

Judge President Trump by His Actions, Not His Past Deeds

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In the lead-up to the presidential election, one of the most heated topics of debate has been the personal history of the candidates.

From past scandals to controversial statements, voters often found themselves weighing a candidate's past deeds against their potential to lead the nation.

We, as a society and nation, have to focus more on the candidate's actions in office than on their past mistakes, affiliations, or decisions.

In the recent US presidential election, Donald Trump has emerged as a clear winner with a majority in Congress and Senate.

This time, no one, least of all the President-elect, has any doubts about the validity of the result. He is currently choosing his team of advisors for the different Government departments.

No man or woman has been so vilified in their lifetime as Donald Trump. He has been hung, drawn, and quartered before any verdict has been pronounced by any court against the myriad of cases filed against him.

The media has pronounced him guilty, not a jury.

Everyone has made merry of his controversial statements simply because he tends to shoot his mouth and, in the process, his foot as well.

Comedians have had and probably will continue to have, a field day mimicking him. I still remember his press conference in 2020 when he increased the tariffs on Chinese goods. This was at the height of the Covid pandemic. When asked why China, he replied — 'China is bad. It is a bad country with bad people doing bad things.'

AND YET!

And yet, I say, he is the right man for the job at hand. With illegal immigration, rising violent crime, inflation, and threatening wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, he has his hands full from Day One.

1. The Role of a President is About Leadership, Not Perfection

No one is perfect, and this is especially true for anyone who has spent a lifetime in public service or the public eye. Trump does not have any history in politics. He has never been involved in public service. Yet, he rose from political obscurity to become the President in 2016.

He has done it again now in 2024 and has created history. The last President who was elected for a second non-consecutive term never had to face such a barrage of unfriendly media attention. He never had to face such hatred from a good section of the public that was fed untruths about what he would do if he became President.

Well, Trump has become the President, whether they like it or not.

It is important to remember that Trump was the President from 2016 to 2020. He spent four years in office learning how to govern the world's largest economy. He was still learning when he was shunted out of office.

Trump has an astute mind and knows very well which side his bread is buttered. You don't become a billionaire if you are not street-smart.

He is known for saying one thing and doing another. He plays to the gallery. If more than half the States want abortions to continue, he will not interfere in their decision.

He is not a fool. On the contrary, he has a very sharp and focused mind and knows exactly which way the wind is blowing. This fear-mongering by the media must stop.

Give the man some time to act and do not crucify him before he has even assumed office.

You wait and see.

Stop the Middle East and Ukraine conflicts:

He will be able to resolve the Middle East and Ukraine conflicts without resorting to nuclear warfare. He will secure the release of the hostages.

He is firmly opposed to the United States meddling in conflicts that are in far-off countries.

He will bring back home the US forces and stop supplying arms to mercenaries.

He will most probably, dissociate the USA from NATO and reduce funding to the UN agencies. This in itself will bring peace to most parts of the world.

Raising tariffs on imported Chinese goods:

Raising tariffs on imported goods from China will create a tit-for-tat response from China. Trump knows this. He is also aware that most goods including electronic goods, are manufactured in China and that he cannot risk a full-blown tariff war with China. It will be a guarded rise which will elicit a tit-for-tat response from China.

It will also encourage American manufacturers to produce goods either within the USA or another Asian or Southeast Asian country and not depend solely on China.

Preventing illegal immigration:



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Preventing illegal immigration is not wrong. It is absurd to say that the USA should accommodate the whole of South America within its borders. Why should America pay for the misdeeds of the Latin American governments?

With no means to feed or clothe themselves, these immigrants will form easy prey for drug cartels and violent crime syndicates as a means of support.

The entire national security, legal, and judicial system of the country would collapse along with the economy. The USA will become another banana Republic.

If Trump says he will do something about it pronto, he will.

The presidency is not a position that requires a flawless past, but rather the ability to lead, govern, and make tough decisions in the present and future.

History is replete with examples of presidents who were initially controversial or had complicated pasts, yet ultimately shaped the course of the nation in profound ways.

Which politician does not have a few, if not many, skeletons in his cupboard? Was Bill Clinton not involved in a sexual escapade and barely escaped impeachment?

Many senior Government officials have been caught with their pants down and facing legal charges of sexual harassment or even rape.

This phenomenon is not limited to the USA, it is worldwide.

If Trump used Government funds to pay off Stormy Daniels, then what was the DOJ doing for the past four years that Trump was not in office? Why has no verdict been passed to date?

Now that he has regained the presidency, it will be next to impossible to pass judgment, let alone penalize him for his actions.

Why blame Trump for the deaths due to Covid during the pandemic?

Even today, we do not know whether COVID-19 is a self-limiting disease or whether the vaccines produced have had any effect in reducing mortality.

Trump was right to hold on. Why rush and subject the entire population to risk with unproven drugs that may cause more harm than good?

Trump was also aware that there was a tremendous conflict of interest among his health advisors, particularly those in the CDC.

A similar number of deaths occurred in Europe, India, and other nations. Deaths were more due to unnecessary and unproven medications and forced incarceration in ICUs that were already heavily infected with the virus.

Had the patients been allowed to stay at home under the care of their families, many of these deaths may have been prevented.

2. A President's Actions Reflect Their Capacity for Governance

Policy decisions are what define a President's legacy. Whether it's how they handle the economy, national security, healthcare, or climate change, these are the markers by which future generations will assess their presidency.

What matters most is whether they rise to the challenges of the presidency and whether they make a positive difference for the American people.

3. People Can Evolve and Change Over Time

Another reason to judge the President by his actions and not his past is that people can evolve. **Political figures are often shaped by their environments, circumstances, and experiences.**

What may have been a controversial or misguided decision at one point in their career might no longer reflect the individual they are today. As I said earlier, Trump is still learning how to navigate the troubled waters both within and outside the country.

4. Focusing on the Future, Not the Past

In an era of deep political polarization, the tendency to focus on a president's past — often with a lens of judgment and condemnation — can cloud our judgment about their capacity to lead.

We must resist the urge to judge a leader solely by his history and instead focus on his ability to make decisions, build coalitions, and foster progress in real time.

Conclusion

While it's natural to look at the President's past, the real measure of his ability to govern lies in his actions once he assumes office. What matters most is not who he was but who he has become now as a leader.

Leadership is about making tough choices, rising above personal flaws, and serving the people with integrity and vision.

As citizens, we should judge the President by his actions — by his decisions, leadership, and commitment to the country — because it is these things that will ultimately shape the future of the United States.

I have no reason to doubt that Trump will resolve the nation's long-pending issues and Make America Great Again.