



Research Briefing

WHO IS AMY KLOBUCHAR?

An Insincere Former Corporate Lobbyist & Dayton Democrat Who Presides Over A “Hostile Work Environment”

KLOBUCHAR ON THE ISSUES: WRONG FOR MINNESOTA

Klobuchar Weak And Wrong On National Security:

At Homeland Security Press Conference, Klobuchar Couldn't Even Identify Tom Ridge As Michael Chertoff's "Predecessor"; Thought FEMA's Michael Brown Was Once Head Of DHS: Q: "Do you think [Department of Homeland Security Secretary] Michael Chertoff is doing a good job?"

Klobuchar: "You know, I think he's doing a better job than his predecessor. I always thought it was kind of strange when we put the head of the Arabian Horse Association, um, in that job as our top, uh, law enforcement person, uh, uh, working with FEMA and Homeland Security." (Amy Klobuchar Press Conference, August 17, 2006)

Homeland Security History: A Primer For Klobuchar:

- **“On February 15, 2005, Judge Michael Chertoff Was Sworn In As The Second Secretary Of The Department Of Homeland Security.”** (Department of Homeland Security Website, <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4353>, Accessed August 17, 2006)
- **“On January 24, 2003, Tom Ridge Became The First Secretary Of The Department Of Homeland Security.”** (Department of Homeland Security Website, http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0586.xml, Accessed August 17, 2006)

Klobuchar Said Congress Should “Direct” Joint Chiefs Of Staff – Violating Centuries-Old Command Structure. “DFL Senate candidate Amy Klobuchar said she opposes immediate troop withdrawal because the situation in Iraq is ‘too precarious.’ But she said that the nation ‘needs to change course in Iraq’ and that there should be a significant drawdown of troops in the coming year. ‘We need a timeframe with clear benchmarks,’ she said Wednesday, ‘and if the administration isn’t going to do that, Congress should direct the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide a time frame.’” (Patricia Lopez, “Liberal Group Will Begin An Antiwar Petition Drive,” *Star Tribune*, December 8, 2005)

- **When Told The Command Structure Doesn’t Allow For Congress To Direct Joint Chiefs Actions, Klobuchar Still Insisted Hearing Demanding Action Was Appropriate Course.** Q: “...Do you believe there is anything a senator could do and that you would do, short of holding a hearing and asking the joint chiefs for a plan that they cannot implement without the approval of their commander-in-chief, to bring about withdrawal that you seek?” Klobuchar: “As a senator, I will continue to advocate for the safe withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. Since I believe that Democrats will take back the Senate in 2006, I believe that the Senate will not only call a hearing, but actually hold one. If the President won’t do it, I will be working to elect someone who will.” (Interview with Eric Black, “Text of Klobuchar’s answers,” *Star Tribune*, March 30, 2006)

Klobuchar Praises Law Enforcement; Refuses To Give Them Tools They Need To Win War On Terror. “We are living in a new era of national security,” Klobuchar said. “We need leaders who will respond to 21st century security issues with all the tools at our disposal.” (Heron Marquez Estrada, “Klobuchar Vows To Beef Up Security At Home,” *The Star Tribune [Minneapolis-St. Paul]*, August 17, 2006)

- **Klobuchar Says “Protecting The Security And Safety Of The American People Is Our First Priority” But Opposes Giving Them Everything They Need.** “As a member of the law enforcement community, I want to commend the work of all of the agencies involved in shutting down this terrorist plot. To end these deadly terrorist networks we must have detailed coordination of law enforcement, intelligence and security personnel at all levels of government. A year after the bombings in the London subway and five years after 9/11, we must continue work tirelessly with our allies, like the United Kingdom to close down the dangerous terrorist networks that threaten our nation's security. Protecting the security and safety of the American people is our first priority.” (Mike Mulcahy, “More Reaction,” Minnesota Public Radio’s Polinaut Website, August 10, 2006)

“Concerned” Klobuchar Believes The National Security Agency “Circumvented” The Legal Requirements For Wiretapping; Calls For Investigation Of Program. Question: “Do you think the President [his NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program] broke the law?” Klobuchar: “Ah, you know, I am probably one of the only people running for U.S. Senate in the country that has not only authorized a wire tap, but actually gone in before a judge personally and asked for wiretaps. This is against, you know, ah, serious drug dealers and, ah, people involved in very violent crimes. Umm, and I know that you can follow the law, and you can, you can get what you want when you follow the law and that is why I am so concerned about what is going on here. I think there should be investigation [sic] of what happened and if we need to fix the law in some way, ah, for circumstances to, to make it easier to do it, ah, that are still legal we should do that. Umm, but right now I would say that we need to have an investigation of what went on there. Because there’s, there clearly, something [sic] went wrong when many people, ah, believe, ah, that the law was adequate to take care of that and then they circumvented it.” (Minnesota Public Radio’s “Meet the Candidates,” February 23, 2006)

- **Klobuchar: “As Senator, And As A Prosecutor Who Has Authorized Legal Wiretaps, I Will Demand A Full Investigation Into The President’s Authorization Of The Domestic Spying Program. If The President Broke The Law, And The Evidence Supports Censure, Then I Would Support Censure Or Other Appropriate Legal Action.”** (“U.S. Senate Candidates Address Our Questions On Nukes, Prez Impeachment, DU” *Pulse Of The Twin Cities*, May 3, 2006)
- **Star Tribune: “She Believes The National Security Agency Circumvented The Legal Requirements For Wiretapping. She Favors A Congressional Investigation To Consider That Question And Also To Consider Bush’s Claim That Getting Warrants In Advance Wasn’t Practical In This Case And, If Necessary, To Consider Changing The Law.”** (Eric Black, “Is That A Fact?: Spinners Repent” The Big Question Blog, *Star Tribune* Website, March 24, 2006)

