

POLITICAL PONDERINGS

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Presidential Debate

Republicans versus Democrats is today's fare. 'Who are you for' is the greatest question of today. You have a choice. You may choose Republicans based on your belief they are the better of the two parties.

Democrats did not win this election on their own. The parties are too equal. They, the Democrats, needed Republicans and Independents to side with the Democrats. We needed to compromise and side with the Democrats. If the Republicans can't compromise with the others, there will continue to be a stalemate and no improvements will happen.

Over the last years there has been no progress because the Republicans would not give an inch. In 'fact' no matter what, they would not compromise, even if they designed the resolution.

Consider this: Congress is in session. There is a vote. Someone has an idea to help poor people after a catastrophe. The Republicans want to help the store owners so they may distribute (maybe discounted) goods that would help those people in need. And the Democrats want to give money to the poor to allow them to get aid they need. This would give the store owners profits also.

If you give money to the needy they will give money to the store owners. What is the difference for the store owners, nothing, they get the money either way. But, for the needy people, they benefit also.

Maybe it is "trickle-up" economics or maybe it is common sense. The rich people find a way to make the money. They don't need government assistance. Though, it does allot them many benefits.

The Republicans are the store owners and the democrats are the poor or actually those that care about the poor. The Independents could go either way.

We need to come together or in this case, lean toward helping everyone. We can't get anything done in a stalemate. Let us go out and vote, not for ourselves alone, but, to vote for everyone.

The economic cliff is where we are standing and looking over is a little scary. The republicans actually allowed to increase the taxes on the top one or two percent; though they had a deal they made with the richest people. They raised the taxes on the wealthiest. We can move on, that hurdle has been cleared. Now the Republicans and democrats can work hand in hand.

It is all Relative

Thinking about the current downturn in the economy, it is all about themselves. Of course it is human instinct to think about themselves first. Cogito ergo sum means: I

think therefore I am. But, it also seems that the country is divided, together.

Half of the country is republican and half the country is Democratic. The president is trying to find middle ground. That would mean that both would have to agree. That can't happen. With an election there is no one winner. The president is stuck in the middle.

Consider one big happy family wants to take a summer trip to the beach. They all want to relax and play on the beach together. But, annually they rent a house for the week. The mother and father, parents, want to bring all of their children and grandchildren together so all can have fun together. The parents are middle income, both work, and still have some debts from college payments for their offspring, in one way or another, namely the second or third mortgage on their house for those that chose to finish their ultimate education.

Like all families some finish college and some choose another path. That being said, not all of the children. etc. are in the same income level. Some are upper class and some are not that fortunate. The parents, middle class can't afford the rental of the summer house by themselves, of course everyone should contribute their share to make it possible.

Now comes the million dollar question: divide the rent equally for each sibling, the lower status siblings can't afford too much and the upper income class can't afford a lot more than the others. Yet, they shouldn't have to carry all the weight for all. Perhaps the better off should, out of kindness of their own hearts, volunteer to pay additionally more.

Republicans appear to be richer or at least siding with ones that can afford the costs. They tend to side with a group, tea party, they want all America to be Catholic, white and independent of the rest of the country.

Of course they don't want to support those that all have an equal chance to profit and succeed, but, just can't. It is the lower classes own fault; they had the same opportunities.

The democrats, which some deem socialists, only want to help those less fortunate. There are rich democrats but they are not heart set on stepping on the less fortunate, they want to contribute to the poor and still maintain their status quo.

Some siblings have the money to contribute to the higher rent, they should, if they want one big happy family without making those less fortunate feel bad; they can go back to their mansions and let those less fortunate go back to their way of life, maybe humble, which they choose.

The country needs to take a hard look at who can afford the higher rent and how much less fortunate, though their own making, should contribute.

A Jewish Settlement

There is an urgent need for people to settle down and come to terms. The Republicans and Democrats can't come to terms; neither can the Hatfield's and McCoy's nor the

Capulet's and Romeo's family. The American athletes and sports teams owners are willing to throw away American and now International pastimes and its all about the money. You throw away or slapshot a season out of the rink because you can't come to terms about a billion dollar industry. It must be the twinkly complex. The debaters of these negotiations can't be players and owners, but, lawyers and investors. It is like The Chicago Students are backfiring.

These sports figures make more money than legally necessary. One player can "earn" more money per year than some small cities combined income and more than most individuals in a lifetime.

Israel and Palestine don't get along either. One has money and the other has land. The Jewish people want to extend their horizons and territory. They don't have to take the land. They can buy it. It is understandable that they don't get along. They have been at odds since the beginning of written history. But, that doesn't mean they can't have a settlement.

Each can take a map of their country and where they wished the boundaries were drawn and overlay them. Two apposing groups can draw their own maps. Compare them and negotiate the areas that are more important to them. And they need to take a realistic approach and not just cross out the border and say I want it all for myself! Where Israel overlaps into Palestine make that part a "phase two" negotiation. Phase one is where Israel already overlaps into Palestine and needs to negotiate these lands, which they have already taken and built settlements.

Squatters' rights should not apply. It is similar to "whites" taking land from Native Americans. They could have afforded to purchase it, but they thought they were stronger and smarter, so, they didn't need to buy it.

Today though, practically everything is for sale and almost everything has a price. No one steals property from another less fortunate anymore, not since Hitler tried to take over the world.

The reason Hitler didn't take over the world was his country built their own weapons. Though they used the less fortunate to manufacture them. It was all internal. Now is different in that big business around the world manufactures these weapons for a profit. Of course war is easy, all you have to do is out buy, purchase, the weapons. America tries to overtake a country ,then, bring peace and try to build the country they have just destroyed.

