

Why I Voted for Donald Trump

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On election night, I sat with my iPad watching intently as the numbers rolled in minute by minute. I had tabs up for all the key states, but I was watching Florida very closely. Trump was behind but then started to claw his way back. Still, pundits were saying that Broward County would likely go for Clinton, which would bring her a ton of votes and could give her Florida, and that might give her the presidency. Meanwhile, other key states were looking good for Trump. But when I noticed Wisconsin was in Trump's favor, I started getting chills, thinking my prediction of a big Trump victory might actually happen.

While almost all of the polls and nearly all of the media pretty much said Hillary couldn't lose, I saw something else. I was watching Google Trends every day for a good month, and what I saw was stunning. Searches for Trump were far outpacing searches for Hillary, and the gap remained consistent. This was also true in past elections, where the candidate with the most searches won the election. It was also true for the Brexit vote, which suggested "Leave" was going to win long before the actual vote, and it proved correct. So, when Wisconsin went to Trump, then Ohio, I knew this could be the biggest upset in American political history...and it was. Yes, Hillary won the popular vote because she took most of the big cities, but nearly the rest of the country voted for Trump.

So why was I so happy that Trump won? Why did I vote for him? There are many reasons. First and foremost, I was utterly disgusted, appalled, shocked and angry at all of Hillary's lies, deceit, corruption and, yes, treason (the Iran deal was treason because it aided and abetted our enemy). I was also sickened by all of those comments from people in her circle about different groups of people as well as their ruthless treatment of Bernie Sanders during the primaries. Then there are all the people that have been associated with the Clintons over the years that have died. You can't deny they were associated, you can't deny they are now dead, and you can't deny 30 or 40 or 50 or however many there were is more than just coincidence. I did not want that woman in the White House, nor her filthy, disgusting husband, nor all their sick and demented cronies...period. If she won, the White House would have been embroiled in scandals, lies, corruption, treason and complete disarray for years to come, and I prayed to God she would not make it to the front doors.

Then there is healthcare. Oh my goodness is this a complete disaster! My own insurance premiums have quadrupled over the past four years. QUADRUPLED!!! That is not a joke. I may have to drop insurance altogether for next year. I absolutely refuse to participate in the exchanges, even if it saves me money. That is how opposed I am to Obamacare. I hope Trump can find a way to fix this, otherwise we'll be staring another recession right in the face (we probably will have one in 2017 anyway since this economic expansion is close to the longest in history, so the probability of a recession is going up simply due to time). I did not want another four or eight years of this horrible law.

I also do not agree with her on immigration. She has said that she wants an open hemisphere with no borders. Hey Hillary, we are a separate country from Mexico and Canada for a reason, because we have different values, ideals, thoughts, beliefs, institutions and systems! One thing that just floors me is why, after all of these years of people pouring over the border, Mexico just can't seem to get its act together. They simply cannot seem to find a way to provide a good living for their people, so they come here, legally or illegally. I totally understand why they come here, and I totally understand why they sometimes break our laws to come here. They want a better life for their family. I get it, but I don't condone it. At some point Mexicans need to hold their own government accountable for a better way of

life instead of coming here. I sure hope that someday that will happen, for Mexico and all the other countries that are sources of illegal immigrants. So, until then, to keep out both illegal immigrants and terrorists, I think a wall is a good idea. Why would ANYONE be opposed to a wall that protects our homeland, our people and our jobs? It's because they know if more poor and/or uneducated people come here, they will almost certainly vote for Democrats and that will keep their party in power indefinitely. That is a major reason. But I think another reason might be that they have no problem with criminals, drug dealers and all other kinds of bad apples coming to our country. I have no idea why that would be the case, but it appears a large swath of America doesn't seem to care about our security. Keep in mind, I have nothing against LEGAL immigration and I have nothing against the good people that want to come here, it just needs to be orderly and controlled, for the sake of our own nation's well-being.