Klobuchar Wrong On Iraq:

Klobuchar Deems Iraq War A Distraction. “I think [the war] has, in some ways, distracted us from what needs to be done at home,” said Klobuchar, who also wants to implement the recommendations of the bipartisan 9/11 commission.” (Heron Marquez Estrada, “Klobuchar Vows To Beef Up Security At Home,” *The Star Tribune [Minneapolis-St. Paul]*, August 17, 2006)

- “It [the war] has distracted us from the real weapons of mass destruction and the threats we face from Iran and North Korea,” she said. ‘Mistakes have been made. . . . We need to change COURSE.’” (Heron Marquez Estrada, “Klobuchar Vows To Beef Up Security At Home,” *The Star Tribune [Minneapolis-St. Paul]*, August 17, 2006)

Klobuchar Called For “Honest Answers” From The Bush Administration And A Definitive Timeline For Troop Withdrawal. “I will fight to get honest answers from the administration about what’s happening. The American people deserve to know when our troops will be returning from Iraq. Whether you were for or against the invasion of Iraq, we can all agree that we need a clear plan for bringing our troops home safely.” (Amy Klobuchar For U.S. Senate Campaign Website, www.amyklobuchar.com, Accessed September 30, 2005)

- **Then Klobuchar Said It Was Wrong To Call On Government To Set A Date For Withdrawal.** “Klobuchar said she wants American troops to return home from Iraq. But she believes that calling on the government to set a date for withdrawal – as Wetterling has done – was the wrong step to take right now. ‘I don’t think you can say that (invading Iraq) has made us safer,’ she said. ‘But I don’t believe we can pull out tomorrow. We have to have a plan to bring the troops home safely and it must be done responsibly.’” (Lawrence Schumacher, “Klobuchar Talks DFL Values,” *St. Cloud Times*, October 12, 2005)
- **Yet, When Questioned By *Pulse Of The Twin Cities* On Iraq, Klobuchar Said She Would Support Bringing “A Significant Number Of...Troops Home This Year.”** “I disagreed with the decision to invade Iraq. I admire Congressman Murtha for his bravery and courage to criticize the Bush-Cheney administration for this war. We should bring a significant number of our troops home this year and transition to Iraqi governance.” (“U.S. Senate Candidates Bell, Klobuchar Respond To Questions,” *Pulse of the Twin Cities*, February 1, 2006)

- **Klobuchar Wants “Vast Majority” Of Troops Home By “Sometime In 2007.”** Q: “Is there anything else about a time frame that you can say, such as an outer limit of how long you would be willing to keep troops there?” Klobuchar: “One would hope that by 2007, we would have withdrawn the vast majority of our troops, sometime in 2007.” (Eric Black, “The Big Question Iraq And The Senate Race: Amy Klobuchar,” *Star Tribune*, March 14, 2006)
- **Then Klobuchar Said Withdrawal Should Start, But A Plan For Full Withdrawal Should Be “Up To Military Experts.”** “Klobuchar has stop [sic] short of pinpointing a date for pulling out of Iraq, though she opposed the war in Iraq and thinks operations there are a mess. She said she believes troops should start coming home now but wants to leave the date for full withdrawal up to military experts. . . . ‘We want to change the course in Iraq, not stay the course,’ she said on Twin Cities Public Television’s ‘Almanac’ program, where Bell made his offer.” (Rachel E. Stassen-Berger, “Bell Concedes DFL Party Nod To Klobuchar,” *Pioneer Press*, May 27, 2006)
- **Klobuchar Said We Should Develop A Policy To Withdraw Soon.** “As a campaign rally/media event at West Duluth’s Willard Munger Inn, Klobuchar, a Democrat, said the U.S. should fully support its troops and veterans but develop a policy to withdraw from Iraq soon.” (John Myers, “Klobuchar: Iraq War Will Shape Campaigns,” *Duluth News Tribune*, August 8, 2006)
- **Then Klobuchar “Refused To Back Calls For A Withdrawal Timetable.”** “Klobuchar, who said she opposed the war in Iraq from the beginning, also refused to back calls for a withdrawal timetable. ‘Now we are there,’ Klobuchar said. ‘When we leave this war, we have to do it in a responsible way.’” (Rachel Stassen-Berger, “U.S. Senate Race Off To A Testy Start,” *Pioneer Press*, September 2, 2006)

But Terrorists Think We Are Winning War In Iraq. “A document purportedly captured in an al-Qaida hideout portrays the insurgency in Iraq as being in ‘bleak’ shape, saying that it is losing strength ...” (Patrick Quinn, “Al-Qaida In Iraq Terrorist Blueprint Shows A Weakening Insurgency,” *The Associated Press*, 06/16/06)

- **“The Al-Qaida Document Said Its Insurgency Was Being Hurt By An Increase In U.S.-Trained Iraqi Forces, By Widespread Arrests And Seizures Of Weapons, And By A Crackdown On Financial Outlets.”** (Patrick Quinn, “Al-Qaida In Iraq Terrorist Blueprint Shows A Weakening Insurgency,” *The Associated Press*, 06/16/06)
- **“According To A Translation Provided By National Security Adviser Mouwafak Al-Rubaie, The Document Said The Best Way To Overcome The ‘Current Bleak Situation’ Would Be To Involve U.S. Forces In A ‘War Against Another Country’ Or Hostile Group.”** (Patrick Quinn, “Al-Qaida In Iraq Terrorist Blueprint Shows A Weakening Insurgency,” *The Associated Press*, 06/16/06)

