

Why not Trump again? Chris Cutrone

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“Nothing’s ever promised tomorrow today. . . .
It hurts but it might be the only way.”

— Kanye West, “Heard ‘Em Say” (2005)

“You can’t always get what you want
But if you try, sometimes you find
You get what you need.”

— The Rolling Stones (1969)

**KANYE WEST FAMOUSLY INDICTED
PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH** for “not caring
about black people.” Mr. West now says that it’s
the Democrats who don’t care about black
people. But he thinks that Trump does indeed
care.

West, who received an honorary doctoral
degree from the School of the Art Institute of
Chicago a few years ago, intends to move back to
Chicago from Hollywood, which he describes as
The Sunken Place.

West’s wife Kim Kardashian convinced
President Trump to free Alice Johnson, a black
grandmother, from jail, and to initiate the
criminal justice sentencing reform legislation
called the “First Step Act.” Prisoners are being
released to join the workforce in which the
demand for labor has been massively increased
in the economic recovery under the Trump
Administration. The reason for any such reform
now, after the end of the Great Recession, will be
this demand for workers — no longer the need to
warehouse the unemployed.

Trump ran on and won election calling for
“jobs, jobs, jobs!,” and now defines his
Republican Party as standing for the “right to life
and the dignity of work,” which was his definition
of what “Make America Great Again” meant to
him. This will be the basis now for his reelection
in November 2020, for “promises kept.”

The current impeachment farce is indeed
what Trump calls it: the Democrats motivated by
outrage at his exposure of their shameless
political corruption, with the Biden family

prominently featured. After trouncing the
infamous Clintons in 2016, Trump is keeping this
drumbeat going for 2020. Don’t expect it to stop.
The Democrats have wanted to impeach Trump
from the moment he was elected, indeed even
beforehand, but finally got around to it when
Trump exposed them — exposed their
“frontrunner.”

Trump has held out the offer of bipartisan
cooperation on everything from trade to
immigration reform. He went so far as to say,
when congratulating the Democrats on their
2018 midterm election victories, that he would be
potentially more able to realize his agenda with a
Democrat-majority Congress, because he would
no longer have to face resistance from
established mainstream Republicans opposed to
his policies. In his State of the Union Address to
Congress this year, Trump contrasted the offer of
negotiation and cooperation with the threat of
investigations. As it turns out, the FBI, CIA and
other U.S. government security services
personnel who have tried to indict Trump out of
political opposition are now finding themselves
the targets of criminal investigation. At least
some of them are likely to go to prison. The bloated
national security state is dismayed and in retreat
in the face of Trump. — Good!

What is the argument against Trump’s
reelection? That he is utterly unbearable as a
President of the United States? That Trump must
be stopped because the world is running out of
time? Either in terms of the time spent by
separated children being held under atrocious
conditions in appalling immigration detention
centers, or that of glaciers falling into the ocean?
Both of these will continue unabated, with or
without Trump. The Democrats neither can nor
will put a stop to such things — not even slow
them.

What is the argument for electing the
Democrats, then? A Green New Deal? — Will
never happen: Obama promised it already in
2008. That they will restore “civility” to American
life? Like we had under Obama? In other words,
the same conditions, but with a comforting smile
instead of an irritating smirk?

But Trump’s supporters became annoyed
with Obama, and have been reassured by
Trump’s confidence in America: Trump’s smile is
not sarcastic; Obama’s often was. Don’t the
Democrats deserve that grin?

Will the Democrats provide free quality
health care for all? — Not on your life!

Neither will Trump. But not because he
doesn’t want to: he definitely does; he thinks
that it’s absurd that the wealthiest country in
world history cannot provide for its citizens.
But what can you do?

The last time national health care was
floated as a proposal was by Nixon. But it was
defeated by Democrats as well as
Republicans. Nixon floated UBI (Universal
Basic Income), too — but it was opposed by the
Democrats, especially by their labor unions,
who — rightly — said that employers would
use it as an excuse to pay workers that much
less. Abortion was legalized when fewer
workers were needed.

But that was a different time — before the
general economic downturn after 1973 that led
to the last generation of neoliberalism,
austerity and a society of defensive self-regard
and pessimism. Now, it is likely we are heading
into a new generation-long period of capitalist
growth — and optimism. — At least, it’s
possible. Nixon and Mao agreed that “what the
Left proposes we [the Right] push through.”

Are we on the brink of a new, post-
neoliberal Progressive era, then? Don’t count
on it — at least not with the Democrats! They
won’t let their Presidential nominee next year
be Bernie Sanders. — Probably, they won’t
even let it be Warren, either. And anyway, after
Obama, no one is really going to believe them.
Even if Bernie were to be elected President, he
would face a hostile Democratic Party as well
as Republicans in Congress. It’s unlikely the
Squad of AOC et al. will continue to be
reelected at all, let alone expand their ranks of
Democratic “socialists” in elected office. The
DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) have
already peaked, even before the thankless
misery of canvassing for Democrats — not
“socialists” — in the next election. The future
belongs not to them, but to Chinese
Communist Party General Secretary Xi Jinping
hosted by Trump at Mar-a-Lago. Climate
change must be stopped by China.

(The clearest indicator of American
counties voting for Trump in 2016 was density
of military families — not due to patriotism but
war fatigue: Trump has fulfilled his promise to
withdraw from the War on Terror interventions

while funding the military, and is the peace
President that Obama was supposed to be,
drawing down and seeking negotiated
settlements with everyone from North Korea
to the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Taliban
in Afghanistan; the Neocons are out and
flocking to the Democrats.)

The arguments against Trump by the
Democrats have been pessimistic and
conservative, distrustful and even suspicious
of American voters — to which he opposes an
unflappable confidence and optimism, based
in faith in American society. Trump considers
those who vote against him to be mistaken, not
enemies. But the Democrats consider Trump
voters to be inimical — deplorable and even
irredeemable.

My Muslim friends who oppose Trump —
half of them support Trump — said that after
his election in 2016 they found their neighbors
looking at them differently — suspiciously. But
I think it made them look at Americans
differently — suspiciously. But it’s the same
country that elected Obama twice.

If Trump’s America is really the hateful
place Democrats paint it to be, for instance at
their LGBTQ+ CNN Town Hall, at which
protesters voiced the extreme vulnerability of
“trans women of color,” then it must be
admitted that such violence is perpetrated
primarily not by rich straight white men so
much as by “cis-gendered heterosexual men
— and women — of color.” — Should we keep
them in jail?

The Democrats’ only answer to racism,
sexism and homophobia is to fire people and
put them in prison. — Whereas Trump lets
them out of jail to give them a job.

Perhaps their getting a job will help us, too.
So: Why not Trump again? | P

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