米国大統領選挙のキーワード "change" の研究

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A Study on "Change" — the Keyword of the U.S. Presidential Campaign in 2008

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Abstract

The election campaign of Democratic presidential candidates in 2008 was characterized by the term "change" in particular. The political, military and economic stalemates in 2008 originated in the United States allured American people, business world and politicians to hope for change, the need for change. The confrontation of Senator Barack Obama against Senator Hillary Clinton started in January: Obama made a slogan of "change we can believe in," and Clinton spoke of "change you can count on." Obama's audience chanted "Yes, we can," while Clinton's supporters chorused "Yes, she can!" Clinton said, "It's not enough to say 'Yes we can.' We have to say how we can." Then echoed "We will change. Change we will!" in the meetings for Clinton.

The point was "Who's more electable?" At first, attention was directed to the choice of the first-ever black president or woman president. Soon Obama attracted new voters of the younger generation calling for a "generational change." He raised a huge amount of funds donated on the Internet. Ex-First Lady Hillary was regarded as part of the established political culture of Washington. She yet survived towards the end of June with the support of middle-class white workers and black people who backed former President Bill Clinton. The final decision of many superdelegates went to Obama. They concluded that Democrats needed the support of black people in order to get back the presidency in eight years since 2000. His oratory style similar to John F. Kennedy's in 1960 helped to make his image of "youth" and "change" work to realize the 160 years' dream of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

In this paper, I will illustrate collocations of "change" in descriptions of Obama's speech or movements as well as commentaries or opinions on his activities carried in The New York Times since his first usage of "change" in 2004, which was not used in the vague, abstract meaning. By doing so I intend to examine the contents or fields of "change" and quality or degree of "change" in what he advocated.

Keywords: election, presidential campaign, candidate, Obama, speech, change, hope, message

1. はじめに

第49代米国大統領の選挙年2008年は、次期大統領(president-elect)に Barack Obama 上院議員が決定した。この選挙では、共和党大統領候補 John McCain 上院議員との対戦以前に、民主党内の候補者選びで

Barack Obama 上院議員と Hillary Clinton 上院議員との対決が選挙運動を盛り上げた。はじめは黒人初の大統領か、女性初の大統領かに焦点が当てられた。

アメリカは2008年、イラク戦争の終結の遅れ、住宅ローンの subprime mortgage に端を発した金融市場の暴落と世界的規模の経済不況の広がりの中、立ち直りと経済復興を目指す機運が、既存の政治、経済、特に金融、社会に変化、変革を求める叫び"change"を選挙のスローガンに組み込んだ Barack Obama 氏(以下敬称略、「オバマ」と表記)にとって有利に働き、"experience"を掲げたクリントン氏(以下敬称略、「クリントン」と表記)を凌いで、人々のこころを掴み勝利した。そして、本選挙では共和党候補の John Mc-Cain 上院議員(以下敬称略、「マケイン」と表記)に大差をつけて、8年ぶりの民主党大統領の就任を決めた。本研究では、オバマが、そしてクリントンもが唱和した"change"の内容または対象、何をどう目指すのかを、オバマの発言に焦点を当て、The New York Times(以下「NYT」と表記)の掲載記事から取材して、検討し研究した。

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2. オバマとそのスローガン "Change We Can Believe In"

9.11のあと、テロとの戦いのため、アフガニスタン、パキスタン、そしてイラクへと派兵したアメリカは、長引く戦争とサブプライム住宅ローンの破綻や金融商品の暴落から、かなり変貌した。街の活気は失せ、会社のビルの前には"Going out of business"の看板が立ち、商店には店じまいの"Going Out of Business Sale"の旗がはためき、担保に取られた住宅や宅地には、"Bank owned"の看板が見られる。失業者の数は50万人といわれ、うち30万人はホームレスとなり、家族ごとホームレスも見られる。しかし、キリスト教など人道主義、同胞意識、慈善活動が行き届いている社会では、地方公共団体や民間団体が運営するシェルター、家族シェルターが世話をし、衣食住を提供する。街のボランティアの参加のほか、企業からの寄付、食品会社やスーパーマーケットからは消費期限が近い食料品や飲み物がfood bank や教会に集められて、ホームレスに提供される。食事時間などにはホームレスの人々の姿が教会を取り巻き、町を行き来する。

