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“OH THE HUMANITY!”... THE “TRUMPELIN” BEGINS TO DESCEND...



You learn a lot about the strengths of the candidates in this particular period of an American Presidential election... by the appropriateness of their actions when confronted with a global crisis or devastating tragedy.

In 2008 John McCain went into a complete “tizzy” over the collapse of the G. W. Bush economy and wanted both candidates to suspend their campaigns... as the “cool” Obama explained that leaders should be able to do several things at the same time. Obama won of course.

In 1972 McGovern discovered that his pick for VP had once undergone electroshock treatments and his campaign had to switch partners halfway through the final dance. He won only one state... and it wasn't even his own.

But nothing to my knowledge in modern American political history will ever measure up to the magnitude of the surrealistic stupidity of Donald “Nero” Trump's press conference for the opening of his new luxury golf club while the world economy was teetering on the brink.

And the epicenter of the global economic crisis was in the very place in which Trump was “performing” HIS “event”.

Then to add horrible insult to injury... Trump said that BREXIT was actually a GOOD thing... as the devalued British Pound would mean more business for HIS golf club!

THIS... while the entire UK population was in panic mode.

The British were rightfully terrified as it became apparent that pissed off older white voters... who lost their industrial jobs decades ago... finally got their revenge for globalization.

And “England”... (as we will probably be calling it soon)... will not be the same... possibly forever. They really blew it.

It was amazing hearing Trump speak about the “beautiful” election results and how the local people had “taken their country back”... when 62% of Scots had voted to stay.

And Scotland will most probably now break with England and join the European Union... along with Northern Ireland.

Donald Trump simply had NO knowledge of the issue.

When asked about “BREXIT” a week prior... Trump admitted that he didn't know much about it... but here he was a week later saying that it was a GREAT thing!

I suppose that if Obama was against it... It HAD to be good!

And for the love of God... why couldn't Trump have pushed back his 1% golf club opening for two weeks? What kind of Presidential candidate would carry through with a personal marketing stunt on the same day... in the same country... that was experiencing a possible total economic meltdown?

And even crazier... Tump was taking “time off” from the campaign trail after a week in which he had (1) Fired his campaign manager... (2) It was revealed that Trump had only \$1.5 million in funding against Clintons \$40 million... (3) USA Today reported that Trump had a LONG record of NOT paying employees and business partners... (4) USA today in a second article detailed Trump's participation in literally thousands of law suits... and (5)... just last week... the Labor Department announced an investigation of Trump's payment of workers at his new Washington DC hotel project.

Oh... and it was also revealed that 10% of Trump's campaign spending has gone to Trump properties, organizations, businesses... or simply his kids. What a guy!

IT'S ALL ONE BIG CON JOB!

But back to GOLF... NARCISSISM... and BREXIT...

Can anyone name ONE “gaffe” from George W. Bush worse than this? You can't... because this is as bad as it gets.

Meanwhile... Trump was also totally battered by both Clinton and Elizabeth Warren to the point that for the first time he was thrown back on “the ropes” and couldn't even respond with his usual tragically limiting 140 characters on Twitter.

Trump also (of course) blamed the whole BREXIT situation on President Obama... and somehow Clinton... because President Obama had simply stated that he was against it.

Then in the middle of the crisis... during the opening of his luxury golf resort... Donald Trump proudly disparaged the President of the United States on foreign soil. There was a time not long ago that this was thought to be a serious “NO NO” in American politics. But now... “ethics” be damned!

And when the media criticism of his golf club “press conference” and statements understandably came... Trump simply explained that he had done it to “support his family”.

Anyone who has seen the excellent documentary about Trump and his horrific actions during the creation of these Scottish developments (“[You’ve been Trumped](#)”) knows that Trump’s son Donald Trump Jr. was the man in charge of building these looming financial disasters in Scotland.

If Trump REALLY wanted to “support his family” wouldn’t he let Donald Jr. go over alone... give the press conference... take the credit... and explain that his father was a bit busy running for President of the United States of America!

But NO... Trump’s ego FORCED him to be there.

His narcissism demands that he ALWAYS take the credit.

Fox News’ coverage was pitiful concerning “Golf-Gate”.

I recorded several of the major Fox Shows following “Golf-Gate” and there was obviously a “directive” from Roger Ailes for EVERYONE at Fox News to report the story by simply stating... “*Donald Trump... traveling in Scotland...*” and then running the clip of Trump slamming Obama while standing before his restored lighthouse and “beautiful suites”.

Fox did not show Trump saying BREXIT was good for the golf club... or anything about his “beautiful suites”.

So America’s Fox viewers... were left in the dark... once again... without any knowledge of this surreal press event.

Sean Hannity went on and on about how great BREXIT was and how they were “stopping immigrants” and “taking their country back”... (actually back about a century or two).

The only two global figures that came out with the same opinion as Trump and Hannity were Russia’s Vladimir Putin and that religious whack-job that runs things over in Iran.

GREAT company guys!

There is a very real and interesting comparison of our current election and BREXIT... as the core voters for leaving the EU were in the area of England that is quite similar to our so-called “Rust Belt” of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan.

Where an older... whiter... and very pissed off... electorate will decide our election. Just as their “English” brethren did.

Who would have thought that USA Today would end up being THE paper of credibility for this election?

But their coverage of [Trump’s not paying bus boys and minor employees](#)... driving small family businesses into bankruptcies by not paying his bills... and his [thousands of lawsuits](#).... has now hit every motel room and truck stop between Maine and California. They got the word out.

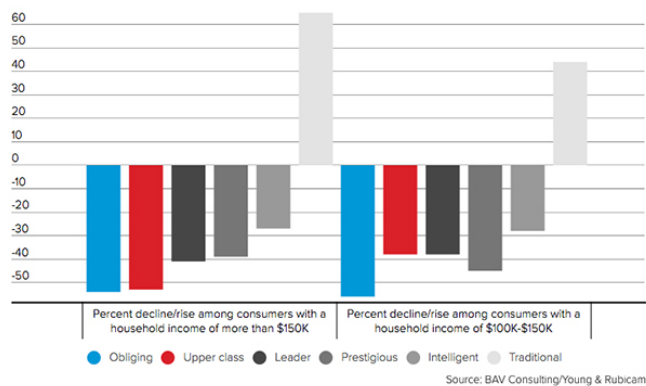
And Trump’s poll numbers are FINALLY beginning to slide.

Pundits have claimed it was the “Mexican” judge issue... but when did racism ever hurt Donald Trump? It was USA Today.

When Trump announced his candidacy he claimed to be worth over 10 billion dollars... while [Forbes magazine](#) put the figure at closer to 4.5 billion. So Trump came back with the claim that the “Trump Brand” alone was worth six billion dollars... [So Donald... what is your “brand” worth NOW?](#)

The Decline of the Trump Brand

High-income consumers are associating the brand less with traits such as “upper class” and “prestigious” than they were before Trump’s candidacy. (The chart below shows percentage change in consumer perception of certain traits between the year the trait was last measured and December 2015.)



Mark Cuban is a pretty smart guy when it comes to money, and he claims to have analyzed the “Trump Empire” and has stated that he believes “The Donald” to have about 175 million dollars in liquid assets. So rich... but not “super rich”.

So it seems that Trump couldn’t pay for his own candidacy even if he wanted to. And I assure you... he doesn’t.

It was ALL lies about the “self funding”... and it was one of the single most effective “myths” perpetrated on his fans.

As Trump is about to attend his first [Wall Street](#) fundraiser.

America’s older white blue-collar voters need to KNOW this.

The Clinton machine needs to pound these messages hard into Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and EVERYWHERE!

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