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Re: A Take on the Presidential Election

We are better off. There is a realignment taking place in America. Although the Republican Party is now in charge of the presidency and both chambers of Congress, it is not led by the type conservatives who had previously ruled America in agreement with her traditions of a democratic republic. Donald Trump, now President-elect Trump, was not the choice of the Republican Party, and that party had let the people down in recent years. A populist tide determined the outcome of the election, a judgment on Barack Obama policies. Being populist does not preclude, however, applying conservative principles.

Hillary Clinton would have seen an extension of the Obama legacy. That legacy must now be totally dismantled. It is up to the Republican Party to take the initiative. We must be optimistic. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton stood for all that was not the traditional Judeo-Christian concepts of government. Dishonesty and politics aside, Clinton is (was?) a leftist career politician. We must be encouraged because of her loss, a loss to liberal policies, and an encouraging expression of the will of the American people.

We know Trump has little political experience. The “new” Congress can step up and provide guidance and assistance. We hope Trump will appoint more persons like Jeff Sessions, the new Attorney General, who will help him find his way. He must not govern by Obamaian “executive” fiat.

Trump must begin actions to: nominate a justice to the vacant Scalia seat on the U.S. Supreme Court; repeal the Affordable Care Act; charge the Pentagon with rebuilding the military and maintaining America’s security in the world by reassessing her role in eastern Europe, the Middle East and toward the aggression of Russia, China and North Korea; energize the economy; remove the Obama appointed bureaucrats from government agencies; “Make America Great Again,” that is to lead and not abdicate; and maybe get a haircut.

There is discussion on whether the investigations of Hillary Clinton should continue. We believe they should, including Bill Clinton, Chelsea Clinton and the Clinton Foundation. But more importantly, there appear to have been unlawful efforts to de-rail the Clinton investigations. Was the machinery of law and justice subverted? Perhaps, a special prosecutor should be appointed to investigate President Barack Obama, Attorney General Loretta Lynch and the Justice Department, and Director Jim Comey and the FBI. At some point, the proper legal procedure of empanelling a grand jury should be taken. The reason we suggest this is not to be vindictive. Trump’s election demonstrates the frustration of the American people with politics as usual. How much more is it important to restore confidence in the actual systems of law and order, and the principle that no person is above the law.

Ronald Reagan was similarly elected with the blue collar vote, but he brought those voters into a Republican Party with the conservative values of free enterprise, strong national defense, respect for unborn life, religious freedom and other American values. The Republican Party must examine itself and find its strength in those values communicating them to the changing demographics of America that expects to see the majority made up of today’s millennials and Latinos, African-Americans and other minorities.

Eighty-one percent of evangelicals voted for Trump. As Christians, we must commit ourselves to praying for our new leaders and for them to find their way back to a free and prosperous America. We must insist upon the rejection of Barack Obama’s America which should be relegated to the ash heap of history as a malicious attempt to subjugate our freedom. We must recognize the sins of America with the killing of the unborn, the destruction of the family and the efforts to diminish religious freedom. We keep being drawn back to II Chronicles 7:14:

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Will America confess her sins? Will she repent for the very sins that brought God’s wrath on Israel? Will she be redeemed? It is difficult to go back, just consider the struggle against *Roe v. Wade*’s right to abortion. Yet, we do not give up. We must hope the Republican Party will serve America well. By this election, America has asked that to be done. Ultimately we look to God’s sovereign will.

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