Klobuchar Wrong On Taxes & The Economy:

MSNBC: “Unlike Some Democratic Candidates This Year [Klobuchar] Forthrightly Says She Will Seek To Raise Taxes On People Who Make Over \$200,000 – “Rolling Back The Bush Tax Cuts” Is How She Phrases It.” (Tom Curry, “Iraq War Fires Up Minnesota’s Senate Race,” *MSNBC.com*, May 31, 2006)

Associated Press: “Klobuchar Would Bring Back The Higher Taxation Of Those Earning \$200,000 A Year Or More.” “But, while Kennedy said the path back to fiscal health is through lower spending and continued lower taxes, the Democrats favored revisiting the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts. Bell would repeal them entirely, while Klobuchar would bring back the higher taxation of those earning \$200,000 a year or more.” (Patrick Condon, “Senate Candidates Use Debate To Define Themselves,” *The Associated Press*, March 3, 2006)

- **But Over 1.9 Million Minnesota Taxpayers Benefited From 2001 & 2003 Tax Legislation.** According to a report by the Department of the Treasury on The Economic Growth And Tax Relief Reconciliation Act Of 2001 & The Jobs And Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act Of 2003, 1.969 million taxpayers in Minnesota will have lower income tax bills in 2004. (Department Of The Treasury, Office Of Public Affairs, Press Release, “State-By-State Breakdown Of The Combined Effects Of The Economic Growth And Tax Relief Reconciliation Act Of 2001 & The Jobs And Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act Of 2003,” April 1, 2004)
- **Close To Half A Million Small Businesses In Minnesota Received Tax Relief From President Bush’s Tax Cuts.** Based on the number of returns filed in 2004, the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts provided 490,000 small businesses with tax relief. This figure includes tax returns “that report at least one dollar of income or loss from a sole proprietorship, farm proprietorship, partnership, S corporation, and/or rental income.” (United States Department Of The Treasury Website, www.treas.gov/press/releases/reports/ty2003.pdf, Accessed March 28, 2005)
- **Small Businesses Pay Taxes Through The Owner’s Personal Tax Returns.** “One is that the very tax cuts intended for individuals also had a profound effect on businesses. That is because unincorporated companies -- sole proprietorships, partnerships and specially structured limited liability corporations -- don't pay tax at the corporate level. Instead, these entities pass through all their business earnings to their owners, who report the income on their personal tax returns. In recent years, there has been an explosion in these so-called pass-through businesses, which far outnumber conventional tax- paying corporations. And instead of paying a top individual tax rate of 39.6 percent, as they did when Bush took office, these business owners have paid 35 percent since 2003.” (Jill Barshay, “The Labor Vs. Capital Debate,” *Congressional Quarterly Weekly*, February 3, 2006)

Klobuchar Wrong On Illegal Immigration:

Klobuchar Supports Amnesty For Undocumented Immigrants. “Klobuchar supports the Senate bill on immigration reform, which includes possible amnesty for some undocumented immigrants, but not the House bill, which would make being an undocumented immigrant a felony. She maintained that immigrants who are working hard and paying taxes should be supported to achieve their American dreams.” (Swallehe Msuya, “U.S. Senate Candidate Addresses Africa-Born Residents’ Issues,” *Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder*, June 14, 2006)

- “Klobuchar said she would ‘return the rule of law to our immigration policy’ through stronger border controls and additional fences, adding that ‘people are waiting to come in legally’ to the United States. ‘We shouldn’t be giving amnesty to companies hiring illegal aliens,’ Klobuchar added, ‘and people here for a number of years who are paying taxes, learning English .. they should be put on some path to earn citizenship.’” (Ryan McGaughey, “Klobuchar Addresses Need For Change,” *Worthington Daily Globe*, September 6, 2006)

Klobuchar Wrong On Marriage:

Klobuchar Opposes Marriage Amendment. "I do not support a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage and the legal equivalent. Such an amendment would ban civil unions, which I do not oppose. In addition, the amendment is unnecessary, since we already have a law on the books that defines marriage." ("Responses for Amy Klobuchar," Stonewall DFL Endorsement Questionnaire 2006)

Klobuchar Wrong On Abortion:

Klobuchar Is Pro-Abortion On Demand, Endorsed By Ardent Abortion Supporters. "Klobuchar's biggest outside boost came when EMILY's List endorsed her last fall over Democratic rival Patty Wetterling. Hundreds of the group's members have since sent Klobuchar's campaign donations totaling more than \$148,000. ... State and national GOP committees have pointed to Klobuchar's acceptance of money from EMILY's List, which supports abortion rights, as evidence she more ardently favors abortion than she admits. 'Amy is pro-choice and believes this is a personal decision that should be made between a woman and her doctor,' Klobuchar campaign manager Jessica Vandenberg said." (Greg Gordon, "Senate Race Lures Distant Dollars," *Star Tribune*, March 5, 2006)

- **Klobuchar's "Big Boost" From EMILY's List**

EMILY 's List Has Given Klobuchar \$148,000 So Far. "For now, Klobuchar has gotten a big boost from Emily's List, which raises money for female Democratic candidates who support abortion rights by asking its 100,000-plus members to contribute to its endorsed candidates. So far, 1,600 members have contributed \$148,000 to Klobuchar, according to her campaign." (Frederic Frommer, "Senate Race Draws Contributions From Far And Wide," *Duluth News-Tribune*, February 17, 2006)