Another reason I didn't want Hillary to win is because of her utterly ridiculous statement saying she wants to put coal miners out of business. Now, you tell me, how the hell is that good for our economy and our country? It's not. It's all part of the green agenda to make America weaker by restricting the use of our own resources to power our country. I am a firm climate change denier because I have done enough research to know that there is a lot of money being made in green industries by people who lobby for more regulations and subsidies that would benefit their own businesses. To me, that is absolutely disgusting, especially when it causes higher prices or puts people out of work. The whole Green Movement is a sham invented by the Club of Rome, a club of elite snobs that want to rule the world and control every aspect of our lives, not to mention control and reduce the population. I wish more people would understand this, but they drink the green Kool-Aid and allow themselves and their children to be utterly brainwashed by the socialist/communist education system. The ratio of liberal to conservative schools and professors in this country is huge, and our future leaders are being fed a giant load of crap every single day, and it is quite sad and very disturbing. I look forward to having a president that wants us to be energy independent and use the wealth of resources we have in the interest of American greatness rather than someone who bows to the globalist one-world order.

Speaking of education, Hillary, and all the Democrats, are in bed with the teachers unions. It is really, really sad when liberal politicians would rather keep bad teachers and bad schools in the name of solidifying their support at the ballot box than do what is in the best interest of the children, such as supporting merit-based instead of seniority-based pay and tenure and supporting charter schools, which do an excellent job and provide a wonderful education for kids. New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio's war on charter schools is a total affront to children's education. Instead, they want kids to go to public schools so they can continue brainwashing our kids with liberal hogwash. Trump says he might abolish the Department of Education - which, by the way, is unconstitutional - and hand education back to the states. That would be a very, very good thing for our children. We have one of the highest per-pupil spending rates in the world, yet we are falling further down the educational rankings compared to other countries. This needs to be fixed.

Then, of course, there are Hillary's blunders on foreign policy. She and Obama have made a complete mess of the Middle East. Granted, some of the tension and chaos was organic, but you can't deny that Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and other countries have really gone down the tubes under her watch. Some even say America had a hand in the Arab Spring. I don't know about that. The Benghazi attack, though, was not only preventable, but Hillary lied about the cause right to the faces of the family members of the fallen. That is disgraceful. The fact that she and her minions continued to lie about it weeks after they knew the truth is just one instance of how utterly corrupt this woman and her party are. While Obama has been incredibly weak on ISIS, Trump says he'll go in there and unleash the full

power of the U.S. military to wipe them off the face of the earth. That's the kind of mentality I want to see in our next president. Play to win, and have America's best interests at heart. Oh, and be willing to actually name the enemy instead of cowering to the political correctness noobs.

I have also seen, under Obama, a big shift away from God and morals in our country, and it surely would have continued under Hillary. I do not support, for one second, the idea that two people of the same sex should have the right to marry. Christianity, Judaism and Islam are all very clear that this is a sin, and a huge percentage of Americans do not want this to be allowed in our society. Sure, it really doesn't hurt me if homosexuals get married, but it does hurt a business owner who is sued because they refuse to serve those people due to their religious beliefs. Call it discrimination if you want, but it is simply people following the laws of God, you know, like many other societies on earth have done for thousands and thousands of years. Why does the passage of time make a law any less relevant? I don't get that. Now, it's true that Trump seems to be ok with homosexuality, I'm not sure about that. But I believe the gay movement would have been much more empowered under Clinton than under Trump. I may be wrong about that, but we'll see I guess.

I also don't believe, for a second, that ANYONE has the right to murder their own family member, or anyone else for that matter, especially if they are still in the womb. Women talk about women's rights, but, I have news for you, an embryo, a fetus or a baby is IN your body, it is not PART of your body. I believe those innocent little ones deserve all the rights, especially to life, that people outside the womb have. Period. This is a very touchy subject, I understand, but our society needs to be better than this. We need to stop killing our babies and start making better decisions so the issue doesn't even come up in the first place. You know what I mean. As for rape, there is always adoption. Do I know what it's like to have a baby from an evil rapist in my womb and want it out immediately? No, I do not. However, I do know that with prayer, support groups, family and friends that you can overcome the trauma after you have the baby and give it up for adoption. The practice of killing our babies because we don't want them has simply got to end in this country.

Hillary's support for stronger gun control was another reason I voted for Trump. She has the audacity to say that the Supreme Court is wrong on the second amendment. Oh really? So, who are you, God? YOU make the rules now? You are going to tear up our Constitution now? I don't THINK so!!! Trump is a huge supporter of the second amendment and will preserve the right of Americans to bear arms. Now, let it be known that I do think there should be a short waiting period and a background check to buy a gun, it only makes sense. But it is a slippery slope because if you start saying mentally ill people should not own a gun (which I don't think they should), then the right to buy a gun comes down to the definition of mentally ill. Sadly and sickly, I have read many comments from liberals that say they believe anyone who owns or wants to own a gun is mentally ill!!!! Thus, if they deem you mentally ill, for any reason, legitimate or not, you won't be able to buy a gun. So this is very tricky. We need to find a fine line between protecting gun rights and protecting the public from loons and maniacs. This is not easy, but Hillary would have embarked on a crusade to disarm the American people, and undercover video showed one liberal politician even saying she might have done it by executive order! That is truly frightening!

