

## **Beto the Beta candidate**

Well America, we finally made it. We have traveled beyond the Deep State and have entered the *Deep State of Denial* with the announcement of the candidacy of former Congressman of Texas and former City Councilor from El Paso, Robert Francis ('just call me Beto') O'Rourke for the Presidency of the most powerful place on the planet. No, I'm not speaking of Texas. It's the USA that this 46 year-old wants to lead from the wheels of his trademark skateboard. Not since Barack Obama have we seen a candidate with such a lackluster legislative list of accomplishments. "He's a rock star" coos CNN. "He's an inspirational, aspirational figure - exciting," swoon other Betophiles. What are these people smoking? Old rolled up pages of 'The Audacity of Hope'? Or is it a few grams of the thousands of pounds of illegal drugs that have poured over the Juarez/El Paso border during homeboy O'Rourke's lifetime? "Whatever," say his acolytes. When asked by MSNBC if he would favor tearing down the border wall that separates his hometown from one of the world's most dangerous cities (Juarez), a place that is rife with brutal murders and kidnappings, 'B' said, "yes." Does America really need an immigration crime denier as Commander-in-Chief? I think not.

"But wait, there's more," as the TV pitchmen say. B is also a Green New Dealer like the wacky, spaced out Congress(wo)man, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and he is convinced that the Armageddon countdown clock is rapidly ticking away the days before our world burns to the ground in 12 short years because of an inth of a degree of warming. O'Rourke speaks volumes and that's just with his flailing windmill-like arms as he whips up his audience's frenzied enthusiasm. "He's our day's Bobby Kennedy," say his supporters. "Look at his cute smile and his hair!" That's reminiscent of the throngs of female voters of 1960 who imagined themselves locked in a JFK love embrace. Have we learned nothing in the ensuing six decades about how to choose a leader of the free world?

The Presidential election of 2020 is just around the corner. Will the central themes be about coiffures, wry smiles and skateboarding or will they be focused on real, honest-to-goodness, life or death issues like nuclear proliferation, genocide and the threats from rogue governments like Iran and North Korea? Solving them demands a leader with proven experience, judgment and gravitas, someone who's lived a life in the physical world. We don't need an avatar who lives in the bits and bytes of social media press releases and fund-raising pitches. Americans on the Left, especially young Americans who are woefully oblivious of these challenges, are more concerned about their college loans and recreational marijuana and *images* of a President than actual problems. But we mustn't forget that they are also voters. I'm afraid, that like the female voters of 1960, many of them are potential rubes in the three-card Monty game of men like O' Rourke who will pander to them and say exactly what they want to hear, not what they need to hear.

It's a long way from El Paso to the Democrat Party's primaries in 2020, but make no mistake, the amazing Mr. B will make sure that the denizens of social media will be shotgunning and slingshotting his messages all over the Internet...as will his fellow Democrat candidates. Once again we will be bombarded with propaganda designed to convince us of just how bad America is and how only the Democrats can save us from our demise. There will be no discussion in the Democrat debates of our robust economy, a resurgence of our pride and faith in America's great promise or any mention of our re-discovery of our country's moral compass. Are you already dreading the election? You're not alone. Many of us are election-weary, tired of fighting those who would turn a modern miracle of a nation into a failed state. This is no time to throw in the towel and cry, 'uncle.' Anything that is worth fighting for is worth fighting for. If you're looking for a possible antidote, think about canceling your Facebook and Twitter accounts and join with the rest of us in holding all the candidates accountable. After all, elections are about getting the leader we deserve and not the one who thinks he deserves it.

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