EMILY's List: A Hard-Left History

- **In Order To Receive An Endorsement From EMILY's List, A Candidate Must Support The Right To A Partial Birth Abortion.** "A candidate must meet three qualifications to be considered for an EMILY['s] List endorsement: back abortion rights, including the right to late-term (or 'partial birth') abortions; be a Democrat; and, in primary elections, be a woman." (Thomas B. Edsall, "EMILY's List Makes A Name For Itself," *The Washington Post*, April 21, 2002)
- **Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Kathy Karpan Criticized EMILY's List.** "Wyoming Secretary of State and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Kathy Karpan also is bitter that EMILY's List and other women's groups aren't supporting her because of her position on abortion. Karpan said that she favors abortion rights, but not unequivocally. 'I flunk the litmus test because I do not believe in government-funded abortion on demand and I do not believe in including abortion in any health care reform,' Karpan said. 'So therefore I'm not pro-choice. They'll take credit if I win, however.'" (Eliza Newlin Carney, "Why They're Mad At Emily's List," *The National Journal*, September 24, 1994)
- **In 2002, EMILY's List Withdrew Its Support Of Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu After She Came Out In Favor Of A Ban On Partial-Birth Abortion.** "The organization [Emily's List] was heavily credited with getting Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., elected in 1996 in the closest Senate race in the country that year. But the PAC withdrew its support after Landrieu

came out for a ban on controversial late-term abortions, referred to by opponents as 'partial birth' abortions." (Chuck Raasch, "Pro-Abortion Rights Group's Fund-Raising Power Could Be Wave Of PAC Future," *Gannett News Service*, October 25, 2002)

- **EMILY's List Opposed The Successful Nominations Of Both John Roberts And Samuel Alito To The Supreme Court.** (Charles Babington and Dan Balz, "Reid Will Oppose Roberts for Chief Justice; But Leader Predicts Easy Confirmation With 'Plenty of Votes' From Democrats," *The Washington Post*, September 21, 2005; Peter Baker and Charles Babington, "Moderates' Support Sought For Alito; White House Tries To Forestall Filibuster By Targeting 'Red State' Democrats," *The Washington Post*, November 2, 2005).

Klobuchar Wrong On Health Care:

Klobuchar Supports Massive Government Run Health Care; Calls Single-Payer "One Of Several Ways" To Reach Goal Of Universal Health Care. Q: "Do you support universal single payer health care?" Klobuchar Answer: "I support universal health care coverage for all Americans. A single-payer system is one of several possible ways to reach that goal." ("U.S. Senate Candidates Bell, Klobuchar Respond To Questions," *Pulse of the Twin Cities*, February 1, 2006)

Klobuchar Wrong On Supreme Court Nominees:

Klobuchar Supports The Use Of A Filibuster Against Supreme Court Nominees. "She won't rule out filibusters of Republican presidents' future Supreme Court nominees, 'I'm not opposed to ever using a filibuster by any means'". (Tom Curry, "Iraq War Fires Up Minnesota's Senate Race," *MSNBC*, May 31, 2006)

Klobuchar Opposed Roberts' Nomination. "Because his testimony left so many unanswered questions about his true opinions and because the White House refused access to critical documents when Roberts served in a top Justice Department position, we really do now know how open-minded or independent John Roberts would be and I, therefore, cannot in good conscience support him for Chief Justice." ("Statement By Amy Klobuchar on John Roberts," Klobuchar For Senate Press Release, September 23, 2005)

Klobuchar Opposed Alito's Nomination. "U.S. Senate candidate Amy Klobuchar said Thursday that she opposes Samuel Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court. 'Samuel Alito's record raises serious concerns that he is outside the mainstream legal tradition,' Klobuchar, a DFLer, said in a statement." ("Senate Candidate Klobuchar Opposes Court Nominee Alito," *The Associated Press*, January 26, 2006)

Klobuchar Would Have Voted Against Roberts And Alito. "Kennedy slams Klobuchar for opposing the nomination of John Roberts to be chief justice. . . . She also opposed Bush Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito partly because he was replacing Justice Sandra Day O'Connor 'who was a swing vote.'" (MSNBC.com, "Iraq War Fires Up Minnesota's Senate Race," www.msnbc.msn.com/id/13047168/, Accessed July 7, 2006)

KLOBUCHAR IS AN INSINCERE HYPOCRITE WHO SAYS ONE THING AND DOES ANOTHER

Klobuchar Presents Herself As A Supporter Of Working People But Has Created A “Hostile Work Environment”:

AFSCME Local 2938: Klobuchar’s Own Employees Say She Took Credit For Their Work, Damaged Morale And Created “A Hostile Work Environment.” “With the U.S. Senate field clear of all but one rival for the DFL Party’s nomination, Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar is facing a new obstacle: The union local representing her staff is asking that she be denied the endorsement of its parent group, the powerful American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). In a letter this month to union leaders, local president Jim Appleby, an assistant Hennepin County attorney, said Klobuchar had denigrated office lawyers publicly and privately, taken credit for their work, damaged morale and ‘created a hostile work environment.’” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

AFSCME Local 2938: Klobuchar’s Priority Is Hiring Those “Who Support Her Ambitions.” “The local, AFSCME 2938, represents about half of the 400 employees in the office, including investigators and all 112 of its nonmanagement attorneys. ... The two-page union letter said Klobuchar’s management style had resulted in increased grievances, and ‘qualified personnel from her own and other public offices have been rejected because her priority has been to choose [job] candidates who support her ambitions.’” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

AFSCME Local 2938 On Klobuchar: “She Presents Herself As A Dedicated Public Servant ... When Her Only Dedication Is To Her Own Self-Promotion.” “The letter also said that Klobuchar ‘has used the publicity from the many successfully prosecuted criminal cases to give the public the false impression that she was actively involved in those cases. She was not.’ The letter continued: ‘She presents herself as a dedicated public servant ... when her only dedication is to her own self-promotion.’” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