There is also the issue of law and order. For some outlandish reason, it has now become politically incorrect, or even racist, to say "law and order"!!!! Under Obama, racial tensions between black folks and cops has become much more severe, to the point where now some black folks are fighting back against what they perceive as racial profiling or racist cops and are now killing cops, with the full support of Black Lives Matter and many Democrats. As a human, and a Republican, I can understand why blacks

are shooting cops. They have had enough of what they see as unlawful killings of black people at the hands of law enforcement. I can also understand why they might think the justice system is rigged against them, so they figure the only way to fight back is with violence. I understand, I truly do. But, like with illegal immigration, I don't condone their actions. There are so many factors in crime and law enforcement issues, but let me list just a few. I believe that there would be fewer cops shooting or arresting black people if there were fewer black people committing crimes. Granted, sometimes, and maybe more often than I know, black people are bothered by cops for no reason, but more often than not, cops pull over or arrest folks because they are doing something wrong, white or black. People would commit fewer crimes if there was more equality of opportunity in society, and that starts with better schools and better curriculum. Specifically, people need to stop voting for Democrats who only care about two things in education; teachers unions and climate change. They don't care to educate our children on reading, writing and arithmetic. When those subjects ARE taught, they are taught in the guise of climate change or gender identity. It is sick and disgusting. The breakdown of the family is another very important factor. With nearly 70% of all black kids born out of wedlock these days, what kind of society do we expect? Statistics clearly show that kids who grow up in stable, two-parent households are much more likely to succeed and much less likely to commit crimes or end up in jail. That is a fact. So, instead of protesting and killing cops, what black folks really need to do is start electing Republicans who favor school choice and merit-based teacher pay, and also start looking inward at their own actions and how they conduct themselves in society and raise their children. A lot of what needs changing in terms of crime and social justice needs to come from within the black community itself. I voted for Donald Trump, and Republicans, because their ideas will be better for society in general, and for black people in particular. I really believe that. Give this new administration a chance...you will see.

Finally, there is the whole globalist/socialist/communist/anarchist movement closely tied with Clinton and her followers. I always knew there was an underground movement to turn America into a socialist/communist nation, but for a very long time it remained underground. Now it's out in the open for everyone to see, and it scares the living daylights out of me. Why, on God's green earth, would any sane person want socialism, communism or anarchy??? I just don't get it. I can only assume it's because they have been fed a lie about the wonders of socialism and communism by all those socialist and communist teachers and professors in our education system that I previously mentioned. Have they not learned about the millions and millions of people that died under Mao Zedong, Pol Pot, Lenin, Stalin and so many other horrible and evil socialist and communist leaders throughout history? Have they not learned about how horrible economies and living standards are under these kind of regimes? Have they not learned how little freedom people have under socialism and communism? Have they not learned??? Trump is all about capitalism, strong economic growth, individual freedom, liberty and rising living standards. Hillary and her supporters would rather we fall into complete despair apparently. I look forward to lower taxes, better trade deals, energy independence, stronger job growth, less dependence on government and more spending on the military to keep us all safe. Capitalism has brought this country and its people enormous prosperity, and we need to keep this system in place if we want that prosperity to continue. And this is coming from a guy who lost his job due to the financial crisis that resulted from capitalism going out of control. It is not a perfect system, no doubt, but it certainly is the best.

In addition to wanting to destroy capitalism, many on the left also want to destroy Christianity. This goes right along with the socialist/communist dogma that leans toward atheism. Within this pantheon of lunacy we see homosexuality, transgenderism, worshiping Mother Earth, safe spaces, trigger warnings, micro-aggressions, protests against eating Mexican food, having politically incorrect sports mascots, not standing for the flag or burning the flag, stomping on a picture of Jesus, and on and on and

on. The political correctness on college campuses is so out of control that many won't even allow speakers who have different viewpoints on their campuses for fear that their delicate little ears might hear something they don't like. Under Clinton, all of this progressive/socialist/communist/political correctness crap would have continued. I pray to God it starts to abate under Donald Trump. We need common sense, patriotism and God back in our lives and in our national fabric! As we have turned away from these things, look where it has brought us. How about turning back towards these things that made this country great? That's why Trump said he wanted to make America great again. It was once a great country, but many on the Left have been doing their utmost to tear it down and tear it apart for many years, particularly since Obama became president. We need to go in another direction and restore our country's greatness and the prosperity of all Americans. In order for that to happen, we need to be raising up our children to be strong future leaders who have morals, can think for themselves and can listen to and respect viewpoints that differ from their own. It's time for safe spaces, trigger warnings and micro-aggressions to go! These kids need to GROW UP!!!

