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Can A Trump Presidency Deliver For America

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Donald Trump has received very little attention for his proposals on how he would manage the Federal Government. He has stated that he would run the federal Government like a great business. He would bring in the best and most successful people - the lions of industry - to implement his policy proposals. "My specifics are very simple," Trump said on ABC's Sunday Show *"This Week."* "I'm going to get great people that know what they're doing, not a bunch of political hacks that have no idea what they're doing, appointed by President Obama, that don't have a clue." However, as with most things Trump, he gave no details on how he would meet this objective. So I decided to take a quick look at Trump's current campaign and the depth and quality of his en-

dorsements in search of clues regarding the likelihood of his succeeding with these lofty personnel goals. Trump has floated the names of some prominent businessmen that he would like to bring on board his administration. In his private sector experience Trump has historically maintained a very close-knit group of top aides and executives. He's a hands on executive. However, he has little appetite for managing operations. To this end, it becomes very important that he recruits experienced and skilled executives. The one individual that he often mentions by name is Carl Icahn. He says that he would bring him in to manage the negotiation of international trade policies. I say okay this is a good plan, but what's the likelihood of him being able to

successfully recruit someone of Carl Icahn's caliber.

Trump's campaign staff should be a good indication of his recruiting ability. His campaign management team consists of a mishmash of ultra nationalist, lobbyist for dictators and Russian interest, misogynist, and aggressive attack operatives. This group has little to no experience running a Presidential campaign and this has shined through in the manner in which they've run his campaign. They've been unable to keep their candidate or the campaign focused. Chances are that they wouldn't be proud to list their experience in the Trump campaign on their resume. But why not hire experienced campaign operatives? Unfortunately, none of them answered the call to work for him.

What about his endorsements? Securing endorsements requires the candidate to recruit experts from the political public and private sectors to publicly express their support of the candidacy. Neither Carl Icahn nor any other individual considered an expert in their

chosen field has endorsed Donald Trump. To date none! Given that, would these experts be willing to work with him if he were to get elected to the Presidency? It certainly doesn't look like it. Professional political operatives usually flock to campaigns, but not one has joined his. Just like with endorsements, something's holding them back. They avoid him like the plague. Despite Trump's self proclaimed business successes his political acumen is unimpressive. Without experienced staff in his administration, it would be highly unlikely that he could meet his policy objectives. His endorsements and the quality of the people he has surrounded himself with demonstrate an inability to attract top talent it seems that people are not willing to risk their reputations by working with him.

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