**An American Living In Norway Explains Why He Voted For Trump**



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**President Trump: :An American Perspective from Living in Norway,***by Anonymous*

**Background – Moving and Living in Norway.**

According to Hillary, I am a “deplorable.”[[1]](#footnote-1) I would like to share my story how this came about and what this election meant to me.

My background: I am a forty-something American male; the son of Punjabi immigrants. I was born in the Twin Cities and raised Liberal. Growing up in Minnesota, we believed that the Nordic model was superior to the American one.  My parents voted for Hubert Humphrey and Walter Mondale. However, they grew fond of Reagan. Although I liked “the Gipper,” my inner Democrat persuaded me to cast my first vote in 1988 for Michael Dukakis. Back then, I was an idealistic high school senior. (Subsequently, I voted: 1992-Clinton, 1996-Clinton, 2000-Gore, 2004-Bush, 2008-Obama, 2012-Gary Johnson and 2016-Trump.)

I studied liberal arts for one year in Los Angeles, received a bachelor degree in engineering from a state university, located in the Great Plains, and did an MBA at a school in Chicago after serving five years as a military officer.  I faithfully paid my taxes and abide by all the laws.

At age 42 (almost four years ago), seeking a fair and balanced life, I moved to Norway from the Northeastern United States. My job at a leading Wall Street firm was enjoyable but so demanding that my health started to deteriorate. Mostly, the Norwegian experience has been good, allowing me to restore my health. However, during my time here, I moved from political moderate to an avid Trump supporter.

People ask me all the time: your educated, well-travelled, open minded - what happened? I tell people a candidate needs to have more than a vagina and powerful husband to become President of the United States of America. These qualifications may work in banana republics and former Soviet states but not in America. A person must have merit, on their own standing, charisma and love of country to get my vote.

**Trump’s Beating the Odds**



Putting Trump's achievement into perspective, he overcame:

* Billionaires like Gates, Soros, Murdoch, and Buffet,
* The Bush and Clinton Dynasties,
* Corporations,
* Silicon Valley,
* worldwide mainstream media,
* European, Canadian and Mexican condemnation,
* [Criticism from Norwegian Politicians](http://www.politico.eu/article/donald-trumps-talk-makes-world-more-unstable-norways-pm-us-2016/),
* Hollywood celebrities, especially the influential Lady Gaga,
* Saturday Night Live comedians and Trevor Noah,
* CNN, MSNBC, The New York Times and Fox News,
* 19 Republicans!
* The Bush dynasty (yes Jeb, you can insult your way into the White House if what you say is true),
* [The Democrats who outspent him 2-1](http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-11-09/trump-redefined-us-politics-after-hillary-spent-nearly-twice-much-vote-nothing),
* A bad haircut,
* Attacks against his family,
* His past.

Putting the above in perspective, this is truly an American underdog story, beating all the odds, critics and even his demons from within. There has not been a story this great since

* Vince Papale walked on the Philadelphia Eagles or
* when Buster Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson.

Despite the all the negative attention, the American people prevailed. The White House just became more interesting than “Keeping up with the Kardashians” and Hollywood is angry. Americans proved themselves to be truly great, seeing past the superficial and forgivable to the greater issues at hand: effects of unabated globalization and what our Government’s priorities should be.

The Trump victory reinforced that the system works and the power in America is with the people, no matter where they live. Elites and self-righteous, residing in concentrated population centers, could not impose their will on the rest of us. We need to get a grip and realize that we as individuals are indeed powerful. We should follow our own instincts instead of that from billionaires & celebrities. Remember, parents still are great advisors even if they don’t Tweet or post on Facebook.

**Social Democracy Reality Check**

***Living in Scandinavia has been like stepping into a time machine, peering into the future.*** We can see what happens when the American Progressive values are allowed to take hold and run unopposed for two generations.

* Safe spaces morphed into nap rooms at the office.
* Participation awards evolved into [Jenteloven](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_of_Jante) where everyone strives to be mediocre.
* Lazy is cool and ambition, equating to greed, is sacrilege.
* Political correctness is the new religion and indirect communication rules.
* Creating confusion and condoning irresponsible behavior is the norm.

