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Now comes Presidential Election 2016. That November election is undoubtedly the most important presidential election in the history of our great country.

So much, so very much of world events and the future of our country will be dependent upon who sits in the Oval Office. One of either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump will do so. This next President will affect the world over far more than Barack Hussein Obama, George W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, or even Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR). So, who will be your next President of the United States, my fellow Americans? WHO?

The next President of the United States will, like Obama, issue Executive Orders. Those Executive Orders are as important as any legislation passed by Congress, perhaps even more so. Clinton or Trump will have a pen and a phone just as Obama did. Either candidate as President will order the affairs of we the people for better or for worse. Those Executive Orders can touch-affect every aspect of our lives. They can affect our economy. They can affect the healthcare we now enjoy. Those Executive Orders can affect Homeland Security, education and even commerce the world over.

WHO, my fellow Americans do you want to issue those Executive Orders for the next four years, Trump or Clinton?

The next President as a personality will represent us here and abroad. We Americans want to like our President, respect and admire him or her. We want to watch our President at work, and even at play and feel comfortable with our President's personality, look and dress and especially with the way our President speaks and communicates. Which one, Trump or Clinton, would you like to listen to and watch for the next four years?

The President of the United States appoints the Secretaries, the leaders of the various federal agencies. Those appointments of critical decision makers are so very important to our country. Donald Trump would appoint far different Secretaries than Hillary Clinton. We may assume that Trump would appoint more conservative leaders and Clinton more liberal. Which kind of agency leader would you like to have?

One of the critical agencies is of course the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You recall Lois Lerner, an Obama appointee and the affect a liberal, even radical decision maker at IRS can have in matter of tax. You recall I do hope that Lois Lerner targeted conservative groups, entities and non-profit corporations simply because they were

conservative. The next President of the United States will appoint the next head of the IRS. Do you want Trump or Clinton to make that decision?

Secretaries and agencies issue regulations, some constructive, others onerous. America drowns in regulations, constantly changing, controlling and in many ways even more important than congressional legislation itself. Even though we are awash in regulations now, more and perhaps many more will come in the next four years. Do you want Clinton or Trump to make those decisions?

Perhaps the most important agency of all is the DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. The current Attorney General Loretta Lynch has little more than a lackey of Barack Hussein Obama. The IRS Lerner scandal, the Clinton email scandal, Fast and Furious and so many others now long forgotten scandals and illegal episodes were never really investigated much less prosecuted by the Department of Justice. Former Attorney General Eric Holder and now Loretta Lynch take their marching orders from Obama. The President in essence calls the shots even though DOJ is supposed to be an independent and objective agency. Nothing of the kind. The next President of the United States will appoint the next Attorney General. Do you want that appointment to be made by Trump or by Clinton?

The next President of the United States will be the COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is, President Trump or President Clinton will make ultimate decisions for all America's military, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and so much more. The next President will be involved in budget setting for the updating (state-of-the-art) investments in military personnel and equipment. The world is chockfull of militant, hostile and aggressive warlike nations, ever-growing in military capability, including and especially nuclear so that the state of readiness of our military can never stay ahead of the game for the protection of our great country and we the people without a consistent and even ever-increasing military budget. The allocation of funds begins with the President and then as authorized by Congress. The amount of money we the people invest is critical. Who do you want to make those important military decisions, the setting of budget and the allocation of funds, Clinton or Trump?

The next President of the United States will have the power as Commander in Chief to declare war. Clinton or Trump can put America, we the people, our assets and our resources to war. War in today's world means NUCLEAR. It is unquestionably inevitable that the next war, perhaps the so-called THIRD WORLD WAR will bring one or more nuclear explosions, and undoubtedly more, killing not just millions of human beings, but potentially hundreds of millions of human beings. Nuclear war will destroy much of the planet, perhaps forever tarnish our environment and change the way people live the world over, including and especially for us our beloved America. There is every good possibility that some part of America will be the victim of a nuclear attack. Who do you want to make the decisions to protect our country and we the people from war, and nuclear war, Trump or Clinton?

The next President of the United States will appoint at least one Supreme Court Justice. That appointment, subject to the approval of the Senate, will come immediately, even before the end of January 2017 so that this critical court will have its full nine members. The Supreme Court now seems evenly split between

conservative and liberal, four justices essentially liberal and four conservative. Hillary Clinton will appoint a justice liberal, perhaps extremely liberal and Donald Trump may be presumed to appoint a justice conservative, or at least somewhat so. That justice will be the swing vote in some of the most critical decisions America will face ever, in the next four years. Do you want Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton to make that decision? Some think that the power to appoint the next justice of the United States Supreme Court (SCOTUS) will be the most important decision the next President will make. That one decision will affect our country and we the people for years, even decades to come. The Constitutionality of America is at stake. The interpretation of the Rule of Law is at stake. Our governmental system of federalism which is founded so much so on states' rights is very much at stake. The federal government continues to grow in power and clout while states' rights recede. New constitutional rights have been found to exist by this current Supreme Court though never even mentioned by our Constitution. The appointment of the next Supreme Court Justice, the ninth, will determine whether or not our Supreme Court returns to a more conservative, strict construction and interpretation of the Constitution, or whether the court will think of the Constitution as organic, flexible, changing as individuals would have it, modern and adaptable, more guide than law itself. What kind of Supreme Court do you want, my fellow Americans, and do you want Clinton to appoint a liberal justice or Trump to appoint a more conservative justice? That decision is perhaps the most important perhaps by far the next President will make.

