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1) "Never as a country have we asked so few to do so much for so long."* What must we do for our troops?

2)What's with Sarah Palin?

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David Boaz, Executive VP, Cato Institute:

Will we one day say that her presidency was "born on the Fourth of July"? I doubt it. This appears to be just the latest evidence that Sarah Palin is not ready for prime time. The day McCain chose her, I compared her unfavorably to Mark Sanford. Despite everything, I'd still stand by that analysis. At the time I noted that devout conservative Ramesh Ponnuru said "Palin has been governor for about two minutes." Now it's three minutes.

Running for president after a single term as governor is a gamble. Running after quitting in the middle of your first term is something else again. If this is indeed a political move to clear the decks for a national campaign, then she needs adult supervision soon. But I can't really believe that's what's going on here. I suspect we're going to hear soon about a yet-unknown scandal that was about to make continuing in office untenable.

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