I could definitely talk about more reasons I voted for Trump, but I think this is enough for now. I want to end this article with a story.

If there is anyone who should hate black people, it is me. You see, many years ago, when I was in high school, a friend and I went to a college party. We had a lot of fun! After the party, as we were walking back to my car, a couple of teenage black boys came up to us asked us for a ride. We were a bit hesitant, not because they were black (we actually had a lot of black friends), but simply because we didn't know them. Also, where they wanted to go was a bit far away and out of our way. Yet, we decided to give them a ride. But as soon as we said "Sure, hop in!", one of the boys whistled to the REST of his buddies, and they jumped out from behind the bushes. Suddenly we weren't giving a ride to two boys, we were giving a ride to five. That was a little disturbing, because now, should anything funny happen, we were outnumbered. And while we were older, it was clear these boys were in shape.

So they all hopped in and off we went. All was good during the trip, we shared stories, laughed and even sang songs. But then, when we got to their destination, rather than saying thanks for the ride, do you know what they said? They said "Get out! Out of the car!" I was like "Are you kidding me? This is my car, YOU get out!!!" Then came the fisticuffs while we were still in the car. We couldn't just drive away because the boys were still in the car, and we didn't want to get out for fear they would steal the car, which was their intent. We all finally got out of the car and were arguing and shoving and then one of the boys cold-cocked me to the ground. Then several of them started kicking me and telling my friend that if he didn't give them the keys that I was going to die. They were kicking me very hard, but my big, strong, tall military friend, wisely or not, refused to give them the keys. Suddenly, as if saved by an angel, a woman who was watching this all go down from her apartment window yelled down to the boys that she had just called the cops. In a flash, they were gone! We thanked her so much for calling the cops, talked to the cops when they arrived, gave them a report and then left.

If anyone should hate black people, it is me. But I don't. I don't hate black people. I still have some black friends to this day, and I have played music with many black people over the years. I have no problem with black people, at least the good ones, you know, the ones who don't want to steal my car or kill me!!! I also don't hate Latinos/Hispanics. I also don't hate Muslims. I also don't hate gays, but I do disagree with their lifestyle. I pray for them rather than hating or bashing them. I also don't hate women. What I am trying to say is that I, and millions of other Americans, did not vote for Trump because we are racist, sexist, homophobic, Islamophobic, xenophobic bigots. Just because I follow God's laws on homosexuality doesn't mean I am afraid of gay people, hence, I am not homophobic. Just

because I fear another extreme Muslim attacking my country doesn't mean I am afraid of all Muslims, hence, I am not Islamophobic. Just because I don't agree with other people on certain issues doesn't mean I don't talk to them or listen to them, hence, I am not xenophobic. Just because I don't want women to kill their own babies doesn't mean I am sexist or a misogynist. And just because I wish some black people wouldn't commit so much crime (I don't want ANY race committing crime), and want Latinos and other immigrants to follow and respect our laws, doesn't mean I am racist.

I voted for Donald Trump for the reasons listed in this article, and so did millions of other Americans. We are not bad people, we just have different opinions on some things. We don't hate you Hillary supporters, we just wish you would respect our opinions, our rights, and the result of the election and move on with your lives. Protest if you will, but stop destroying property, injuring people, blocking traffic and creating chaos. Make the change you want to see by legal means, not by chaos and anarchy. Make your voice heard at the ballot box next time. And above all, follow Jesus' command to love one another, even those you disagree with, and do unto others as you would want done unto yourselves. Let's work together to make this great country even greater. That is much easier said than done, but it doesn't mean we shouldn't try. Who knows, maybe it can't be done and we are heading for a revolution that will bring the American experiment to an end. I sure hope not, but it sure looks that way at the moment. I will continue to pray for our country.

I have tried my best to keep this article civil and respectful. I hope you will do the same with your comments.