職を求め、住居を探し、安定した生活を取り戻したい人々が、現状を打破したいと願って、変革を志向する。貧しい白人労働者、働き口が少ない黒人、貧困者、比較的新しいホームレスも、公民権を行使し登録して投票する。変化を求める有権者は、より若くて、弁舌さわやかに "change" を呼びかけるオバマに好感を持ち、既成の政府を超えた政治や社会の革新に希望を託した。The need for hope and change と a call for change が若い有権者だけでなく、既成政党の指導層をも動かした。

We can believe in change. (変革を信じる、信じられる) をスローガンに変えた "Change We Can Believe In" を集会で chanting して、団結のコーラスに弾みをつけた。ほかに "Change!" や "Change We Can! Yes, We Can!" も選挙支援の集会場で聞かれた。オバマは、"change" と "hope" の "message" を伝え、"an agent of change" として "represents change" と見做される "change candidate" となる。オバマを支援する気持ちと献金――少額でもインターネットで気軽に寄付できる――が選挙運動を盛り上げた。(註1)

クリントンも "Hillary for President"のサインに加えて、"change"を取り入れた。オバマのキャッチフレーズをもじって、"It's not enough to say 'Yes we can.' We have to say how we can." (註2) と言って、"I will change"から "We will change"に、そして "Change we will!"に替え、支援者たちは "Change she will!" "Yes she will"を訴えた。しかし、元大統領夫人が掲げていた "experience"は既成の政治を連想させるため、新しい有権者を強力に誘引するには到らなかった。とはいえ、同世代の女性有権者、父親の故郷の工場地帯をはじめ各地の白人労働者層の支持は強く、予想以上にオバマとの対決は続いた。

オバマ旋風の原動力となった "change" というキーワードと Obama の 2 語の取り合わせ (Obama and pre/change) で、2004年の民主党全国大会での党綱領演説以降、2009年1月3日まで *The New York*

Times に検索をかけたところ、1174件が出た。有意の取り合わせを選択して、表1にまとめた。

表1から "change" のコロケーションを分析することで、change がどのようにオバマのトレードマークになったかが見えてくるであろう。

2-1. 名詞の "change"

"change"は、可算用法と不可算用法がある。個々の事例を意識するときは"changes"を用いるが、抽象的、総合的に「変化」「変革」を指すときは複数では用いない。表1に収集した表現の多くは、不可算用法である。