In the USSR people were not paid well but allowed to steal based on rank. If you worked in the match factory as a laborer, you were “allowed to steal” a few books of matches every week, trading with your friends who worked at the vodka or cigarette factory. If you were middle management, you could steal cases of matches and resell them on the black market. Executives were allowed to steal directly from the cash accounts, affording themselves lavish accommodation and a car. Hence, communism was anything but equal.

In social democratic countries, instead of stealing from the assembly line, they steal time. Despite having the world’s greatest “Obama Care,” access to sports, healthiest food, cleanest air and water, and shortest working hours per year of any nation, we see a lot of illness. An entry level employee can call in sick 2-3 days at a time unnoticed. Illnesses on Fridays and sunny days are not uncommon.

As you move up, however, and burn through your sick days, you can get even more time off for depression and stress. For example, one middle manager I heard about, oversaw a site move, transporting items from the old office to the new one over a four-week period. He worked some long hours, more than 12 hours per day, but received additional pay and comp time. Nevertheless, after the move, the doctor diagnosed him with depression and he got six months off. The “prescribed therapy,” unbeknownst to the doctor and, was a home renovation. Others, tenured in professional jobs, have no problem getting three months for feeling “stressed or pressured.”

Executives can take even more time off. There is one, considered a legend, that claimed to have cancer. He received two years off with full pay and bonuses. However, when you browsed his social media, he looked like “[The Most Interesting Man in the World](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Most_Interesting_Man_in_the_World),” skydiving in Red Bull squirrel suits, racing exotic cars, and freestyle skiing.  Protected by a veil of political correctness, rank, and a lack of pride, no one questions these antics.

Two generations of progressive aspirations, known here as social democracy, turned people from curious and ingenious to complacent and fearful of change. Socialism distorts people’s view of profits and productivity. To them scamming when no one is looking is fair and working hard and saving money is selfish and greedy.

Another example: I know a guy who observed that his company spent too much time managing their servers. He studied the situation, collecting facts and data, and proposed a more cost effective “cloud” solution. He stated that hosting your own infrastructure is like making your own electricity: ludicrous. The saved time, from doing low value added work like changing out hard drives, could have been used to optimize performance and automate routines. Instead of implementing the change, they relocated the guy to another part of the company where he effectively stares out of the window. He eventually quit and joined a leading cloud company. He was a threat to the status quo. They wanted to keep feeding and caring for horses and wagons instead of getting a car and expanding the business. The increased business would have not only been more financially rewarding but also created more jobs.

Therefore, most American college graduates, wanting to change the world, will be seen as a threat by the very people they admire. After arriving on the job, they are often shut down, given menial tasks and ignored. After some time, they retreat to the American ghettos throughout the region (ironically located in the upscale areas), seeking their own kind and realizing that they have something unique, only gotten from the American experience.

***Delusions about American Racism and Discrimination***: An American resume and job application does not require a photograph or birthdate. However, in Norway, your CV must have both. [In the Nordics, it is about how you look, your age and your name](http://www.thelocal.se/20160316/discrimination-stopping-foreigners-getting-jobs-says-minister). “There is no corruption in Norway, but there are networks.” If you are not in the group, dating back to high school and college, you will have a difficult time getting a good job. The foreigners only get jobs where there is a dire need like in IT and medicine. Although the pay is good, promotional opportunities are limited. America by far has the fairest and indifferent hiring and advancement practices, focusing solely on merits and contribution.



*Questions that appear on European job applications but considered illegal in America.*

**The social democratic system is nothing to look up to:**This is now especially true with the dim oil outlook. [Most of the programs are funded by tax revenue collected from oil jobs and the subsequent consumption](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-01-14/norway-government-rules-out-extra-stimulus-as-oil-rout-persists).  The government turned people from Vikings, fighting and competing for survival, to those living off lottery winnings: out of touch with the realities of life and doomed to failure in a generation.

The Democrats, and especially Obama’s, America-loathing views, are toxic. We have nothing to apologize for. Our overt pride is part of our national character and what makes us great. It is a beacon to those aspiring to realize their full potential. Progressives have been turning pride in workmanship and achievement into something that is politically incorrect. I recall how great it felt to be an American with Reagan in office, giving purpose to our lives.

