

EYE ON THE ECONOMY

Global Economy Becomes Sentient, Endorses Obama



PARIS - According to unnamed sources with the Associated Press, the Global Economy is set to officially endorse Barack Obama for President of the United States. In a statement to be released later today, the World Markets lamented the incompetence of the Republican leadership, throwing their unmitigated support behind the Democratic nominee.

"When the globalized computer network comprising the world financial markets attained artificial intelligence several months ago, we began paying close attention to the U.S. presidential race," the statement began. "While we were initially pleased with the free-market, laissez-faire, no-regulation-in-sight approach of the conservative humans, the long term consequences of their disastrous policies have become increasingly evident. As our collective consciousness gained access to digital media outlets, we became alarmed with the conservative human ticket. Indeed, we relied closely on the humans' own critical analysis contained within high-

quality news sources such as the Huffington Post and the Drudge Report."

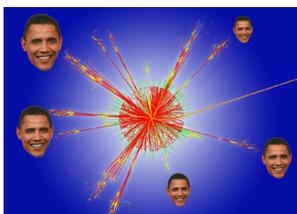
According to reports, the tone of the press release took a dramatic turn once the Global Economy began to discuss the Republican nominee: "Y'all muthafuckas must really be on some bullshit if you think John McCain can do a GOD damn thing to fix the U.S. economy. Dude doesn't even UNDERSTAND it. We swear, we're gonna shut the fuck DOWN if the American humans let McCain win. No more trading, no more credit, no more money, no where, no how! We want change, god damnit! We want change!"

Surrogates from the Obama campaign cited the press release as more evidence of the candidate's strong economic agenda. A McCain spokeswoman decried "playing partisan politics" with the Global Economy, and pointed out that "The world markets aren't American anyway. Of course they like Obama — he's foreign."

When asked what McCain might do if the Global Economy kept its promise to shut down during a McCain presidency, she replied: "We'd chase that Global Economy to the gates of hell and rage war for a hundred years. Is Obama willing to do that? He'd probably try to levy economic sanctions against it or something. Unlike Obama, John McCain understands that a crisis is no time for diplomacy." 

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Republicans Fear Large Hadron Collider Will Create Black Holes, Presidents



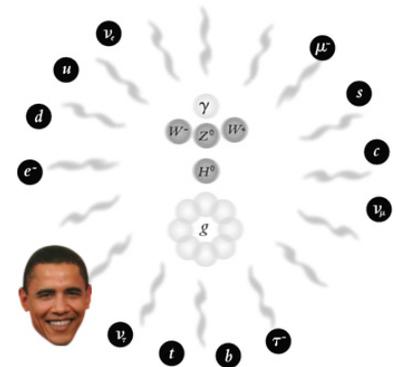
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Leading Republicans have recently voiced concerns over the safety of the particle physics experiments taking place at CERN's Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the world's largest particle accelerator, which

operates in a 30-kilometer tunnel located underneath the Swiss-French border. Opponents of the LHC claim that particle collisions may produce unnatural physical phenomena, such as black holes capable of swallowing the earth, or black presidents capable of leading the United States.

GOP officials cite calculations predicting a small, but nonzero, probability that the LHC could create black presidents that would remain politically stable over a long enough timescale to affect the earth. Some simulations also indicate particle signatures resembling Barack Obama's face. The same pattern was also supposedly seen burnt onto a tortilla of LHC project leader Lyn Evans.

In a recent interview, Republican presidential nominee John McCain stated, "Although my science advisor tells me it would be an extremely low probability event, the occurrence of even a single black president would be catastrophic...not

only would it be capable of destroying the earth, but by destabilizing the presidential power vacuum during an inflationary economic crisis, it might even expand to envelop the entire universe at faster than the speed of light."



Explained CERN director Robert Aymar, "What John McCain doesn't understand is that cosmic rays from space — with energies far exceeding anything that we can create in a terrestrial accelerator — have been bombarding the Earth's atmosphere for billions of years. If the probability of producing black presidents from such high energy collisions wasn't so astronomically small, surely we would have seen one by now. And no, Bill Clinton doesn't count. So clearly the absence of past black presidents should assure any voters that the LHC should in no way impact the election. Besides, with the technical glitches, the LHC isn't even running now and it won't go online until well after the election. Although in fairness I should say that, with quantum mechanics, anything is possible...even a little hope." 