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 **TRUMP IS IN!  
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By Stephen L. Bakke  July 23, 2016



Donald Trump is driving people crazy and I'm sure he's enjoying it. Defying every expert's predictions, and against all odds, he has charged foursquare into the Republican nomination for President of the United States. And he might even win the election. It's going to be close!

Trump announced his candidacy just over a year ago, and since that time his personality has dominated all media types. Most observers don't know what to think of him. They can't figure out whether he's a "breath of fresh air," or a "puff of bad breath." He's sometimes reprehensible, and always boastful and arrogant. Yet he shows a soft spot for people who work hard, whomever they are.

Most accusations that Trump is racist seem to fall flat in the face of his "work-a-day" reputation, as do claims he is sexist. He throws barbs, insults and accusations, and he's immune to embarrassment. He can be a bit of a bully. He's often an ass and an egomaniac. He doesn't mind controversy and even shows an inclination to create it. Yet he's shown uncanny political instincts. He seems like an impatient person, and that's a good thing as long as that doesn't translate into impetuous decisions.

As I wade through all of this "Trump stuff," I've gradually become more used to the idea of Trump as our President. Here are some more tangible reasons: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 83 years old; Justice Anthony Kennedy is 80 years old (TODAY); Justice Stephen Breyer will soon be 78 years old; and we know that Antonin Scalia's seat is still open following his death earlier this year. That's at least four supreme court seats likely to be appointed by the next president. I want those to be wise selections, and I'd rather Trump pick them than Hillary Clinton.



Think about the people Trump is surrounding himself with, and whom he will be looking to for advice: Vice President selection Mike Pence, Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Lt. Gen (Ret) and former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency Michael Flynn, Dr. Ben

Carson, Economist Stephen Moore, Governor Chris Christie, and Senator Jeff Sessions, to name just a few.

Trump's wonderful and capable family, who are among his closest advisers, should give us comfort because of their influential wisdom and competence. Add to that his support for fiscal restraint, a resolve to secure our borders, and he provides a reasonable hope we will take the fight against radical Islamic terrorism to its spiritual and philosophical roots.



For me, those are reasons enough for me to jump on the bandwagon of support for Trump! He is who he is and won't be changing, no matter how much we wish he would. So, if the thought of this fellow being your President "leaves a bad taste in your mouth," I have a suggestion. Find the nearest bottle of mouthwash, take a swig, swish, rinse (don't swallow), then jump on board! It could be quite a ride! You might even be delighted with the experience and the result!