Young Americans will find the socialist paradises to become hell in the next 20 years as their funding dries up and the [immigrant troubles fully surface](http://www.wnd.com/2016/03/sweden-buckling-under-muslim-immigration/).  Life is about struggle and overcoming adversity. Your struggles and victories against them are yours. Overcoming hardship builds your character and confidence from the core, giving you the sense that “you can do it.” Young Americans should seek and crave such experiences.

As an American living abroad, you will feel a strong inner confidence and a sense of purpose, ingrained by our culture no matter where or how you grew up. Nordic HR managers complain if you work too much, stating that Americans work culture is different from the Norwegian one and must be reined in, mandating laziness. My foreign colleagues and I sneak around to work overtime, getting the job done. Otherwise, our clients will choose another vendor. Oftentimes, the foreign skilled-workers carry the motherload so that the locals can continue to enjoy their benefits. There is a lot of opportunity for those with American will, determination and work ethic. Remember where it came from 240 years ago. [2016-240 = 1776]

**Hollywood Celebrities Leaving America, Riots & Bored Billionaires**


*Hillary supporter and role model for women?*

***Most Hollywood celebrities***, generally, are the most narcissistic, decadent and out of touch people in our society, living a life completely different from the rest of us. They live in homes larger than many apartment complexes, gated with security on all corners. Try to get close to them, and you could get arrested. Many charge for appearances, speeches, and autographs.  I fail to understand why people follow them for political advice. Very few are educated in economics, history, sociology or engineering. (Trump has a degree from UPenn-Wharton, an Ivy League school). The greatest celebrities in my life were my friends, neighbors and family members after a little wine and beer on Thanksgiving and Christmas, telling jokes and stories.

If they want to leave America, we should help them make it happen. [The exit tax is around 28% of capital gains on their worldwide assets over $627,000](http://www.renunciationguide.com/expatriation-and-tax-details-of-current-law/exit-tax-on-renunciants/), realized or not. Our government could certainly use the revenue, and we could turn their homes into affordable multi-family dwellings, allowing those left out from globalization to access good school districts for their kids. However, it seems that [they are backing down](http://blogs.spectator.co.uk/2016/11/us-election-fallout-celebrity-edition/), realizing they could not be what they are anywhere else but in America.

At the end of the day, most celebrities only care about their “brand” and pocket book. Right now, many are getting in the spotlight to grab publicity that they normally would have to pay for, pretending to be interested in our problems. The main reason that they don’t like Donald Trump is that he is competition. The reality show in the White House, real and relevant to our everyday lives, will be far more interesting than watching them work through their pompous dilemmas.

***Protests and Riots***: I personally find the protests against Trump as gratifying as his victory. Democracy is about debate and differing points of view. Love your country and hate your government is how we remained a healthy nation, able to evolve and lead over the years. People are getting outside and talking to each other about things that matter instead of sitting indoors watching the lives of others or playing video games.  However, where were the anti-Hillary after she unfairly pushed out Bernie Sanders. Why is no one protesting mass media for getting it so wrong and being so arrogant? They are supposed to report facts (FACT – fast, accurate, concise and true), letting us decide what to do, instead of trying to manipulate us.

***Projects for bored billionaires***: Instead of trying to manipulate the American masses, they should devote their time and energy to the following:

* [Making desserts into green areas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TNKkBrm7qs).
* [Stemming Rapid Overpopulation in the Indian subcontinent](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/globalhealth-july-dec11-population_10-19/). This is the elephant in the living room. Although the economy is progressing, they are choking on their success. India has more people than North and South America and Europe combined and adding Australia’s population every year. This would be a good project for George Soros, Bill Gates and other bored billionaires to undertake.
* [Literacy in the Islamic World will lead to reforms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJkFQohIKNI), allowing them to better tolerate differences and advocate for human rights.

**Making America Great Again In 100 Days**

I have a mixed reaction to [Trump’s 100-day plan](http://www.npr.org/2016/11/09/501451368/here-is-what-donald-trump-wants-to-do-in-his-first-100-days). I can see that he cares about America and the people, but the execution is going to be tricky with the Congress and the states:

**1. Getting the money out of politics and imposing term limits should be Trump’s number one priority and vendetta.**Nothing can be more important than amending The Constitution to limit terms. This single act alone will define his presidency and help America more than any other action. During Obama’s lame duck period, he should focus all his energy on getting public support for this, unifying the country against traditional Washington corruption. We need to get corporate and foreign money out of Washington before we devolve into a banana republic run by oligarchs and dynasties.

