



## **Republican Jewish Coalition Fact Sheet:** **The Truth about Governor Sarah Palin** **Obama Supporters' Smears Debunked**

**Smear: Democrats Lie about Governor Palin supporting Pat Buchanan for President**

**Facts:** Gov. Sarah Palin endorsed Steve Forbes in 1996 and 2000, not George Bush or Pat Buchanan.

While Mayor of Wasilla, AK, Gov. Palin had a policy that if a candidate came to her city, she would wear that button on the day they were there. Pat Buchanan came to Wasilla so the day he came, she wore a button. On July 26, 1999, then-Mayor Palin wrote the *Anchorage Daily News* to clarify the record because a wire service story the paper had published nine days before “may have left your readers with the perception that I am endorsing” Buchanan because she had welcomed his visit to her town. “As mayor,” she explained, “I will welcome all the candidates in Wasilla.” (*Anchorage Daily News*, 7/26/99)

**Smear: Democrats lie about Governor Palin endorsing the views of a Jew for Jesus speaker that spoke once in her church.**

**Facts:** Gov. Palin did not know this speaker would be at her church and emphatically rejects his views.

This is based on concerns about a sermon presented last month at the church she usually attends. The Jewish news agency JTA investigated and reported that 1) Palin would have had no way of knowing that this person would be speaking at church that day, 2) Palin rejects the Christian speaker's offensive views, and 3) Abraham Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, has seen “no evidence” that she shares those views. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 9/3/08)

Also, this speaker spoke once at Palin's church. Democrats should be cautious when their candidate, Barack Obama, embraced an anti-American, anti-Semitic pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright who was both a personal friend and mentor **for 20 years**. Democrats are absolutely attempting to smear Gov. Palin with distorted facts. Democrats are doing a disservice to themselves if they think with one or two distorted facts that they can fool the Jewish community.

**Smear: Democrats lie about Governor Palin censoring library books.**

**Facts:** The *Anchorage Daily News* found that then-Mayor Palin never proposed to ban a single book. (*Anchorage Daily News*, 9/4/08) All other rumors and innuendo on this topic are outright smears.

**Smear: Democrats lie about Governor Palin wanting seeking to have creationism to be taught in public schools.**

**Facts:** Gov. Palin took no action to add creationism to the state's curriculum throughout her term in office.

The Associated Press investigated and found that Governor Palin "kept her campaign pledge not to "push the State Board of Education to add creation-based alternatives to the state's required curriculum or look for creationism activists when she appointed members." The AP also quoted a political observer in the state who observed, "She has basically ignored social issues period." (Associated Press, September 3, 2008)

**Smear: Democrats lie that Governor Palin didn't really oppose the Bridge to Nowhere**

**Facts:** Gov. Palin opposed the Bridge to Nowhere, and Palin's actions were directly responsible for killing the 'Bridge to Nowhere'.

Governor Palin told residents of the area that would have been served by the infamous bridge that "Ketchikan desires a better way to reach the airport, but the \$398 million bridge is not the answer." The headlines the next day: "Governor cancels 'bridge to nowhere.'" The federal funding in question was reprogrammed in accordance with the priorities of state highway officials, not pork barons in the U.S. Congress. (Associated Press, 9/21/07)

On the other hand, both of the U.S. Senators on the Democrat ticket opposed Senator Coburn's amendment to redirect the money now-indicted Senator Ted Stevens had won for the bridge to relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina – less than two months after the hurricane had struck! (Roll Call Vote #262, United States Senate, 10/20/05)

**The RJC is determined to set the record straight in the face of frenzied attacks on Governor Palin and Senator McCain. Please let us know if you hear about a smear that needs to be addressed.**