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'Apres le deluge' — a liberated Obama?
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If the Democrats lose the House and lose seats in the Senate, there may be a ray of sunshine out of the bad news for President Obama.

This is not just making chicken salad out of chicken-you-know-what; history shows that a president forced to deal with the opposition party in

Remember President Clinton's experience post-1994 deluge. He was disappointed for a while, but then he found he was, in many ways, liberated to dominate debates in at least the House Democratic Caucus and to a lesser extent the Senate.

President Clinton was forced to work with, and at times painfully forced to compromise with, the Gingrich-led House Republicans and a Senate

The result of Bill Clinton being forced to sit down with Republicans and work out compromises was a balanced budget and \$1 trillion surplus and that approval rating occurred despite (or maybe in part because of) what I still believe was an illegitimate and hyper-partisan impeachment vote (impeachment managers couldn't even muster a majority of the 55-vote Republican Senate).

So don't be surprised that, if the Democrats lose the House or — God forbid — the Senate too this November 2010, the end result could be a bill at least being heavily influenced by, Democratic congressional majorities — and the liberal blogosphere and organizations such as MoveOn, which forget former party Chairman Howard Dean at one point opposing passage of a healthcare bill unless there was a public option? I favored a public option Gov. Dean's position; very few of the 33 million uninsured poor and middle-class people would prefer no insurance at all than a bill with guaranteed issue reflected in the House version of the healthcare bill, in my judgment contributed to months of unnecessary delay in passing the bill and effectively don't fully understand and appreciate its simple concepts.)

The day after the November 2010 congressional elections, if the Democrats lose the House and substantial seats in the Senate — and, just so you know, secretary Robert Gibbs when he suggested that possibility, let me make it clear that I hope that doesn't happen, and am not yet convinced it will. House Republican leaders, and legislators with a history of working across the aisle, such as Republican Sens. John McCain (Ariz.), Lindsey Graham (S.C.), Landrieu (La.), Mark Pryor (Ark.) and Tom Carper (Del.), as well as Independent Democrat Joe Lieberman (Conn.), and ask them:

Give me your proposals to create new jobs, achieve energy independence and reform abuses in the tort law system, and improve public education support.

In other words, President Obama can return to and actually practice the approach to governance that was the core message of his campaign and his memorable 2004 keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention:

There is not a red America or a blue America, but rather, a United States of America.

So out of the deluge, if there is one, President Obama may be able to convince the Republicans, who are no longer the opposition party and no longer the budget deficits: It's time to put aside hyper-partisan politics and get back into the solutions business. Join me — and I will meet you more

If you do, I believe it is both the right politics and, most of all, right for the country.

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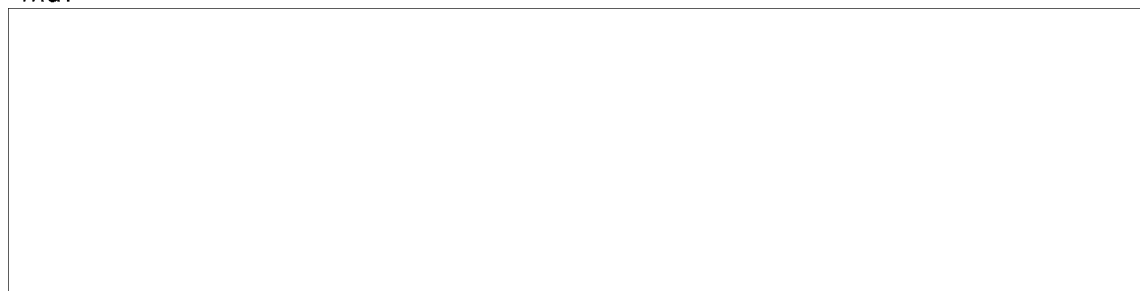
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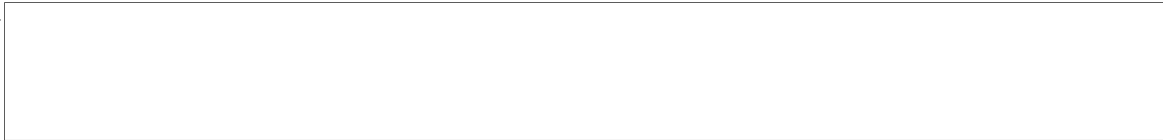
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