AFSCME Local 2938: Rift With Klobuchar About “How Our People Are Treated In The Workplace.” “Appleby said Hennepin County prosecutors, once the best paid in the state, had fallen behind Ramsey, Anoka and Dakota counties even though their workload was heavier. But he said the union’s letter is ‘not about contract negotiations.’ ‘It’s about how our people are treated in the workplace,’ he said.” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

AFSCME Local 2938 Opposed Klobuchar Endorsement In 2002. “It is rare for a DFL candidate to draw the ire of labor unions. ... Appleby said his local also asked that Klobuchar be denied endorsement in 2002, when she was running for re-election. That request was ignored, he said. Klobuchar ran unopposed.” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s Work With Staff Is Focus Of A Union Battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

Klobuchar Spent Months Railing Against Lobbyists, But Spent 12 Years As A Corporate Lobbyist:

- **Klobuchar: “We Are Now A Government Of The Lobbyists, By The Lobbyists And For The Lobbyists.”** “Well in just six years, one-party rule, lobbyist-legislating, and power grabs in Washington have taken those historic words and turned them on their head: we are now a government of the lobbyists, by the lobbyists and for the lobbyists.” (“End the Corruption. Put People First in the Halls of Congress,” October 20, 2005, www.amyklobuchar.com Accessed June 20, 2006)
- **Klobuchar: “We Must Cut Lobbyists At Their Wallets.”** “What’s right is protecting our safety and freedoms. We must secure our country from terror - at our ports, and at our borders. You want these guys in Washington to do their jobs without fear or favor? Then we must cut the lobbyists at their wallets. Let’s set Minnesota style ethics rules for members of Congress. No freebie travel. Pay for your own meals and green fees. No pay for play.” (Remarks by Amy Klobuchar, “U.S. Senate Candidate Amy Klobuchar Speech Delivered At State Democratic Party Convention,” June 9, 2006, www.amyklobuchar.com, Accessed June 9, 2006)
- **Klobuchar Criticized Lobbyist Influence On Health Care Policy.** “I saw how powerful lobbyists, some earning salaries of over a million dollars a year, can wield influence over good health care policy.” (Remarks By Amy Klobuchar, “Klobuchar Addresses President Bush’s State of the Union,” January 30, 2006, www.amyklobuchar.com Accessed June 20, 2006)
- **Klobuchar Criticized Pharmaceutical and Health Care Lobbyists.** “Instead, Republicans in Washington chose to ‘dance with the ones that brought them’ there -- the lobbyists for the giant pharmaceutical companies and powerful special health care interests.” (Remarks By Amy Klobuchar, “Klobuchar Addresses President Bush’s State of the Union,” January 30, 2006, www.amyklobuchar.com Accessed June 20, 2006)

Amy Klobuchar Registered As A Lobbyist For 8 Different Organizations, Including MCI And Global Crossing, With The State Of Minnesota Ethical Practices Board From August 1986 Through June 1997, And In July 1997 With The Minnesota Campaign Finance And Disclosure Board. Klobuchar’s Terms As A Lobbyist Spanned From (At Least) August 11, 1986 To (At Least) March 18, 1998. (Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, Lobbyist Database, Accessed February 15, 2006)

Klobuchar Spent Months Ridiculing Medicare Part D, Only To Encourage Minnesota Seniors To Sign Up As The Deadline Approached:

Klobuchar Criticizes Medicare Part D:

- **Klobuchar: Medicare Part D “Received The Grade It Deserved.”** “More than two dozen states, including Minnesota, have declared public health emergencies and spent millions of state dollars trying to fix this problem. As my mom, a retired teacher, noted, Medicare Part D received the grade it deserved.” (Amy Klobuchar, “Klobuchar Addresses President Bush’s State of the Union,” January 30, 2006)

- **Klobuchar: “Medicare Part D Is A Basic Policy Failure.”** “This is more than a glitch. Medicare Part D is a basic policy failure. First off, the plan is far too complicated. We want our seniors spending their golden years with their grandchildren, not attending five hour meetings and surfing the internet looking for the right drug plan.” (Amy Klobuchar, “Klobuchar Addresses President Bush’s State of the Union,” January 30, 2006)
- **Klobuchar: Medicare Part D Program A “Nightmare.”** “Klobuchar said she hopes the President will make four promises Tuesday night... Fix the Medicare Part D nightmare. The new Medicare prescription drug program has gotten off to a disastrous start. Seniors have faced unbelievable headaches trying to get the drugs they depend on.” (Amy Klobuchar For US Senate Press Release, January 30, 2006)

Klobuchar Now Encourages Minnesotans To Sign Up For Medicare Part D:

- **Klobuchar Reminds Seniors To Enroll In Medicare Part D.** “U.S. Senate candidate Amy Klobuchar today reminded Minnesota seniors of next Monday’s enrollment deadline for the Medicare Part D prescription drug program. Klobuchar also urged Congress to extend the May 15th deadline and not penalize the over 230,000 Minnesota seniors still trying to navigate the complex program.” (Amy Klobuchar For US Senate Press Release, May 9, 2006)

Klobuchar Has Criticized Others “Politicizing” Crime, But Has Repeatedly Used Crime To Score Political Points:

Klobuchar Now Says “Politicizing Crime Is Unfortunate.” “Klobuchar said ‘politicizing crime is unfortunate’ and crime numbers tell only part of the story. “Those statistics are important to me,’ she said. ‘We also need to look at my function in this and the part that I can control.’” (Rachel Stassen-Berger, “When Crime Jumps, Politicos Trade Blame,” Pioneer Press, June 26, 2006)