This brings us to Israel. Briefly, the Jewish People were given back their "homeland" after WWII. Unfortunately others were displaced and/or uprooted.

Now is the time for a good settlement, maybe not correct a hundred percent, but at least a move in the right direction. Try to make a deal for the property already taken. Then make a deal for the future land that would have otherwise been confiscated. And you can't have Robin Hood take from the rich and give to the poor. The rich have to willingly come forward and negotiate fairly what they have already taken. There are tens or hundreds of subdivisions that the Israelites have taken and occupied under the

claim that it is all their property. Pay for your property like every one else does.

This is not a reward for years and years of terrorism. And it doesn't have to be a trade of land for money or diamonds. The Palestine people need more than money. They need food and clothing and what every other people need. They used to have easy access to Israel for many jobs and food and building materials before the onslaught of suicide bombers and rockets.

There should be an easement and/or highway between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Also, there are countless areas of antiquity that one or both wish to visit and worship. These areas should be considered parkland and should be run by a third party, maybe a council of both parties or maybe the United Nations could be the ruling party over the parks. The point is to not have one religion or sect in control of multi-interested relics.

"The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck enlightens us to the true value of real estate. Land is everything. When times are tough, buy, more land. It only makes sense if you can afford it. But, life is even more precious. Going to war over property puts life as the second priority. The purpose of the settlement is for living. A settlement between two peoples will not create world peace, but it could be the next step.

After 911 the United States was angry at the world and we are lucky there wasn't a nuclear bombardment across the middle east. Yet, we showed constraint. There has to be more constraint; in the United States and across the world.

The United States have power over the whole world. The 1% has control over the stock market. That makes the tycoons the puppeteers of the world by strings. Your family can't vacation together when when the stock market governing the price of rental homes. There won't be peace in the middle east until people learn to understand that poor people are not just poor people, but, people, living human beings.

Some people are crazy and kill people for no reason, there are some people who want to make a profit to improve their portfolio and there are people that that are just plain nice and want to help other people less fortunate. There is a choice that we all can make.

This is a test: Do you care about people that are less fortunate. If you said yes, then, you are okay. If you said that the less fortunate should take care of themselves because it is their fault that they can't take care of themselves, then you you know where you rank. and if you say that 'everyone must die, then you are crazy and should be put away.

Of course it is not that easy. The better question maybe is why people, human beings, take advantage over others for monopolization or for fun. People, humans, have their choice, so it can not be sane to kill others for your own self. It seems poor people or hose less fortunate seem to take care of those in more than the wealthy.

If you own a dog and keep him chained up in the back yard. Is he a pet or a guard or a slave? You are the owner. There is only one answer, but, many people can answer in many different ways. It has to be difficult for those more fortunate to try and justify

how am I like this. But, then again it should be easy to justify how you ended up with riches and the poor are just less fortunate.

If you own a cat, of course you don't chain it up in the back yard, you let run wild. You allow it to come in when it wants, you feed it.

People, not knowingly own their employees. You feed them, manicure them and walk them when it is convenient for you. Politics are the same, yet, we hire these masters of our wishes. Yet, they receive money from multi-million dollar businesses and gate their community. We continue to allow them for deciding our lives. They, our congress people, decide or not (gridlock) to make decisions based on what they they are paid.

They aren't the cat or the dog, but, owner and they control us, the pets, and we are waiting for food, grooming or just acknowledgement backwoodsmen that we exist. What do we have to do to keep them working for us is a good question. How can the poor p

ople pay the rich to get government to recognize them. It seems the government is getting paid off, but, not by the poor. The rich, government or those that receive benefits from the rich to persuade the government are not the enemy, just an obstacle. The less fortunate have to find a way together boat loads of money to pay off the politicians. If they can find a way to do that then, we can find peace in the mid-east and maybe solve global warming.

Criticism or Racism

When you look at a man, you see a man. When the President of The United States of America speaks before, you hear him as a man. You don't prejudge him and not believe a word he is saying. He says "um" a lot. But, he is just trying say what he means and not what some script tells him what to say. Listening to your adversary has to be a mandatory rule.

Is it possible that you listen to someone giving a speach and you listen and disagree with everything they say.

It can't be figured out if disregarding a speech made by your president can't speak for it-selves. You look at him and wonder 'I don't believe a word you are saying'. People have to wonder if they can think on their own or are they going to rely on their predgudices.

Pea Green People

The year is 2020, just seven more than now; Earth will be of the same dimensions: spherical, short and fat. It will be of a different color though. Not white or black, yellow, green, blue, orange or lavender. Not a color that you can comprehend or that you are ready for today. It is LOVE, a new color never seen before in such a magnitude.

There will be some rich and some poor because that won't come until about 2020 when

vision will not be obscured and we will have some solid race. There may be some individuals that won't pertain like the Neanderthal though, they will be few and far between.

You can see it now, the walls are coming down. People will migrate or immigrate to foreign lands, foreign cultures and they will diversify. To choose a mate of a completely opposite culture mold two figures into one, their offspring will do the same. There will be no fighting over race, creed, religion or power. When people will work together and have no differences in social thought, then wealth will be nothing more than a burden like gold on a life-raft. No one born with more than anyone else and all having the same career and educational opportunities.

Governments are singularly in cause and plural only in ideas of how to provide more oneness in its people. The United States of America is a small experiment. The real melting pot is the earth. The ingredients are everybody and open mindedness. What color will the soup be? Who cares, it could be pea green and it wouldn't make a difference, because everybody will be the same color. There will be the exceptional beast, but, they will be killing each other off by greed and prejudice, the same killing diseases we have today.

I hope that I won't be one of those that can't listen to reason because of a mental affliction. Nor do I want to be green with envy, yet green from being scooped out of the melting pot.