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Election 2016 Hold Your Nose, but VOTE

I have performed multiple research projects, authored eight books, and written numerous photo/essays. I admit to intense editing and debate over word usage, but have never struggled for words to express my analysis or feelings until now. The unsavory presidential election delayed the publication of the October newsletter. For the record, I passionately HATE this election, and most of the people I know, from both parties, dislike it as much as I do.

This morning, while thrashing around in confused procrastination, I decided to organize my study. There, shining like a light was a copy of Decision-making in a Disruptive Reordering, a book I published earlier this year. Thumbing through it, I read the following:

Decision-making is critical, but it is important to realize that failing to make a decision may worsen the outcome.

- You may have to live with the default.

- The lack of any decision may result in loss of situational control, e.g. not maintaining a car means an eventual breakdown.
- By abdicating power and situational control you may have to live with the consequences of another person(s) decision in the short-term and possibly forever.
- These defaulted decisions may be detrimental to your values, family, work, opportunities, and/or personal freedoms.
- The default may be irreversible.

I published two books dealing with the state of the great American experiment, *Freedom and Opportunity*, and the latest, *The Little Boy Asked - WHY?* Both emphasized the importance of fact-based decision-making, and extrapolating the consequences of those decisions based on demonstrated actions. Perhaps I got lazy, but it was a kick in the butt reminder to take action and get this done.

My evaluations of the options and consequences for this election are complete, and once past the odor, I found some room for optimism.

Situation

The population of the United States of America is approximately 320 million. Out of this large number, the 2016 election features Hillary and Bill Clinton running against Donald Trump, all seriously flawed human beings, as candidates for the most powerful office in the world. There are numerous conflicts of ethics, both personal and societal, of the status quo vs. transformation, and raises serious questions on the issue of "for the greater good." Of more importance, is the risk presented to our Republic and Constitution.

Given the implications of this sad fact, I shutter about the future state of our society and the prospects for the young American people. Additionally, the rest of the world is laughing at our democratic system, and Russia, Iran, and China treat us with disdain. The United States has become not the toothless tiger, but the frightened paper version, so engrossed in innuendo and loathing we are unable to hear the laughter or see the monsters at the door.

The scenario screams Faustian trade-offs, choosing the lesser of two evils. The analogy is to Faustus obtaining earthly goals by giving up the promise of heaven to Mephistopheles, an agent of the devil. We have to ask, what are the values at issue? What form of societal heaven or hell results from the trade-offs we face with these candidates?

This is a binary election, and Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump will be the next President of the United States. Their positions are vastly different, and the projected outcomes are far apart, but fuzzy on both sides.

Character

I do not know if Trump's female accusers are telling the truth. The pain each must endure to make the statements lends credence, but does not represent proof. From my perspective, Donald Trump is labeled a womanizer, and so is Bill Clinton.

Unlike those who would dismiss the womanizing of Bill Clinton, because he would not be the president, I lump Hillary and Bill together. She took extremely negative actions against her husband's victims. They ran as a team when Bill Clinton was elected, and he will certainly play an expansive role in a Hillary Clinton administration. They would both occupy the Whitehouse, the site for many Clinton indiscretions.

Hillary Clinton likes to preach equality for women, yet the Clinton Foundation pays women less than men get for the same job. Running for president on the platform of women's rights, she took home more than \$100 million dollars from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). These are the most repressive countries in the world towards women. What future favors did they buy from her? What message should this give to the women voters she passionately courts?

Conclusion-there will be a womanizer in the White House. The only unknown is how the occupants will conduct themselves. Unfortunately, if we base the future on the past, Bill Clinton may find a new form of heaven.

Economic Perspective

My paralysis analysis did not equate to a failure to do research, but about doing more than necessary, ergo, procrastination. The research finds voters are suffering ethical conflicts and searching for a way out. Frankly, this newsletter will not be an excuse for cowardice. If you fail to vote, you fail the future. The question is how you determine which candidate has the greater potential for leading us back to prosperity. For those who think the United States enjoys a favorable economic situation, please spend ten minutes studying and understanding the consequences of the data found on <http://www.usdebtclock.org/>. I will give you a few numbers to jump-start your evaluation.

National Debt \$19.739 trillion dollars, greater than one year **GDP** \$18.555 trillion

Manufacturing jobs (millions)

Year 2000	NOW	Job Loss	Percent Loss
19,463,134	12,499,908	<6,963,226>	<35.8>

Every production job generates up to 10 support jobs, or in this example, nearly **70 million jobs lost**.

Student debt \$1.4 Trillion dollars



Official unemployment 7,939,920
Actual unemployment 15,499,429

Trade deficit nearly \$800 billion dollars a year

These numbers clearly show the government and press, presenting a positive perspective on unfavorable numbers, is lying.

The issue is, who will do the best job of rebuilding America's economy?

In 1992, I disliked the policies of both candidates, George H W Bush and Bill Clinton. I met and talked to Bush, and found him very intelligent and likable. That year, however, Ross Perot, a billionaire business executive ran as a third party populist candidate against big government and the North America Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA. I voted for Perot instead of Bush.

