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Abstract: This article is about the 2020 presidential election and the future of America as we know it. The article sets out to present two opposing views of America and where she is headed after the 2020 presidential election. Much of the article is devoted to assessing the policy visions of both the Democratic and Republican Parties. Those two visions are presented as Trump's Nation vs. the opposition dubbed Resistance and # Me Too Movement; Establishment-Centrist-Democrats vs. Progressive-Social Justice Democrats; and Establishment-Never-Trumpers Republican vs. Trump's Republicans. The article also analyzes a few reasons that could make President Trump lose his bid for the reelection. Among those reasons are the impeachment saga and the outbreak of the Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. This section of the article is

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analyzed by my former Professor of Global Economic Development, William D. Hermann, and put in writing by myself as the sole author of the article. In addition, the article also features Stephen Marcus Johnson, an academic advisor at the school of Economics and Business at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington; Ms. Willie Gibson, a retired Property Manager at Citibank, San Francisco, California; and Cordie Davis, a former Educational Consultant at San Jose College, California. Throughout this article, their views on the Democrats' socialist policy agendas such as open borders policy, decriminalization of the illegal immigration, Medicare for all and their opinions on the future of America are presented as accurately as possible. The article concludes with a reflection of the post-2020 presidential election and sheds light on where America is heading irrespective of who the winner of the presidential contest is on November 3, 2020.

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#### 1. Introduction

At the time of this writing, the presidential election is five months away from today. And three and a half years into the Trump Administration, America is as further divided and polarized as ever before. All things social, political, and economic are seen nowadays through the prism of 'us against them'. In short, everything is viewed in binary choices. Two visions of America are competing to shape the future of the country after the presidential election of 2020. Those two visions can be summed up as Democratic Socialism promoted extensively by Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and the other former White House hopefuls against the old American

capitalist system vigorously defended and marketed each and every day by President Trump. As a result, the two contrasting visions are remarkably binary and striking. They are as follows: Capitalism v. Socialism. Economic Nationalism v. Globalism. Open borders v. Secure Borders. Melting Pot America v. Multiculturalism-Identity-Race-Gender Politics America. Though President Trump has vowed during the State of the Union address on February 5, 2019 that "America Will Never Be A Socialist Country", the former 20 plus Democratic contenders to the White House had all espoused and publicly pledged for socialist policies that were clearly against the views of their mainstream supporters and a vast majority of the American people. For that, the 2020 presidential election is presenting itself as the most important presidential election the country has seen in half a century. In fact, it is worth pointing out that most of the Millennials are today seduced by the idea of socialism in America. And according to Pew Research Center for example, the millennials have already surpassed the Generation X members (ages 36 to 51) and approaching the Baby Boomers voting numbers. Besides, it is worth stating that many of them are increasingly left leaning in ideology and generally have socialist outlook on life. With that taken into account, Socialism as a political and economic ideology should therefore naturally be attractive to them. The Democrats and their political consultants know this reality. And this is one of the reasons why they are counting on them to show up in big numbers in the 2020 presidential election and tilt the voting balance in their favor. The prospect of capturing this electoral group is one of the main reasons why all former Democratic contenders, save the former Governor of Colorado, John Hickenlooper, promised free 'goodies' and free everything to anyone who was willing to hear and support them. And as regards to the millennials in particular, the former Democratic candidates promised them free college education and a write-off of the student debt loans which as of today stands at a staggering amount of 1.3 trillion dollars. With that being said, the question then is, why are the millennials seduced by Socialism? To answer that question, multiple theories abound about why they are seduced by Socialism.

For example, Stephen M. Johnson, an Academic Advisor at Seattle University, in Seattle Washington, thinks that education has a lot to do with it. For this view, he asserts that:

It is not the millennials' fault to be seduced by Socialism. The educational system from K-to Senior year in college has been taken over by the cultural Marxists. Sixteen years of indoctrination will make you believe in any ideology or political philosophy. Besides, you have identity and race-based studies that dominate the academia today. And students are taught what to think but not how to think for themselves. So, critical thinking element of traditional liberal arts education is absent and missing in many millennials' academic formations. History is no longer taught as it should be. We only teach history on a surface level. We only teach activism now.

Cordie Davis, a former educational Consultant at San Jose College, in San Jose California from his part believes that:

The millennials are seduced by Socialism because of the 'Ivory Tower Syndrome'. In a nutshell, the youth go to the higher learning institutions and come out drunk of all sorts of ideologies, inter alia, Socialism.

Willie Gibson, a former Property Manager at Citibank, San Francisco, California from her part thinks that the millennials are seduced by Socialism because there is a historical reason for this. For it, she expounds that:

The Millennials are victims of a bad behavior that everyone in America seems to be accepting today. It is nothing but government checks. It is 'Big Government' all the way. They are espousing a welfare mentality that goes way back to the '70s and '80s. We have worked all our lives and earned our retirements. But what I see happening in America today is that this bad behavior of just taking and accepting checks from the government even if that wrecks the economy in a

long run has widely become popular. So, it is not the fault of the millennials to be accepting Socialism. We all are adopting the free for all behavior which can destroy the economy by the time the millennials reach the retirement age, if ever. And this mentality can go from generation to generation. But people at the end will suffer from this kind of mentality.

Notwithstanding why the millennials are seduced by Socialism, America is clearly divided, polarized, paralyzed, and angry at itself today alongside ideological, racial, gender, and identity lines. Simply put, America is now clearly at war with itself. And the culprit of this self-driven civil Cold War one may say is ideology. That is to say, the competition among the old concepts of Americanism, Progressivism, Globalism, Internationalism, and Elite-Driven Cosmopolitanism. With that in mind, regardless of who wins the presidential election on November 3, 2020, and take office on Wednesday January 20, 2021, the two Americas will continue to politically, socially, ideologically, and economically battle and confront each other in a manner that will further divide and fracture the country. And that will without a doubt be so unless the national political leadership and the elites of both political parties come together and push for policies that are conciliatory in tone and bipartisan in nature. A scenario that is highly unlikely now considering the confrontational tones and partisanship attitudes of the two political parties and the intense loathing of the mainstream media against the president since he took office in January 2017.

The objective of this paper is to present the two warring Americas. The paper is organized as follows: The first part sets the context of the political polarization that has been afflicting the nation since the presidential election of the 2000. That section is followed by a background on the presidential election of 2008 and the advent of the former President Barack H. Obama into the White House. And it concludes with the election of Donald J. Trump in 2016. The second part of the paper examines the political divide

between and within the Democratic and Republican Parties. That section also discusses the early troubles of Trump administration and gives the reader an overview of the Mueller investigation, the subsequent Congressional hearings by Mr. Mueller on July 24, 2019, and the impeachment saga and the President's acquittal by the Senate. In that section, the views of Stephen M. Johnson, Willie Gibson, and Cordie Davis regarding the policy orientations and socialist agendas of the Democratic Party and the future of America as they see and understand it are highlighted. The third part of the paper assesses the scenarios that could derail President Trump's bid for his reelection. That analysis is debated and assessed by the distinguished retired Professor of Economics William D. Hermann and put in writing by the author of the article. The fourth part of the paper concludes and introduces a reflection on the future of America post-2020 presidential election.

## 2. Background of the Political Divide and Ideological Polarization of America: How Did We Get Here?

#### 2.1. The 2000 General Presidential Election

It is worth recalling how dramatic, captivating, political, and divisive the 2000 presidential election was. This was so because of the controversy that came about after the decisions issued by the Florida Supreme Court which ruled in favor of the former Vice President Al Gore, and the U.S. Supreme Court which ruled in favor of the then candidate former President George W. Bush 43. The highest Court's ruling by a 5-4 vote split America in two and consequently hardened the warring ideological camps within both the Democratic and Republican Parties. As a result, these two opposing rulings marked and set the political tone that the country has been grappling with in the last twenty years. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision was widely interpreted by most American Democrats as very political and ideological in nature. For the five conservative justices, that is, Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the late Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor, and

Clarence Thomas all voted for candidate George W. Bush. And the four more liberal Justices, on the contrary, that is, John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Brever, and David Souter voted all for the then Vice President Al Gore. As a result of these split decisions alongside ideological lines and legal reasonings, the country became politically and ideologically further divided. And as it was to be expected, the Democratic voters were incensed at the highest Court's decision. They felt that the decision by it was unfair, bias, and detrimental to the overall interests of the country. And therefore, to them, President Bush 43 was an illegitimate President. Unfortunately, this view stayed with him as an albatross round his neck throughout his eight years of Presidency. Establishment Democrats and their centrist supporters gingerly accepted the decision of the Court for national interests and the stability of the Nation even though they always reminded their Republican colleagues and peers that they were being robbed of the Presidency.