コロケーション研究の方法で、調査分析した。名詞用法と動詞用法に分類した。

名詞 changes の前置要素(形容詞や名詞修飾語)の分析には、change の範疇、程度、オバマ像、選挙関連性との4種(A. B. C. D)に分類した。

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Jul. 12	a professed change agent	now bold his vision of change		change the process and practice of politics
Jul. 13	O's change on the spying issue			will not change his opinion
Jul. 14	O's "remarkable change of position"			
Jul. 20			İ	"Obama, the Candidate of 'Change
Jul. 21	0			My Mind"
Jul. 21	O can galvanize this change moment.			O mustn't give the impression every- thing will change.
Jul. 22			O promised change. (begin	
			dialogue in [Mideast issue])	
Jul. 24	the slogan "A change of leadership		"change you can believe in"	
Jul. 25	in Washington"	a change of leadership in Washington		
Jul. 26		a sharinge of loadership in viashington		(Sarkozy:) Mr . Obama would change
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Jul. 27			*The "change" that he can	
			(amassed) at times **whether it's change you happen	
			to believe in or	
Aug. 1			he [Mr. Obama] represents change	
Aug. 2	h:		O talks of change	
Aug. 4 Aug. 8	his use of the term "change" Hope and change are not a policy.			
Aug. 12	Tropo and onlings are need penely.	the Obama message of change*		
Aug. 16			(payroll tax) attribute his change of	
A 17	generational change	O's idea of shares "size faire"	heart to campaign	
Aug. 17 Aug. 18	(define O as) change	O's idea of change "airy-fairy" an agent of change		
Aug. 19		O's message of change and hope*	making any change in Washington	
		O's message of hope and change*		
Aug. 22	a change agent	0'		
Aug. 23 Aug. 24	O's claims to represent change	O's message of change* x2 banners advertising "hope" or change"	"Change We Can Believe In"	change the tax code x2
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Aug. 26			in"	change things
A 20	O's "change" theme			change politics
Aug. 29 Aug. 30	Os change theme	run on a platform of change		
Aug. 31		O's message of change* x2	scrapped the messianic "Change	
			We Can Believe In "	
Sept. 1		Obama-Biden tour officially branded "On	defeat climate change and	
Зерг. 1		the Road to Change"		
		"the courage to change"		
Sept. 3		O's call for change	"the change we need"	change the energy
Sept. 4	rapid, dramatic and demographic changes	O's signature message of change*		
Sept. 5	the change argument	O's talk of change		
40.04003 3		the need for "change"		
Sept. 6	"change is coming, change is coming"			
Sept. 7 Sept. 8	even broader cultural change political change			
Sept. 9	policy change			change Washington and partisan
				politics
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Sept. 10 Sept. 11		O's trademark messsage of change the true agent of change	we need a change	
Sept. 12		the Democrats' theme of change		
Sept. 15		the theme of "change"	"Women for the change We Need"	
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Sept. 17 Sept. 18		<u>a candidate of change</u> "Plan for Change"	"Change We Need" signs bring real change to Washington	
		Maria	"Change We Need" rally	,
Sept. 19			bring change and reform to	
Sont 22			Washington believe O's change	
Sept. 22			O promises change	
Sept. 23			O talks about change	
Sept. 25		general outlines for changes	and the contract of the contra	
Sept. 29 Oct. 1		O's envisioned cuts and tax policy changes	promise to bring econmic change	
300. 1		change in the bailout legislation		
Oct. 9	care reform and regulatory changes			
Oct. 12			LOW south Contract to the Contract to	change the electoral map
Oct. 18			he'll make a change in the jobs market	
Oct. 23				change global perceptions of the
				United States x2
Oct. 26		O's ringing articulation of change		
Oct. 28		a celebration of change in America themes of unity and change		
Oct. 29		or arrey and origing		supporting legislation to change the
				system
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Oct. 31			proposed significnat changes to the tax code	
			supported changes to the death	
			penalty	
1			bringing change to Washington	
Nov. 1	O's effort was "a sea change"			
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Nov. 5		O's call for a change	deliver the change our country	
			needs	a 8 900 h
Nov. 6		experience the power of change	create an administration to change	seek to change personal bankruptcy
		the path to change	Washington x2	laws x2
				change his approach to the economy's
1				long-term problems
Nov. 7			make major changes in domestic	the world's about to change
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Nov. 8		a call for change in Washington		
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Nov. 9	themes prevalent in the Obama	the chance to make a change		
NOV. 9				
1	campaign: change, hope and			
	reform		1	
Nov. 10	At this defining moment, change			using his executive authority to change
	has come to America.			stem cell and oil-drilling policies
1			4.4 8 0 88 8	Obama's call to change
Nov. 12			Mr. Obama's victory would foster	
			"change all over the world."	

A. どのような範疇で変化、変革を望んでいるか。

generational change cultural change political change policy change social change climate change recent change care reform change regulatory change hope and change

change and reform

2004年に民主党全国党大会でオバマが登場したときに、Generational change を呼びかけていた。そして本選挙のちょうど1年前の2007年11月に、the most striking change in the identity of the Democratic Party (B. 参照)を目指して a huge cultural change に踏み出した。それは同時に profound political changes である。その間に、動詞としての" change" のリストに目を移すと、変革の対象は the party, the contours of the Democratic landscape, the tone of our politics, things (immediately) , the dynamic of the race, America's image、そして自分自身(Who I am)である。分野、対象の続きは、2-3. と 4. を参照。

Change は単独で使われることが多いが、hope and change と change and reform のようにペアで用いられる例も見られた。 Hope, change, reform はオバマ選挙の主要な3つのテーマである。

B. どの程度の変化を期待しているか。

使われた順序に配列することにより、change への期待度が垣間見える。

bigger change big change stronger change sharp change the most striking change
huge change; huge cultural change
profound change
broader cultural change
real change
permanent change
such a sea change with Obama
Obama's effort was "a sea change"
rapid, dramatic, demographic change
transformative change
positive change

変化の度合いは、大きく (big, bigger, huge)、広く (broader, sweeping)、強く (stronger, sharp, striking)、深く (profound)、速く (rapid)、具体的 (positive)、変換的・変容的 (transformative) である。"a sea change" は、「大変化」の意味である。

C. の初めに出ている Obama-esque change agent の Obama-esque は「いかにもオバマらしい」の意味 の形容詞として、ここにも含めてもよいであろう。

C. 名詞の "change" を体現化し、オバマ自身を変革者とみなす表現がある。

he's for change.

