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What Will We Become Post Obama



Let me start by thanking "Our" President for serving with grace, dignity and an unwavering passion for service. Let me also thank his family for being such a wonderful First Family and the picture of what family values really mean.

Having said that lets move on to what a Post Obama America will look like. As we do that please keep in mind that in this writers opinion there are two things that have pushed the country to this point:

Backlash from having the first African American President in the history of this country

An overwhelming fear on the part of white working class Americans that they are losing jobs because of people of color.

Post Obama America

A climate of Treason

The President elect will not release his taxes nor could he pass a security clearance background check. This is not something that is being discussed by the media but it is quite troubling. If I have to pass a security

clearance background check to get certain jobs in this country why shouldn't our President be subject to the same level of scrutiny? Mr. Trump has not even been inaugurated and he has managed to damage U.S. relations with China while making it clear that he will not divest from any of his business interests. In addition his continued praise of Vladimir Putin borders on being treasonous. Imagine a scenario where President Obama had brought this type of baggage into the White House. How long do you think that he would have been in office before the Republicans took the first vote to impeach him? Remember how often people in this country questioned President Obama's patriotism. Does anyone think that it is strange that with Trump's obvious affinity for Putin there have been no questions about his patriotism?

A climate of Hate

It is 2017 and we now have a resurgence of

white nationalism. The interesting thing about this is that it is being looked at as though it is something new. No the racism that is now being displayed openly is not new. Individuals and groups who hold racist views have simply been emboldened by our President elect. President elect Trump has let everyone know that in his America it is ok to discriminate against people of color or against people who hold different religious beliefs. We are already seeing an increase in hate crimes as well as an increase in bullying. This is affecting both children and adults and will result in extreme social unrest if it is not properly addressed.

A climate of Cronyism

The theme for the new Presidential administration seems to be money and family. Let's start with the money. This is a candidate who was elected because his message resonated with the working class. Yet this candidate who ran on a populist platform has plans to fill his cabinet with individuals who according to an estimate by Forbes have a combined net worth of \$14 billion. Do we really think that millionaires and billionaires with conservative values will show much empathy for the working class or the poor? Certainly they will struggle to simply relate to either

class. In fact Trump's nominee to lead the Department of Labor is a known opponent of increasing the minimum wage. I can't imagine what those working class individuals who voted for President elect Trump are thinking right now.

As that old Sly Stone song goes "It's a Family Affair". Donald Trump has made no bones about the fact that his immediate family will be heavily involved in his administration. He has also announced that his two oldest sons will handle all of his business interests so he will not be using a blind trust to eliminate any conflicts of interest that could arise. If you are concerned by this rest assured that the President elect has a solution? Mr. Trump says that he will not have any discussions with family members about his business interests. Great that makes me feel much better. Certainly we can believe everything that the President elect tells us (snicker).

Finally, am I the only person with visions of Richard Milhous Nixon dancing in my head?

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