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TODAY'S "QUICK HIT": CAN A BUSINESSMAN RUN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?

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Here's what provoked me:

I'm tired of hearing from the democrats that one necessary resume items that Trump is missing is that he hasn't ever been a governmental leader. The fact may be true, but it's about as hypocritical as a criticism can be!

Here's my response:

Can a Business Leader Run the U.S. Government?

President Trump has been criticized for trying to come out of private business to run the government. The accusation is that he's ill-suited for this leadership role. Some arguments state that business leaders.....

- succeed simply by using displays of power and intimidation.
- can't/won't share authority.
- aren't subject to as much scrutiny and accountability as are government leaders.
- haven't had to learn how to inspire actions by others.

There's no question that organizational dynamics varies greatly between government and business, but for democrats to be throwing those types of attacks at Trump is hypocritical at best. I would suggest that many government leaders.....

- have prior experience limited to community organizing or chair of a congressional subcommittee.
- are evaluated based on compliance with a process rather than innovative thinking.
- are often evaluated based on good intentions rather than results.
- are often given credit for inspiring others to do something, when in reality the real inspiration was an available "deal" to be cut.

I should also mention the outrageous governmental budgeting process. What government or department wouldn't benefit from learning from the private sector for such things as "zero-based budgeting," or "dynamic scoring" procedures for obtaining complete analyses?

Let's be honest and fair!