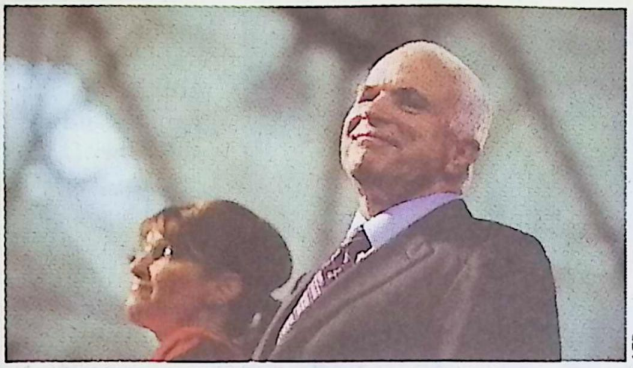
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the American Revolution and America's independence from Britain.

It was the liberal Democrats who enacted the Pure Food and Drug Act (1906), Social Security Act (1935), Civil Rights Act (1964), Voting Rights Act (1965), Medicare and Medicaid (1965). The Republicans fought these acts tooth and nail. Lynching blacks was commonplace in the South from the 1850s to the 1950s. As liberals attempted to bring lynch mobs to book and end the practice, conservatives fought hard to keep their impunity.

Liberals gave the American women their rights, Federal student loans, Head Start, the Clean Air Act, legal services and the Food Stamp program for the poor. Republicans opposed all of those. Herbert sums up: "Liberals, your food is safer because of them, and so are your children's clothing and toys. Your work place is safer. Your ability (or that of your and your children and grandchildren's) to go to college is manifestly easier.

Two Times readers (September 12) summed it up best: "The genius of the conservative movement is its ability to ignore its past rabid opposition to reforms in our society that have proved to be successful, popular and morally just. And to act as though its obstructionism with regard to progressive change in the present is any less wrongheaded than its past positions."

"It is the policies of liberal titans like Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson that pack the strength to lift countless Americans out of discrimination, danger, despair and doom."

John McCain, incidentally, opposed the legislation to make the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday a Federal holiday.

The McCain campaign decided early this summer that the only way they could beat Barack Obama would be by dragging him down and engaging him in mud wrestling. Obama is uncomfortable in mud-slinging, and if he attempted to retaliate they were going to, as they are doing now, accuse him of being "disrespectful" to the "war hero" McCain. "Disrespectful" is, of course, a coded racial slur: back in the day, uppity blacks were warned not to be "disrespectful" of white masters.

Sarah Palin's first TV interview with ABC's Charles Gibson on September 11 was a joke. In spite of intense coaching by the Republicans, she did not know what the Bush Doctrine (pre-emptive war) was, and revealed that Russia could be seen from an island in Alaska, and that she had her first passport last year to travel to Kuwait. She also said she would not second guess Israel if it wanted to attack Iran with America's help! Oh yes, ignorant of world affairs and home affairs she may be, she nevertheless flippantly pronounced herself perfectly ready to be president!

McCain/Palin lies are omnipresent in TV commercials. Palin lies when she says she opposed the "Bridge to Nowhere" in Alaska, when she is on record as favouring it during her gubernatorial campaign. McCain lies when he says Obama will raise taxes, when in fact Obama will lower it for 95% of Americans; and that Obama will teach kindegarteners sex before they can read, when he will not. Even when they are cited by the media for their lies, McCain/Palin ignore the media.

In his column on September 12, "Blizzard of lies," Times columnist Paul Krugman documented McCain/Palin's serial lying. He said that the McCain campaign has devised a fool-proof strategy of playing the refs. They have intimidated the "liberal media" to such an extent that the media is afraid to call McCain's lies lies. Instead, when McCain lies, the media attempts to take a neutral position such as, "the Obama campaign disputes McCain campaign's assertions," thus shifting a lie from blatant to neutral.

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However, such criticism from the media and respectable columnists leave John McCain unfazed. He is confident that the whites he courts will believe his white lies over the truths uttered by a black man, Barack Obama.

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