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Democratic Convention, Day 2: Tom Pops the Question: "What Did You Mean" by "Un-American" Obama the "Rock Star" & America "Goose-Steps"

To document the heights (or depths) of liberal media bias during the week of the Democratic convention in Boston, the Media Research Center staff is preparing twice-daily *CyberAlerts*. For more detail, come to our Web site at www.mrc.org. The following items are a sampling of the latest findings of notable convention media coverage:

■ **Another Democratic "Rock Star."** MSNBC's on-air crew lionized Democratic keynoter Barack Obama. "He is the best argument for the American dream that's around in politics," oozed *Newsweek's* Howard Fineman on MSNBC before Andrea Mitchell celebrated how "Obama is a rock star!" Chris Matthews insisted that he'd "just seen the first black President."

■ **Your American Idols.** Gushing about the "rock star" quality of Bill and Hillary Clinton the night before, network reporters declared the first night of the Democratic confab a success on Tuesday morning. "People were juiced like I don't think I've seen at a convention ever before," enthused ABC's Charles Gibson. CBS's Hannah Storm said "it was absolutely electric." As for Bill Clinton's speech, NBC's Katie Couric insisted that "almost everybody, even the opposition, agreed last night that he was masterful."

■ **Comparing Americans to Nazis?** MSNBC's Chris Matthews seemingly raised a Nazi comparison to U.S. efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan as he asserted that "I don't think we like to be the people goose-stepping through the world."

Worst of the Day: Compassionate Communism

Barry Petersen: "The real surprise is that the surgery [an embryonic stem cell procedure] is happening in Beijing. It's too politically sensitive in the U.S. because it's about abortion."

Stephen Byer, father of ALS patient: "There are abortions that are being done for whatever reason — medical reasons, lifestyle reasons, I don't know. All I know is that second-trimester fetal cells are usable for this wonderful purpose of saving lives."

Petersen: "The kind of surgery being done in this Chinese hospital is virtually off limits in America. A treatment using cells from an aborted fetus is just too controversial in today's politically charged climate, even though here it's now showing results." — *CBS Evening News*, July 27.

■ **Look to Communist China for Moral Leadership?** The *CBS Evening News* on Tuesday matched Democrats' theme on embryonic stem cell research, holding up communist China with its forced abortion policies (though CBS naturally didn't mention that) as a moral leader on the issue. Reporter Barry Petersen lamented that politics

prevents American-funded scientists from killing embryos: "The kind of surgery being done in this Chinese hospital is virtually off limits in America. A treatment using cells from an aborted fetus is just too controversial in today's politically-charged climate."

■ **Tom Pops the Question.** While ABC and CBS kept up their sympathetic coverage of Teresa Heinz Kerry, NBC's Tom Brokaw actually confronted her with her own words: "Let's be absolutely clear about this. Did you use the phrase 'un-American traits'?" Mrs. Kerry conceded: "Un-Pennsylvanian and sometimes un-American traits." Brokaw pressed, "And what did you mean?" That was the question that made her so mad on Sunday that she told a Pennsylvania journalist to "shove it."

■ **More, More, More!** Some reporters actually used the liberal label last night to identify Ted Kennedy and Barack Obama, Judy Woodruff complained about the GOP's lack of "musical diversity," and CBS compared Bush to Michael Dukakis in the tank. Get all the details at www.mrc.org.

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