Besides, they never shied away from implying that Vice President Al Gore was the true President of the United States. For he won the popular vote by 547,398 than the then candidate Bush who in turn won the Electoral College with 271 votes to 266 for the Vice President. This fact did not matter to the Democrats and their progressive wings even though they knew full well that to win the Presidency in the United States a candidate must hit the magic number of 270 electoral votes. Nevertheless, despite their clear rejection of the President elect, the Democratic Party leaders went along with the *Republican establishmentarians* in order to protect the sanctity of the Supreme Court and the integrity of the governing institutions of the nation. In contrast however, the rank and file Democrats and their progressive wings never accepted former Bush 43 as their President. In fact, one can remember all the jokes and derisions and mockery by the late-night show comedians and many liberal left-leaning media outlets levelled night after night at former

President Bush. In short, they nicknamed him 'Selected President not Elected President'.

In sum, the current polarization of the country and the political divide that have been consuming the nation should be understood as the direct results of the controversy that emerged after the ruling of the Supreme Court of Florida and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in favor of Bush 43 over former Vice President Al Gore in 2000.<sup>2</sup> And as a result of this political wrangling as presented-above, a Junior Senator from Illinois with no prior national political experience erupted onto the national political scene. This Junior successfully beat a seasoned and better-prepared Democratic Party establishment candidate and clinched the nomination of the Party. This defeated seasoned and better-prepared candidate was no other than Hillary Rodman Clinton. The former First Lady of the State of Arkansas and the United States of America, Senator of New York, and later Secretary of State for four years under President Obama, and Presidential nominee in 2016. And the Junior Senator in question was also no other than the future and former President Barack. H. Obama. Fast forward to year 2016. The same situation repeated itself when the then Democratic presumptive nominee Hilary Clinton won the popular vote by a 48.2 percent to 46.1 percent margin for candidate future Trump which translated for some 2.8 million votes. And candidate/President Trump in turn won the Electoral College with a vote of 304 to 227 for Mrs. Clinton. As a result of all that, the Democrats, be they centrists or progressive-social justice warriors, were all and are still incensed at Mrs. Clinton's loss to a candidate that no one expected to win his own Party nomination, let alone the Presidency of the United States. And because of that bitter defeat of Mrs. Clinton, the Democrats and their Hard-Left progressive supporters have been calling for the abolishment of the Electoral College altogether ever

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm I}$  See TRUMP'S WORLD GEO DEUS THEODORE ROOSEVELT MALLOCH FELIPE CUELLO, pp. 280

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For further explanation of what made the 2000 Presidential elections controversial, see the Handy American History Answer Book by David L. Hudson, Jr., JD, p. 262-263.

since. Understandably so, who would blame the Democrats and their loyal supporters when their Party has lost the White House twice in the same circumstances within a span of twenty years?

#### 2.2. The 2008 General Presidential Election

The presidential election of the former President Barack H. Obama was historic, to the say the least. This was because of the personal history and background and meteoric rise in national politics of Mr. Obama himself. Candidate/President Obama was the first Black President of the United States. He was an African American. A Bi-racial American. A first generation American. A generation removed from being full-blood African. An American born to a Kenyan father and 'Mayflower' American mother. A Junior Senator. A Harvard and Columbia Graduate. And a Constitutional Professor and Scholar. In short, Mr. Obama epitomized everything American. That is, the true and real American dream. In return, Americans of all colors and faith and ethnicities and genders overwhelmingly showed their pride in him and sent him to the White House. The White House that the African slaves built. For that, White America or Americans of European extraction to be precise, felt relieved and thought that they had finally paid the so-called historical debt that they owed the descendent of millions of African slaves who were brought to the United States in chains, worked the cotton fields, built the physical infrastructures of the now most powerful country in the history of mankind and on whose backs the modern global economy<sup>1</sup> emerged as we know it today. With that being said, Mr. Obama won the general election against all odds. And as he put it himself during his presidential inauguration in January 2009, "We were the ones we

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See How Slavery Helped Build a World Economy: The slavery system in the United States was a national system that touched the very core of its economic and political life, January 3, 2002, available at <a href="https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/01/how-slavery-helped-build-a-world-economy/">https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/01/how-slavery-helped-build-a-world-economy/</a>.

have been waiting for." And naturally, expectations for him were very high, to say the least.

That is, everyone in America, i.e., the youths and the millennials, and the entire world for that matter, expected miracles from the newly 'anointed' President of the United States or the 'King' of the world as he was seen in many African countries and in some international quarters. In truth, the *Obama Nation* expected him to return the country to social normalcy, political decency, and civil discourse of the pre-2000 elections. Unfortunately, expectations quickly dashed when it became clear by mid-elections of 2010 that President Obama could not make miracles when the Democrats, under his leadership and watch, lost 63 Congressional seats and six seats in the Senate at the same time. Those lopsided defeats by the Democrats were a warning sign to any astute political observer that Mr. Obama was a mere mortal and a politician, after all. Not a Messiah or a King as he was portrayed by the Obama Nation and his international supporters. For that, he himself called those Congressional defeats a "shellacking".<sup>2</sup>

This realization of Obama the 'Human' was a big disappointment to millions of Americans, including the author of this article who fervently campaigned for, promoted and defended Obama the Senator and Obama the Presidential candidate in his then city of residence Oakland, California and Valencia, Spain where he was conducting his doctoral research at the Centre de Documentació Europea, at the Universitat de Valencia. In fact, after 8 years of Obama's Presidency, and with the benefits of hindsight today, one may now say without a shred of doubt that Mr. Obama had socially, politically, racially, and ideologically left America more divided than when he took office in January 2009. For, Americans are at war

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See President President-Elect Barack Obama: He was the one We were waiting for by Alton B. Pollard III Nov. 5, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. available at https://www.usnews.com/opinion/articles/2008/11/05/president-elect-barack-obama-he-was-the-one-we-were-waiting-for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For further illustration, see Right-Wing Troika by BRYCE COVERT in the Nation August 12/19, 2019, PP. 31-33

today with one another than at any time in recent memory. The country has plunged into a cold Civil War with itself. And politics in America of 2019/2020 has become the 'us against them' contention. A reality that the students of global history and foregone past empires see as reminiscent of the dying days of the Roman Empire and other by-gone ancient civilizations. That is, politics in America today is no longer about the Republicans against the Democrats, or the Left against the Right as understood until fairly recently and taught in introductory political science and American government courses. Politics in America today reflects a national identity crisis in full display where all signs of 'Third World Politics' of anger, hatred, and thirst for the opposition's bloods are coveted and in full display.

In other words, America has descended in the gutter. Just as the presidency of Bush 43 was consumed by the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Obama's administration became also consumed about how to manage the cost and fallout of those inherited wars. That is, Americans who initially supported the said-Wars had become disillusioned by them and no longer believed anything coming out of the White House. To add insult to injury, many were shocked to hear Bush 43 come out and publicly say that there were no weapons of mass-destruction in Iraq. The main justification for which the country rallied behind him and supported the war in the first place. In addition, many people were also aghast when they found out that former Secretary of State, General Colin Powell, had knowingly gone to the United Nations and lied to the entire world and the American people about Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass-destruction. Furthermore, the 2007 and 2008 Great Recession that the Obama Administration inherited from the administration of Bush 43 and the subsequent bailout of the Wall Street while millions of American citizens were losing their lifetime savings and properties further exacerbated the political divide and deepened the ideological confrontations of one group of Americans against another. We all remember the famous 99 percent against the 1 percent protests in New York and around the country: The Occupy

Wall Street Protests. And as a result of that bailout for instance, Americans of all political and ideological stripes got incensed and angry at the Rich, Congress, Democrats, Republicans, and politicians of every ideological leaning.

