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BE AFRAID... BE VERY AFRAID... TRUMP COULD WIN...



MSNBC... CNN... and MOST of the media are just as responsible as Fox News... Twitter... and the endless online hate filled racist and "master race" sites and email strings... for the success of the Trump "campaign" so far.

As they have ALL been "breaking in" with "MAJOR NEWS!" alerts whenever Trump has gotten within fifteen feet of a camera and a microphone. It's a total media circus of clowns.

As they know that there is always a chance of something TOTALLY outrageous... controversial... and... let's just say it... ENTERTAINING... happening... WHENEVER Trump's clown car rolls onto the screen. And what a clown car it is!

As it's ALWAYS improvised... ALWAYS slightly out of control... in an endless stream of increasingly dazzling "brain farts" that leave everyone amazed... until the next one hits.

But as "they" say... its also always "GREAT TELEVISION!"

It is INDEED a "game show"... and a VERY profitable one for the media. They should be ashamed all the way to the bank.

How many times has our news media "broken in" for a Hillary Clinton? Bernie Sanders? or even a Ted Cruz speech?

BORING!!! Who's gonna wanna watch THAT shit?

Trump means viewers... and viewers mean ratings... and ratings lead to higher ad rates and media profits. But these very media profits may soon bring the downfall of our entire economy and country. Being financed primarily by insurance companies and our drug dealing "friends" (check out the ads).

"Morning Joe" Scarborough has put Trump on his MSNBC morning show almost as much as Fox. It's a "Trump" show.

And, on NBC's "Meet the Press" they have even allowed Trump... probably in his underwear... to unprecedentedly "PHONE IN" to the top show in the nation being broadcast a few blocks from his penthouse apartment. Trump has only had to lie around in bed with a phone in one hand and a remote in the other... and it doesn't cost him a fucking thing!

Film Maker Rob Reiner recently rightfully attacked Joe Scarborough and his lightweight sidekick Mika Brzezinski when they denied that Trump supporters were driven by racism. Are they kidding? He has Klansmen and Nazi Youth at his rallies. Mika is the token "show liberal" as she proves the apple can fall a LONG WAY from the tree. The only reason I continue to watch is for Heilmann and Halperin.

If they aren't on... I switch to *Fox & Friends* for horrifying fun.

Scarborough is from Florida... and he also recently declared that the reason that whites in the South became Republicans in 1968 (after being Democrats since the Civil War) was the violence and chaos of the 1968 Democratic Convention.

When it is ABSOLUTELY accepted "history" that it was the infamous Republican "Southern Strategy"... implemented by Richard Nixon in 1968... that used the FEAR of African Americans voting... to drive white voters to the polls... after LBJ's signing of the voting rights act in 1964.

And the GOP has been using "fear" as a tactic ever since.

But this year... it's the DEMOCRATS who need to use "fear" as a tactic... because now there is REAL REASON TO FEAR!

With all of the cascading and overlapping sensational political news stories vomited forth in the week that Trump gained his final delegates for the GOP nomination... it was sad that people missed some of the most STARTLING and AMAZING news stories that blew past in that VERY SHORT news cycle.

On the VERY DAY that Trump won the nomination with his success in Indiana... the man that has a very real shot at becoming our President of the United States in January... actually came out and claimed that his final primary opponent's father was somehow involved in the assassination of an American President!

And Trump's source was the *National FUCKING Enquirer!*

So it's finally come to THIS? Are we a nation of idiots?

But then again... maybe *The National Enquirer* IS the "proper" source for "news" in a country where [more people voted on American Idol than in our last Presidential election!](#)

But TRUMP'S accusation (which was once again "phoned in" very early in the morning to Roger Ailes' "hand puppets" on Fox) that "Lyn Ted" Cruz's father had possibly helped kill John F. Kennedy WASN'T even the MOST ridiculous story to come out of this "week of shame" in American History.

And here's where you need to start being VERY afraid...

Trump revealed on CNBC that the way he planned to handle the debt was the same way that he had handled it in the past for his failing gambling businesses (you know... the same casinos that sucked away the savings of millions of low and middle income Americans that are now voting for him).

[Trump plans to simply "NEGOTIATE" a lower price with the government's creditors.](#) Expecting... that like the real estate business... they will simply accept less! WTF?

Countries... such as China... would laugh at the concept of taking anything less than 100%... Why should they?