He stated, "We have got to stop sending jobs overseas. It's pretty simple: If you're paying \$12, \$13, \$14 an hour for factory workers and you can move your factory South of the border, pay a dollar an hour for labor,...have no health care—that's the most expensive single element in making a car— have no environmental controls, no pollution controls and no retirement, and you don't care about anything but making money, **there will be a giant sucking sound going south (of jobs).**

...when [Mexico's] jobs come up from a dollar an hour to six dollars an hour, and ours go down to six dollars an hour, and then it's leveled again. **But in the meantime, you've wrecked the country with these kinds of deals."**

Bill Clinton won the election and signed NAFTA into law on January 1, 1994. The result, **the great sucking sounds of jobs going to Mexico, China, and other low-cost producers.**

I voted for Ross Perot on principle, while knowing he would lose. This election is similar to 1992, because the choice is binary. Regardless of what you do, Clinton or Trump will be the President. Voting for a third-party candidate in an election this critical, because of all the sexual undertones, is taking an ethical high ground to avoid voting for someone intensely disliked. It is a failure to make a tough decision and having the courage to take responsibility for it. The same logic applies to those who chose not to vote at all.

Our trade agreements are not fair trade. China, in the original agreement, when they were truly a third-world country, pegged the Yuan to the dollar, granting them a 40% automatic advantage. We need reciprocity in our trade agreements, and Trump has promised to take action. Every worker in America should celebrate.

The CORE ISSUE

The next question is **who will preserve the integrity of the Republic?** In the final analysis, this is the only true issue of national concern.



Oath of Affirmation: President of the United States

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."¹¹

The President of the United States is the Commander in Chief of the military. The primary responsibility is protecting the territorial integrity of the union, while keeping the people safe.

Hillary Clinton has already demonstrated that she will choose political correctness over the lives of our military. Her failure to handle classified materials has put our national defense in jeopardy. Given the opportunity, she did not cover the people in the trenches at Benghazi. Her attitude on unrestricted immigration, ignoring all risks, proves she lacks the responsibility to protect the territorial integrity of the United States of America.

You, the voter, must determine if her attitudes on immigration, ignoring the rule of law, selling out to foreign entities, emails, and Benghazi, allowing four Americans to die, allows her to make and keep the oath of office.

Constitution and the Supreme Court

The original Bill of Rights has ten amendments. This election clearly puts the first two into question.

Amendment I - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II - A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Hillary Clinton has demonstrated disrespect for both these foundational amendments. Appointments to the Supreme Court will be liberals believing the Constitution is a living document, modifiable in conformance with behavioral fads, instead of based on core principles. Clinton will repeal the First and Second Amendments, voiding the Constitution and giving her unprecedented control and power.

Hillary believes in killing babies' seconds before birth. She will choose Supreme Court Justices that will uphold abortion on demand, anywhere, and at any stage of pregnancy.

Hillary believes that Catholics and other religions need to change their doctrines to conform to her view. That is, practice it on Sunday, but keep it out of public and never allow religious liberty to over-ride the ability of the government to control beliefs or actions.

Hillary Clinton believes in a borderless immigration and business world. Her dream is a nightmare for workers and the rule of law. Her sell-out as Secretary of State and incestuous relationship with the Clinton Foundation and world leader's means she is compromised and may lack control over international issues affecting America.

The next president will name three or more Supreme Court Justices, and the stakes are extremely high. The integrity of the Constitution of the United States and its principles of freedom are on the line. Stated differently, **YOUR freedoms are in jeopardy.**

Corruption

Every system starts to fragment from the moment of implementation. Political systems of all types are no exception. This election has proven that many national Republican and Democrat politicians, regardless of the party in power, are political pigs feeding from the public trough and ignoring the people. The potential voter rebellion may force change across the full spectrum of government. Hillary Clinton represents the status quo and Donald Trump represents change.

The majority of the people in America think the country is off-course and heading into the maelstrom of mediocrity and dystopia. This economic and social storm will dramatically affect the future for today's young people.

The world may be tired of hearing about the subterfuge dealing with Hillary Clintons emails and I am not going to rehash the details. The Department of Justice and FBI non-investigation clearly implicate the government from the President down. Never in the history of America, as demonstrated by Bill Clinton and Loretta Lynch's meeting at a remote airport, has the two-tier justice system been more obvious.

Class distinction is one of the first signs of a government too corrupted to self-correct. The rule of law punishes people who sell cigarettes on the street. Conversely, politicians who expose national secrets and let Ambassadors die, can run for President. The same government that wants to ban our guns releases undocumented alien criminals into the populace. Then, through the Fast and Furious program, gave powerful 50-caliber rifles to the Mexican drug cartel.

The government disrespects law enforcement, but gives mass amnesty to criminals. It attempts to repeal the second amendment by executive action, making gun ownership and self-protection difficult to impossible. The government releases terrorists from Guantanamo, and then spends millions to target them with drones.

Dominated by special interests, there is little room for executing the will of the people. Nothing changes because that would mean disrupting the lives of those comfortably occupying the bureaucracy. Over time, every human constructed system rots and is unable to perform the intended purpose. It exists to self-perpetuate until eventually collapsing or the people revolt and replace it.



Our political system is rotten from the core, and we need a change. This corruption, not the sex relationships of these candidates, must be the basis for our vote. This election is about staying on our current destructive course, or changing our direction.

Voting for Hillary Clinton is supporting the continuation of corruption, and if she is able to neutralize the First and Second Amendments, kiss our country good-bye. That often-used quote credited to Einstein is appropriate. "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

My decision is made, to go enter the booth, hold my nose, and vote for Donald Trump. Not because I want to, but because **I HAVE NO OTHER VIABLE CHOICE**. At least with Trump, America has a chance. With Clinton, we know the probable consequences, and they are not acceptable.

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