Mr. Obama himself was not spared from criticism though criticism directed at him was muted because of the love and deference that the American people had shown him ever since he came onto the national political scene. In addition, because of the 'Great Recession' as it was called, the country became mired and further fractured along ideological, political, economic and social lines. For, it had pushed millions of Americans to lose trust and confidence in their governmental institutions and begin to doubt the pillars of the American political system and governance itself. In short, it brought back the class warfare of yesteryear on the surface again. For the bailout of the arrogant Wall Street and the so-called 'Too Big to Fail Enterprises' by the middle-class taxpayers did not sit well with most of the American people. This is because the bailout clearly showed that the American capitalism had morphed into what many now call 'Casino Capitalism' or 'Crony Capitalism'. Furthermore, the costly protracted Wars of Iraq and Afghanistan<sup>2</sup>, and the billions of dollars disbursed for the bailout planted the seed for which Americans nowadays openly confront each other politically and ideologically. Hence, the nation has turned against itself. And in sum, what we are living today is the aftermath of the cold Civil War that the advent of the Presidency of Bush 43 unleashed, the Obama Administration exacerbated and managed as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Coming Economic Armageddon: What Bible Prophecy Warns about the New Global Economy by Dr. DAVID JEREMIAH, p. 168.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Including estimates of the year 2019, the War in Afghanistan has cost the US taxpayers \$975 billion. For details, see Afghanistan War Cost, Timeline, and Economic Impact, by Kimberly Amadeo, June 15, 2019, available in <a href="https://www.thebalance.com/cost-of-afghanistan-war-timeline-economic-impact-4122493">https://www.thebalance.com/cost-of-afghanistan-war-timeline-economic-impact-4122493</a>; and Cost of Iraq War, Its Timeline, and the Economic Impact by Kimberly Amadeo, Updated June 25, 2019, available at <a href="https://www.thebalance.com/cost-of-iraq-war-timeline-economic-impact-3306301">https://www.thebalance.com/cost-of-iraq-war-timeline-economic-impact-3306301</a>.

best as it could, and the Trump's presidency is now bringing to the fore for all to see whether intentionally or unintentionally.

#### 2.3. The 2016 General Presidential Election

On November 29, 2016, candidate Donald J. Trump defeated the heavily favored Democratic candidate Hillary Rodman Clinton and became the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. He did so against all odds. Mr. Trump became the first American President with no political background and no experience in military affairs. In truth, his election and victory will no doubt be judged as a watershed in the annals of presidential history of America for years to come. For it will be assessed by future presidential historians at par in historical significance with the Presidency of the man he replaced in the White House in 2016. However, because of his bombastic personality and the way he campaigned for the presidency and the policy agendas he pushed, he instantly became the villain and target of all kinds of unpleasant charges by his political opponents, enemies, the mainstream media, establishment Republicans and the shocked supporters of Mrs. Clinton. And as a result of this open rejection against him, he's repeatedly been accused as racist, misogynist, rapist, homophobic, xenophobic, anti-immigrants, and anti-Muslims.

And as a consequence of all that, an ongoing political Civil War between the shell-shocked supporters of Mrs. Clinton and his buoyant supporters has been raging and consuming the soul of the nation ever since his inauguration as a President. For his victory shocked the political establishment and the mainstream media that had clearly aligned itself with Mrs. Clinton<sup>1</sup> and was already calling her Madam President a few hours before the election results were even announced to the nation and the world. We all saw the meltdown and grief and anger that ensued after Mr. Trump was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Partisanship, Propaganda, and Disinformation: Online Media and the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Published Aug 16, 2017 by Harvard University and available at https://cyber.harvard.edu/publications/2017/08/mediacloud

proclaimed the winner. We all remember how Mr. Van Jones of CNN became emotional and on the brink of crying because Mr. Trump won. He rationalized Mr. Trump's victory as a 'Whitelash.<sup>1</sup> Consequently, the mainstream media establishment developed intense loathing bordering hatred against him. And as a result of that mutual disdain, Mr. Trump began to call them 'fake news' and 'enemy of the people.' The International feelings and reactions about his victory were no different either considering how many foreign leaders were openly scornful and condescending to him during and even after his election's victory. One can only remember what Ms. Merkel, Chancellor of Germany, Mr. Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Holland, former President of France, Jean Claude Juncker, former President of the European Union's Commission and many other world leaders were publicly saying about him in the wake of his victory to the White House.<sup>2</sup>

#### 3. A Nation Divided

### 3.1. The Trump Administration and the Early Troubles

The Trump presidency was already on war footing before Mr. Trump even set foot into the White House.<sup>3</sup> The day after his inauguration, the # Me Too Movement dubbed 'Resistance' took to the street of Washington and many other cities and capitals around the country to voice their opposition and resistance against the new administration. Their marches and protests were a warning shot to the country of what was to come.<sup>4</sup> A few months later into his

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Emotional Van Jones: How do I explain this to my children? Available at https://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2016/11/09/van-jones-emotional-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See What the world thinks: Foreign leaders react to Trump by Tucker Reals March 10, 2016/ 4:59 AM /CBS News available at <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/media/donald-trump-reaction-from-foreign-government-officials-election-2016/">https://www.cbsnews.com/media/donald-trump-reaction-from-foreign-government-officials-election-2016/</a>; and see TRUMP'S WORLD GEO DEUS THEODORE ROOSEVELT MALLOCH FELIPE CUELLO, pp. 271

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See a White House on a War Footing by Peter J. Boyer June 02, 2017, from the archives of the weekly Standard in https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/weekly-standard/a-white-house-on-a-war-footing-2008299.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For further illustration, see 2017 Women's March from Wikipedia the free encyclopedia in https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017\_Women%27s\_March.

presidency, President Trump fired the former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) James Comey. And soon thereafter, subsequent accusations of collusions and obstructions between his campaign team with the Russians led the Congress to appoint Robert Mueller III as a Special Counsel to investigate those claims. There began the Mueller investigation saga and the subsequent impeachment drive and talks that captivated and suffocated the country for three years and with lingering resentment in some quarters as of today. As a result, the Trump presidency was shackled until Mr. Trump was acquitted in his impeachment trials on Feb. 5, 2020. In May 2017, the Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein of the U.S. Department of Justice appointed Robert Mueller III as a Special Counsel to investigate, according to the mandate given to him, "any links and /or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald J. Trump," in addition to "any matters that arose or may arise from the investigation."

In the intervening two years since his appointment, Mr. Mueller and his investigators made 13 requests to foreign governments for evidence and interviewed 500 witnesses, issued some 2,800 subpoenas and some 500 search-and-seizure warrants, obtained more than 230 orders for communication records, indicted 34 individuals and three Russian businesses, and secured guilty pleas from or convictions of Paul Manafort, the one-time Trump campaign chair and General Michael T. Flynn, the former national security advisor of Trump, among many other convictions. In March 2019, Special Counsel Mueller delivered the long-awaited results of his investigation to the Department of Justice a 448- page report in two volumes. A few weeks later, the Attorney General William Barr made public a redacted version of the two volumes of the investigation. The first volume seeks to demonstrate a possible

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Mueller Indictments: Who's Who A list of people guilty and charged in the special counsel's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election in the Wall Street Journal available in https://www.wsj.com/articles/mueller-indictments-whos-who-1531511838.

criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign team and the Russian government (which everyone popularly calls collusion between Mr. Trump, his associates, and the Russian government, or better said President Putin himself).