Obama represents change

Obama-esque change agent

"change candidate"

an agent of change*

the change agent

"a man who stands for change" *

(O could be) a change for the people

I'm the change

a professed change agent

a force of change

define Obama as change

いずれも、オバマを「変革のシンボル」とする表現といえよう。

D. オバマの選挙運動の特色を表す表現

change voters

change-oriented campaign

Obama's "change mantra"

Obama-patented mantra of "change"

the change thing

'Road to change' bus tour*

change campaign

"Change" theme

a call for change

change argument

Change is coming, change is coming
Change has come to America
最後には"We are the change that we seek" (Feb. 25) となる。

2-2. 前置詞 of, for, in, to, about と結合した前置詞句

一番多かったのは、[noun of change / hope] の型である。

E. [noun of change / hope]

an agent of change (= a change agent)

a mantra of change (= a change mantra); Obama-patented ~

candidate of change (= change candidate)

part of the change

avatar of change

promises of change *

all the talk of change

the mantle of change

message of change; upbeat ~; O's signature ~

message of hope, healing and change *

message of change and hope; broader \sim

message of hope and change; broader \sim

message of change and transparency

vague, rhetorical message of change

the kind of change that would inspire nation

O's 14 invocations of change

Obama's trademark of change

his vision of change

change of leadership *

a platform of change

the whirlwind of changes

agent of generational change *

broad themes of hope and change

campaign of hope and change

Obama's talk of change

Obama's ringing articulation of change

Celebration of change

Democrats' theme of change

theme of "hope" and "change"; broader ~

themes of unity and change

オバマは、avatar of change(変化の化身)として、a mantra of change(変革の真言)を唱え、"message of change(and ...)"の中で themes of unity and change と vision of change を説き、agent of change となって、世代交代、指導者交代の約束を求めた。Obama's trademark of change は、オバマ陣営の change ブランド "Obama-branded change" と見る報道もあった。 (註3)

message of change (and) hope が、8月の民主党全国大会の時期にかなり集中していることがわかる。次に多かった組み合わせは [Noun/adj. for change or others] である。

F. [noun/ adj. for change or others]

O's call for change

prophetic voice for change

the need for change

our time for change

hopeful call for change

Democrat for change

country for change

his slogan for change

his call for change

ready for change

absolutely essential for the change of parties

次は、[change in noun]型である。

G. [change in noun]

"changes in behavior"

change in the identity of the Democratic Party

change in the bailout legislation

celebration of change in America

the promise of change in Washington

call for change in Washington

そして、[noun to change]型である。

H. [Noun to change]

his commitment to change

the 'Road to Change' bus tour

his summons to change

"On the Road to Change"

the path to change

the courage to change

最後に、[noun about change] 型は1例であった。

I. [noun about change]

Obama's message about change

"message"は、E. の "message of . . ." の型が多かった。

2-3. 動詞の目的語に change が来る表現

[verb (+ prep.) change]

bring change in Washington

bring change to Washington

bring real change to Washington

bring the much needed change

bring change and reform to Washington

bring about "real change"

Promise to bring economic change

deliver change

"stand for change" tour; a man who stands for change speak of change talk change to people talk about change talk of change cry for change want change achieve change believe in change believe deeply in change we can believe in change; change we can believe in fight for change offer a real change lead to deep change promise change propose significant change to the tax code represents change make a change in the jobs market make our case for change make major changes in domestic and foreign issues make subtle changes to his campaign style make any change in washington the chance to make a change run on a platform of change need a change need the change support changes to the death penalty foster "change all over the world"

ここの分類には、bring change in Washington; propose significant change to the tax code; make a change in the jobs market; make major changes in domestic and foreign issues の例に見られるように、bring, propose, make の成句に変革の分野、対象が示される。一番多かった変革の対象が、Washington(アメリカ政府、アメリカ政治)である。ほかには、the tax code; the jobs market; domestic and foreign issues; the death penalty; all over the world などである。2-4も参照

