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DONALD TRUMP'S "BIG CON" - FROM HIS OWN WORDS

THIS IS PERHAPS THE BIGGEST CON-JOB IN AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY... ALSO... MY FAREWELL TO THE GREAT GUY CLARK...



I believe that it was "Little Marco Rubio" who first described Trump as a "con man". This would be the same "Little Marco" that in a spasm of seemingly impossible flexibility has now offered to "speak for Trump" at the nearing GOP convention...

And what a "convention" it will NOT be...

This will be "Hollywood!"... GOLD PLATED and "whorrific"...

But "Little Marco" got it right the first time...

Trump IS the greatest "con man" in American political history.

As this week we watched just about every elected Republican lining up like lemmings heading toward the cliff... to pledge their support to Donald Trump. They are shameless!

But there ARE some TRULY BRAVE Republicans out there who are still willing to put COUNTRY before their "PARTY"...

Like Susana Martinez... the Governor of New Mexico... who publicly snubbed Trump and received the now familiar "[Wrath of Trump](#)". And what a GREAT move by Donald... Insulting a FEMALE HISPANIC POPULAR REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR!

Sometimes I truly wonder if Trump secretly DOESN'T want to win and is trying to sabotage his own campaign. I really do!

But Republicans can also be proud of Lindsey Graham... whom I am shamefully starting to ACTUALLY LIKE... and Mitt Romney... whom I MISS ENORMOUSLY at this point.

All of Trump's supporters... from the biker gangs and Neo-nazis ... to the head lunatics at the NRA... to the Israeli "cheerleader" and fellow practitioner of the art of bilking the middle class out of their life savings... "Jabba the Adelson"...

THEY ARE ALL BEING CONNED!

And Trump is indeed the master. The total "puppet master".

Please pass this piece on to all of those you know who are buying into the "Trump Con", so they can read his own words.

[TRUMP ON ABORTION...](#) (Click link for source)

Dec 2, 1999 From the Associated Press...

"I believe it is a personal decision that should be left to the women and their doctors."

July 2, 2000 From his book "The America We Deserve"

"I support a woman's right to choose, but I am uncomfortable with the procedures. When Tim Russert asked me on Meet the Press if I would ban partial-birth abortion, my pro-choice instincts led me to say no. After the show, I consulted two doctors I respect and, upon learning more about this procedure, I have concluded that I would support a ban."

In 2011... as Trump considered running for President he made an "about face" and announced on Fox News that he was now "pro-life" after years of being "pro-choice".

In 2016... he actually became TOO radical for the FAR right!

[March 30th 2016 Interview with Chis Matthews on MSNBC](#)

Matthews: "Do you believe in punishment for abortion?"

Trump: "The answer is that there has to be some form of punishment".

Matthews: "For the woman".

Trump: "Yeah, there has to be some form."

"Punishing the woman"... as a criminal... is a "no no" even in the strictest of conservative baby-saving worlds. Trump hadn't even done his homework on the "pro-life" movement.

[TRUMP ON GUNS:](#) (Click link for source)

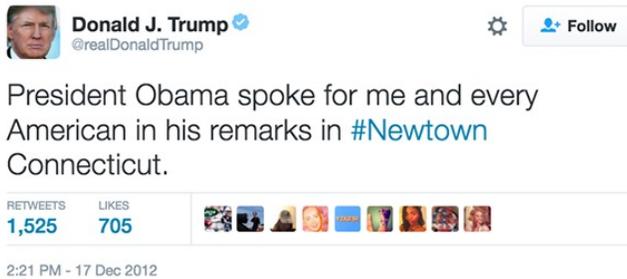
Before he ever planned to run for president... Trump called out Republicans who "walk the line" with the NRA and criticized them for refusing even limited restrictions.

In 2000... he became more pro-gun... but was still against assault weapons and FOR background checks.

2000 - From his book "The America We Deserve"...

"I generally oppose gun control, but I support the ban on assault weapons and I also support a slightly longer waiting period to purchase a gun,"

2012 - Twitter - ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO... shortly after "Newtown"... when Obama made his impassioned plea for gun restrictions... the NARCISSIST tweeted...



I'm sure Mr. Trump couldn't resist the "draw" of looking like a "player" and catching a little bit of the "dead-kids-media-action" for himself. He just HAD to be a part of it!

But then only one election cycle later...

2016 - THE NRA ENDORSES DONALD TRUMP!

So Trump has also conned the NRA... What idiots.

But it's actually kind of wonderful (Karma and all that).

[TRUMP ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS...](#) (Click link for source)

After demonstrating at a debate that he had no idea what the "[nuclear triad](#)" was (land, subs, air)... Trump was later asked if he believed that Japan and South Korea should have their own nuclear weapons. Trump spoke against the policies of every US President since World War II by saying THIS to the [New York Times](#)...

