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Thanks, Hillary. I don't know about details of Obama's plan, but you looked terrific at the speech. (Lincoln, in 1864, on Obama's plan: "The difficulty is not in stating the principle, it is in applying it.") Too bad Rep. Wilson didn't wear a red pantsuit.

Max continues to rocket--up to #8 overall this am, #1 in every nonfiction category except cookbooks. And last night in a special election Jackie was elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in DC. It was a hard fought race, in fact, and her opponent ran a negative campaign against her on email with the slogan: "She's Not Jackie."

Here's the draft of the article Max has written on the bad Joe Wilson (membership in racist organization) and that will be published today. This should do it.

Let's speak when you have time.

Rep. Joe Wilson's Rebel Yell
 Inside the racist klavern that Joe Wilson joined
 By Max Blumenthal

Since Republican Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina bellowed at President Barack Obama, "You lie!" during the president's nationally televised speech on healthcare, the fourth term backbencher has emerged as a hero among the conservative grassroots. One of the most enthusiastic endorsements of Wilson's histrionics came from the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), a group that Wilson has [belonged to](http://crooksandliars.com/david-neiwert/obama-heckler-joe-wilson-member-neo) for several years.

"Mr. Wilson, never apologize for allowing your love of truth to overrun your desire to be polite," the SCV Tea Party [declared](http://scvteaparty.com/?p=165) on its website. "It is the liar who must apologize, not the one who identifies the liar!"

Who are the SCV? A once-proud organization of Confederate history buffs and re-enactors who spent their organization's money to restore Civil War-era battlefields and Confederate cemeteries, by 2006 the SCV was substantially [taken over](http://www.splcenter.org/intel/intelreport/article.jsp?pid=1027) by an organized cadre of white supremacist radicals (read [a](http://www.splcenter.org/intel/intelreport/article.jsp?pid=1027)

<http://www.splcenter.org/intel/intelreport/article.jsp?pid=154> >here for more background) who sought to turn the nation's oldest Southern historical society into what the veteran white supremacist activist Kirk Lyons called "a modern, 21st century Christian war machine capable of uniting the Confederate community and leading it to ultimate victory." When the racist junta had seized much of the SCV's leadership positions, the Southern Poverty Law Center released an <http://www.splcenter.org/intel/intelreport/article.jsp?sid=90> >extensive list of SCV officials who belonged to "hate groups."

Lyons, a key leader of the white supremacists who took over the SCV, had <http://www.thenation.com/doc/20050829/blumenthal/single> >harbored dreams of creating a seemingly benign front group for a more sophisticated version of the Ku Klux Klan. "I have great respect for the Klan historically, but, sadly the Klan today is ineffective and sometimes even destructive," Lyons told a German neo-Nazi magazine in 1992. "It would be good if the Klan followed the advice of former Klansman Robert Miles: 'Become invisible. Hang the robes and hoods in the cupboard and become an underground organization.'" With the SCV, Lyons discovered he didn't have to go underground after all.

Once Lyons helped install his close friend, Ron Wilson, as president of the SCV, the organization's political newsletter, <http://fpacscv.org/southernmercury/> >The Southern Mercury (where Wilson served as senior editor), transformed into a propaganda mill for crude white supremacist cant. Mailed to all dues-paying members of the SCV – presumably including Rep. Joe Wilson – until it went defunct in 2008, the Mercury has published articles describing blacks as genetically inferior to whites, calling African-Americans as "a childlike people," and warned that if Obama runs for re-election, race riots of an "exceedingly violent nature" would immediately ensure, leaving "entire sections of some of our cities in ruins."

Here are a few highlights from the Southern Mercury:

"After the turn of the 20th century, the white Southerners had disfranchised and segregated the blacks, in perhaps the mildest reaction possible at that time to the blacks' transgressions. The blacks – then a childlike people – had been selling their votes to the Democrats en masse for \$.25 apiece in national elections."

--"Where We Stand Now, And How We Got Here," by Frank Conner, Southern Mercury, September/October 2003

“Previously, anthropologists had routinely recorded the notable differences in IQ among the races; but at Columbia, a liberal cultural anthropologist named Franz Boas...decreed that there were no differences in IQ among the races, and the only biological differences between the blacks and whites were of superficial nature... Meanwhile, the liberals in the media heaped special praise upon black athletes, musicians, singers, and writers – and treated them as typical of the black race. The liberals were creating a false image of the blacks in America as a highly competent people who were being held back by the prejudiced white Southerners.”

--Conner, September/October 2003

“It is very clear to me that if Barack Obama should be elected President, he would be extremely anti-white and would demand reparations for slavery and press hard for affirmative action to the degree that it would hurt young whites who were seeking jobs or admission to College and Graduate Schools.”

--“Americans Face The Worst Presidential Candidates In History,” by Robert Slimp, Southern Mercury, May/June 2008

“I believe that [Obama’s] rhetoric and anti-white legislative proposals would stir up racial riots. If he were running for re-election, these riots would turn into an exceedingly violent nature that would seriously damage race relations in America, and leave entire sections of some of our cities in ruins.”

--Slimp, May/June 2008

Rep. Joe Wilson could have resigned from the SCV as soon as the organization’s takeover by open white supremacists began. But he didn’t. Or he could have withdrawn his membership when the SCV’s flagship journal turned into a racist rag. But he didn’t. Instead, while serving as a state senator, Wilson led an SCV-inspired campaign in 2000 to keep the Confederate flag flying above South Carolina’s state capitol. “The Southern heritage, the Confederate heritage, is very honorable,” Wilson <a href=<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/503579.stm>>proclaimed at the time, responding to critics of the Confederate flag.

Wilson’s rebel yell at Obama has electrified the Republican grassroots, filling his campaign coffers with donations <a href=<http://www.freep.com/article/20090910/BLOG36/90910072/Wilson-takes-case-online--pleads-for-donations>>he is soliciting from conservatives across the country and earning the undistinguished, previously unknown backbencher primetime appearances on right-wing talk shows. Wilson has become the new voice of the Republican opposition, reigniting the Lost Cause as a raucous crusade to sabotage healthcare reform.