The next President will be empowered to make treaties with foreign nations. The philosophy, the political convictions of President Clinton or President Trump will guide our economic relations with all nations. The negotiations of treaties are so very important for when negotiated by the President and ratified by the Senate, those treaties become the law of our land and where any conflict exists actually supersede our very own American laws. Witness the treaty with Iran which millions think was one of the worst international bargains ever made by any American President with of course the concurrence of the U.S. Senate. The effects of that treaty will influence world events for years to come. America constructs treaties with nations and most favorite nations. There are preferences, self-interest principles and political considerations at work in every negotiation. Who do you want negotiating, making critical treaties with foreign nations, Trump or Clinton? The difference in such decision making will affect America for years to come.

The next President will have the ability to drive policy which drastically affects education. We now wrestle with Common Core, an educational product of the federal government forced in so many ways upon the states with the ever-present threat of the taking away of federal funding. So many states and the good teachers therein rebel but often to little avail. Much of the history of our great country continues to be rewritten and even disrespected. Educational priorities change some for the good and others not, but always with the influence, pressure and even the power of the federal government. State's rights with regard to education are often ignored by the federal government. The next President of the United States will determine whether or not the federal government continues its aggressive move forward in education or whether there is the return of more decision making and discretion on the part of our 50 states. Trump and Clinton will make different decisions, even radically different. Which one of those candidates do you want to make those decisions, Trump or Clinton?

Our Constitution and especially our Bill of Rights, our freedoms are very much at stake. There is now at work the battle for the First Amendment to the Constitution, the battle for freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of press and assembly, some of the most cherished and fundamental freedoms so essential to a well-functioning democracy. Religion is under attack everywhere, especially Christianity, Protestant or Catholic. Islam seems to grow or at least escape liberal attacks at least for now while all things Judeo-Christian are under fire. Anti-Semitism continues to grow, especially on college campuses without any real concern on the part of so many liberal or even radical leaders and spokespersons today. The next President, like Obama, will continue to attack religion, and seek to curtail free speech with penalties and punishment for anything the political establishment deems as hate speech. The media and the press now so highly liberal will only grow in influence and even control. Conservative points of view and thinking can be further marginalized. The next President will drive CHANGE even further, perhaps well beyond the liberal CHANGE affected by Barack Hussein Obama or, the next President can return balance and fairness by protecting and defending the Constitution and the freedoms we now enjoy in our 27 Amendments, again most especially with respect to the First Amendment. Trump and Clinton will take entirely different approaches to those most important matters. Clinton may be presumed to appoint the next justice of the Supreme Court, or the heads of federal agencies who will attempt to further restrict First Amendment freedoms and agree with Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan that:

“Some voices should be silenced so that others can be heard.”

Who do you want invested in all such power, Trump or Clinton?

The next President will be invested with the power of decision making with respect to world affairs. ISIS, for example. The next President will decide how to deal with this radical, demonic, jihadist evil. That new President 2016 will deal with immigration and whether or not our immigration laws and policies should finally be enforced or even further liberalized. The next President will determine exactly what is required for the entrance of immigrants to the United States whether temporary or permanent. That President will issue Executive Orders with respect to immigration and the ultimate legal treatment of immigrants which can drastically affect how we the people live, and of course our economy. Should Trump or Clinton make those critical decisions?

The next President of the United States will appoint diplomats to represent our country with respect to foreign nations. So many diplomats receive appointments as political favors or payback. Some are scholarly, true Americans and represent our country well. That is an important power and there will be differences indeed between the decisions of Trump and Clinton.

One of the largest powers of this next President, any President of the United States is the POWER OF THE VETO. The President can veto any legislation passed by Congress both House and Senate in accordance with his political philosophy. That legislation is over and done with unless it then receives a vote of two-thirds of the members of Congress, House and Senate. In so many ways, the next President controls the

legislation which is passed and the Rule of Law in our great country. Who do you want to exercise the power of the veto, Trump or Clinton?

We will elect Clinton or Trump President for four years, a term beginning in January 2017 and ending in January 2021. But the presidential trend in America is now not for four years, but eight. Our last three Presidents have been elected and reelected, two terms in total, eight full years as President with all of those powers. Bill Clinton was reelected. George Bush was reelected. Barack Obama was reelected. The last 24 years of the American Presidency were controlled by three men, enormous power exercised by one man for a period of eight full years. We can well expect that if Clinton is elected, she of course will run for reelection and may very well win. If Trump is elected, he as well will surely run for reelection and may very well win. So that, perhaps the ultimate factor which influences presidential voting 2016 for you and me is to determine which of these two candidates we would want as our President for the next EIGHT years, Trump or Clinton?

Each candidate has considerable negatives. Most polls, if you bother to believe them, indicate that there is serious dislike on the part of we the people for both candidates. Trump is bombastic, critical, often shallow in his thinking and of course his response. Clinton is viewed as unethical, not to be trusted and generally unlikeable. Perhaps we the people are fundamentally dissatisfied with both candidates. There are better, so we think. Nonetheless, it is quite certain indeed that one, either Trump or Clinton will be our next President. As one political pundit stated, which one is the lesser of two evils, Trump or Clinton?

In January 2017, either Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will become President Clinton and our country will have its FIRST GENTLEMAN in the White House or we will call businessman and billionaire Donald Trump President, President Trump. Which one do you think is right for America and how will you vote? And please, my fellow Americans, PLEASE VOTE. You must vote now more than ever. This is the most critical vote in American presidential history. Be a fundamental part of it!

And be hopeful and positive, as much as you can for the leadership of our great country. Pope Benedict XVI said the following:

“One who has hope lives differently.”

True indeed, for we can think in positive terms, hope and live for the good of our great country. Christians are commanded to pray for our leaders, for our President now and the one to come. Even as we study the facts, perhaps we should all pray fervently that the right man or woman leads America in the next four years.

Who will you vote for:

TRUMP OR CLINTON?

The world awaits your decision in November.