

**THE TALE OF P-BOB AND HIS BELOVED TOTUS**  
– A Saga of Perception, Affection, Deception, and ..... Rejection

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*(Take a peek at the GLOSSARY of GOVSPEAK near the end of this report – it'll help.)*

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*“There is nothing in the world like a persuasive speech to fuddle the mental apparatus and upset the convictions and debauch the emotions of an audience not practiced in the tricks and delusions of oratory.”* Mark Twain

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P-BOB has become legendary for his lyrical, mesmerizing, and captivating oratory. I thought it would be fun to dig up reactions surrounding some of his speeches as well as some comments about his style. Some of these are P-BOB's J-STRAPS reciting how they “came to Obama”, or their inspired emotions following some of his speeches. Others are “experts” trying to analyze his speeches, style or the public's reactions. Others are observers and critics.

Following the quoted statements below, I provide a list of individuals who may have said or written these things. Every quote will have its source on that list, and an individual may have provided more than one quote. But not all entries on the list of possible sources will be associated with a quote. Each quote is numbered. Each possible source is lettered. A space is provided next to the quote for your answer, should you decide to “give it a go” and guess the source. The correct answers are listed at the end so it is perfectly acceptable to cheat. Here goes:

**Quotations**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. “(He is) ‘*The One*’ (because) we need politicians who know how to be the truth” ... .. (and to help us) “*evolve to a higher plane*”.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. “*One of the secrets of being a glib talker is not getting hung up over whether what you are saying is true, and instead giving your full attention to what is required by the audience and the circumstances of the moment without letting facts get in your way and cramp your style. Obama has mastered that art. Con men understand that their job is not to use facts to convince skeptics but to use words to help the gullible to believe what they want to believe ..... the promise of something for nothing.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. “*Obama doesn't lie. He merely elides, gliding from one dubious assertion to another ..... He implies, he misdirects, he misleads – so fluidly and incessantly that he risks transmuting eloquence into mere slickness ..... the charming scoundrel (Slick Willy) can get away with endless deception; the righteous redeemer (P-BOB) cannot.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. “*When The Messiah speaks, the youth will hear. And The Messiah is absolutely speaking*”.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A P-BOB speech will “*embrace empty symbolic measures as a show of reasonableness ..... say things just because they sound good ..... dissemble as necessary ..... shamelessness has its advantages, especially if a compliant press will overlook it.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. “*The problem is that campaigning is different than governing. The former requires convincing promises about what you will do; the latter requires convincing arguments for what you are doing. He’s good at the former, not so good at the latter.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. “*Obama’s finest speeches do not excite. They do not inform. They don’t even really inspire. They elevate ..... He is not the Word made flesh, but the triumph of word over flesh ..... Obama is, at his best, able to call us back to our highest selves.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. “*... .. the usual leaden medley of tinny grandiosity (all the this-is-the-moment, now-is-the-hour stuff), slippery reassurances, ..... imputations of bad faith to anyone who takes a different view .....*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. “*... .. big on symbolism ... .. broad concepts, lavish generalities.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. P-BOB would “*never admit any cost or downside to what*” is proposed ..... his speeches always “*make the price right ..... couple attacks on ..... critics as unworthy hacks with calls for civility.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. “*Woof! Woof!*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. “*Obama (is) good at aura ..... not so good at argument.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. “*The speech was especially notable for its use of one of Mr. Obama’s favorite rhetorical devices: Noting in the first instance that his opponents have a good point and entirely legitimate concerns, only to reject their ideas in toto when it comes to policy .....finish with a soaring oration about the moral necessity of letting government do so.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. “*He (Obama) is a community organizer like Jesus was, and now we’re a community, and he can organize us.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. “*Jesus took a handful of loaves and two fish and fed 5,000 people. Barack wants to take a trillion pieces of pork and feed it to a handful of Democratic Party interest groups.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. “*Mr. Obama early on mastered the cadence of the black church – dropping his voice on the last word of the sentence to make the listener pay attention – and he understands the power of language. He speaks great prose. He understands that a televangelist concentrates on sales, not substance.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. “*What a fine speaker our president is ..... It’s not the content of the speech that evokes wonder and admiration but the speaker himself. Content scarcely matters with this president. What counts is how he delivers it. .... give our president a teleprompter and away he goes, like a knife through water ..... Maybe he’s not there to make a difference, just to speak.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. “*Him (sic) a good talker.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. If you want to emulate P-BOB’s style “*keep talking over the applause. This is inspiring ..... repeat as necessary.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. “*I am absolutely certain that generations from now we will be able to look back and tell your children that this was the moment ... .. this was the moment – this was the time – when we came together to remake this great nation .....*”

- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. “..... *a light will shine through that window, a beam of light will come down upon you, you will experience an epiphany, and you will suddenly realize that you must go to the polls and vote for Barack*”.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. “*Barack Obama appears to be a narcissist ..... (narcissists) are subtle, refined, socially adept, manipulative, possessed of thespian skills, and convincing ..... lack empathy and are ruthless and relentless.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. “..... *cult of personality (whereby) a country’s leader uses mass media to create an idealized and heroic public image, often through unquestioning flattery and praise.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. P-BOB is always “*sure to say something like ‘this is the time’ ..... ‘here and now we will meet history’s test’ ..... ‘not this time. Not now’.*”
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. “*I felt this thrill going up my leg. I mean, I don’t have that too often. No, seriously. It’s a dramatic event.*”

### **Possible Sources of Quotations**

- A. Curmudgeon, pundit, and political poet, Steve Bakke
- B. Political Analyst Michael Barone
- C. FIDO-TUS (First Dog) Bo
- D. DA’VEEP, Joe (Don’t tell me I’m not religious or I’ll ... those beads up ...) Biden
- E. Freedom Fighter Osama Bin Laden
- F. SECS of the U.S. Hillary Clinton
- G. STYMIED leader and COS-E, Rahm Emanuel
- H. The Sultan of Diplomacy, Louis Farrakhan
- I. Author and columnist, Jonah Goldberg
- J. Columnist Paul Greenberg
- K. Associate Editor of “The American Prospect”, Ezra Klein
- L. Author, columnist, and commentator, Charles Krauthammer
- M. Editor and columnist, Rich Lowry
- N. TV news reporter and commentator, Chris Matthews
- O. KSM, senior captive terrorist and “waterboard” veteran Khalid Sheikh Mohammed
- P. Mad Magazine legend Alfred E. Neuman
- Q. P-BOB
- R. SHORTUS, Nancy P.
- S. Author and Commentator, Dennis Prager
- T. Editor and columnist, Wesley Pruden
- U. MALSOTUS, Harry (We’ve lost the war) Reid
- V. Movie star and activist, Susan Sarandan
- W. Economist, author, columnist, and commentator, Thomas Sowell
- X. Author, columnist, and commentator, Mark Steyn
- Y. Psychologist Sam Vaknin
- Z. Our SILLY, Slick Willy
- AA. Wall Street Journal
- BB. Wikipedia
- CC. Oprah Winfrey

**Solution** (The quotation number is followed by the letter for the correct source.)

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| 2. W  | 9. A   | 15. X | 21. Q  |
| 3. L  | 10. M  | 16. T | 22. Y  |
| 4. H  | 11. C  | 17. J | 23. BB |
| 5. M  | 12. B  | 18. A | 24. M  |
| 6. I  | 13. AA | 19. M | 25. N  |
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## GLOSSARY of GOVSPEAK (Language of our Government)

Da' Prez

*P-BOB* – President **B**arack **O**bama  
*MESSIAH* – Another name for P-BOB  
*POTUS* – President **O**f **T**he United States  
*POTUS(-1)* – Same as W  
*SILLY* – Short for former POTUS “**S**lick **W**illy”  
*THE ONE* – One more name for P-BOB  
*W* – Former POTUS, George **W**. Bush