But Klobuchar Has Repeatedly Used Crime Issue To Score Political Points:

- **St. Cloud Times: “Klobuchar Said She Plans To Use Her Seven Years As Hennepin County Attorney, Managing 400 Employees Who Prosecuted More Than 14,000 Criminal Cases Last Year, To Her Advantage.”** (Lawrence Schumacher, “Klobuchar Talks DFL Values,” *St. Cloud Times*, October 12, 2005)
- **Klobuchar Has Characterized Herself As A Crime Fighter.** “Characterizing herself as crime fighter, Klobuchar is proud of having been a part of the effort to reduce Hennepin County’s crime rate by 20 percent by working with law enforcement and neighborhood groups. ... ‘In my career as a prosecutor, I have shown to be someone who fights the fight and stands up for people,’ added Klobuchar.” (“Klobuchar Vies For Dayton’s Job,” *Detroit Lakes Tribune*, August 14, 2005)

- **Mesabi Daily News: Klobuchar “Points To Her Record As County Attorney” To Show Her Success Fighting Crime.** “Klobuchar points to her record as county attorney - an office she was elected to in 1998 and then re-elected in 2002 without opposition - as evidence that she follows through on what she says. Her campaign Web site offers specifics. ... Klobuchar says that focus has helped to lower the serious crime rate in the county by 20 percent since she took office.” (Bill Hanna, “Klobuchar’s Iron Range Roots Run Deep,” *Mesabi Daily News*, September 11, 2005)

Klobuchar Rails Against “Big Oil” And “Exxon” Despite Owning ExxonMobil Stock In 12 Mutual Funds:

Klobuchar Attacks Exxon And “Big Oil:

- **“That Means Taking On Exxon And The Rest Of Big Oil When They Manipulate Gas Prices.”** (Amy Klobuchar E-mail, “Send a Message Tonight,” June 9, 2006)
- **“I share their belief that Washington is broken and must start putting people before big money special interests like oil and drug companies.”** (Klobuchar Press Release, “Klobuchar, Senator Saxhaug, Grand Rapids Residents Release New Reasons for Change in Washington,” June 7, 2006)
- **“But real leadership means sending people to Washington who will pass laws with teeth and stop coddling the oil companies with special tax breaks and gifts.”** (Klobuchar Chronicles, May 2, 2006)

Yet Klobuchar Has Extensive Holdings In ExxonMobil:

- **Analysis of Amy Klobuchar’s Personal Financial Disclosure Shows 12 Mutual Funds Worth \$15,000-\$50,000 That Contain An Average Of 2.109 Percent Of ExxonMobil Stock.** (Amy Klobuchar Personal Financial Disclosure, May 24, 2006)

Klobuchar Attacks While Claiming “She Wants To Get Away From Labeling Each Other:”

While Criticizing Kennedy, Klobuchar Claims She Wants To Get Away From “Labeling.”

“Klobuchar likes to tell audiences that Kennedy is a congressman who votes with Bush 92.5 percent of the time. . . . Klobuchar, however, says she wants to get away from labeling each other: ‘People are tired of this 24-hour TV shout fest about what’s right and what’s left - they want to talk about what’s right and what’s wrong.’ Kennedy recently told a Republican meeting that he doesn’t understand how Klobuchar can criticize Washington for being run by lobbyists when she once was one herself.” (Don Davis, “Minnesota Politics: Senate Race Heats Up; Gasoline, War Hot Campaign Topics,” *The Grand Forks Herald*, August 13, 2006)

In State Fair Debate, Klobuchar Repeatedly Attacked Kennedy. “Klobuchar suggested Kennedy was a “rubber stamp” for President Bush and said though he claims to be an independent, he, in fact, has voted with the president’s position 92 percent of the time while he’s been in Congress. ... The debate — in which Klobuchar said Kennedy’s plans were like a complaint she heard about a drink at the State Fair, “all foam and no beer,” and Kennedy said Klobuchar would continue a “radical liberal agenda” — may not have had all the dignity the candidates jointly said Friday they wanted for their debates.” (Rachel Stassen-Berger, “U.S. Senate Race Off To Testy Start,” *Pioneer Press*, September 2, 2006)

KLOBUCHAR OUT FOR HERSELF

“Political Insiders, Foes And Acquaintances Say Klobuchar Is Extremely Bright . . . But When They Go Off The Record, Several Say She Is Also ‘Self-Absorbed,’ Too Obviously Ambitious And Unwilling To Give Enough Credit To Others.” “Political insiders, foes and acquaintances say Klobuchar is extremely bright, hard-working and determined. But when they go off the record, several say she is also ‘self-absorbed,’ too obviously ambitious and unwilling to give enough credit to others. Some say she also seems to be trying to prove herself to someone.” (Jon Tevlin, “Chasing Amy,” *Star Tribune*, August 31, 2003)

“Her [Klobuchar’s] Favorite Topic Is Amy Klobuchar,’ Said One DFLer.” (Jon Tevlin, “Chasing Amy,” *Star Tribune*, August 31, 2003)

Local Union President: “Her Only Dedication Is to Her Own Self-Promotion.” “In a letter this month to union leaders, local president Jim Appleby, an assistant Hennepin County attorney, said Klobuchar had denigrated office lawyers publicly and privately, taken credit for their work, damaged morale and ‘created a hostile work environment.’ ... The letter continued: “She presents herself as a dedicated public servant ... when her only dedication is to her own self-promotion.” (Patricia Lopez, “Klobuchar’s work with staff is focus of a union battle,” *Star Tribune*, February 19, 2006)

