columbia today. It will be accepted by Department of Homeland Security at any land or sea port in North America including Mexico.
- **The NorPass (Northwest Passage).** The Alaska Marine Highway system is launching the service this month.

U.S. Pacific Northwest -- Alberta Relations (July 2007)

Alberta International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations

< <http://www.international.gov.ab.ca/documents/PNWER-2007.pdf> >

NOTE: take a look at the map on page 1.

Weblog for [Alaska] Representative John Coghill | 1/25/07

< http://johncoghill.blogspot.com/2007_01_01_archive.html >

Excerpt: "The Pacific Northwest Economic Region includes Canadian officials and other delegates from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. PNWER is an international collaboration on economic structures. . . ."

Alaska Climate Change Strategy

Administrative Order No. 238

<http://notes5.state.ak.us/pn/pubnotic.nsf/a327d4dc5f950d628925672a00077ac5/5b8e3887c5e76374892573590062b716?OpenDocument> Excerpt: "I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the State of Alaska, under the authority of art. III, secs. 1 and 24 of the Alaska Constitution establish the Alaska Climate Change Sub-Cabinet to advise the Office of the Governor on the preparation and implementation of an Alaska climate change strategy. . . ."

Alaska -- Planning and Measurement

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

< <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/stateandlocalgov/states/ak.html> >

Excerpt: "On September 14, 2007, Governor Sarah Palin signed Administrative Order No. 238, officially forming the Alaska Climate Change Sub-Cabinet. The Sub-Cabinet is charged with preparing and implementing an Alaska Climate Change Strategy. This will be a transparent document which deals with state policies for anticipated climate change. . . ."

As an aside, this is worth reading:

CO2: The Greatest Scientific Scandal of Our Time

Zbigniew Jaworowski, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc. | EIR Science, March 16, 2007

<http://www.warwickhughes.com/icecore/zjmar07.pdf>

Excerpt pgs.39-40:

The concern at the top about "climate change" is not genuine, and there are hidden motives behind the global warming hysteria. Although there is not the space in this paper to discuss these motives fully, they maybe illustrated by the following citations (for full references, see Jaworowski 1999).

-- Maurice Strong, who dropped out of school at age 14, established an esoteric global headquarters for the New Age movement in San Luis Valley, Colorado, and helped produce the 1987 Brundtland Report, which ignited today's Green movement. He later become senior advisor to Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General, and chaired the gigantic (40,000 participants) ³UN Conference on Environment and Development² in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. Strong, who responsible for putting together the Kyoto Protocol with thousands of bureaucrats, diplomats, and politicians, stated: *³We may get to the point where the only way of saving the world will be for industrial civilization to collapse.²*

Strong elaborated on the idea of sustainable development, which, he said, can be implemented by deliberate *"quest of poverty. . . reduced resource consumption . . . and set levels of mortality control."*

-- Timothy Wirth, U.S. Undersecretary of State for Global Issues, seconded Strong's statement: *"We have got to ride the global warming issue. Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, we will be doing the right thing in terms of economic policy and environmental policy."*

-- Richard Benedick, a deputy assistant secretary of state who headed policy divisions of the U.S. State Department, stated: *"A global warming treaty must implemented even if there is no scientific evidence to back the [enhanced] greenhouse effect."*

Education in Alaska by Sarah Palin [2006?] [[local pdf](#)]

<http://web.archive.org/web/20070212125112/http://www.palinforgovernor.com/Position+Papers/SarahPalinOnEducationInAlaska.pdf>

Alaska Governor Palin Unveils Work Ready/College Ready Program

Aug. 27, 2007, Anchorage, Alaska

http://www.allamericanpatriots.com/48730159_alaska_alaska_governor_palin_unveils_work_ready_college_ready_program

NOTE: The above program is not new -- it is a continuation of the old federal school-to-work initiatives; the below is a continuation of the old federal WIA plans supporting a planned economy.

AGIA Training Strategic Plan | Jan. 2008

State of Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
 Excerpt pg 5: "Governor Sarah Palin championed the passage of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) in 2007."

< http://labor.state.ak.us/AGIA_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf >

Governor Palin Unveils Education Proposal

Three-year School Funding Plan, 12/7/007, Anchorage, Alaska, No. 07-238

< http://www.eed.state.ak.us/News/Releases/2007/Pr_07238.Pdf >

Gov. Palin signed two proclamations that support U.N. initiatives:

1. **Alaska Model United Nation Days** < <http://gov.state.ak.us/archive-18166.html> >

2. **Environmental Education Week** -- < <http://gov.state.ak.us/archive-18647.html> > a lead-in to the UN proclaimed "Earth Day."

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[Palin remarks on] **Alaska International Trade** | State of Alaska website

< <http://www.eeo.state.ak.us/trade/> >

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Where they stand (10/22/2006) -- Running for governor | *Anchorage Daily News*

< <http://www.adn.com/sarah-palin/v-printer/story/510378.html> >

Governor Palin Releases Statement to Alaskans [No. 08-149]

Aug. 29, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska

Re: Acceptance as McCain's VP running mate

< <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/news-63798.html> >

Remarks as Prepared for Delivery by Alaska Governor Sarah Palin

Vice Presidential Nominee To Address the 2008 Republican National Convention

Sept, 3, 2008

< <http://portal.gopconvention2008.com/speech/details.aspx?id=38> >

This scrutinizes the content of Palin's RNC speech, citing contradictory actions and statements: **Palin v.**

Reality | Mark Kleiman, Sept, 3, 2008

< http://www.samefacts.com/archives/campaign_2008_/2008/09/palin_v_reality.php >

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[Palin is a member of "Feminist for Life"]