The report states that the Russian government interfered in the 2016 presidential election in "sweeping and systematic fashion". The second volume sets out to look for evidence of possible obstruction of justice by President Trump as regards to the investigation. That is to say, the second volume tries to explain or examine whether President Trump has violated the law by attempting to obstruct, hamper, or make it difficult and harder for Mr. Mueller to get to the bottom of the truth or get the real truth to the American people. The first volume reaches the following conclusion. It says, "Although the investigation established that the Russian government perceived it would benefit from a Trump presidency and worked to secure that outcome, and the campaign expected it would benefit electorally from information stolen and released through Russian efforts." The report also states that, "the investigation did not establish that members of the Trump campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities "

In plain English, what that means is that the Trump's campaign did not break the law. Or as President Trump gallantly said "No Collusion, No Obstruction, Collusion, Complete and Total EXONERATION!" However, the report also made clear that the Trump campaign team and the President himself and his close associates were aware of the Russian's intent to help him but did not do anything to alert the US authorities, heretofore, understood as the FBI, intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies of the United States. Mr. Muller said, "While the investigation identified numerous links between individuals with ties with the Russian government and individuals associated with the Trump Campaign, the evidence was not sufficient to support criminal charges. Among other things, the evidence was not sufficient to charge any campaign

official as an unregistered agent of the Russian government or other Russian principal." The second volume is what has kept Americans divided to this day and keeps inflaming the political outrage and anguish between the Democrats, especially the pro-impeachment members of the Party, and the President's base and his Republican supporters and vulnerable Democrats representing swing states. This is because the second volume's finding was shrouded into the legalistic doctrine of the Department of Justice's long-standing internal opinion that leaves the charge of obstruction of justice to interpretation. In it, Mr. Mueller said, "He did not have the legal authority to charge the President."

As a result, the report does not say whether the President is guilty of obstruction or not. And since what is expected of the traditional prosecutorial procedure in American jurisprudence is to render a judgment of guilt or petition the Jurisdictional Court to withdraw the case. Unfortunately, not following this legal philosophy radicalized each camp's position. For, a prosecutor in the American legal system does not have the right to 'exonerate' a defendant. He is a prosecutor. He is not a Judge. So, exonerating is out of his or her purview. And therefore, because of this legal complexity and political partisan motives in the whole Muller's investigations, Mr. Trump and his supporters felt vindicated. The President, in the first place, declared that he was exonerated. In the meantime, his opponents and political enemies continued up to this date to believe that he was guilty. And yet Mr. Mueller could not come out and say it because of the Department of Justice (DOJ) internal rules and technicalities. Now, to make matters worse, the Attorney General Bill Barr and his deputy, Rod Rosenstein, who appointed and oversaw the investigation until the appointment of Mr. Barr, interpreted the report of the volume two and told the American people that Trump did not commit an obstruction of justice. He said, "the report does not recommend any further indictments, nor did the special counsel obtain any sealed indictments that have yet to be made public." He went on to say that, "So that is the bottom line, the special counsel confirmed that the Russian government

sponsored efforts to illegally interfere with the 2016 presidential election but did not find that the Trump campaign or other Americans colluded in those schemes." Nonetheless, Mr. Mueller's writings still showed a clear condemnation of ethical behavior of the Trump's campaign team. Because of all that, the House Democrats and Chairman Jerrold Nadler insisted on continuing their investigation in order to nail the President on the grounds of obstruction of justice and open the way for the impeachment procedures. As a result of all that, this legal conundrum led to the insistence of the Democrats, the same Judicial Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler that Mr. Mueller come to the Congress on July 24 and tell the American people in public what he could not have said in his famous report.

### 3.2. The July 24, 2019 Mueller Congressional Hearings

The long-awaited Robert Mueller's Congressional hearings to the Judiciary and Intelligence Committees took place as scheduled on July 24, 2019. The hearings were respectively chaired by Congressmen Jerry Nadler (Judiciary Committee) and Adam Schiff (Intelligence Committee). Both Congressmen were known to have believed in President Trump's colluding (engaged in criminal conspiracy) with the Russians to win the White House. They were both disappointed, to say the least, when the Mueller Report (volume one) did not indict the President or his campaign associates in colluding (conspiring) with the Russians. Hence, the push to have Mr. Mueller appear before the mentioned Committees to tell the American people what he was not able to say in his \$30,000,000 report even though he had said that he would not veer off from what was in the report when he appeared to testify before the Congress. In short, he did not disappoint anyone.

For he stayed true to what he said he was going to do. He stuck to his report. Surprisingly though, what America, and many anti-Trump Democrats and their anti-Trump media enablers such as the *CNN*, *NPR*, and *MSNBC*, and many other anti-Trump local news

outlets discovered, was that Mr. Mueller seemed not to even recall or know what was inside his own report. That's because he brought lots of questions upon himself that he couldn't answer for or provide the 'Aha moment' or 'Talking point' that would have strengthened or boosted the drive of the impeachment elements within the Democratic party and its Congressional Representatives. Though he rejected the "Witch Hunt" accusations that President Trump constantly proffered at him in his tweets and during the White House press conferences before the release of his report and his ensuing Congressional hearings, Mr. Mueller was a sheer disappointment to the Democrats who wanted him to give them the legal cover to unleash their articles of impeachment against the President. In short, he weakened the already weak momentum of the impeachment thirst and drive that many Congressional Democrats (especially progressive-social justice Democrats) had been pushing against Mr. Trump.

As a result, Mr. Mueller left the scrambling speaker of the House and Congressman Jerry Nadler to push the cane down the road by insisting that they would further continue their investigation even though, according to many polls, the American people had already moved on with their lives. Understandably one could humanely excuse the Special Counsel apparent loss of memory and dullness. After all, he was 74 years old when he testified and, on his way, to be 75. He was no longer the sharp Vietnam veteran who took over the FBI after the 9/11 atrocities. And as was to be expected, President Trump came out and celebrated his victory lap over the Democrats. His White House associates, and external Legal Counsel followed suit. For, Mr. Mueller did not deliver the knockout punch that the Democrats and nemesis of the President were expecting in order to push for the impeachment procedures. Impeachment was dead on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

## 3.3. The Impeachment Saga

Just as when the country was sighing a relief after the arduous and months-long Muller investigation against president Trump, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry against him on September 24, 2019. In December of the same year, the House of Representatives voted to impeach the President on two articles. All but two Democrats voted for the article on abuse of power and all but three supported the article on obstruction of Congress. In contrast, no single Republican lawmaker in the Congress voted in favor of either article of impeachment except for the Republican-turned Independent Representative Justice Amash of Michigan. The impeachment saga against President Trump however did not begin with the impeachment inquiry as announced by the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. It began when Donald J. Trump announced his bid for the 2016 presidential election and during his campaign for the White House. That is, many months before that, Democrats and liberal politicians and their progressive followers began in earnest their plot to impeach him right before and after his victory to the White House on November 27, 2016. First, less than 24 hours after he was sworn in to take office, a massive march of protesters was staged against him. Second, some Democratic members of the Congress were already calling for his impeachment before he was even inaugurated. For example, U.S. Representative Maxime Waters, California Democrat said:

I have been calling for and talking about impeachment of this president since his inauguration. I observed him very closely during the campaign. And I thought that he basically defined himself.

And after the House speaker announced the impeachment inquiry, the same Congresswoman said. "I am elated that it appears that day is upon us." In addition, others Democratic House Representatives began to also beat the drums of impeachment right after the president took office. For example, in 2017, U.S. Representative Al Green, Texas Democrat said, "I am concerned that if we don't impeach this president, he will get reelected." And

in 2018, new U.S. Representative Rashida Tlaid, Michigan Democrat, said hours after she was being sworn in that "We're gonna impeach the mother--." The impeachment inquiry and the charges levelled against President Trump stemmed from an anonymous whistleblower complaint alleging that the President had sought a favor during his phone call on July 25, 2019 with the newly-elected president of the Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenski. The whistleblower claimed that President Trump had asked his Ukrainian counterpart to investigate Joe Biden, the former vice President under Barack Obama and leading Democratic candidate for the 2020 presidential race. The whistleblower complaint stated that, "In the course of my official duties, I have received information from multiple U.S. Government officials that the President of the United States is using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U. S. election." This is also in addition to the alleged accusation that Rudy Guiliani, the former New York Mayor and Trump's Attorney and Confidant, had proffered against Joe Biden for having pressured the former Ukrainian President to remove the former chief Ukraine prosecutor Viktor Shokin from the office because he was investigating Burisma, a Ukrainian gas company.

