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Thoughts and Observations on Music, Nature, and **Politics**, from the Catskill Mountains

WHY I VOTED FOR HILLARY CLINTON TODAY

**EVERY ONE OF MY CORE BELIEFS ALIGNS WITH BERNIE SANDERS...
BUT HILLARY CLINTON WILL BE A FAR MORE EFFECTIVE PRESIDENT**



This is indeed a VERY sad day for me.

And this may well be my LAST “political” GH Gazette.

I’m so burned out on this election that I honestly can’t stand it anymore. How much worse can it get?

I’ve considered myself a “Socialist” for most of my life.

I was an “Independent” until 2007 when I became a Democrat so that I could vote for Obama in the New York primary. I had already lived in New York for eight years and hated that I was shut out of primary voting.

And as anyone that has read my Gazette for the past year knows... I’ve been a big supporter of Bernie Sanders and have also expressed my views clearly about my distaste for Hillary Clinton and how BAD she was as a candidate. Half the country HATES her.

Although I do admit that I thought that she did a good job as my Senator for eight years and I voted for her twice at the time. She laid low and LEARNED.

But I was very excited about Bernie Sanders and easily got swept up by FINALLY being able to support a candidate that I agreed with on almost every issue.

He was like a breath of fresh air and early on I believed that he could be the one that could take Obama’s half finished agenda to the next level.

But I now feel that he does not have the ability to achieve this. While Hillary Clinton probably does.

Most of President Obama’s major achievements (like the health insurance program that saved me personally ([Link to my story here](#))... all happened in his first two years in office before his massive army of supporters from 2008 retreated into their dorm rooms and basements and abandoned him in 2010 (and again in 2012) and allowed the GOP to take over the House in 2010... and then the Senate in 2012.

Thus making all of their “hope and change” dreams go up in the smoke of the GOP arsonists in Congress.

A President ALONE cannot accomplish much without the Congress and the Supreme Court behind him.

And The Supreme Court depends on who controls the Senate... as is being demonstrated by the insane (even for THEM) obstructionist declarations that they don't plan to even MEET with Obama's nominee.

Because of the timing... the geography... and the math... the Democrats have a VERY REAL chance of [taking back the Senate in November](#). And gains could also be made by Democrats in the House.

IF THEY GET THE PROPER SUPPORT!

On the Republican side the Koch Brothers and Sheldon Adelson have announced that they (like most of the conservative "moneyed" class) will NOT be supporting ANY of the current GOP PRESIDENTIAL candidates and instead will be pouring possibly hundreds of millions of dollars into GOP CONGRESSIONAL campaigns. VERY scary stuff!

I wonder how many Bernie Sanders contributors have also contributed to their LOCAL CONGRESSIONAL Democratic candidates?

In the two recent highly publicized George Clooney fundraising events in California... Sanders supporters pelted Clinton's motorcade with dollar bills while singing "We're in the Money". It was REALLY stupid!

Clooney later explained to Chuck Todd on [Meet the Press](#) that the two events were primarily to raise DOWN TICKET election money for the CONGRESSIONAL races that are essential to the success of a Democratic presidency.

Sure Hillary was the centerpiece and the BIG MONEY draw... but the money was primarily for others.

The Sanders supporters may as well have simply GIVEN their tossed dollar bills to the Koch Brothers!

And Clinton has been HAPPY to help OTHERS in her party as she knows that she will need them badly later.

Clooney explained that it needed to be done to counteract what was being done by the Sheldon Adelsons and Kochs over on the GOP DARK SIDE...

Bernie Sanders has been very hesitant to say whether or not he will fundraise for congressional candidates as he continues to state that he is "running as a Democrat" but is still a "Democratic Socialist"...

So not REALLY a member of the party.

THIS will hurt him.

Not with the election... as he probably has a better shot at beating Trump than Hillary considering how much EVERY OTHER PERSON in America hates her... but it will hurt him later when it becomes time for him to become an ACTUAL LEADER...