2-4. 動詞の change が作る表現

change the state's troubled death row ——問題の、死刑囚用の州刑務所 change black political oratory change the subject change the subject from race and controversy change things immediately change the party change the contours of the Dem. landscape change the tone of our politics

change the face of politics change the dynamic of the race the need to change America's image change American foreign policy change the course change the course of history and the world change America change the mind-set of America change the image of the United States change the nation's image around the world change the world change the country and the world fundamentally change the country's direction change the old order of things change sides change who I am change his mind on the joint meetings change election change their timetable change overtime change the say-anything change the process and practice of politics change the dynamics

以下は、オバマの発言や行動に関して:

every comment will change
will not change his opinion

"Obama, the Candidate of 'Change My Mind' "
symbolize the great change that has taken place in
Obama mustn't give the impression everything will change
Obama can galvanize this change moment
Obama promise "to change politics"
the leader change the economy
seek to change personal bankruptcy
change his approach to the economy's long-term problems
using this executive authority to change stem cell and oil-drilling politics

個人的な意見や印象、決心に関する change から、方針や政策の change への対象の変化、発展が見られる。最後の4件は、経済・金融の関連分野で、アメリカの金融危機の深まりに呼応するかのようである。

以下は、選挙で訴えている具体的な施策(Obama's call to change)が登場する。アメリカ国内から世界へと change の視野が広がる。

The world's about to change. change the tax code

change things

change politics

change the energy

change the electoral map

change Washington and partisan politics

supporting legislation to change the system

change legislation to change the system

change global perceptions of the United States

"Mr.Obama would change the world's view of the United States" (Sarkozy)

3. 米国大統領が呼びかけた "Change"

アメリカの歴史の中で、政治、経済、社会に大きな変化、変革をもたらした大統領といえば、Franklin D. Roosevelt があげられる。 4 期大統領に選出された。1920年代の "laissez faire" の共和党時代を終わらせた 1932年の大恐慌により、約5,000の銀行が閉鎖し、工業生産は1929年の株式市場暴落前の半分、住宅建設は 80パーセントが落ち込み、1,300万人が失業した。FDR が "change" を呼びかけたところ、それまでリンカン党を支持してきたアフリカ系アメリカ人の投票者が民主等支持に移り、北部の黒人と南部の白人労働者が 手を組んで労働者組織をつくり、New Deal 政策のバックボーンを形成した。 $(^{124})$

オバマには "New New Deal" の期待をする人々もいる。

次は、第34代大統領 Jimmy Carter である。ウォーターゲート事件後の停滞した時代の風を変えるため、1976年の選挙運動の中で、"... arouse voters with promise of change, while reassuring them of his commitment to..." (注5) と、"promise of change" を行った。

カーターが目指したのは、Federal election laws, campaign organizations, the direction of foreign policy, personal change, profound change, major change などであったが、ここでは触れない。

以下に彼の変革に対する考えを示す。

1977年1月20日の就任演説の中では、次のように述べている。

We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles."

(時代に合わせた変革はしなければならないが、変えるべきではない原則は守らなければならない。[筆者訳])

4. オバマの "Change" の行方

オバマは、2008年1月中旬、聴衆に "Change isn't easy. Change is hard. Change is always met by resistance from the status quo." と覚悟して選挙戦を始めた。(注6)

1972年から始まったシカゴ大学の"General Social Survey"によると、1996年までに黒人大統領への投票 受容は93パーセントに達していた。アメリカの変化の多くは、"the slow and steady"と、同調査を統括した Tom W. Smith は言う。

しかし、"the man of words" と評されるオバマは、リンカンやキング牧師を髣髴とさせるシカゴでの「勝利宣言」(victory speech) や「平易だが音楽のような言葉の流れ」 $^{(\pm 6)}$ によって有権者と党幹部の支持を獲得した。

"Change We Can Believe In"をトレードマークあるいはブランドにして当選したオバマは、早々と勝利が確実になった投票日の夜、"At this defining moment, change has come to America."と宣言した。(注9)

しかし、すでに7月のコロラド遊説の演説の中で、以下のように、ケネディ風に呼びかけていた。

"We need your service, right now, in this moment —— in history." (註10)

オバマが国務長官にクリントンを指名すれば、Dream ticket あるいは Team of great rivals が生まれるだろうとの予測は早くからあった。勝利後に指名した A-team を眺めて、John Pilgfer は、" "He speaks of change but offers only dreaded continuity." と述べた。(注11)

また、Statesman によれば、オバマがチームを組織したときから、continuity(継続)を意識して、ブッシュチームの国防長官 Gates を留任させ、クリントン元大統領の閣僚や補佐官を指名しているのを見れば、大統領の現実認識と対処が大仕事であることが見える。

