

Sanders Edges Toward Clinton Endorsement

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Sanders claiming he intends continuing his nomination quest to the July Democrat convention is meaningless hyperbole. Expect no floor fight. Concession followed by endorsing Clinton could come any time.

The same scenario repeats each electoral cycle. Party faithful rally behind presidential nominees, losing aspirants among them.

Sanders/Clinton rapprochement is virtually certain. His phony rationale will likely be to keep Trump from succeeding Obama. He'll choose his time and place to make a formal announcement – maybe in days.

Thursday he'll meet with Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D. NV) in Washington. According to <u>Politico</u>, he'll "likely (begin) the party's internal healing process."

His sole Democrat Senate supporter, Oregon's Jeff Merkley, said "I do believe that we now have our nominee. Our nominee is (Mrs.) Clinton."

Don't expect Sanders to disagree. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D. MI) said "there's no way in the world he wants to in any way do anything that would help Donald Trump become president."

The <u>Wall Street Journal</u> highlighted pressure building on Sanders "to rally behind presumptive nominee Hillary Clinton" – unity steps taken "with prominent...Sanders supporters conceding he had lost the race, and saying they would rally behind...Clinton."

The <u>Washington Post</u> expects "enthusiastic" party unity backing her, Sanders sure to come on board, much like how Clinton conceded to Obama in 2008.

He has no chance to persuade unelected party insider super-delegates to switch allegiance from Clinton to him. He'll likely be offered and willingly accept a high-level position in her administration, maybe as running mate.

The <u>New York Times</u> cited unnamed Obama aides, saying he "intends to nudge Mr. Sanders toward embracing (Clinton), stressing (he) can further his policy agenda while unifying the party to defeat Mr. Trump in November."

The president will formally endorse her in days, followed by actively campaigning on her behalf.

Sanders notoriously caves when pushed. Endorsing Clinton will strip the mask off his hollow populist rhetoric, rendering it empty, meaningless.

He's a longtime Democrat party loyalist, an independent socialist in name only, a phony progressive, a self-serving dirty business as usual politician.

Endorsing Clinton will betray millions of loyal supporters, showing he backs what he campaigned against, making him complicit in her high crimes. World peace hangs in the balance.

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