

Deconstructing Joe Biden

The chief executives of any organization are fair game when it comes to analyzing what motivates them to do what they do. The American President is no different, and the analysis is not only done by us, his own countrymen, but by foreign leaders, friends and foes alike. I am sure that Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping and Kim Jong-un have a battery of psychologists tasked on deconstructing Joseph Robinette Biden in order to anticipate his next moves on the world stage.

We, his obedient servants - some admittedly more obedient than others - are also starting to seriously question our fearless (or feckless) leader's whole persona and trying to connect his past with his current state of mind in order to predict what the man will do under the real and growing pressures of the office. This requires some sleuthing and an admission that most of us are rank amateurs when it comes to compiling psychological profiles and doing the thorough analysis that undergirds them. That said, we are all blessed *or cursed* with some basic human instincts, emotional triggers and reasonably good memories, along with access to the Internet. We can read and we can reason, and if we pay attention we can identify the patterns that form personalities that will help us anticipate how an individual will react under circumstances that resemble those of their youth or early adulthood.

We then watch and weigh their actions to see if they fall into line with our assumptions about their character. We factor in how they treat those that agree with them and with those that don't. This can be a pretty revealing exercise if we're paying attention. We file those perceptions away. Sometimes they reinforce an opinion we've already formed; sometimes they alter it. It all depends on how objective we are. We begin to build a case on the individual by identifying patterns of behavior and by relating them to the circumstances in which their decisions have been taken. Sometimes they track with prior behavior and sometimes they may surprise us.

It must be said that very few of us - if any - are totally unpredictable. We humans tend to act and react in much the same way to the same stimuli unless we've been forced to abandon previous behavior out of necessity or expedience. Some of us learn life's lessons early on and apply them, consistently, to our advantage and for the benefit of others. We call those people *wise* or *enlightened*, and if we're smart, we vote them into office and support them because we trust that they will continue to work on OUR behalf, using THEIR instincts to protect us and to serve our best interests. While we understand that powerful men and women all have healthy and sometimes oversized egos, we also expect them to act in our best interests because they want to keep the power that we have given them.

So who is Joe Biden? Here's what I said about him in September of 2020, before he became President...

"If you're like me, you're getting sick and tired of hearing the whiny rantings and phony accusations of one tough-guy wannabe, Joe Biden. I've seen dozens of Joe Bidens in my life and they all share the same modus operandi. They're paper tigers. They talk tough from a safe distance and when they have a support group, but put them face-to-face with an adversary and they fold like cheap Origami. The only sense of self they have comes from their proximity to a powerful person like Barack Obama or a group membership like the U.S. Senate. That's Joe Biden. That's his identity. Strip that away and you have a man in search of his true self. I don't know Joe Biden, personally, but like the rest of you I've watched him for nearly fifty years as he's repeatedly sidled up to the spotlight during his time in office. "Look at me," you could hear him mutter under his breath. "I'm a nice guy and I deserve some fame and fortune" all the while pushing his 'working man' image on us. If they had had log cabins in his neighborhood in Pennsylvania when he was growing up I'm sure he would have claimed to have cut down the trees, hand-hewn the logs and lived in it while supporting his parents and studying for his law degree by the light of an oil lamp.

Joe Biden thinks he is a combination of John L. Lewis (the former head of the miners' union), John Henry (the Black steel-driving man) and John F. Kennedy (America's 35th President).

He suffers from an addiction to power and romanticism and has become convinced of his own destiny for greatness by others in his party. He was used by Barack Obama who needed to find a non-threatening White politician with a bland resume to be his Vice-President, somebody who would assure moderate Democrats and Independents that he (Obama) wasn't some sort of reincarnation of Huey Newton or Bobby Seale. He is continuing to be used by the Democratic Party as the anti-venom for the snake bite of Donald Trump. (Pity that Joe doesn't realize it.) What he DOES realize is that he has never had real power before and that he is now closer than he's ever been to getting it and THAT is enough to make him ignore the motives of those who are pulling his strings. In short, he truly believes that once he has power he can convince those who are manipulating him that he can't be manipulated. This is a fatal error of judgment and one that will destroy the implicit agreement of power-sharing made by Biden and those around him. It will poison the office of President and put all of us at risk.