This was so because Hunter Biden, Joe Biden's son was on the board of that company and apparently was making \$100, 000 a month. After the Managers of the Impeachment presented their case to the Senate and the President's Defense Counsel made their case as well, on February 5, 2020, the Senate voted along party lines to acquit the president on both charges. However, as a historical footnote, Senator Mitt Romney, a Utah Republican, voted to convict the President on the charge of abuse of power. Mr. Romney joined with the all Senate Democrats in a 52-48 not guilty vote. However, he voted with his Republican colleagues against the charge of the obstruction of Congress in a party line vote of 53-47. Hence, Senator Romney made history with his guilty vote by becoming the first Senator in US history to vote to remove a sitting President from his own party.

## 4. The Democratic Party Civil War

## 4.1. Centrist-Moderate Democrats versus hard-Left Progressive Social Warrior Democrats

The debacle of the Iraq War and Afghanistan and the rejection of the *Patriot Act*<sup>1</sup> by a vast majority of the American people emboldened the Democratic lawmakers and their supporters to reject and oppose any Republican policy initiatives originating in the Republican lawmakers or the White House itself. This uncollaborative attitude strengthened the progressive wings of the Democratic Party; and thus planted the seed of the internal power struggle that we now witness between the centrist-moderate and pragmatic Democrats à la Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, Amy Klobuchar, et al., and the raucous progressive social justice warriors Democrats in the likes of Senators Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kamala Harris of California, and Democratic House Representatives such as Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Alexandria Octavia Cortez of New York, Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, and Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts, among many others. This ongoing progressivemoderate power struggle within the Democratic Party in recent decades was first openly pushed upon the American people by former President William Jefferson Clinton through his 'Third Way New Democrat Doctrine'. Then, Mr. Obama institutionalized the intra-party ideological infights when he took onto the quintessential establishment candidate Clinton and defeated her for the nomination of the party in 2008. As a result of these intra-party feud (s), the then future President (Obama) set in motion the power struggle between the two intra-party currents that progressive social justice warriors Democrats such as the above-cited Congresswomen are now

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the USA PATRIOT Act: Preserving Life and Liberty (Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism) in https://www.justice.gov/archive/ll/highlights.htm.

exhibiting against the old-school centrist/moderate Democrats in the likes of Mr. Biden, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Pelosi, among many others.

## 5. The Republic Party Civil War

## 5.1. The Never-Trumpers Republicans versus The Trump's Nation

The *Never-Trumpers* are some members of the Republican political establishment and leading conservative intellectuals and media leaning political analysts, pundits, and commentators. Those are Republicans of different degrees of conservatism and political philosophy. For years, they've been the voices that have dominated the intellectual narratives and ideological discourses of the Party since the Presidency of Ronald Reagan. In addition to them, there are also the highly educated and cosmopolitan Republican voters who think that they are intellectually, morally, and ethically superior and more sophisticated than the President himself. To them, in particular, the President is not sophisticated enough. His allocution is not to their liking.

And his Queens accent does not belong to the White House. In short, he is not as educated, savvy, and sophisticated as they think he should be despite being an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania. A member of Ivy League Universities in America. He is too boorish for them. Therefore, he is not far from being the 'Deplorable', and 'Irredeemable' that the then candidate Hillary Clinton cast out during her presidential campaign in 2016. He is also no different from his smelly Walmart shopping supporters that Peter Scztrok referred to in his text to his lover Lisa Page when he visited the Northern Virginia Wal Mart. Or the 15% that the presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden said 'are just not very good people.' In addition, there are also the vocal and leading influential Never-Trumpers who have left their Republican party because of Mr. Trump. Those are the public conservative intellectuals who have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Joe Biden says '10-15%' of Americans' are just not very good people' available in https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jun/05/

either through their writings or conferences declared themselves *Never-Trumpers* for life. The most prominent among them are: 1) Max Boot; 2) David Brooks; 3) Ross Douthat; 4) David French; 5) David Frum; 6) Bill Kristol; 7) Yuval Levin; 8) Jennifer Rubin; 9) Reihan Salam; Peter Wehner; and 10) George Will. And because of who they are and what they have become since Mr. Trump became the occupant of the White House and took over the Republic Party, they never miss an opportunity through their op-eds, TV appearances, CNN invitations, or essays to show their contempt, loathing, disdain or put downs for him. That is, anytime he makes a *faux pas* or an unintentional error as any human being through his barrage of tweets that his detractors or political enemies consider racist, they would automatically jump in and unload their political venom unto him with no mercy.

Surprisingly enough but not surprisingly though, when the same President is called by all kinds of names on the books by his political opponents or enemies and mainstream media for that matter, none of them comes to his defense for the good of the country either. For that matter, we have heard high level Democrats and other people of high social standings call the President Racist, Bigot, Sexist Pig, Nazi, Rapist, Hitler, Criminal, Stupid, White Nationalist, Illegitimate, Reprobate, Predator in the White House, and Criminal who should be sent to jail as the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi² herself was purported to have said recently. And at the same time the same Pelosi was also called racist by Alexandria Octavia Cortes (AOC) out of policy disagreement.³ This irresponsible name-calling by public officials and the public at large nowadays can be explained as direct result of the 'Trump Deranged Syndrome.' Unfortunately, this crazy name calling by the so-called adults in the room or the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Self-preservation Society-Reactionary nationalism is a challenge to liberalism, it is even more threatening to conservatism in the Economist, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, p.18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Pelosi tells Dems she wants to see Trump 'in prison', by Heather Caygle 06/05/2019, available in https://www.politico.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Democrats Smear Democrats: Once reserved for Republicans, the race card is now being played against Biden and Pelosi, by William McGurn, July 15, 2019, available in https://www.wsj.com/articles/democrats-smear-democrats-.

'woke' crowd is the reason why the hardened Left has cheapened what true racism is. And consequently, it has done a tremendous disservice to the true victims of racism in America. In fact, none of those Never-Trumpers or High Moral Priest Conservative Republicans ever mounted their courage to publicly condemn the President's political opponents for the sake of civil and public discourse that they so dearly claim to be defending. Sheer hypocrisy, indeed. This hypocrisy or the lack of political courage to stand up for the truth and challenge President Trump's opponents and the President himself when he errs for the good of the country is rooted in the intense loathing and hatred that the 'Never-Trumpers have been harboring against him from day one of his Presidency. Conservative ideology aside, most of the 'Never Trumpers' are all part of the 'Deep State' as the President calls them. As a simple illustration, 'Deep State' simply refers to the unelected entrenched bureaucracy and knowledge expert technocrats in Washington, D.C. and other seats of local, state, and federal governments. Those are people, men and women, who feel they know better than the elected President himself. Regardless of their party and political affiliations, 'Deep State' members are bound by their political, social, class, intellectual, economic privileges and ideology. They are part of one tribe and will do anything to protect their fellow tribe members and privileges regardless of who is in the White House. They may be Democrats, Republicans, Independent, Wall Street Moguls, Hollywood Directors and Actors, Highly influential Entertainers, Military Brass Officers, Ivy-League and other top-notch University academics, Intelligence Officers, etc.

## 6. Open Borders v. Border Security

## 6.1. Immigration

Immigration has become one of the most important and divisive issues today in American politics. President Trump ran on it promising to build a wall and keep the Mexicans and anyone else that he would deem not desirable to cross the borders of the United

States whether legally or illegally. And as we may recall, this was his signature issue during the campaign trail in 2016. Some even say that this is the single issue that carried him to the White House. And one can say to this date that it has remained so whenever he wants to fire up his base and remind those who have voted for him that he has not abandoned the issue. However, the Democrats in contrast, have a different view of the immigration debates and policies altogether; albeit legal or illegal one. As a matter of fact, since the day of the inauguration of Trump's presidency, the Democrats and pro-immigration Think Tanks and advocates, have been going to Courts to legally challenge and tie up any immigration policy, executive orders, or initiatives that the administration puts forth. And as such, the Democratic Party via its 2020 former presidential contenders including the now presumptive nominee Joe Biden were openly pushing for open borders policy whether for capturing future class of voters or providing cheap labor to their High Tech. companies and big business backers.