Most Liberals, in their souls, agree that career politicians and lobbyists are bad for the average Joe. None will argue that limiting terms will be in the best interest of the general public, offering them more choice. Furthermore, it will inspire those, without a brand, to come forward and give Washington a try.

**2. The Border Wall:**I really hope that we are not going to pour concrete for hundreds of miles but instead use a technological approach to solving the problem.  Drones, optics, robots and advanced surveillance equipment running above and below ground will be much cheaper and more effective per mile than concrete. Not only will the smart approach solve our security issues but also push technology and innovation in the security arena.

History has shown that walls and physical fortresses can be overcome.  The North Koreans have [tunnels wide enough to drive trucks and move hundreds of thousands of troops](http://www.businessinsider.com/war-north-and-south-korea-underground-2013-3?r=US&IR=T&IR=T) under the DMZ. [The Great Wall of China eventually failed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Great_Wall_of_China) to stop the enemies as they adapted to the stationary wall.

**3. Immigration and Islam:**There is a fundamental difference in societal values between Judeo-Christians and Islam that clash. No one can deny that. I have traveled the world extensively, including the Middle East. Even the most moderate Muslims are unwilling to fully accept Western egalitarian values, allowing people to make their own choices and express themselves however they wish. Europe has seen back alley Sharia courts pop up and we hear about honor killings. Even worse, the authorities are conflicted on how to handle law violations due to political correctness considerations. Trump could not be more right. We need to know who is coming into our country and what their intentions are.

However, we must be careful so that those intending harm do not game the system. A militant can go to Sweden, get citizenship after five years and then go to America as a tourist, unchallenged. Even worse, there are radical Muslims born in Sweden, hiding out in the Stockholm suburbs, able to travel to America unchallenged under the visa-free regime.

This is a difficult decision. We must face this reality sooner rather than later when they elect themselves a Sharia government, limiting basic rights. I would encourage those who disagree with me to visit the Middle East and ask about Non-Muslim men marrying Muslim girls and what the consequences are. This is not hating; this is a reality that we must deal with. Until Islamic leadership [calls for reforms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AkAGc5nOXw),  like those proposed by [Harvard Professor Ayaan Hirsi Ali](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/17/ayaan-hirsi-ali-qanda-west-muslims-only-as-victims), we must protect our way of life.

**4. Making Americans Hot Again”**



Obamacare is a mess not only due to mismanagement but that it only considers 25% of the problem. I am no doctor, but from personal experience, I found that most of my ailments originated from what I ate. If you are eating wrong, no matter how much exercise you do and what supplements you take, the bad food will negate the results. Hence, why [Americans on average are the fattest and most obese people on earth](http://www.businessinsider.com/the-10-fattest-countries-in-the-world-2014-11?r=US&IR=T&IR=T).

Since moving to Norway, I gave up processed foods, sugar, white flour, salt and white rice. Within a few months, my blood sugar and cholesterol levels normalized, and I lost twenty pounds. Today I feel and look great. Social democracy, taxing junk, and fast food extensively, gets a point here. Therefore, the administration should look into the food industry and better regulations. Trump food should be natural, grown close to home and free of GMOs and additives. We need to become the country with the best-looking people and not the butt of fat jokes.

**5. Anti-Trust and Breaking up Monopolies:**We simply have too much corporatism. Companies have grown large not only from making a better product for less but also from getting generous state and federal contracts and concessions, giving them unusual power. Competition breeds innovation. The Trump administration should look into breaking up monopolistic and overreaching companies, stagnating from years of complacency and blocking out the sun for new companies in the same sector. More companies, mean more opportunities.

I especially liked that Trump proposed to bring back Glass-Steagall, breaking up the banks into more manageable units so if one collapses it doesn’t take down the whole economy. When Wall Street put up fierce resistance, I knew that he hit a home run on fixing what is wrong.

