

## SO NOW IT'S REZKO AND OBAMA

“What’s new about the link between politicians and sleazy operators?” asked Dr. Steven Porter, independent candidate for Congress in PA-03. “Why should we be so shocked that our knight in shining armor, Barack Obama, has been associated with Tony Rezko, the Chicago man accused of influence-peddling in Illinois? For me, it’s just par for the course.”

Speaking from his home today, Porter went on to cite a Chicago Sun-Times article which listed eight facts of importance between Obama and Rezko, leading one to suspect that the relationship between the two men was not one of consummate purity (see <http://www.suntimes.com/news/watchdogs/757340,CST-NWS-watchdog24.article>).

“After all,” Porter continued, “we have Hillary and Mr. Hsu, Bill and Marc Rich, Bush and Kenneth Lay, Cheney and Halliburton, not to mention Congress and Jack Abramoff. The point is that big money controls our government, and big money often involves shady deals and influence peddling.

“Consider the relationship between our government and the Goldman Sachs investment firm. By some standards, they’re practically the same thing. Just look at the Goldman Sachs executives who have attained prominent government positions in the last few years: Stephen Friedman, Gene Sperling, Jon Corzine, Josh Bolton, Robert Zoellick, and Henry Paulson—to name a few (see “Goldman Sachs’s White House LBO” in the 7/3/07 issue of International Political Economic Zone). And then consider where the big political money goes. According to [opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org), Goldman Sachs is either the leading or second leading ‘top contributor’ to Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John McCain.

“Consequently, can anybody doubt that the economic policy of our government will be conducted for the benefit of investment banking before it is conducted for the benefit of the average Jack or Jill?

“I’d like all the voters to think about that the next time they hear Obama—or any of the current ‘rock star’ candidates—try to snow them with the rhetoric of change and public service. I’d like every voter to get my book, AMERICA’S DYING DEMOCRACY, to read its research, and to think a little before pulling the levers on the major party candidates who are owned by special interest bigwigs who pay off politicians to get into office and work for them instead of for us.”