

America's political sands harden

Americans wiped the sleep from their weary eyes this morning, November 4th 2020, to a new but old reality...that nearly all of the many political polling and prognostications made over the last few months, were dead wrong. The political guessing games are over, but before we give these soothsayers the Last Rites, we need to remember that pre-election polling is only one part of their job. Part II is a whole lot more interesting. Pollsters now become the fuel that feeds all those wonderful political analysts that will dissect the reasons our countrymen voted the way they did, and then they will attempt to put it into some understandable form for the next runners in this political relay race to take the baton...the media.

We must not forget that in addition to providing us with an ideological canopy under which our government operates, politics in America is a multi-billion dollar industry. No one should doubt that for a minute. Just look at the enormous sums that are invested in our candidates' races and in the whole election process from media buys to contracts with political consultants, stays at hotels, transportation, and all the assorted gimcrack that goes along with a campaign.

Over the next few days and maybe weeks, the mainstream media will be marshaling their forces to spin the narrative of a Biden win while outlets like Fox will be doing the reverse. Bloggers will be going wild like college students at Spring Break in an attempt to keep the Left engaged and in a state of heightened readiness. The protest industry will be rolling out their plans to show those fascist Right-wing capitalists that they can't hide from the 'real people' that demand income re-distribution NOW or absent that a total amnesty from actually *purchasing* goods. It's give-back time. Time to cough up your evil profits and share them with 'the folks'...or else we'll burn down your store and picket your house and poison your dog.

This morning we learned that 2020 has become a replay of 2000, but beyond that we have also realized five important lessons about ourselves.

Lesson number 1 is that our political sands have hardened.

This election has finally, once and for all, destroyed America's middle ground. The neutral political DMZ is no longer. Now our ideological boundary lines run right up to each other's. We can now forget about appealing to moderates or swing voters. They have proven themselves to be a myth of Biblical proportions. They are showing their true colors; they are either Conservatives or Liberals who've been hiding their allegiances under the guise of 'independents'. It's actually a relief to have come to that conclusion. Now we can quit wasting our time trying to move them into the sunlight and simply regard them as the cowards they are.

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Lesson number 2 is the realization that the Democrats are truly a party of mercenaries, ready to sell out their beliefs or deeply-rooted political philosophy to the highest bidder.

The ultra-Left of the Party came together with the Biden so-called 'moderates' in order to accomplish one thing...take power from the Republican infidels, no matter they had to sell their souls (temporarily) to the Democrat political status quo to do it. The Dems are warriors and they've proven that they understand what the real prize is...power. And they also understand that once the Party claims that power, disparate elements of the Party will have no compunction about waging war on the same brothers and sisters that stood with them on the front lines during the struggle for that power. You have to admire the fact that they are now completely out of the closet and are admitting openly that they will press their case - and their issues - with a Biden Administration should it come to pass.

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Lesson number 3 is the Republicans' lesson.

The Rs are now firmly the Party of Trump, have experienced an epiphany and are now embracing the Democrats' playbook when it comes to the fight for the political high ground. They have staked out their issues and will move forward - with or without Trump - and take no prisoners in THEIR fight to re-capture the soul of America. They have vowed not to back down or back away from a fight, ever again. They WILL make America great again or die trying. The new Republican Party will never countenance another John McCain, Lisa Murkowski, Susan Collins or a Jeff Flake in the future. The litmus test is allegiance to the Constitution and 'real' American values that give appropriate credence and respect to what has made America, America. There is no returning to the days of political deal-making or acceding to the views of those in direct opposition. In short, the election has separated the Republican wheat from the chaff.

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Lesson number 4 has to do with the political process.

As of this writing, millions more votes have been cast (from both parties' faithful) than in 2016. The good news is that the process has worked. The bad news is that the outcome will be challenged in the courts and that will be painful. Most of us remember the five weeks it took to certify Florida's voting decision of 2000. Get ready for another month of legal battles.

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Lesson number 5 is America's lesson.

This election has reinforced some important facts...that the battle lines are unambiguous; that Americans are hopelessly divided and willing to make mortal enemies of each other; and that we are unwilling to sugar-coat our opinions so as to make them more palatable to 'the other side.' Civility has always been a casualty of battle, and this election has made that abundantly clear to all who have followed it. Relieved of that 'burden' we can now get down to the business of totally destroying one another through new phony scandals, the dissemination of more fake news and every other form of guerilla warfare, and we can now devote our energy to either a complete make-over of America or its return to greatness...all depending on who takes the oath of office on January 20th.

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