Klobuchar Has Been Preparing To Run For Statewide Office For Several Years. “With kids hanging from a big maple tree in her mother’s front yard on Sunday and hundreds of supporters chanting her name, Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar became the first DFLer to announce her candidacy in the 2006 U.S. Senate race. Klobuchar portrayed herself as a tough prosecutor, a fiscal conservative, a populist who opposes tax cuts for the rich and a champion of the old, the young, the disabled and the ‘ordinary heroes’ of Minnesota. The announcement was expected. Klobuchar has been preparing to run for statewide office for several years and has been heading toward a Senate candidacy since Feb. 9, when Sen. Mark Dayton announced that he wouldn’t seek a second term. Fifty-five state legislators and myriad other political figures have already endorsed her, and she is considered a favorite to be endorsed by the DFL.” (Eric Black, “Klobuchar Is First DFL Candidate In U.S. Senate Race,” *Star Tribune*, April 18, 2005)

Liberal D.C. Heavyweights Helped Push Dayton Out, Cleared Challengers For Klobuchar:

New York Senator Chuck Schumer “Helped Push Dayton Out” And “Recruited A Less-Vulnerable Replacement.” “Schumer’s relentlessness helped push Dayton out. ... According to sources close to Schumer, the senator privately believed that Dayton was a sitting duck who had lost his hunger to serve. He wanted Dayton to quit, and he quickly recruited a less-vulnerable replacement.” (Ryan Lizza, “The Bush-Cheney Era Ends Here,” *New York Magazine*, April 10, 2006)

Schumer Demands To Screen Top Campaign Staff In Exchange For Financial Support. “In exchange for helping candidates raise money, Schumer makes a demand: no amateurs. Anybody who wants DSCC help must have a campaign manager, a finance director, and a communications director personally approved by Schumer and his aides. ‘To pre-approve the top three spots is about as hands-on as I’ve ever heard,’ says [Jennifer] Duffy [of the *Cook Political Report*]. (Ryan Lizza, “The Bush-Cheney Era Ends Here,” *New York Magazine*, April 10, 2006)

DSCC Promises Financial Support. “Amy Klobuchar will have the resources she needs to win and she’s going to win,’ said Phil Singer, a spokesman for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. ‘She will enjoy the support of her future colleagues.’ For now, Klobuchar has gotten a big boost from Emily’s List, which raises money for female Democratic candidates who support abortion rights by asking its 100,000-plus members to contribute to its endorsed candidates. So far, 1,600 members have contributed a total of \$148,000 to Klobuchar, according to her campaign.” (Fred Frommer, “Republican lawmakers, Emily’s List big players in Senate race,” *Associated Press*, February 16, 2006)

After Wetterling Drops Out, Schumer “Made Clear That The National Party Backs Klobuchar.” “Veterinarian Ford Bell (D) is also vying for the Democratic nomination, though he has not said if he will abide by the state party’s endorsement process. Attorney Mike Ciresi (D) could still enter the fray as well, but Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Chairman Charles Schumer (N.Y.) made clear that the national party backs Klobuchar. ‘Patty Wetterling is a class act and her decision puts Amy Klobuchar in a strong position to be the next U.S. Senator from Minnesota,’ Schumer said in a statement. ‘Amy Klobuchar is a dedicated public servant, a terrific candidate and will win the Senate race in November.’” (“Minnesota; Wetterling Leaves Race, Kennedy Seeks Debates,” *Roll Call*, January 24, 2006)

“Power Broker” Schumer Discounts Klobuchar Primary Opponent Ford Bell. “Meanwhile, Bell said no one should count him out of the Senate race just yet, although political power brokers seem to be doing just that. On Friday, New York Sen. Charles E. Schumer, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, which helps control the spigot of national money, said: ‘Amy Klobuchar is a dedicated public servant, a terrific candidate and will win the Senate race in November.’” (Rachel Stassen-Berger, “Wetterling steps aside for Klobuchar’s Senate bid,” *Pioneer Press*, January 21, 2006)

Primary Opponent Decried “Heavy-Handed Politics” Of D.C. Democrats. “Veterinarian Ford Bell, who has said that he will keep his options open and won’t rule out a primary, elevated the discussion on Monday, angrily denouncing the ‘heavy-handed politics of New York and Washington, D.C.’ Bell was referring to an e-mail sent by U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-New York, to Klobuchar after child advocate Patty Wetterling dropped out last week. Schumer, the chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, said Wetterling’s departure had left the field clear for Klobuchar.” (Patricia Lopez, “If he’s a close second, Hatch will run in primary,” *Star Tribune*, January 24, 2006)

EMILY’s List Played Queen-Maker In Endorsing Klobuchar Over A Fellow Pro-Abortion Democrat. “Emily’s List has expanded far beyond simply fundraising and into a role as would-be queen-maker. This year’s Minnesota Senate race is an example. Two pro-abortion-rights Democratic women -- Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar and child safety advocate Patty Wetterling -- are running to replace retiring Democratic Sen. Mark Dayton. At the end of last month, Emily’s List formally endorsed Klobuchar over Wetterling even though the state’s nomination convention is about eight months away. In interviews after the announcement, Malcolm said the early endorsement was a

necessary step toward avoiding a costly Democratic primary that would weaken the eventual nominee. But Wetterling campaign manager Carol Butler described the move as a power play that tried but failed to drive her candidate out of the race." (Chris Cillizza, "Emily's List Celebrates Clout As It Turns 20," *The Washington Post*, October 18, 2005)