"Well, it's a position that we have to talk about, and it's a position that at some point is something that we have to talk about, and if the United States keeps on its path, its current path of weakness, they're going to want to have that anyway with or without me discussing it, because I don't think they feel very secure in what's going on with our country. At some point, we cannot be the policeman of the world. And unfortunately, we have a nuclear world now. And you have, Pakistan has them. You have, probably, North Korea has them. I mean, they don't have

delivery yet, but you know, probably, I mean to me, that's a big problem. And, would I rather have North Korea have them with Japan sitting there having them also? You may very well be better off if that's the case. In other words, where Japan is defending itself against North Korea, which is a real problem."

Then in the same interview... Trump went on to suggest that Saudi Arabia should also perhaps have THEIR OWN nukes... And yes... that would be the same Saudi Arabia that is supporting a new [ISIS chapter in Kosovo](#) (And also the only country directly connected to [911](#)).

Is he insane? Or just really stupid? OR BOTH?

[TRUMP ON THE IRAQ WAR...](#) (Click link for source)

As Trump is not a politician and has no experience in international matters (other than the Miss Universe pageant)... quotes on international issues can be hard to find. But I'm sure that the reason that the entire Bush family are sitting this election out... is Trump's insistence that he was ALWAYS AGAINST the Iraq War. Which obviously is a bit of a "sore spot" for the Bush family.

But back in 2002... on Howard Stern's show... Donald Trump (in-between rating women on a "points scale")... said the following when Howard asked him if he supported our approaching invasion of Iraq.

"Yeah I guess so. I wish the first time it was done correctly."

So Trump was actually FOR the war before it was more advantageous for him to be against it...

[TRUMP ON OUR INVOLVEMENT IN LIBYA...](#) (Link)

Certainly one of the more useful items in Trump's twitter arsenal of Clintonian vengeance weapons... involves Clinton's support of our early involvement in Libya.

But back at the time that Gaddafi's troops were bearing down on the city of Benghazi... Mr. Trump stated the following on his very own "[video blog](#)"...

"I can't believe what our country is doing... Gaddafi in Libya is killing thousands of people, nobody knows how bad it is, and we're sitting around we have soldiers all

over the Middle East, and we're not bringing them in to stop this horrible carnage and that's what it is: It's a carnage. You talk about things that have happened in history; this could be one of the worst... now we should go in... we should stop this guy... which would be very easy and very quick. We could do it surgically... stop him from doing it... and save these lives. This is absolutely nuts. It's horrible what's going on... it has to be stopped. We should do it on a humanitarian basis... immediately go into Libya, knock this guy out very quickly.... very surgically... and save the lives."

Which of course... is pretty much EXACTLY what Obama and Clinton did... and then the country fell apart.

Once again... Trump was FOR the Libyan action before it was advantageous for him to be against it.

[TRUMP ON HILLARY CLINTON...](#) (Click link for source)

In 2000... when Hillary Clinton was running for Senate in New York... (originally against Rudy Giuliani before he dropped out)... Trump told [CNN](#)... *"They're both terrific people, and I hope they both get the nomination."*

In 2008... Trump wondered publicly why Clinton wasn't chosen as President Obama's running-mate. Trump then added that he thought Clinton would surround herself with good people to negotiate a deal with Iran.

In 2012... Trump called Clinton "terrific" in an interview with Fox News' Greta Van Susteren... saying that Clinton performed well as Secretary of State...

"Hillary Clinton I think is a terrific woman... I am biased because I have known her for years. I live in New York. She lives in New York. I really like her and her husband both a lot. I think she really works hard. And I think, again, she's given an agenda, it is not all of her, but I think she really works hard and I think she does a good job. I like her".

And this was ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO!

In 2015 Trump was awarded the "[lie of the year](#)" by the website Politifact after research showed that only 12% of his statements were rated "true" or "mostly true".

For an in-depth analysis of Trump's unprecedented lying to his followers (and all of America)... go to [THIS LINK](#).

How can anyone seriously believe a word the man says?

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A Farewell to Guy Clark

With all of the media coverage of the deaths of musicians like Bowie and Prince I guess I shouldn't have been surprised that when songwriter Guy Clark recently passed away that I didn't find out about it for weeks.

I grew up on all types of music... including country... and in my humble opinion... I believe that Guy Clark was the greatest country songwriter since Hank Williams.

No one can "place" you in a honkey tonk or a sleazy juke-joint better than Guy Clark did in his songs... as his poetic imagery painted detailed "word portraits" of a Texas now long faded into the past... [Check him out](#)...

Rita Ballou by Guy Clark © 1975

She could dance that slow Uvalde
Shuffle to some cowboy hustle
How she made them trophy buckles
Shine, shine, shine

Wild-eyed and Mexican silvered
Trickin' dumb old cousin Willard
Into thinkin' that he got her this time

Hill country honky-tonkin' Rita Ballou
Every beer joint in town
Has played a fool for you

Backslidin'... Barrel ridin'... Rita Ballou
Ain't a cowboy in Texas
Would not ride a bull for you

She's a rawhide rope and velvet mixture
Walkin' talkin' Texas texture
High-timin' barroom fixture kind of a girl...

She's the queen of the cowboys
Look at old Willard grinnin' now boys
You'd of thought there's less fools
in this world... but there wasn't.

Until next time.... GH