Which is what this election SHOULD be all about...

FUTURE LEADERSHIP... AND SUCCESS...

As hard as that is sometimes to believe considering the ridiculousness of this whole election.

Sanders hasn't gotten many endorsements from Democratic congressional types... and he will need their support badly if he happens to WIN this thing.

Obama had a hard enough time getting things simply past the Republicans in Congress while Sanders might also have problems with some Democrats as well.

And if Republicans maintain control of the Senate...

Then he can kiss the Supreme Court goodbye and instantly jettison his dreams of overturning Citizens United... breaking up the banks... or doing just about ANYTHING on his agenda. Just ask the guy that has the job NOW... WHY GITMO is still open in Cuba?

I was actually all set to fully support Bernie Sanders until a couple of weeks ago when my thoughts began to shift to the overall GLOBAL political situation and who would be best for actually getting the job done (and laws changed) rather than whom I may agree with more succinctly in my admittedly extremist left-wing political leanings.

And then when Sanders came out and said that Clinton was "NOT QUALIFIED" to be President...

I REALLY LOST IT for him.

He took it back later... But he said it...

If ANYONE is qualified for the job... out of the sad choices of candidates to which we are currently being delivered by our archaic, antiquated, and ridiculous current political election system... IT IS CLINTON.

SAD... but true.

I DID watch the entire [Benghazi eleven hour hearings](#).

Her stamina... control... and preparedness was spectacular... THEY GOT NOTHING!

And in the greater scheme of things... all of the "Wall Street" talk does nothing for me.

["Wall Street" ALWAYS does better under Democrats!](#)

I expect that she will actually be a lot harder on them than anyone thinks. But CHRIST! Her answer in the debate about not wanting to release her Goldman Sachs speeches was a true "[JUMP UP AND SCREAM AT THE SCREEN](#)" moment for me. Horrible stuff!

I'm a fan of Paul Krugman in [The New York Times](#) and his recent piece also influenced my shift.

As did Milbank's recent [Washington Post](#) piece.

In many ways... the army of people supporting Sanders is quite similar to the army supporting Trump... as hard as that may seem to be.

BOTH tell their followers exactly what they want to hear but neither will actually be able pull much of it off.

Which eventually will lead to failed Presidencies.

And more government stagnation.

Without the control of the Congress... Sanders' "free college" and "breaking up the banks" has about as much of a chance at reality as "Trump's Wall".

I was an active supporter of Eugene McCarthy in 1968 and George McGovern in 1972... and turning away from Bernie Sanders has been very difficult for me.

I actually had a mild panic attack when I got to the polling place. It was THAT upsetting.

HILLARY CLINTON?

ME?

THIS WAS CRAZY! HAD I LOST MY MIND?

BUT A LITTLE BIT MORE OF MY REASONING...

Russia today is in an economic free-fall... as Putin sends his jets to buzz our ships in the Baltic Sea. We should be VERY concerned about this. An angry Russian population is NOT good for ANYONE.

While China's "smoke and mirrors" economy threatens to also collapse and destabilize the Far East.

AND... China has just revealed a nuclear weapons delivery system that can fly at 17,000 miles per hour THROUGH space and can't be stopped by ANY defense systems. And WHY is China doing this?

Because WE ARE!

There is a [NEW nuclear arms race](#) starting... on all sides... for SMALLER nukes...

As taking out an entire country is now pretty much "off the table"... but maybe we just wipe out a city or two?

ISIS is MINOR compared to this shit!

We need the STRONGEST person possible as a world diplomat at this moment in history.

And who do I want sitting across the table from Putin when he turns to paranoia, fear, and threats of war to distract his population from his crumbling economy?

Or talking us back "off the ledge" from possible future NUCLEAR military "events"?

Sorry folks...

But I want HILLARY CLINTON in that chair.

DREAMS DO DIE HARD....

And I expect a tirade of angry emails...

This wasn't easy...

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