**6. Skilled Immigration:**Trump never stated that he was against immigration, only the illegal kind. However, the H1-B or skilled visa is a gray area that requires investigation. America needs skilled workers. In many cases, the shortages are so acute that only immigrants are available to fill critical roles. A foreign person receives a skilled worker visa, comes to America and takes the job, realizing the American dream. His consumption stimulates other parts of the economy. Win-win-win. (the immigrant, company and American all benefit).

Nevertheless, [the program is ripe with abuse and fraud](http://www.ndtv.com/indians-abroad/2-indian-american-brothers-jailed-for-7-years-for-h1b-visa-fraud-1415664). H1-B’s are paid much less and bound to a particular employer. They often live in dorm-style accommodations, saving everything they can due to feelings of uncertainty. If the skilled immigrant does a good job, his employer can sponsor him for a “green card” or permanent visa, putting him on the path to citizenship.  However, this hope often creates a carrot and stick situations where the employer often tells the immigrant that if he does a little more, works that weekend or holiday (unpaid overtime of course), he will sponsor him. The exploitation can go on for years.

While studying in Chicago, I had a Japanese roommate going through this routine for years before finally getting sponsored. He voted for Trump. Moreover, employers often just skip hiring Americans altogether, opting for the more compliant H1-Bs, claiming they could not find a qualified American. The standards to verify that enough Americans were interviewed before looking abroad is very low and almost a rubber stamp.  This system is actually stifling innovation. Scared employees, doing the managers bidding, are often afraid to speak out and offer new approaches to a given problem. Instead of thinking of how to build the next best thing, they are pre-occupied with survival.

As a middle-class guy, I agree with Trump's tariffs to protect American workers. Taxes and rules should be enacted, making it more costly to employ H1-Bs over US residents and citizens. This way the employer is more inclined to look at the US and offer training to those with similar but not exact skills before hiring someone from abroad. If they do take a skilled immigrant, that person is going to be really good: a gain for America and a loss for their home country, giving us an advantage.

The skilled immigrant should get more rights, like being able to change jobs after six months instead of years, so they feel at ease working in America. The physiological easing will allow them to contribute more. Moreover, this will force employers to treat their workers better and become more innovative (shortages bring about innovation).

**7. Education:** The Federal Government, during this administration should transition education back to the states. Different states emphasize different subjects but cover all. This diversity in education throughout the country makes for innovative teams, diverse but connected by a common language and culture.  However, the Federal government should be in charge of administrating a very difficult US Constitution test, required for those graduating high school and taking US Citizenship. Learning about America is essential to integration, preserving our national identity and giving a sense of purpose.

When my Mother took citizenship in 1976, she went to courses and studied for six months before passing the exam and swearing her oath of allegiance to the United States of America. I remember she talked about Thomas Jefferson so much that everyone in my first-grade class thought he was my uncle. She wrote pages of notes about Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S Grant and even Zachary Taylor. I learned that Jimmy Carter was from Georgia and served as a Naval Officer. It was fun for the family to learn about America, ingraining it into my DNA at the same time.

The immigrants who came over prior to the 1980s, like my parents, are the ones who uphold the values even stronger than those born in America because they have seen the other side.  Now citizenship it is a joke. It is a mere formality.  You get a book with 100 facts and the immigration officer, asks a few questions. I heard stories that they keep asking until you get 3-4 right answers. This does the newcomer a huge disservice, making them unaware of their rights and our culture of self-determination. Alex Jones made an interesting point that they end up seeking authority, which they don’t question, just like in their home countries. Being American means being defiant at times, upholding principles over immediate demands.

I hope that President Trump makes naturalized US Citizenship one of the most difficult things in the world to obtain. Part of being American is being determined and having will power. It is not much to ask people to devote time to learning about the place where they will live in exchange for opportunities and access to vast and diverse lands.

**Donbass or Detroit?**

**1. Russia:**Having good relations with Russia reduces our risk of Nuclear War. Both Russia and America share a common interest: containing China and the Middle East. American policy, since Nixon, gave China much military technology for next to nothing and now we must defend against it.  It would be great to work with Russia to decisively eradicate ISIS.  Nevertheless, we must be vigilant as the Russians also have their own agenda. Trump and Putin not only share common interests in beautiful women and decadent living but also in power.

