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Wayne's Words of 2008 by Dr. Wayne Glowka
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Barackopolis Set used for Barack Obama’s acceptance speech in Denver
Bittergate Unfavorable reaction to Obama’s comment that rural working-class voters cling to guns and religion out of bitterness over economic conditions
bloggergaggle News blogger crowd
bread crumbs Digital record of where you (and perhaps Gretel) have been in cyberspace or in meatspace
concierge care Personalized medical care obtained by paying a hefty annual retainer
crap cannon, brown note Sonic device that some believed police would use to cause demonstrators at the “Demo Convo” to defecate involuntarily
crush coverage Fawning news coverage extended to a political candidate
distraction Scandal or attack that forces a politician to go off the planned message
Mulligan primary Primary election that can be done over if the first results are not satisfactory
nuking the fridge Jumping the shark a la Indiana Jones
Obama compounds disObamalated, Obamabonanza, Obamabot, Obamacan, Obamacare, Obamacide, Obamacism, Obamacized, ObamaCon, Obamanon, Obamacrombie Obamadammarung, Obamaed, Obamaesque, Obamafy, Obamaian, Obamaism, Obamaist, Obamakin, Obamaking, Obamaland, Obamalic, Obamamama, Obamamania, Obamamentum, Obamamerica, Obamanable, Obamanation, Obama Nation, Obamania, Obamaniaic, Obamanomics, Obamanought, Obamanaut, Obamanized, Obamanoxious, Obamapalooza, Obamaphile, Obamarama, Obamarket, Obamaship, Obamaspeak, Obamason, Obamatard, Obamathon, Obamaton, Obamessiah, and probably others
self-Swiftboating Sabotaging one’s own political campaign by saying something that inadvertently attacks one’s own strongest position
silent tsunami, invisible tsunami Large-scale human disaster brought about by a preventable cause (like disease, famine, bad economic policy)
stay-cation Vacation close to home
terrorist fist jab; Hizbollah hand jabbing Fist bump, knuckle bump
thinko Mental lapse; mental typo
toxic assets Bonds and securities that no one wants to own