And... the entire economic world would instantly destabilize.

THE MAN IS AN ECONOMIC IDIOT! HE REALLY IS!

Yet hardly anyone noticed this story... as it wasn't as sexy or as entertaining as say... rounding up and throwing out eleven million immigrants! Now THAT story has "PIZAZZ!!!"

But back to Trump's plan to destroy the world's economy...

Our government has always been able to borrow money at a low rate because of the confidence in our economy and our system. And questions or doubts about our stability in the past has ALWAYS led to Americans having to PAY MORE.

In 1979 when the government delayed the payment of \$120 million in interest payments... our rate on the loans rose to the point that it eventually cost the American tax payers an additional \$12 BILLION dollars!

And in 2011 when Congressional Republicans threatened to default on our debts as a "bargaining tactic" to end Obamacare... the world market's fears of an unstable America ended up costing American tax payers an additional \$19 BILLION dollars in higher interest rates.

This shit has consequences!

BUT TRUMP IS SERIOUS!

And his presidency would DESTROY the world economy.

If a SERIOUS candidate... such as say... Hillary Clinton... or Barack Obama... had made such a statement... Our markets would have nose-dived the next day. But since it was "just Trump"... nobody took it seriously... and nothing happened!

And PLEASE keep in mind that our government debt isn't all owned by foreign governments... as it also includes bonds in things like retirement and pension programs for America's rapidly aging "baby boomer" generation. You know... US!

Trump also wants to greatly INCREASE funding for the military... repair all of our roads... bridges... airports... railways... not touch social security or medicare... increase money for education... and oh yeah... NOT raise your taxes!

Except for taxes on the rich... which the Republicans haven't seemed to notice yet... but THAT would have ZERO chance of passing in the GOP House... which still runs on money.

Estimates are that Trump's "plan" would raise our debt to as much as \$30 TRILLION dollars. The numbers are ridiculous.

But we shouldn't be surprised at all... As the man has said...

["I am the king of debt. I do love debt. I love debt. I love playing with it."](#) - Donald Trump.

And speaking of how much Trump will increase the debt...

The CONSERVATIVE "think tank" (is that an oxymoron?) [The American Action Forum](#) found that rounding up and deporting all undocumented immigrants would reduce the economy by 2% in its first year of implementation.

In 2016... our economy is projected to produce \$18.7 trillion in goods and services. But with 6.8 million undocumented immigrants now employed in America, removing them would reduce that output by somewhere between \$400 to \$600 BILLION. AND... it would leave enormous holes in the American labor force... particularly in areas like hospitality... farming... and construction. The impact would increase exponentially over the following years and would reduce the economy by 6 percent (or \$1.6 trillion dollars) within twenty.

And the PHYSICAL cost of a MASSIVE "military police force" to accomplish an expulsion twice the size of "Uncle Joe" Stalin's would be between 400 and 600 BILLION dollars.

Or around \$10,000 per immigrant. What a GREAT deal!

And on top of THAT... the cost of "[Trumps Wall](#)" has been estimated to be as high as \$12 BILLION dollars... which doesn't even include the cost of BUYING the land where the wall would be built... using of course the method of "eminent domain" that is USUALLY so loathed by the Republican Party.

Trump has "reasoned" that the wall really wouldn't be "all that long" as so much of the border has a natural barrier... which is of course the Rio Grande River. I'm sure a racist like Trump must understand the meaning of the word "wetbacks"!

And despite GOP claims to the contrary... illegal immigration from Mexico is currently at ["net zero"](#) ... so there really isn't even any reason for a wall other than to stir up racial hatred.

Which plays right into Trump's hands. *"BUILD THAT WALL!"*

After WINNING the nomination... it was surprising that Trump went on to PRIMARY rallies in West Virginia and other states.

One would think that the smart move would have been to pivot to the main election and a better allocation of resources.

Clinton CAN'T win West Virginia... so WHY go there?

But as an extreme narcissist... Trump CAN'T walk away from a chance to stand in front of an adoring crowd and once again... blather on endlessly... while SAYING nothing new.

In West Virginia Trump even proclaimed that he was sorry that the primaries were over as he wanted them to continue because he was having so much fun with the crowds.

And then... in REALLY bad form... he continued to BASH his primary opponents after their bruised and battered political bodies had already been dragged bleeding from "the ring".

The ultimate action of a narcissistic bully. What an ASSHOLE!