Da' Rest

*A'DEM* – Democrat or **A DEM**ocrat  
*A'REP* – Republican or **A REP**ublican  
*A'GOTUS* – **A**ttorney **G**eneral **O**f **T**he United States (say: “a goat t’us)  
*BIPPY* – That place that many in STYMIED sometimes put their brain containers  
*CHA-FED* – **CHA**irman of the **FED**eral Reserve  
*COS-E* – **C**hief **O**f **S**taff (Rahm) **E**manuel (pronounced “cozy”)  
*COTUS* – **C**ongress **O**f **T**he United States  
*DA'DEMS* – Democrats  
*DA'REPS* – Republicans  
*DA'VEEP* – Vice President Joe Biden  
*DA'VEEP(-1)* – Prior Vice President Dick Cheney  
*DA'VEEP(-2)* – Al Gore  
*DO-P-OTUS* – **D**aughters **O**f **T**he President **O**f **T**he United States (say: “dopy Otis”)  
*FA-FLITTER* – P-BOB ‘flits’/prances like **F**red **A**staire(**FA**)(separated at birth?)(say: fay-flitter)  
*FIDO-TUS* – **F**irst **DO**g of **T**he United States – FFOTUS’s pet (say: “fido t’us”)  
*FFOTUS* – **F**irst **F**amily **O**f **T**he United States (pronounced with an opening “flutter”)  
*FLOTUS* – **F**irst **L**ady **O**f **T**he United States  
*GITMO* – That place that P-BOB just don’t ‘git’  
*HE-SING’N* – Describes P-BOB’s “head swiveling” while at the TOTUS (pronounced “he singin”)  
*HORTUS* – **H**ouse **O**f **R**epresentatives of **T**he United States (pronounced “whore t’us”)  
*HUGS* – Conveys P-BOB’s **HUGE** Smile  
*J-SECOTUS* – **J**oint **SE**ssion of **C**ongress **O**f **T**he United States (say: jay secotus)  
*J-STRAPS* – Another name for P-BOB’s “supporters” (you know how to pronounce it)  
*KSM* – **K**halid **S**heikh **M**ohammed – the senior terrorist enjoying time at GITMO (say: “kiss ’im)  
*FL-M-Ob* – **F**irst **L**ady **M**ichelle **O**Bama (pronounced just like it’s spelled)  
*MAJHORTUS* – **HORTUS MAJ**ority Leader, Maryland’s Steny Hoyer  
*MALSOTUS* – The dynamic **SOTUS MA**ority Leader, Nevada’s Harry Reid (seniority got him the job)  
*MILHORTUS* – **HORTUS MI**nority Leader, Ohio’s John Boehner  
*MILSOTUS* – **SOTUS MI**nority Leader, Kentucky’s Mitch McConnell (also must have relied on seniority)  
*PATOTUS* – P-BOB’s **P**osition **A**t the **T**eleprompter **O**f **T**he United States  
*PEP* – **P**recipitous **E**nvironmental **P**rograms (pronounced “pep”)  
*PORK* – Refers to any absurdly expensive aspect of **P-BOB**’s **O**verdone **R**ecovery **K**it (spend on everything)  
*P-PPPPP* – **P-BOB**’s **P**enchant for **P**ushing **P**recipitous and **P**eculiar Programs (say: “pee pep”)  
*PRESOTUS* – **P**REsident of **SOTUS** – Same as DA’VEEP  
*SCOTUS* – **S**upreme **C**ourt **O**f the United States  
*SECS* – **SE**cretary of **S**tate (would that be Hillary?) (pronounced “sex”)

*SHORTUS* – The (Loud) Speaker of **HORTUS**, Nancy P  
*SOTUS* – Senate **O**f The **U**nited **S**tates  
*STYMIED* – **S**Table of the ‘**Y**’ncredibly **M**isinform**E**D (all of P-BOB’s “folks”)  
*TOTUS* – Teleprompter **O**f The **U**nited **S**tates  
*T-SEC* – Treasury **S**E**C**retary what’s his name  
*T-SEC(+1)* – Whoever replaces the T-SEC  
*T-SEC(-1)* – The former T-SEC  
*WB* – Popularly known as “**W**ater**B**oarding” – the technique P-BOB just don’t ‘git’  
*WH* – P-BOB’s current residence (the **W**hite **H**ouse)

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I extend thanks, as always, to the many writers, commentators, researchers, and others, from all political extremes, whose hard work helps me greatly. They gather details and present much information. About all I do is gather, organize, summarize, and attempt to fill in with comments – commonly referred to as my **frequent “RANTS”**.

More comments will follow on important topics and personal thoughts as our President battles through tough territory. I want to join other conservatives in recognizing and respecting our new President – and supporting him when we should. But when we oppose our President’s policies, we should act in accordance with values of decency – but that doesn’t preclude a healthy dose of sarcasm and satire, which are valuable tools for political commentary.