No one knows for sure why the top Democratic Party brass push for the decriminalization of illegal immigration. A policy position that outrightly decriminalizes illegal immigration which has quadrupled since the adoption of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1993 (NAFTA). In principle, this is a 190 degree turn for a country that prides itself as a nation of law and order and a Party that used to fight for the low-income and blue-collar working Americans whose interests have been directly threatened and impacted by the undocumented immigrants. As a matter of fact, Americans are proud to say this to anyone who wants to hear that the US is a nation of rule of law. So, to come out now and say that crossing the borders of the country illegally should not be considered illegal is revolutionary if not outright irresponsible. That is to say, by openly incentivizing people to come to the country

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See My Theory on the Trump's Phenomenon. Why Donald Trump? And Why Now? 2) The Trade Deal, pp. 596-597 in Journal of Alternative Perspectives in the Social Sciences (2016) Volume 7 No 4,593-611

while breaking its laws, what message then is being sent to the American citizens who have already lost faith in their public institutions, elites, and millions of future immigrants who want to move to the country legally? Furthermore, it is worth noting that no one is advocating the denial of the due process of any undocumented immigrant. Undocumented immigrants shall have all their human and civil rights protected and guaranteed due process as any person living or physically residing in the United States as the Constitution warrants it. However, to publicly and openly encourage the breaking of the laws for the sake of political expediency is a bridge too far to cross.

In fact, what messages are the Democrats sending to legal immigrants who have stood in line for years to do the right thing and abode by the laws in order to either become Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) or American citizens themselves? The Democrats should be mindful of this disconnect that they've been advocating from what the Law is telling millions of people around the globe on how to legally migrate to the United States. They should therefore know that they are running the risk of being responsible for further fracturing America for generations to come. Naturally, these 'Open Borders' policies would create great concerns for millions of Americans whose voices on the subject are rarely heard. For that, the article features the opinions of Cordie Davis, Willie Gibson, and Stephen Johnson who are all African Americans and lifetime Democrats and whose views on the 'Open Borders' debates help shed light on what many Americans such as themselves think of the issues but rarely express them publicly for fear of being castigated by relatives, friends, co-workers, and loved-ones. For example, Cordie Davis, a former educational consultant says:

As immigration policy changes, as it was changed under former President Obama, what the Democrats are now advocating will negatively impact the country for years to come. Why? Because the

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm I}$  See NOTHING TO LOSE, EVERYTHING TO GAIN Being Black and Conservative in America by KATHY BARNETTE, pp. 218

radical change in immigration policy in recent years is the reason why America is experiencing a population explosion. psychological and mindset of the Nation already reflect the demise of the social cohesiveness that once glued the different communities that have stitched America as we know it. Discrepancy between the political party's agendas, i.e., the Democratic Party and what average Americans think but are unable to articulate is already being reflected in the changed feelings that many Americans carry with them in a country that they no longer feel belongs to them. They feel as though foreigners feel more at home in America than native born. This view is also patently reflected in how the millennials (not all of course but a sizeable number of them) see and perceive old generation Americans as foreigners in their own country. This attitude of treating old Americans like him as outsiders in their homeland is the reason why millions of them voted for President Trump in 2016. And I am now more convinced that millions more will vote for the President again in 2020. For, the President is seen and perceived by so many of us who feel out of place in our own country as the only man who is defending the original value of America that we've known all our lives. Not the America that the cosmopolitan-globalist elites and the social justice Democrats want to impose upon us.

Mr. Davis concerns are echoed by Ms. Willie Gibson. A former Property Manager at Citibank, San Francisco, California. Ms. Gibson notes that:

Decriminalizing the crossing of the border is a big mistake. I agree with Trump that we are opening the doors to the criminals. It is running amok at this point. There needs to be some control. And the solution to the problem of immigration is to come to the country legally. 'Open Borders' policy places huge pressure on the economy.

Stephen M. Johnson, an Academic Advisor at Seattle University, in Seattle Washington, concurs with this point when he says:

The 'Open Borders 'issue is the number one pressing issue in America that has impacts on everybody regardless of their party affiliations, ethnic, or race backgrounds. The immigration issue is exacerbating all the other pressing issues that the nation is facing today because they are not being properly dealt with. When you have a growing population and the disenfranchised population is growing at the same time, you then, have a big problem. For instance, the native-born disenfranchised population is not informed about educational opportunities that many legal or illegal immigrants tap into and take advantage of. In addition, the low-skills jobs that the America's poor and disenfranchised minority used to have access to, are no longer available to them because the illegal immigrants that the Democrats are protecting are taking those jobs away from the native-born Americans. So, if the Democrats are advocating the 'open borders policy' on the humanitarian grounds, why aren't they advocating the same policies for the low-income disenfranchised Americans? The more the immigration debate takes center stage, the more it exposes the hypocrisy of the arguments of the Democrats. That is, average "Joe Schmo" American sees that no one cares for him. But he can clearly see that the hard-Left Democrats are so desperate for the votes that they do not care about the future of the country. And because of their myopic politics, they are awakening so many native-born disenfranchised Americans, especially, Black American who are very unhappy with where they are taking the country.

## 7. Abortion Rights

#### 7.1. Southern States vs Settled Law

Abortion is another hot button policy issue that divides the country and will further polarize the political discourse during the

presidential election of the 2020. The Roe v. Wade decided on January 22, 1973 makes abortion legal in the United States. However, social and cultural conservatives and anti-abortion Republicans and Reagan Democrats have been challenging that law for decades. And now, as of 2019, the states of Alabama, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana<sup>1</sup> and Kentucky have all passed legislations to either end or practically abolish abortion altogether in their territories.<sup>2</sup> As a result of these initiatives, this divisive and emotional issue will without a doubt pit the pro-choice America against the pro-life America when the presidential campaign gets under way. On the one side, former Democratic candidates in their totality positioned themselves as pro-choice. On the other side, President Trump from his part has now become the champion of the Social Conservative causes and a voice against abortion even though records show that he himself has been a prochoice all his life. And because of his pro-life stance now, abortion has become one of the causes that galvanizes his base and gives him unconditional support from the religious right. And for this, thanks to the Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell and other Social Conservative Republican Senators and Congressmen and women, he has delivered on his promises by filling the bench with Conservative judges.

#### 8. Health Insurance

## 8.1. Medicare for All and Private Insurance

Another policy proposal that the Democratic contenders and hopeful to the White House pushed during the two rounds of their first two debates was to provide a free medical care to the undocumented immigrants. This policy proposal understood as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Supreme Court Struck Down A Louisiana Abortion Law. Here's Where the Fight Could Head Next available at https://fivethirtyeight.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For a good illustration of the current debate and what some call the post-Roe v. Wade World, see C Plan Millions of women area already living in the post-Roe world. Abortion rights activists are preparing for whatever's next by Nina Liss-Schultz; Where Roe Doesn't Reach by Becca Andrews; and When Your Rapist Demands Custody by Michaela Haas in Mother Jones October 2019, pp. 20-33.

'Socialism' by its detractors is widely rejected by a vast majority of Americans. In fact, according to many polled Americans, Medicare for undocumented immigrants is a non-starter. On this policy issue, Ms. Gibson, as mentioned earlier says:

I have worked half-a century as a US citizen. I've paid my own medical from my own pocket. My former employer offers only 30% of my medical coverage. I now pay out of my own pocket my medical and my dental. So, if the Democrats are willing to give Medicare for all as they are proposing, I'll pay for that as a taxpayer. I am for helping people but do it the right way. As an example, you come in and say Ms. Gibson, I am hungry, the first time, I feed you. Then, I am going to show you how to fish so you can feed yourself. So, let us do this the right way.

Stephen M. Johnson, as cited earlier opined on the issue and says:

Providing Medicare for illegal immigrants is a scam, sinister ploy and tactics by the Democrats and their hard-Left Progressives. This is to encourage people to come to this country. If all you hear is that we are going to give free Medicare to all the disenfranchised of the world knowing that it is not feasible. What do you expect people to do? They will come in millions. And if you know that it is not economically feasible, but you broadcast it anyway. What do you call that? A sinister ploy and scam.