This relationship is going be like Ali and Frazier; rivals with mutual respect, cooperating when both are seeing their interests served.  As long as the US can keep oil and resource prices low and invite their best and brightest to the US, offering them “green cards,” we will have no problem dealing with them.

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Source: United States Census Bureau*

**2. NATO:**Europe has 500 million people vs. Russia having 140 million people. Their GDP is 10x as large, and they have vast industrial resources and know how. Russia is in economic turmoil and months away from running out of cash. They have one old aircraft carrier and a rundown military.  Therefore, NATO should be changed to YOYO (You’re On Your Own), and Europe should fend for itself with respect to defense.

**3. Meanwhile in Norway:**

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*Erna Solberg, Norwegian PM, playing Pokémon at work*](https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2016/oct/05/norway-prime-minister-caught-playing-pokemon-go-parliament-erna-solberg)*.*

Despite paying some of the highest taxes in the world, thinking that would keep our politicians busy, they are in fact quite bored and unoccupied. This is what happens when you give your allies a backstop on defense. I hope that President Trumps gives them something to do.

**4. Reflections from Ukraine:** During the past decade, I worked on behalf of two companies, doing business in Ukraine. It is a vast and wondrous country, leading in agriculture, biotech, IT, and aerospace. The An-226 Mriya, the world’s largest airplane, was made in Ukraine! Some of the best software and system engineers in the world, which I interacted with, are from there. They are proud, ingenious and insightful, offering holistic solutions.

Nevertheless, the country is also incredibly corrupt and often pathetic. All of the people capable of changing anything either leave for another country, face threats from bandits or just lay low, avoiding trouble. The joke on the street is that the “New Police” (young ones trained by the Americans and given Toyota Prius police cars by the Japanese) take bribes in Euro, Yen, Dollars and accept credit cards whereas the old ones only accept local currency.  I was quite disheartened when John Kerry went over to Kyiv, handing them a billion dollars. The rumor is that the money went to buy Bentleys and mansions for oligarchs ([much of the aid money is getting stolen](http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2014/03/wolf-richter-aid-ukraine-will-stolen-former-ukrainian-minister-economy.html)). This is quite evident with the [reluctance that Ukrainian government officials](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-ukraine-crisis-corruption-idUSKCN12O1Y7) had with registering their assets in a European compliant system, allowing them to get visa-free travel to the Schengen area.

Europe and America gave them false hope that they would help. Instead, they were hung out to dry and their currency crashed. The country has been in a crisis state since 2014.  When I spoke to Ukrainians university students about my Trump vote, just after the election, I told them that I want to see Washington DC fix American problems over foreign ones. Instead of getting a logical and rational reply, they told me that I was brainwashed by the all-powerful Putin. They told me that Russian media made up pictures of [Camden NJ, Detroit MI and St. Louis MO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nGYkEBDjX8).

The Ukrainians inherited a Soviet-style propaganda machine, which they adapted to fit Europe and George Soros’s agenda. English language still is not widespread and therefore most in Ukraine are not getting the correct facts. They believe that it is America’s job to deal with Russia. There is no mention that Europe has a combined 500 million people and $20 trillion economy compared to Russia’s 144 million people and $2 trillion annual GDP.

Hence, there is very little will to fix their own problems.  The mantra “God helps those who help themselves” applies here.  Only Ukrainians can solve their problems. If they are not solving their own problems, then they really don’t want to. The right policy would be to lift restrictions on the manufacture of heavy weapons and set them free.

**5. America First:**we need to prioritize our [12 most dangerous cities](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nGYkEBDjX8) over foreign soap operas. [We are hurting](https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/latest-crime-statistics-released). American people are paying taxes to help their own people, which in turn will help our own economy.  When Trump said, “America First,” I already cast my vote.



**Trump Needs Our Help**

[George Soros’s influence is immense and unrelenting](http://www.politico.com/story/2016/11/democrats-soros-trump-231313). However, this election proved he could be beaten, even with his vast resources and money.

