

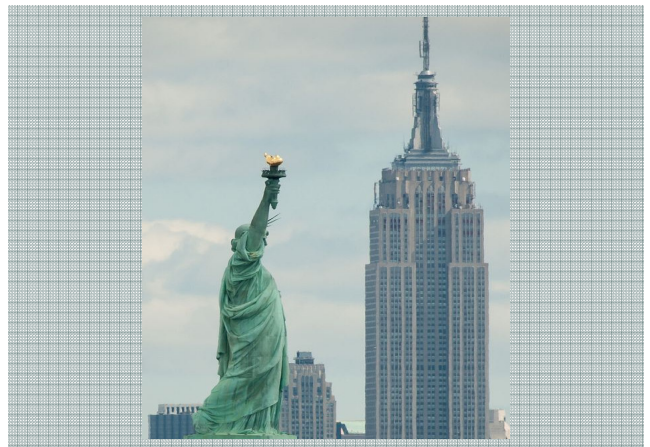
## Local Politics Matter

# Trump - Make America Great Again

## I Think Not

In [February of 2008 Michelle Obama](#) said that "For the first time in my adult life, I am really proud of my country because it feels like hope is making a comeback...not because Barack is doing well, but because I think people are hungry for change". As expected there was immediate and harsh criticism from the Republican Party and quite frankly from some members of the Democratic Party. This is just a guess on my part but I strongly believe that the feelings regarding the First Ladies' remark were clearly split along racial lines. I am sure that most African Americans understood exactly what she meant while most Caucasian Americans had no clue as to why anyone would make such a remark. Thanks to the presumptive Republican Candidate, Donald John Trump, We now have a very clear picture of what she meant. Let's examine what America is saying that it is willing to accept. When I was a very young child my parents taught me that name calling and bullying would never be accepted

in our household. Interestingly enough I was taught the same thing in grade school as well as during my time playing Pop Warner Football. By the time that I reached the ripe old age of 13 these lessons were well ingrained in me. I detested name calling and would stand up for anyone who was being bullied. Now, at the young age of 59, I am horrified as I watch the presumptive candidate of one of our two major political parties gain admiration and votes across America by calling other candidates names and bullying anyone who opposes him. To put this in context this is a man who turned 70 years old in June of 2016. This is a man who was born in a family that was very wealthy and connected. This is a man who has had the benefit of being educated at the most elite institutions in our Country, a man who has had access to the best of the best the minute the umbilical cord was cut, a man who has never had to want for anything. As I think about those early lessons that I discussed



above I can only wonder what lessons Donald J was taught. Did his parents teach him that name calling was a redeeming quality? Did they impress upon him that anyone who remotely disagreed with his positions should be bullied and made to feel useless? Did they teach him that Mexicans are rapists? Did they teach him that females are sexual partners who should be judged only on their physical appearance? Did they teach him that African Americans are not worthy to be tenants in any of the properties that he owns? I don't know the answer to these questions because I

never met nor do I know anything personally about Donald J's parents. Still the question has to be asked, what kind of parents and support systems "RAISE" someone like this and what kind of Country embraces someone like this. **Certainly not a Country aspiring to be "Great Again"!**

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