What can we expect in a country ruled by Joe Biden and the Democrats in 2021? Buckle up. This could be a dangerous ride. Let's take the most pressing issues of our day.

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On the subject of law and order, Biden will remove any/all National Guard troops and Federal officers from cities currently under siege. He will put his VP (the former top cop of California, Kamala Harris) in charge of his new Equitable Law and Order Plan for America. This will be both a test for Harris to see if she can handle the job while not taking too much credit for it AND a way to keep Joe insulated from too much criticism if it fails. He will form a new Council for Racial Fairness and cherry-pick the members so as to appease the growing Black Lives Matter Movement and mitigate Antifa's negative influence. Key Democrat-run State Governors will also be on the council as will members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

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On the Covid-19 pandemic, Biden will bring in new 'experts' among them Ezekiel Emanuel (physician and Rahm Emanuel's brother) to spearhead a new 'Fight Covid' initiative that will include a national mandate for mask-wearing and vaccinations. Anyone opposing this initiative will be painted as 'unpatriotic' by the sympathetic pro-Democrat media. Biden will single out certain Governors for 'protecting their citizens' and create a new 'medal of freedom' and award it to them for their foresight and tenacity in the struggle for America's health. Michigan's Governor Whitmer will be one of the recipients.

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On immigration, Biden will browbeat the Senate (which will hopefully still be in Republican hands) to yield to a 'true American immigration policy' that will include a 100% amnesty for all 'Dreamers' and immediate citizenship rights for them along with conditional citizenship for their parents. He will instruct a total stop to all wall-building along the southern border and push for the issuance of 'green cards' for all illegal immigrants currently in the country. This will anger all Republicans, but Biden is looking to the 2024 election and the Hispanic vote to put the Democrats over the top again.

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On Supreme Court nominations, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will announce her retirement in February and Biden will put Merrick Garland's name forward as his nominee for the High Court. He is risking nothing with this nomination, because it was put forward by Barack Obama before, and if it is voted down by the Republican-dominated Senate, it will be considered a defeat for Obama and not for Joe Biden.

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On the Second Amendment, Biden will pursue a three-pronged strategy of limiting the power of the gun lobby and of gun owners. He will first encourage states to enact ammunition background checks, levy surcharges on ammunition and push for the elimination of the 'gun show loophole.' He will on his own issue an Executive Order that would limit the number of semi-automatic weapons a person may own starting with a limitation on the number of such weapons that may be purchased within a specific period of time. That will be challenged and go to the Supreme Court, but the damage will be done. He can always come back and work with the Congress to enact legislation that

will accomplish the same goal. Thirdly, he will encourage the Congress and/or the DOJ to investigate the NRA for subversive activities and to step-up investigations on so-called 'far Right' 2nd Amendment protection organizations. Rich philanthropists will take their cue to donate millions of dollars to anti-gun groups in an effort to support the Biden Administration in this effort which will be headed by former Congressman from Texas, Robert 'Beto' O'Rourke.

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On income equality, the Biden Administration will revive the pursuit of the *new and improved* Equal Rights Amendment and begin a dialogue on how to 'level the economic playing field' for disadvantaged American citizens under that rubric. Biden will also propose a major increase in the tax on capital gains and a higher standard income tax deduction for low income earners.

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On trade compacts, Biden will continue to use the Trump model but will increase penalties for companies investing in manufacturing overseas and reward those that bring jobs back. He will set up a commission and get major labor unions to join with the objective to tighten workplace regulations in those factories along the southern border under the USMCA and for those U.S. facilities overseas.

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On the environment, he will re-enter (with Congress' help) the Paris Climate Accords and re-impose strict air and water quality standards where they have been loosened by the Trump Administration. He will establish a new 'Protect America's Nature' corps of volunteers to be watchdogs over industry, partnering with environmental NGOs. He will pressure industries depending on America's forests to pay surcharges for logging, paper/pulp production, etc., the money going to states like California to top up their forest fire reserve funds.

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On energy, he will undo all Trump Executive Orders that allowed for easier oil and gas drilling permitting and he will set up a working group to 'study' the effects and impact of fracking BEFORE he actually attempts to forbid it knowing that it will harm certain states' that voted for him like Pennsylvania. The same will be true of coal mining. He will create a national 'Go Natural' (meaning non-fossil fuel) energy campaign and offer federal rebates to states that offer their own rebates on installation of solar arrays and wind-power projects. He will review CAFÉ or fuel efficiency standards for the auto industry and pressure the big three automakers to accelerate their plans for rolling out electric and hybrid autos. No 'cash for clunkers,' instead penalties for internal combustion engine driving by all of us by 2030.

