Transition Team of One : American Faggot

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Wanting to close the chapter on the last four years, I realized that AIDS is transforming me both physically, and emotionally. I should be happy, the landslide election of President-elect Barack Obama was mind-blowing. Being the first African-American president, and how Obama and his team ran the election, empower the youth vote, raising tons of money on-line, and mentioning gays in his nomination speech in August AND again during his acceptance speech last Tuesday night. I was bawling like Oprah for many reasons, but I really enjoyed being singled out as an American faggot! My ?Reagan? teenage years were awful, growing up in Schenectady, New York always feeling like a outcast. President Reagan never mention gays favoredly during any of his speeches, that's for sure.

Regarding Prop 8 and the hysteria surrounding it, Senator Biden stated bunting during the vice presidential debate, ?Barack Obama nor I support redefining from a civil side what constitutes marriage. We do not support that. That is basically the decision to be able to be able to be left to faiths and people who practice their faiths the determination what you call it.? Although, Biden sounded more like Rosie the Robot Maid (from my favorite cartoon The Jetsons) reading a cue card, which he did NOT believe in. The press is all over the place with it; first is was the Mormons, thens the blacks voters, the Hispanics voters, and the lack of empathy from the Obama-Biden campaign (see above quote.) I don't think we can aspect atheism as a part of Obama's CHANGE, or even ?church-doesn't-equal-state.? Sorry, it's too soon. Quit frankly, I think the country and the world have more important stuff to worry about: the economy, health care, war, etc. I know this is totally selfish of me. I'm single (with no prospects in sight for marriage,) on disability with a pre-existing condition, Medicare is my ONLY option. For me the economic crisis is intertwine with the health care crisis, and hopefully they will be addressed by President-elect Obama on his ?to-do list.?

My disillusionment with my transition, is the fact that AIDS or HIV (select one...lol) robed me of my career. After interning at POZ for the last four months, and putting in 5 days a week, I'm exhausted. I guess I'm suffering from fatigue. I HATE the word ?fatigue,? remind me of a 98 years women! Don't get me wrong, I love POZ and blogging, but maybe I need to cut my hours a tad. The fact it, I don't think I can't function as a designer, with deadlines, and world travel. The global economy is getting worse minute by minute, yesterday my friend lost her design job, along with 250 other people at Ann Taylor Inc. I'm sure other with follow. Wal*Mart is the only company with positive sales for October, and yes, they have design offices in New York City, AND I have lots of

friends there as well. But the FATIQUE....ugh. It is worth it? I'm still kicking and screaming my way through my transition, but it's heading towards AIDS activist?!...yikes. I'm branching out to other design companies and organizations which are AIDS related. Next to my bed there's a four year old copy of Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes by William Bridges. Every now and then, I pick it up and read the first page, mainly I use it as a coaster, but now I think it's time to actually read the friggin' book!

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