

## The Outcome

Although both political parties claim victory, the outcome of the 2020 election is still up in the air. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Electoral College meets to determine who won the election. In the meantime, states are doing recounts and in some cases re-voting.

At stake is who will be president and which party will control the Senate.

If the Democrats win both, then the Executive and Legislative branches of our government will be under the control of one party and the separation of powers defined in our Constitution may wither and die. With this type of control, whatever decisions are made by the Judiciary can be easily overturned or nullified. In essence the United States will lose its status as a democracy and can essentially become a dictatorship or police state ruled by one party. China, North Korea, Vietnam, Cuba, Burma, Laos, etc. are examples of one-party states. Past examples of other one-party states include: Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Syria, etc.

A one-party state does not mean that there are no other political parties. It simply means that the ruling party will do many things to ensure its position as the ruling party. Among these are electoral fraud, gerrymandering, government controlled courts, control of the mass media, and threats, harassment, even murder in order to maintain control.

Even before Trump was nominated for president, the media and Democrats viewed him as having a narcissistic personality disorder. This disorder is a mental condition where a person has an inflated sense of their own importance and a deep need for excessive attention and a lack of empathy for others (Mayo Clinic). Part of this definition can be applicable to Trump, but, while others will disagree, not the entire definition. Thus the question of Trump being narcissistic may not be completely accurate.

However narcissism is not limited to individuals alone. Groups, such as political parties, can also be narcissistic. The fact that the Democrats never publically accepted Trump as president and have done all that they have to defeat his presidency, impeach him, and prevent his reelection as president can be equally viewed as narcissistic. The Democratic acts or narcissistic behavior would easily drive a person to a feeling of persecution. The media's overall concentration on negative reporting of Trump's actions calls for the well deserved name of "Fake News."

Even post-election the media and Democrats still collude in their desire to be rid of Trump. Rampant before, during and post election were rumors of illegal and fraudulent voting. Yet in Democratic states, cities, precincts, and districts, voters were told there is

no illegal voting or voter fraud. The simple truth is that regardless of where you vote, there has been and probably will continue to be illegal voting and voter fraud. There are only a few ways to reign in such illegal and criminal acts. If the following does not exist in state law, the voting process will not be completely clean:

1. **Require prior registration.** When a person registers to vote, his/her previous voting district needs to be informed and receipt of removal confirmation received.
2. **Require voter ID.** This can be photo ID, utility receipts, driver's license.
3. **Establish consistent national voting times.** There needs to be established dates for primary, state and national elections, and re-elections.
4. **Require minimum residency time.** With minimum residency requirements this prevents people from voting in two or more districts or states. This residency time should be longer than the time between an election and possible re-election time period. If a person moves to a new area within the minimum time period, they should be allowed to vote in local elections but not necessarily state or federal elections depending on where they moved from. In either case they should absentee vote from their previous district.
5. **State deadline date laws need to be rewritten.** All state laws should indicate a date by which receipt of absentee ballots are received. That date should be the same as the end of the established in-person voting date.
6. **Allow only two types of voting** – absentee and in-person. Absentee ballots need to be requested via mail and sent to established street addresses, no POBs. Instructions for completion should be clear and in minimum 12 point size.
7. **Acknowledge receipt of absentee ballot.** The voting district should acknowledge receipt of a ballot by postcard. The post office bears the expense of this.
8. **Prohibit ballot harvesting.** No person should be allowed to deliver more than two ballots to the voting district.
9. **Remove deceased people from the voting rolls.** Similar to the requirement for prior registration, funeral homes should be required to notify the deceased's voting district of the person's passing. The district should also acknowledge receipt of the notification and that removal has been done.
10. **Establish a voting cleaning system.** Many of the activities described can be completed via a voting clearing house either at the state or federal level. Such a system would be designed similar to background checks, e.g. using social media, credit cards, utilities check to determine whether a person has moved or is deceased. This may sound more intrusive, but such systems already exist for other reasons, including employment and firearm applications, security clearances, family ancestry searches, etc.

In getting back to the 2020 election, I hope that the person I voted for wins. However if his opponent wins I will support that person as president, if, and ONLY IF, the election is clean. For it to be clean, the election needs to be properly counted, and include only valid one-time votes per person. Can this be guaranteed? Absolutely not! If everyone is on board with the same goal, then perhaps we can come close.

Regardless of the outcome, whether it is Trump or Biden, the next four years will not be one of peace and harmony. As these next four years go by all of us need to release our biases, emotions, hate, and work toward a future that brings us back to the vision that our founding fathers fought for and envisioned.