

# The Presidential Race – Pick Your Poison

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Although some people have already voted via early absentee ballot, the question remains for many: for whom are you going to vote?

Most of the population concedes that this is, as always, a race between the two major party candidates – and so it is. To vote for a third Party, as the mantra goes, is to waste your vote because that candidate cannot win, thus you are really voting for the other candidate – whomever that may be depending upon your personal view as to the acceptability or acidity of the two major Party candidates.

Since the majority of the voters are supporting one of the two Major Party candidates, let us then look at the two major Party 2016 candidates for President – Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

- Both are morally bankrupt. While there is much rhetoric over who is the most moral, therefore designating that candidate as the lesser of two evils, this is like arguing over which is the greater sin: lying or cheating? Or maybe between murder and child molestation / rape? Which is the lesser of two evils – Pol Pot or Joseph Stalin?
- Both are extreme egotists, each of whom believes he or she should be in charge of the world for which each believes the world would then be a better place.
- Both believe that they are above the law – and to this point history would prove them to be correct.
- Both will undoubtedly make decisions when the time comes not on principle or the rule of law but based upon what he or she believes is best for him or her personally at that time. Both have been known to flip-flop 180 degrees on various issues or positions depending upon what each believes suits his or her purpose at that time. Thus, to believe either candidate's campaign promises is foolishness as there is no evidence in either case that their word means anything.
- Neither upholds Constitutional Government and the rule of law. The only rule of law in which each believes is the law that he or she dictates and directs at a particular time or otherwise sees fit to invoke for their personal benefit.

There is no doubt in my mind, based upon the evidence, that the majority supporters of either candidate are supporting that candidate not based upon who they really are or the views they actually hold but more based upon who the supporter hopes his candidate is, or more likely hopes he or she will become once in power.

Many people have said something like, "It is amazing that out of the whole country of eligible candidates, this is the best we can come up with." I contend that Clinton and Trump are the best we have because we the people want it that way. We the people have demanded what the two major Parties have given us. The two major Parties have orchestrated the two-Party system in the United States so that they alone have the power over Government and we the people have allowed it to happen, or even demanded it to happen. The argument of the two major Parties for restricting the ballot to as few candidates as possible (in which they hope they are the only two options on the ballot) is that we need fewer choices to avoid confusion at the ballot box. This is the exact argument given by the Ohio Attorney General's Office in defending SB-193 that removed all third Parties from having access to the ballot – at all levels of government within the state from

Presidential to Mayoral. I.e., we the people are too stupid to decide among a range of alternative candidates, thus the two major Parties are there to protect us and our interests.

This past Sunday in church we received a voter "Election Guide" slanted in my view to make Trump look good to the Christian voter and Clinton look bad. I agree that Clinton is bad from any kind of Christian perspective. However, the record does not support the contrast between Clinton and Trump. For instance, the Guide states that Trump will "Appoint Pro-Life Judges" and "Defund Planned Parenthood." Based upon what!? His promises? His record certainly does not support this. Trump, like Romney before him, only converted to the "Pro-Life" position recently which seems only all-to-convenient for me. He has publicly stated that he believes his sister, a very liberal judge, would make a great Supreme Court justice. Trump's primary advisors are his children (and not Newt Gingrich or Chris Christie among others as some like to believe). His own son has recently stated that he does not see what all the fuss is about over the abortion issue. He sees no need for change to the status-quo.

The Election Guide states that Trump will not "Support Boys in Girls Public School Bathrooms" and that he will "Protect Biblical Religious Conscience." This from a candidate who is selling pro-LGBTQ merchandise on his campaign website with the Trump shop's "Trump Pride Men's Tee" advertising: Show your pride and your support for Trump with this exclusive equality tee. This from a candidate who recently stated regarding the LGBT community, "Not letting individuals who identify as transgender to use whatever bathroom they want would be discriminatory." Give me a break, please!

Back to the earlier quotation that, "It is amazing that out of the whole country of eligible candidates, this is the best we can come up with," the fact is, we the people will not support a much better candidate. Again, I contend that we the people have what we have demanded the political system give us. We are unwilling to stand up to the system to give us something different primarily because we like what we have, no matter the complaints to the contrary.

If we truly wanted something different, if we truly wanted a different kind of candidate, then we would not be satisfied until we had that candidate. As a matter of fact, there is such a candidate running for the Presidency but we the people will not support him "because he can't get elected." As long as we maintain that position, that is the absolute truth! But the real truth is, we the people do not support such a candidate because we have the kind of candidates we want in the two major Party candidates. Darrell Castle and Scott Bradley, running on the Constitution Party ticket for President and Vice President respectively, are the type of persons we would be supporting if we were truly a moral and principled electorate. I am not claiming they are perfect or that I even agree with their every position but I proclaim this: they are both morally conservative people such that you can count on them to uphold such issues as the sanctity of life, religious freedom, and other Christian and traditional family core values. There are not two more principled candidates running for office. They are by far the most knowledgeable candidates currently running for President and Vice President regarding the Constitution and its proper application to Government as intended by our founding fathers. But we dare not support them because they can't get elected and to vote for them is throwing away one's vote, thereby supporting the greater evil of the two major Party candidates, whichever one that may be.

The refrain of the so called Christian right, the TEA Party, and other pseudo conservative and religious groups is "We can't let Hillary get elected. We must vote for Trump as the lesser of two evils." As pointed out above, I do not believe there is one less evil than the other, just different levels of evil with respect to different issues.

"Pick your poison" as the saying goes.