

Nominations for the 2008 Word of the Year

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Barackapolis 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

conciierge 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

nukeing the fridge Jumping the shark a la Indiana Jones

Obama compounds *disObamalated, Obamabonanza, Obamabot, Obamacan, Obamacare, Obamacide, Obamacism, Obamacized, ObamaCon, Obamacon, Obamacrombie, Obamadammaring, Obamaed, Obamaesque, Obamafy, Obamaian, Obamaism, Obamaist, Obamakin, Obamakinz, Obamaland, Obamalic, Obamamama, Obamamania, Obamamentum, Obamamerica, Obamanable, Obamanation, Obama Nation, Obamania, Obamaniac, Obamanomics, Obamanaught, 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