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## WHAT A HORRIBLE ELECTION... THANK YOU FOR NOT VOTING...

There's a great scene at the end of the Robert Redford film "The Candidate"... where a young "Kennedy-like" candidate has run for office... unexpectedly wins... and the film ends with him asking the question... "Now what do we do?"

And that's where Trump is today.

He had the jet fueled up and had already told Melania that it would be an early evening... because they could leave as soon as Hillary took Florida.

SURPRISE!

*Trump* now gets to be The President of the United States of fucking America!

Whether he actually wanted it or not.

I always thought this was all a marketing "branding" move for future television.

"I love the poorly educated!" - Donald Trump - Nevada - February 24th 2017.

And well he should! As they lined up nationwide.

But that didn't do it alone.

Toward the end... the Trump team figured out that the only way to win was to "suppress the vote". Not by voting poll actions... as there had already been much work done on that in recent years... but rather by making Hillary Clinton so despicable that people would rather stay home and not vote at all.

We are now figuring out that the Russian's cyber war attack had multiple fronts and caused damage on several parts of Hillary's campaign.

The most damaging of course was what they did to the Bernie Sanders supporters. Sander's supporters were victims of online propaganda campaigns by Russia... with internet planted stories hammering home the message that Clinton was evil... a destroyer of Bernie... and of course the DNC was complicit in everything. Which, of course, was all true.

Except the "evil" part. I actually do *like* Hillary Clinton. And always have.

She was a great Senator while I was living here in New York. Low profile... did her job... got things done... paid a lot of attention to upstate New York... and met with people in every little town...

And most importantly... *She listened and learned.*

But I also think she may have been the worst candidate in modern history.

She might have made a truly great President with all of her experience but she just couldn't "sell it" the way Bill could. She *did* know how to cut deals and compromise. Which is what the game is supposed to be about.

But *that's* changed...

And today... I am running into more and more Bernie Sanders' supporters who are telling me that they simply didn't vote for President.

I suspect that they just assumed... like everyone else... that Hillary would win.

So why not suck in a lot of that warm liberal *smugness* for possible later usage when they could claim that *they* never supported that "bitch"!

I think this was huge. And I think it cost Hillary the election.

To be clear... I love Bernie Sanders.

I got my start in politics supporting George McGovern in 1972 while I was in college at Louisiana State University. I could have probably been killed for doing that at that time in that place... but I was passionate... and I believed strongly.

Bernie lined up with most of my core principles and I gave him as much money as I could afford. It had been 45 years since I had so believed in a candidate.

But then on the day of the primary... in a near panic attack... I switched my vote to Hillary as I realized that Bernie wouldn't be able to get anything done... with both Republicans and some Democrats against him... while Hillary might actually prove to be a great president who could solve some problems. Maybe we wouldn't get to a world where unicorns jumped through rainbows daily... but just maybe our government might start working again. I went with logic.

But this *not voting* thing really pisses me off.

So when the West Virginia coal mines dump their sludge into the rivers.

Thank you for not voting.

And when people that operate puppy farms no longer have to look out for animal cruelty violations.

Thank you for not voting.

And when the projects to clean up the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay are cut by 90%. And the wildlife dies off.

Thank you for not voting.

And when they frack every last inch of the West and destroy our National Parks.

Thank you for not voting.

And when we get into senseless "big dick" wars off of juvenile Twitter moves...

Thank you for not voting.

And when they are presently building private detention centers for Hispanics...

Thank you for not voting.

Or when they detain American citizen Muhammad Ali Jr. twice at the airport...

Thank you for not voting.

I could go on forever...

The Russians seriously *used* the Sanders supporters.

And now Trump has to actually govern. God help us all.

As his campaign promises are *all* falling to pieces around him.

His first Muslim ban was a disaster.

Mexico is no longer going to “pay for the wall” (even if they build it all).

Now Trump’s plan is to cut airport security and the coast guard to pay the expense of the wall. How many more kilos of drugs can you put in a big boat... than you can in a backpack? DUH! The Coast Guard is where the action is!

And cutting back on airport security? *That’s* the way Al Qaeda did it last time!

Trump also said he wouldn’t cut Medicaid... while Trumpcare is about to dump most of his “coal region” voters into the arms of the black lunged death panels.

And the jobs numbers... with which Trump was dancing around the room... were determined by the same system that he deemed “fake” when they came out under Obama... with almost exactly the same levels for the past two Februaries.

And Trump is promising massive “growth” at a time when the Fed Chairman thinks that we might be at the top of the curve and need to level it out a bit.

And Trump was certainly *not* handed a “mess” of an economy.

And now he wants to start screwing around with trade deals... when the planet is now completely interconnected... whether we like it or not. The parts for one car might come from many countries. Like healthcare - “it’s complicated”.

How long do you think it will be until he screws the whole thing up?

Hopefully he will be gone before the end of the summer.

Congress actually hates him on both sides. And even Pence would be better.

He thinks he can run America like his companies... many of which have filed for bankruptcy... with just a handful of very trusted people around him and him trusting no one else. He is a secluded, paranoid, delusional, narcissist .

Congress needs to come to their senses and get him out of there... *FAST!*

It is time for the 25th Amendment.

Trump’s main “move” has always been to have a worse scandal waiting in the wings to take over from whatever is slamming him currently. And he just failed to deliver on any proof about his declaration of Obama to be a felon...

So they suddenly “find” one of his tax releases. So obviously leaked by Trump himself. For a single year without detail that showed that he actually paid taxes and looked fairly normal. And now that’s all we will be hearing about... and no more questions about Russia or that “SICK” fellow Obama for a while. Government by political chaos. We are so fucked!

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