FFL Member Nominated for Vice President of the United States

< <http://feministsforlife.org/news/ffl-member-sarah-palin-vp.htm> >

< <http://feminists-for-life.101faq.net/> >

Excerpt: Feminists for Life of New Zealand is no longer associated with Feminists for Life of America. It has

been known since 1984 as "Women for Life." Although it began as a pro-life feminist organization, the organization gradually changed from a secular liberal organization to a Christian conservative organization, reflecting the changing views of its founder Connie Purdue (1912-2000). It now focuses solely on fetal life, in contrast to FFL's pro-woman, pro-life approach

Excerpt: Mid-1970s Feminists for Life was active in the ten-year battle to ratify the ill-fated Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The organization's commitment to the E.R.A. formed with the organization, during Goltz's presidency. Unlike Goltz, Callaghan was not immediately convinced of the need for the amendment, having achieved success as a professor at Ohio State University. Callaghan soon changed her mind, however, and began to support the amendment. In 1973, Goltz published an article (included in the anthology, *Pro-Life Feminism: Yesterday and Today*) disparaging the fact that the widespread fear of abortion on-demand had blocked the ratification of E.R.A. in Ohio at the time, and that it would eventually kill the amendment's ratification.

Excerpt: Feminists for Life's work for the Equal Rights Amendment was met with a great deal of resistance, including strong resistance at pro-E.R.A. demonstrations, when Feminists for Life members attempted to distribute Pro-Life/Pro-E.R.A. tracts. In the late 1970s, Goltz spoke with the legendary suffragist Alice Paul, who authored the original Equal Rights Amendment. Paul conveyed to Goltz her belief that abortion was inconsistent with feminism, and that many of the founding mothers of feminism disapproved. She also related her fear that the increased attempts to link abortion to Equal Rights Amendment would prevent the amendment's ratification, and eventually end feminism as well.

Feminist for Life (Wikipedia entry)

< http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feminists_for_Life >

Who Are the Feminist for Life?

Lynn Harris, Nerve.com, Nov. 14, 2005

< <http://www.nerve.com/dispatches/harris/feministsforlife/> >

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MISC. ARTICLES

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Mayor Sarah Palin's 2002 financial report for the City of Wasilla

by Michael Rollins, *The Oregonian* | Sept. 5, 2008

< http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/09/mayor_sarah_palins_2002_financ.html >

Palin's Hockey Rink Leads To Legal Trouble in Town She Led

By MICHAEL M. PHILLIPS, *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 6, 2008; Page A5

< <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122065537792905483.html> >

Also posted here:

< <http://phxsuns.net/showthread.php?p=50076> >

Palin switched colleges 6 times in 6 years

Nicholas K. Geranios, *Associated Press* writer, 9/4/08

< <http://www.sacbee.com/838/story/1211101.html> >

Palin Was a Director of Embattled Sen. Stevens's 527 Group | Matthew Mosk< http://voices.washingtonpost.com/the-trail/2008/09/01/palin_was_a_director_of_embatt.html >**Palin: "I Do Not Support the Voucher System"**

By Susan Jones, Sept. 1, 2008

< <http://www.cnsnews.com/public/content/article.aspx?RsrcID=34928> >

Excerpt: (CNSNews.com) - The National Education Association has launched a \$50 million campaign to put Sen. Barack Obama in the White House, but nevertheless it is praising Sen. John McCain's pick of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to be his running mate -- partly because she opposed school vouchers when she ran for governor.

What Has Sarah Palin Done for Education in Alaska?

09/03/08 Andrea Hermitt - Education Examiner

<http://www.examiner.com/x-673-Education-Examiner~v2008m9d3-What-Has-Sarah-Palin-Done-for-Education-in-Alaska>

Excerpt: According to an Education Week article, ³The governor has become a popular figure among the 13,000 members of the Alaska National Education Association, said Barbara Angaiak, president of the state affiliate of the National Education Association. . . ."

The Conservative Case Against Sarah Palin | Alex Knapp, Sept. 1, 2008< <http://www.hereticalideas.com/2008/09/the-conservative-case-against-sarah-palin/> >

Excerpt: Would Sarah Palin make a good conservative President should she be called to serve during her tenure as Vice-President? Judging by her record, the answer is no.

Sarah Palin and the Neo-Con dream

Frank Schnittger, Aug 30, 2008, European Tribune

< <http://www.eurotrib.com/story/2008/8/30/142247/225> >**The Vetting Process of Sarah Palin** | Sept. 2, 2008< <http://www.wakeupamericans-spree.blogspot.com/2008/09/vetting-process-of-sarah-palin.html> >**A Closer Look at Sarah Palin***News Coverage Network* | Aug. 29, 2008< <http://thenewscoverage.net/4675/> >**McCain Campaign Shifts On Abortion Position With Selection Of Palin As VP Running Mate, WSJ Reports** | Sep 5, 2008< <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/120430.php> >

Excerpt: Palin is opposed to abortion rights in all cases except to save the life of a pregnant woman. McCain also is opposed to abortion rights but has said he would support exceptions in cases of rape, incest or to save a woman's life. Palin also is opposed to funding for human embryonic stem cell research, which McCain supports (Carlton et al., *Wall Street Journal*, 9/4).

'Creation science' enters the race

Tom Kizzia , *Anchorage Daily News* | Oct. 27, 2006

< <http://dwb.adn.com/news/politics/elections/story/8347904p-8243554c.html> >

Palin puts spotlight on sex education

Medical News Today | Sept 3, 2008

< <http://www.thetimes.co.za/PrintArticle.aspx?ID=835788> >