12月下旬、オバマが主席顧問 4 人を選び、"significant change in policies" と印象付けたのは、global warming, ocean protections and stem cell research であった。 (注12)

経済対策、金融支援、イラク戦争終結などの懸案の改革は、2009年1月20日の就任式後の緊急課題となる。

5. まとめ

オバマが大統領に選ばれた社会的背景と要因は、急激な下降と悪化に見舞われたアメリカの政治、経済、社会からの脱出と回復を求めた願望である。それに160年間実現されなかった市民権の平等の実現が、黒人の生まれや自立の歴史を持つ若手政治家の後押しをしたといえよう。

オバマと "change" の関係を調査分析して明らかになった特色を以下にまとめる。

- 1. オバマの "change" は、具体的なものではなく、hope and change を組み合わせた、いわば、"hopeful change" を呼びかけた。
- 2. 周りからも自分でも"represents change" "an agent of change" "I'm change." "he's for change" と、 "change" を体現化した。
- 3. "We can believe in change." をスローガンにした" Change we can believe in" は2008年1月上旬に登場し、" Change we can" "Yes we can" と短縮して合唱された。
- 4. Message of change は、8月の党全国大会で頂点を迎えた。9月に入ると、"the change we need" "the need for change" "promise change" "talk about change" へ変化した。
- 5. President-elect に決まったあと、9月からは、changes と複数を用いて、具体的な変革、改革を示しは じめたことが見られる。

以下に、2008年の大統領選挙で勝利したオバマのキーワード change がアメリカの各地で響き渡り、人々のこころにこだましたかを示す事例を紹介する。

American Dialect Society の Word of the year 2008 (2008年の時のことば) の第1位は、金融不況の関 小度を示して bailout であった。 (注13)

WORD OF THE YEAR WINNER: bailout, the rescue by the government of companies on the brink of failure, including large players in the banking industry. 37/74

得票数による順位では、第 2 位が Barack Obama の姓名のどちらかとの組合わせの複合語で、28票を獲得、4位に change(14票)がきた。 $^{(i\pm 14)}$

change: Not so much a buzzword as political wallpaper, background noise, and ambient energy rolled into one. The idea of discarding old ideas and methods seemed to underlie everything said by national political candidates.

しかし、一般からの投票による順位では、change が1位、2位が bailout、5位から7位は Obama の複合語であった。 (注注5)

- 1. change 11.7%
- 2. bailout 9%
- 3. maverick 4%

- 4. to vet; vetting 3.6%
- 5. Obama-nation/Obomination/Obamination treated as one item 2.7%
- 6. (tie) game-changer, hope, and Obamamania each with 2.2%
- 7. (tie) Obamanos and you betcha, each with 1.8%

金融危機により、解雇が厳しく、ホームレスが増加しているアメリカであるが、ホームレスも市民権を持つから、"Changel"を叫んで Obama に投票した。彼らがスーパーマーケットの出口から出てくる買い物客に "Changel Changel"と手を差し出して小銭を求めるとき、心の中では「変革!」を叫んでいるし、小銭を渡す買い物客の耳に響く "Changel" は、彼らも「変革!」と言いたい気持ちに快く響くという見方もある。

"Change"の double entendre (両義) の連想を誘うのは、以下の passage である。

Never mind. This election remains about the present and the future, where Iraq's \$10 billion a month drain on American pocketbooks and military readiness is just one moving part in a matrix of national crises stretching from the gas pump to Pakistan. That's the high-rolling political casino where Mr. Obama amassed the chips he cashed in last week. The "change" that he can at times wield like a glib marketing gimmick is increasingly becoming a substantive reality -- sometimes through Mr. Obama's instigation, sometimes by luck. Obama-branded change is snowballing, whether it's change you happen to believe in or not. (iži6)

上の引用の最後部は、"change"ということばの大統領選挙運動にはたした大きな役割が見える。

2008年には世界の主要国で大統領、首相等最高指導者の選挙が行われた。長引くイラク戦争、世界に広がった金融危機とその結果の経済不況、イランの核開発、アフリカ諸国の内乱、中東の紛争再来の予兆という状況で、日本でも政治・経済・社会の不安定で暗い見通しの中、アメリカに見られる "Change!" 志向は新たな globalization の tsunami となるかもしれない。

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