And Cordie Davis, mentioned earlier chimed in and says:

Basically, Medicare for all undocumented immigrants is a discriminatory policy. Why? Because it involves the exclusion of people who built the social infrastructure of America that now free-riders are trying to benefit from it. They are not just trying to benefit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See the Democrats' Gamble on Health Care for the Undocumented by Ronald Brownstein July 11, 2019, in the atlantic.com/politics/archives/2019/07/2020-Democrats-undocumented-health-care/593761/.

from it, they will reap the benefits of it all once what the Democrats are advocating become a law of the land. Sad, indeed.

#### 9. Coronavirus Covid-19 Outbreak

At the time of the closing of this article, a coronavirus pandemic denominated Covid-19 has brought the whole world to a standstill. The virus originated sometimes between September and December 2019 in China. Early indications say that the virus was transmitted to human from animals somewhere around a wet animal market in the city of Wuhan in the province of Hubei in China during the celebration of the end of the year 2019. This hypothesis is yet to be scientifically confirmed. Other theories claim that the virus was somehow a work of the Chinese originating in their leading scientific laboratory, the Institute of Virology, located in the city of Wuhan. In short, multiple theories abound on the origins of the virus. And because of that, the United States and the world community have accused China of not having been forthcoming at the initial stage of the outbreak of the virus. <sup>1</sup> On December 31·2019,

China came forward and informed the World Health Organization (WHO) about the danger to public international health from the virus. Sometime on January 31, 2020, the Trump administration instituted a ban from China to six US airports. A week later, the administration extended the ban to Canada and then later Mexico. Initially, the European Union (EU) members were unhappy about the Trump administration travel ban. However, a few weeks afterward, Europe, Africa, Middle-East and the rest of the world followed suit and closed their own borders. As a result of this silent killer disease, the whole world economy came to a halt and 9, 131, 445 people around the world are contaminated by the virus and over 472, 856 human lives have been lost as of today. In the US alone, the numbers of the contaminated or Covid-19 tested positive

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm l}$  See Avoiding a Virus-Induced Cold War with China 17 April 2020 Chatham House in https://www.chathamhouse.org/

patients are over 2, 313, 445 and more than 120,451 have died. Today, the entire global scientific community and their respective governments and medical and pharmaceutical companies have been working around the clock to come up with some medications against the spread of the virus and hopefully develop a vaccine against it. In the meantime, measures or guidelines from the federal government and every state in the Union have been implemented to order people to stay at home and respect a distance of 6 feet from one another when in public. This is in addition to the recommendation of frequently washing hands and avoiding touching one's face.

These measures have been instituted across the country to help mitigate the spread of the virus while the scientific and medical community is working to come up with a vaccine or temporary medications/therapeutics treatments and cures against the virus. On the economic front, the virus has so far devastated the world economy and economists are predicting a world recession parallel to the economic consequences of World War II. The lockdown of the country and the shutdown of the economy have disrupted everything and caused major layoffs in a span of 3 months since the first cases of the virus were detected and the deaths that ensued. The unemployment rate as it stands today at the time of writing is of 13.0% when in February the unemployment rate was of 3.8%. Hence, no one can tell with precision what the economic, social, psychological, and political consequences of the Covid-19 will be in America and the world at large? The IMF, World Bank, United Nations and Goldman Sachs to name just a few financial and international economic and political organizations, are predicting economic recession and depression of the world economy unseen since the end of World War II. So, how will this silent killer unforeseen event derail President Trump's reelection is anyone's imagination. Even though the Covid-19 economic fallout has already taken a toll on his popularity and his reelection prospects

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unemployment rose higher in three months of COVID-19 than it did in two years of the Great Recession BY RAKESH KOCHHAR, June 20, 2020

according to recent presidential polls, only November 3, 2020 will be the ultimate judge and decider on his short-political career.

## 10. What Will Make President Trump Lose His Bid for The Reelection?

10.1. The Economy, Prosperity Killer Policy, Gigantic Scandal, Wars, Or Unforeseeable Events on The National Security?

At the time of writing, America is already in full presidential campaign if one pays attention to what is being said by the political pundits, commentators, political experts, mainstream anti-Trump media, vocal and silent Republican *Never-Trumpers*, Democratic presumptive nominee Joe Biden, President Trump in his daily tweets, *Trump Nation*, and his supporting media giants such as *Sean Hannity*, *Rush Limbaugh*, *Michael Savage*, *Mark Levin*, and many others. By all accounts, Mr. Trump has thus far been true to his words and kept most of the campaign promises he made to his base and supporters. Though he has not built '*That Wall*', he nonetheless has exceeded expectations when one considers what he promised his supporters and religious and cultural conservatives who rallied behind him and got him to the White House.

The list of many promises he made and so far fulfilled is very impressive, indeed. The following are selected signature policies that he has to this date enacted even though they are widely questioned and rejected by the Democrats and some Free-Traders, Cosmopolitan, Deep State Members, and Internationalist Republicans. 1) He put two conservative judges to the Supreme Court (Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh); 2) he has filled the federal benches with 200 conservative judges at the time of this writing; 3) he has implemented more than 150 deregulation cuts; 4) he has pulled the US out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP); 5) he has

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Lincoln Project We Are Republicans, And We Want Trump Defeated the President and his enablers have replaced conservatism with an empty faith led by a bogus prophet. Available in https://lincolnproject.us/news/the-urgency-of-defeating-trump-falls-to-all-of-us/

pulled the US out of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnerships (TTIP); 6) he has pulled the US out of the Iran nuclear deal: 7) he has pulled the US from the Paris Climate Accord; 8) he has forced Canada and Mexico to renegotiate NAFTA and renamed it USMCA; 7) he has forced the European allies to pay their shares of NATO; 9) he has moved the US Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv; 10) he has grown the economy more than what many economists expected and predicted until the advent of the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic; 11) he has been able to bring North Korea to the table and avoid the Nuclear Armageddon that everyone was convinced it was going to happen under his watch; 12) he defeated ISIS with the help of the Russians and got its ideological leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi killed; 13) he has taken on China and unleashed a trade war that no one fully knows the consequences; and 14) he has enacted a myriad of immigration reforms that will fundamentally alter the US immigration policies of the United States for years unless a Democrat takes the White House in 2021 and rolls back those said-policies.<sup>1</sup>

The above-mentioned list of Mr. Trump's accomplishments is not exhaustive. That is, there are many more policies enacted by his administration that are not included in this article. Now, to his detractors, everything he has enacted as listed above is a disaster for the country and the world. So, with all that being understood, what could have made Mr. Trump lose his reelection bid if the economy had remained strong and steady, absent the economic fallout of Covid-19? For that matter, according to polled Americans, Mr. Trump has been a good steward of the economy until the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic. With that being said, one can think of three reasons or unpredictable events that could derail his quest for the reelection. 1) if the economy remains flat, and Mr. Trump is unable to revive it before October, his chances of the reelection could seriously diminish. 2) if a scandal of gigantic proportion as an October surprise occurs and he is unable to weather it as he did on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See TRUMP'S WORLD GEO DEUS pp. 232 by THEODORE ROOSEVELT MALLOCH FELIPE CUELLO

so many occasions in 2016, his chances of the reelection could also evaporate. And 3) if Mr. Trump, for whatever reason, commits the country in an undesirable and unnecessary war, even a short one instigated by a treacherous intelligence community and neo-liberal warmongers, let us say with Iran, Venezuela, for instance, such a scenario will also diminish his chances of the reelection and considerably erode his supports from many Independent Voters.

Therefore, absent those events as cited-above, Mr. Trump's chances of reelection are higher than what the mainstream media and political pundits purport them to be. Even though it is true that his approval rating has never on average passed 46% since he took office, his approval ratings among the Republicans however are consistently polled at 91% and his overall job approval has hovered at 53%. So, if the economy is any indication of success, he has a good shot at being reelected. This is because American voters in general vote 'Economy.' In addition, another thing that has become clear in today's United States political landscape is the unreliability of the polls. This is because a considerable number of Americans nowadays no longer openly express their political views or preferences for any figure in public life. And understandably they wouldn't do it for such a polarizing and divisive person for fear of being labeled Racists, White Supremacists, and anti-Immigrants, anti-Black and anti-Brown. Therefore, with that being expounded, only the election day on November 3, 2020 will tell us whether President Trump is reelected or not.