Shouldn't Trump be pivoting toward Clinton and the general election? Like every candidate has before him?

But Trump IS "pivoting".

Not "toward the center"... as happens with most candidates after they have "nailed down" their base...

Trump is pivoting in his tactics and his campaign financing.

But he ISN'T budging on his Mexicans & Muslims obsession.

AFTER the Mexicans & Muslims hate speech... the one thing that Trump supporters mention the most is that Trump is "using his own money" and that he "can't be bought".

But Trump has actually financed his primary run by LENDING his campaign millions of dollars... which will be PAID BACK as funding comes in for the general election... where he plans to raise more than a BILLION dollars in the next few months from the usual GOP sources of special interest groups... and of course the Republican National Committee.

But so far... a lot of the "usual" money is only going to "down ticket" candidates for the Senate and the House races. The "money types" don't trust him at all... as they aren't stupid..

And if the end of the world's economy... or Trump accusing his opponent's father of plotting to kill an American president doesn't scare you enough.... THE FOLLOWING SHOULD...

TRUMP IS ABOUT TO GET NATIONAL SECURITY CLEARANCE!

As soon as he gets the official nomination at the GOP convention in July... Donald J. Trump... the man who released Lyndsey Graham's private cell phone number to the entire world in an emotionally vindictive improvisational tantrum... will be getting DAILY security updates from the CIA and our other National Security Agencies.

[Which is making a lot of people VERY nervous.](#)

And for those of you who think that the "numbers" prove that Trump CAN'T WIN... please keep in mind that Hillary Clinton is a TERRIBLE candidate with greater than 50% disapproval ratings... the "email thing" is still hanging out there... and the fact that the Republicans had ENORMOUS "turn out" for their primaries while the "turn out" for the Democrats was poor.

[At this point in the 1988 election Dukakis was ahead of George H.W. Bush by 10 points.](#) Contrary to current GOP belief... the country was quite sick of Ronald Reagan after his [seven years of tax increases and his selling arms to terrorists.](#)

But GHW Bush caught up... and Trump could too.

America is now... and always has been... an angry racist country underneath... and it's gotten worse under Obama.

For obvious reasons.

And all of those Trump supporters who have been FILLING arenas and stadiums around America at his rallies... WILL vote. And from early polling it looks like a lot of the "Deadhead" like young Sanders lemmings will go back to their dorm rooms and basements to sulk and "sit this one out".

As Gazette readers know... I have been saying since last summer that Trump had a real shot at the nomination. I had come to that conclusion early on when I realized that his supporters had NOTHING to do with "The Republican Party"... and that these same supporters possibly hated the Republicans MORE than the Democrats. As the Republicans that they had elected in 2010 and 2014 had not been able to take down the "illegal foreigner" who was currently in office.

Recently... my earlier observations were justified at Trump's final "rally" in Indiana when he was endorsed by the aging... chair throwing... player abusing... legendary... basketball coach... Bobby Knight.

In his awkward and sad attempt at an "endorsement" speech Knight stated... *"I don't care about the Republican Party!"*...

And the crowd CHEERED WILDLY!

When the other earlier GOP candidates tried to tell voters that Trump “wasn’t a Republican”... they never seemed to realize that this was a PLUS for the Trump supporters.

The Republican Party as we know it... is OVER...

Trump could actually WIN in November... no matter what the pundits and “experts” are saying constantly on news shows.

Here is my prediction on the GOP primaries from early September when no one thought that Trump had a chance.

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In a last ditched attempt to stop the avalanche of American stupidity now building within the “Trump Wave”... the national GOP “top dogs” took up a “pledge” idea in order to keep Trump in the party.

And MOST ceremoniously... TRUMP SIGNED IT!

And he waved the paper before the cameras for all of the cable and broadcast networks to run on infinite loops for the next six days.

But what Trump was signaling with his “paper waving” was... VICTORY!

The party “traditionalists” THOUGHT this would make it impossible for Trump to LEAVE THEM... and go third party. But Trump WAS leaving them...

AND... he was taking their “party” with him.

And with ALL of the Republican candidates also signing the pledge to support whomever their party nominated... it means that they SHOULD all soon be supporting a NEW “Trump Direction” for the GOP.

The party of Lincoln, T. Roosevelt, and Eisenhower.

Is NOW... the party of Donald Trump.

God help us all!

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