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On education, he will bow to the pressure of the teachers' unions and allocate special federal funds for public schools but not for private schools or charter schools. Owing to the experience with long distance learning during the Coronavirus pandemic, Biden will enlist the help of Microsoft, Apple and Google and social media platform companies (which all helped get him elected) to establish a new nationwide long distance learning regimen that would pump millions of federal dollars into experimental educational programs and purchase millions of computers for schools. The Biden Administration would 'forgive' the indebtedness of college students through a new program of 'workfare' whereby students would get federal jobs with federal pay for a two-year period while their student debt was being eliminated. This would ensure a powerful voting bloc of new younger voters for the Democrats in the 2022 mid-terms and the 2024 Presidential Election.

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On healthcare, Biden would work with Senator Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren to 'tweak' the current healthcare insurance system to give insurance premium rebates for economically-disadvantaged families until a more permanent fix to healthcare insurance is found. This would include pushing for a 'Medicare for all' option for all American citizens AND for all non-citizens as well. Pressure would be kept up on pharmaceutical companies to keep drug prices low in the interim, the thought or implied promise being to the companies that they could raise their prices later, over time.

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On infrastructure, a Biden Administration would rely on the states to take a partnership position in the construction of federal projects using an up-front payment to states' budgets (like the 'shovel

ready jobs' projects of the Obama Administration of 2009) to help them recover from the costs to their economies from the Coronavirus pandemic.

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On defense spending, Biden would freeze military spending for the first two years but allow for marginal inflation-adjusted wage increases for service members. He would draw down troop levels from overseas' bases and renegotiate SOFAs (Status of forces Agreements) with key countries. He would also continue reductions of forces from Iraq and Afghanistan. He would pressure the Joint Chiefs to institute promotion quotas for minority officers across all branches of the service.

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On cultural or civil rights issues, Biden would mandate new Title IX restrictions that would give new opportunities to transgender athletes. He would loosen restrictions or offer incentives on the adoption of children by homosexual couples engaged in non-marriage partnerships and establish penalties for employers who do not adopt employee sensitivity training courses that are based on promoting 'gender equality awareness.' With regards to reparations for descendants of slaves, Biden will establish a Reparations Commission that will study methods of paying back those descendants for the wrongs committed by slave-owners hundreds of years earlier.

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On the subject of 'voter suppression', Biden will ask the Congress to come up with legislation that will require each state to offer 'blanket vote by mail' to its residents. This would require a general mailing of ballots to each person on voter rolls well in advance of elections. No requirements for voter ID would be made, but authentication would be left up to the states themselves. Finally, Biden would encourage an amendment to the Constitution that would make Election Day a national holiday, thereby giving low-income voters a way to vote, in person, without taking time off from work.

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On low income housing, Biden would reverse Trump's decision not to enforce the AFFH (the Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing) provision to increase the housing supply for low-income housing and remove restrictive zoning restrictions that would allow for building of public housing in well-to-do suburban neighborhoods.

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On the subject of the First Amendment, Joe Biden would support a national 'code of civil conduct' when it comes to the exercise of free speech, especially on college campuses and in public spaces. New standards for what constitutes 'acceptable' speech would be devised by the Administration and all Federal employees would be obliged to observe them. State governments would be encouraged to do the same. Private companies would also be strongly advised to adopt them as part of their corporate culture under an implied threat of losing government contracts.

In short, there would be little room for Conservatives or Conservative thought in Joe Biden's world and in Joe Biden's Administration. Our Constitution would simply be viewed as a collection of 'suggestions' or 'guidelines' rather than the promises made over two centuries ago by our Founding Fathers. Our liberty and freedom would become negotiable. If you doubt that what I have just outlined would become a reality under a Joe Biden Administration than I'm afraid that you do not know the destructive nature of the hearts and minds of today's Democrats."

I'll admit that I was wrong about of my predictions, but after living through the last year with Joe Biden, I am convinced that I know who he really is. Do you?

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