KLOBUCHAR IS DAYTON DEMOCRAT & DAILY KOS DEVOTEE

2005: Amy Klobuchar Humbled By "Hero" Mark Dayton. "It's humbling to think of some of the great people we've sent to represent us in the Senate: Hubert Humphrey, Walter Mondale, Dave Durenberger, Mark Dayton and Paul Wellstone. Inspired by these heroes, but even more by the everyday heroes whose names have never been headlined, I am ready to take this fight for Minnesota to our nation's capitol." (Amy Klobuchar Announcement Speech, April 17, 2005)

2005: Klobuchar Considers Dayton Political Hero. "She combines her toughness as Hennepin County's top prosecutor with the inspiration of her political heroes: Humphrey, Mondale, Durenberger and Wellstone. So she is hoping her party the Minnesota DFL will endorse her as its replacement for another Klobuchar hero: Mark Dayton." (Tim Kjos, "Klobuchar Vies For Dayton's Job," *Detroit Lakes Tribune*, August 15, 2005)

2006: Time Magazine Names Klobuchar "Hero" Mark Dayton One Of The Worst Senators In America. "When he was elected in 2000, Minnesota Democrat Mark Dayton seemed well prepared, having worked as an aide to Walter Mondale in the 1970s. But he has exhibited erratic behavior since then: in October 2004 he shut down his office for almost a month, citing an unspecified terrorist threat." ("America's Worst - Mark Dayton: The Blunderer," *Time*, April 14, 2006)

2006: Klobuchar "Hero" Mark Dayton Grades His Senate Performance An "F." "If U.S. Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., was to grade himself on his accomplishments in Congress, it would be an "F," he told students Thursday at the Renville County West High School in Renville. It wasn't for a lack of effort, however. Speaking during a brief question-and-answer period, Dayton was responding to a student's question on whether he was satisfied with his accomplishments in the Senate. 'Definitely not,' said the senator, who added that he will be leaving his office 'frustrated.'" (Tom Cherveney, "'Senator Says He Gives Himself An 'F,'" *West Central Tribune*, April 21, 2006)

Klobuchar Cozies Up To Radical Weblog Daily Kos:

Klobuchar Participated In Live Weblogging On Daily Kos November 15, 2005, Praises Its "Thoughtful Debate;" Says She Reads It "All The Time." "I read DailyKos all the time, and I appreciate all of the thoughtful debate, the innovative new ideas, and the enthusiasm that you all provide here. I look forward to posting my thoughts here from time to time between now and November 2006 -- and thereafter as a newly elected U.S. Senator! ("Daily Kos Live Blogging: Energy, Gas Gouging, and MN Senate Race", <http://www.dailykos.com/story/2005/11/15/15411/559> Accessed September 13, 2006)

Daily Kos' "Thoughtful Debate" Includes Saying "Screw" U.S. Security Personnel In Iraq, "The French Are Right," And There's "No Such Thing As 'Partial Birth Abortion:'"

- **When Americans Were Killed In Iraq, Markos Moulitsas Zúniga, Who Runs The Daily Kos, Called The Security Personnel "Mercenaries" And Wrote "Screw Them."** "Markos Moulitsas Zuniga, who runs the Angry Left Daily Kos blog, had this to say in a post yesterday about the murders of four American contractors who were helping to deliver food in Fallujah, Iraq: 'Every death should be on the front page. Let the people see what war is like. This isn't an Xbox game. There are real repercussions to Bush's folly. That said, I feel nothing over the death of mercenaries [sic]. They aren't in Iraq because of orders, or because they are there trying to help the people make Iraq a better place. They are there to wage war for profit. Screw them.'" (James Taranto, "Best of the Web Today," *Opinion Journal.com*, April 2, 2004)
- **The Daily Kos Attacked President Ronald Reagan On The Day He Died.** "Ronald Reagan died today at the age of 93. He earned the enmity of many of us on the left through his dismantling of the New Deal and enabling of a culture of greed. . . . It was in part our inability to satisfy the hunger of Americans for positive leadership that caused Reagan and other former liberals to embrace a radical ideology that was before only espoused by crackpots and the prophets of selfishness." Posted Jun 5th, 2004 at 17:12:58 EDT (Trapper John, "Ronald Reagan Is Dead," The Daily Kos Website, www.dailykos.com/main/4 , June 5, 2004)
- **The Daily Kos: Legalizing Drug Use Is Progress.** "Smoked pot? Who cares? . . . Despite the best efforts of regressive moralizing blowhards like Bill Bennet (psst -- the Cubs are 5-1 odds to win the World Series in 2004), no one cares whether candidates smoke pot anymore. . . . Pot use will someday be decriminalized or outright legalized. It's inevitable. Organizations like Bill Bennet's or the Christian Coalition fight against cultural evolution, but history shows they are, more often than not, on the losing side. All they can do is slow the rate of progress." Posted Nov 28th, 2003 at 19:20:32 (The Daily Kos Website, www.dailykos.com/section/culture, Accessed April 3, 2004)
- **Kos: There's "No Such Thing As 'Partial Birth Abortion.'"** "Congress has sent a 'partial birth abortion' ban to the president, who is salivating at the prospect of signing it. What's really bizarre about the bill (other than the fact that there is no such thing as 'partial birth abortion' -- a political label with no medical meaning) is that it makes no exceptions for the health of the mother." Posted Oct 22nd, 2003 at 09:41:53 (The Daily Kos Website, www.dailykos.com/section/bush_admin/12, Accessed April 3, 2004)
- **The Daily Kos On Fighting Terrorism: "The French Are Right."** "I know it's not the most popular thing to say, but the French are right. You don't win wars against terrorism on the battlefield." (The Daily Kos Website, www.dailykos.com/main/2, Accessed March 22, 2004)