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IF YOU THINK TRUMP IS SCARY... YOU NEED TO CHECK OUT MICHAEL PENCE...

FOX News has been in a wild flutter this morning about Clinton's pick of Tim Kaine as her running mate. Trying to quickly build a new pre-fab issue for Sanders supporters before the convention this week. Just stirring up trouble!

Add to this the DNC Wikileaks Emails showing that they *did* work against Sanders – and you do have some pretty good cannon fodder for the Bernie supporters this coming week.

Can you imagine the emails they might find at the RNC about stopping Trump in the early days of his campaign?

Yes – it was “fixed” against Sanders to some extent – just as it was against Trump – but Clinton and Trump won the votes.

I suspect that everyone is going to have to quit using email soon if they work in politics or the government. It's a mess.

But since Fox News and other right-wing commentators are spending so much time and Internet space talking about Tim Kaine – I think it only fair that we take a little closer look at some of the “achievements” of Michael Pence.

First of all – Pence is everything that Trump isn't.

Pence considers himself “a Christian first – a conservative second – and a Republican third”. Which sums it all up.

And of course – Donald Trump is none of those things.

Trump's son Donnie Junior said in an interview recently that his father planned to assign the Vice Presidential position the jobs of *both* domestic and foreign policies combined. WTF?

To which he was asked what his father might be *doing* with his time as our 44th President of The United States.

To which Donnie Junior answered simply – “Making America Great Again”. Which I suppose he will do through various talk show appearances and random twitter attacks.

I've always wondered if Trump really wanted this job – but now we find out – that he doesn't plan to actually work at all!

I had thought that the whole show was going to be Trump as President and Pence cutting ribbons on each new section of the Mexican wall (or possibly “round-up pens” for Muslims).

So *now* we find out that Pence will obviously be a very important man to everyone in the United States – the people of the entire world – and possibly the survival of the planet.

SO LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT OUR POSSIBLE “ACTING” PRESIDENT...

(1) [He doesn't believe in Climate Change or Evolution.](#)

(2) He signed a bill as governor requiring doctors who perform abortions to offer the “remains” to the mothers having the abortions and he also required the women to have funerals. Women would also be required to have an ultrasound so that they could hear their “baby's” heartbeat.

The law would also ban abortions based on disabilities and of course Pence and the other Indiana Republicans have not expanded services in any way for those with children who already *have* disabilities. Abortion Sources: [Vox & Salon](#)

(3) Pence had plans to form a state government run news agency called “[Just In](#)” – to control the message coming out of his office – with an actual managing editor and editorial staff – to “break news” before those *real* journalist elites!

Leading to headlines like “Pravda on the Plains” in papers.

Now that Roger Ailes is gone – maybe he could do this for the entire country! And it fits right in with Trump's plan to [re-write the libel laws](#) allowing himself to sue the press.

(4) Indiana women make 75 cents on the dollar (made by men) and rank 41st in the country in equality to men. [Yet Pence has fought all forms of pay equality for women.](#)

(5) There is a lot of misleading information out there about the Indiana economy – including Pence's claim of “the largest income tax cut in the state's history” (when there have only been two) – and about his [creation of jobs](#) .

Indiana's jobless rate was 8% when he took office in January 2013 and it is 5% today – but that drop started long before he became governor after it had maxed out at 11% in 2010 during the Great Recession. The state paralleled America.

(6) And of course Pence is a [TOTAL HOMOPHOB](#)E on LGBT issues. As he believes in “gay conversion therapy” – as well as “praying away the gay” – and blocking every freedom possible. But Mr. Pence *does* actually look like someone that might have a [“wide stance”](#)... I'm just sayin...

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