#### 11. Conclusions

There are two scenarios that can happen after the presidential election of 2020. First, let us begin with the Democrats. If Joe Biden wins the elections, the Democrats will feel their resistance tactics and hard-fought battles against a four-year term President has been worthwhile. They will attempt to reshape the country on their Far-Left policy vision which will deepen the ideological and political divide. They will act on a mandate which will transform the country.

In addition, the progressive wings of the Party will also feel emboldened. In turn, they will dictate and make their socialist leaning policies the agendas of the Party.

On the other hand, the centrist or moderate Democrats will want to return America to the status quo and values of John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton and Barack H. Obama. In short, they will want to govern the nation from the Center Left. And as a consequence of this political and ideological dichotomy, these contrasting governing visions and views of the future will further fracture it and make it almost impossible for the Biden administration to efficiently govern in a bi-partisan fashion. In contrast, if Mr. Trump wins the reelection, his Republican supporters and base primarily will feel vindicated as well. They will take their victory lap and boast that Mr. Trump has won his reelection fair and square against the mainstream media onslaught, the Deep State, the Mueller investigation, the impeachment saga, the stand-off against China, the Covid-19 economic fallout and social nightmares and the four-year harassment of the Democrats and their political 'Which Hunt'.

Furthermore, his supporters and base will feel that they now have all the rights to push for their social, political, and economic policy reform agendas; which among many will be: 1) A gradual dismantle of the Roe v. Wade (abortion) in states where Republicans control the state legislatures and governments; 2) A tightening up of the Immigration Policy that has been broken and lax for quarter century; 3) A stop to the social transformation and fast changing demographic landscape of the United States; 4) a roll back of the 'pro-browning' policies of America by the Democratic Party; and 5) a frontal attack against and turning China into a rival, strategic competitor, and no longer a partner as it has been the case since the end of the Cold War in 1991. In sum, the two competing visons about the future of America as we know it will play out in the open and bring to the fore the national identity crisis of America of 2016. 2017, 2018, 2019 and post-2020 presidential elections for all to see. And the biggest loser will be the American democracy. For, both

sides will contest the legitimacy of the winning side and consequently trust in the governing institutions will erode further.

## 12. Reflections on the Future of America After the 2020 Elections

What is at stake today is the battle of the soul of America itself. That is, the struggle is about who will ultimately prevail to ideologically shape and transform America of post-2020 presidential election. So, the question being, will it be the good oldfashioned capitalist America or the new breed of social justice Democrats' vision of the Democratic Socialist America? For the Trump Nation, a return to the old familiar ways expounded by 'America First, Make America Great Again' slogan and movement will be the solution for the woes and political crises and paralysis that have been afflicting the nation. This view as presented by the Conservative Republicans depicts the Democrats' vision of America as undermining the fundamental values of the country itself. Those Conservative Republicans are what we here 'Traditionalists/Nationalists Americans'. That is to say, those are Americans who adhere to the traditional family values, openly show love for their country, publicly wave their flag, and unabashedly display patriotism, embrace the 4th of July Independence Day celebration and exude the good old-fashioned American protestant work ethics and 'hot dog' America whenever they can. On the contrary, from the Democratic Party's vision, with the Squad as the leading voices of the radical changes at this point, they paint those Conservative Republicans and Trump's Republicans in particular, as bad people, racist, bigots, Nazi, anti-minorities-anti-immigrants, and White Supremacists.

For that, they feel that they have got to challenge them at any cost and expose their racist evil minds and behaviors. And on top of all that, they also see Trump's America as an America of 'White Privilege; White Supremacy; Anti-Muslims; Anti-Immigrants; and Anti-Black and Brown'. They think of that America as America full

of deficiencies and shortcomings and stained by its original sins.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, it needs a total political transformation and social make up. In short, Those elucidated reasons are the basis upon which the Democrats and their social justice warriors in particular are quick to blame and throw accusations against the Trump supporters as un-American.<sup>2</sup> Not surprisingly, the new America that the Democrats are envisioning, coupled with the array of policy reforms that they are pushing and advocating in the New Green Deal<sup>3</sup>, especially by the 'Squad' or AOC+3<sup>4</sup>, are diametrically opposed to the vision of the America that the *Trump Nation* and many other moderate Democrats are familiar and comfortable with and willing and ready to die for. And for further illustration on that point, Ms. Gibson, as cited earlier sees the future of America in bleak and unpromising way. She says:

I see right now down spiral at the rate we're going. What is scaring me the most as a senior citizen is that the political climate doesn't recognize us. I am going to be fearful when President Trump is out of office (Post-Trump America). Our country is going back to the dark ages in rhetoric, mentality, and thinking. Everything seems to be about the open borders nowadays. So, what about the Chinese, the Samoans, the Blacks, the Native Americans. No one is saying anything about these races. It's all about the illegals from the Central America, Mexico, and other countries of Latin America and the whole world. They are not the only race that exists on the planet.

Stephen Johnson as mentioned earlier also comments on how he perceives the future of America. He says:

<sup>2</sup> See the Socialist Party Reborn-Until Recently, Democrats fled the Label, but now the embrace it by Kevin D. Williamson in National Review, July 8, 2019, p.14, available at www. national review. com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See *New York Times*'s 1619 Project as discussed in NOTHING TO LOSE, EVERYTHING TO GAIN-Being Black and Conservative in America by Kathy Barnette, pp. 97; and Deconstructing the 1619 Project by Brion McClanahan-Chronicles A Magazine of American Culture February 2020, pp. 9-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See the Green New Deal in the United States: What it is and how to pay for it by Ray Galvin and Noel Healy available in https://www.researchgate.net/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Squad or AOC+3 refers to Alexandria Octavia Cortes, Ilhan Omar, Rachida Tlaib, and Ayanna Pressley.

I see the future of America from two angles. On the one hand, if I focus on what I see and hear form the CNN commentaries of Don Lemon and Chris Cuomo and Rachel Maddow Shows at MSNBC. you will think it is the end of the world. For the hard-Left Progressive Democrats and their media enablers consumed in rage and holding deep personal hatred against the President make feel he is the monster. He is Hitler. All the apocalyptic events, the WWIII, the massive deportation of all the immigrants legal or illegal have not happened. Everything they said against the President turned out to be false. So, I no longer believe what they say. On the other hand, I am optimistic because I see that so many people are waking up to the lies of the mainstream media about their agendas. I see how many people on You Tube check out of the mainstream media. I see how the Democrats and their media allies push their ideology. So, I think that there will be a backlash against the Democrats and their hard-Left wings and their media accomplices when the President is reelected. And I believe he will be reelected because of what he has done thus far despite all the legal obstacles and challenges that the Democrats have been throwing at him. Also, because I see how many independent and Black folks are warming up to him and turning their backs on the Democrats. One example of that comes to my mind. 'BLEXIT.' I want you all to check that out.

## Mr. Davis, as covered earlier from his part also says:

If something is not done about the relaxation of the immigration policy as it is now, the down spiral in the social fabric of the country will further disintegrate. Which will result into the balkanization of America and the demise of the country as we know it.

In closing, the 2020 presidential election will be the 'Waterloo' of America as we know it. That is to say, America can go either way. On the one hand, we can see a resurgence of '*Nationalist America*' which will fervently go back and embrace the old-flag and exhibit nationalistic pride in the country. And President Trump will add more conservative Judges on the bench and transform the social,

cultural, political, economic, and legal landscapes of the country for generations to come. On the other hand, we can also see an America that will turn socialist and pit traditionalist Americans against Socialist '*Open Borders*' advocates. And this will be an America post-2020 presidential election that millions of American citizens and the world at large will not recognize. For that, only the future will tell which one of the new Americas will emerge victorious on November 3, 2020.