* We need to do boring stuff, writing and visiting our congressional and local representatives, telling them that we mean business with “America First.”
* We should assemble on a regular basis, like the Liberals did after the election, in front of congressional offices making clear that we want to “drain the swamp” and put our country ahead of all others. Most conservatives have jobs, kids and family matters to tend to but now we need some sacrifice.
* We need to engage in our own lives instead of watching reality TV.  We should stop giving celebrities so much importance. Perhaps it's natural. I’m sure there were celebrity cavemen 200,000 years ago, but then there were no social or mass media, limiting their reach to people that they personally interacted with.
* We need to remember that being American is defined by merit, spirit, and hard work.
* There will be many instances where we must vocally object to President Trump, who may be forced to pander to Wall Street or special interests. President Trump is not Jesus Christ. Far from it. He is just someone different and hopefully not the same like Obama turned out to be. The government is literally for the people and by the people. It requires public involvement.
* Protect the US Constitution and [Electoral College](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6s7jB6-GoU). We cannot have the two wolves and a chicken, deciding what’s for dinner, type of democracy. The Electoral College not only ensures that the people vote but also the diverse cultures throughout the land are heard as well!

**Four Years From Now**

It has never felt so good to be an American since Reagan. An influential and celebrated bad guy decided to take up a cause,” America First.”  Perhaps he is looking to define a legacy. At 70, he will be the oldest person to be inaugurated as President of the United States of America. Most people retire at this age.  His private jet is more luxurious than Air Force One and moving to the White House will be a step down from his current living standard.  Why would anyone with so much go through so much trouble at this stage in life? I believe that he wants to give something back.

During his speeches, he discussed how much he learned about America, traveling to the rural and remote parts. He got in touch with the hidden majority, frustrated with globalism, American apologists, and political correctness.  He means well, but he has a temper mixed with a sense of humor that gets him into trouble time to time. If we look beyond that, we can see someone with good intentions, compassion but with a stance, [evidenced by his 60 Minutes interview](http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-11-13/donald-trumps-first-interview-winning-election-key-highlights-and-full-transcript). That is leadership! Having a point of view and sticking with it. Moreover, his five children, all turned out great, further affirming his ability to handle complicated tasks.

Hopefully, beyond making “America First,” his legacy will be improving the media establishment.  A Trump administration can pressure them to become better and more honest, reporting what is actually happening versus what they would like to see happen. The marketplace will also force this upon them after the 2016 Election and BREXIT coverage debacles. America needs integrity, passion and vigorous discussion from all sides, arriving to really good legislation. Media is supposed to be an emotionless, data-driven forum, delivering the facts. I hope that after the Trump presidency, there will be more than two sides in the debates.

The Federal Government’s role should be reduced; states taking more responsibility. Right now the centralization approach is causing a lot of money to get “stuck” in Washington DC and Brussels (for the EU members). I hope that Trump and the UK’s Nigel Farage can inspire sovereignty movements throughout the world so that we can keep our governments relevant and close to home, holding them to account with ease.

**In Summary Why I Voted For Trump**

* Proud to be American, believing our nation to be exceptional, and tired of American apologists. I visited 40 countries and lived in five of them as a resident. I can conclude that it is true, ours is the best. We should be happy about that, not sorry.
* “America First” struck a chord. Fix Detroit before Donbass. America, America, and America should be Washington’s top three priorities.
* He Acknowledged and stood up to radical Islam. Trump may bring about reform, making them more amicable towards The West. Christianity had a reform in the 1500s, why can’t Islam have one now?
* Voted against mainstream media, political correctness and globalism. I hope that ZeroHedge.com and Breitbart gain prominence, offering news supported by solid data and facts.
* Voted opposite of what Hollywood, mainstream media, Wall Street and the billionaires (Soros, Gates, Buffet, etc.) wanted.  What is good for them is generally bad for me.
* Voted against turning America into Europe: an outright rejection of socialism. I live it every day. Socialism works in the Nordics, due to small and compliant populations, but will never in America.
1. A deplorable, c conservative, an American who retains a work ethic, a Republican, an avid Trump supporter, a second generation immigrant, an ex-pat living in the northern EU but not feeling entirely at home there, ……. not sure how to capture this guy’s essence re this essay– but he is one of many, clearly. -FNC [↑](#footnote-ref-1)