

Make America Great Again



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Writer Jay Williams voices his opinion about why Donald Trump should be the next president

His History:

Donald John Trump was born on June 14, 1946 in Queens, New York. He attended college at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he obtained a degree in economics. He worked for his father's real estate and construction firm, and in 1971, he was given the opportunity to run the firm, which he renamed "The Trump Organization." He now stands as President and Chairman of the organization, building office towers, golf courses, and casinos worldwide.

In June of 2015, Donald Trump declared his candidacy for President. (In 1988, Oprah Winfrey asked Trump if he would ever consider running for president during her talk show. Trump said, "If it ever got so bad, I would never want to rule it out.")

He quickly rose up the ranks amongst his fellow candidates, and became the frontrunner of the Republican Party. He was officially named as the Republican nominee on July 21, 2016.

Trump is a candidate who has avoided running on the premise of political correctness. Clint Eastwood told Esquire, regarding Trump, "Everyone's walking on eggshells." Later, the actor said, "We see people accusing people of being racist and all kinds of stuff. When I grew up, those things weren't called racist."

His Ideas:

Trump has sustained criticism during his campaign, taking such hits as being called a racist, sexist, and Islam-aphobe. However, with a campaign with little to no focus on political correctness, do these hits truly cause Trump to restructure his rhetoric?

In fact, they never have.

Trump was dubbed "a racist" after he stated that the United States should build a wall on the Mexico border, as well as install a temporary ban on all Muslim immigrants. However, I would argue both actions have little-to-no racial bearing.

Building a wall is meant to slow illegal immigration, not prevent Mexicans from legally immigrating to the United States. Additionally, the temporary ban on Muslims was proposed in light of the Orlando night club disaster, a mass shooting where 49 people were killed and more than 50 wounded by a man of Muslim descent.

The ban is meant to halt Muslim immigration, which would attempt to prevent radical Islamic terrorists from slipping through the cracks. Furthermore, the temporary ban would be put in place to allow time to concoct a more sound vetting system.

Trump is a very solid candidate in many aspects, regardless of the numerous personal attacks he has sustained. Trump speaks to millions after millions of Americans who are sick and tired of poor leadership and weak policies regarding terrorism, immigration, and trade deals.

He vows to defeat ISIS, which is a policy well regarded by the vast majority of the US. Trump has stated that his opponent, Hillary Clinton, as well as the "weak leadership" in Washington, have drafted and negotiated some of the worst trade deals ever. Trump promises he will re-negotiate trade deals such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership and NAFTA.

Final Word:

It is hard for millions of Americans, as well as myself, to believe that Crooked H has better and more effective policies than Trump. The Republican nominee has laid out numerous, comprehensive plans to improve trade, as well as reduce illegal immigration and eradicate radical Islamic terror from the face of the Earth. Hillary Clinton has given sorry excuses for policies, and has used her awful political history to point out that Trump has no political history. Hillary Clinton, in 30 years, has done nothing. She would continue to do absolutely nothing in the next four years.

DONALD TRUMP'S OPINION ON...

Immigration

"As president I would be very, very tough on the borders, and I would be not allowing certain people to come into this country without absolute perfect documentation." - March 21, 2016

Abortion

"I am pro-life I hate the concept of abortion. And then since then, I've very much evolved. I am very, very proud to say that I am pro-life." - Aug. 6, 2015

Guns

"We're going to cherish the Second Amendment." - May 7, 2016

Foreign Policy

"We will send a clear signal that there is no daylight between America and our most reliable ally -- the state of Israel." - March 21, 2016

Taxes

"Our original Constitution did not even have an income tax. Instead, it had tariffs -- emphasizing taxation of foreign, not domestic, production ... Yet today, 240 years after the revolution, we have turned things completely upside-down." - June 29, 2016

I'm with her

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Writer Simone Brady voices her opinion about why Hillary Clinton should be the next president

Her History:

Hillary Rodham Clinton (née Hillary Diane Rodham), born on Oct. 26, 1947, in Chicago is the Democratic party's nominee for President of the United States. She obtained a law degree with honors from Yale University in 1973 after graduating from Wellesley College in 1969. During her youth, she worked on Republican campaigns; however, after hearing Martin Luther King, Jr. speak, she changed her affiliation to Democrat in 1968.

Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, won the presidency in 1992 and again in 1996. She served as First Lady from 1993 to 2001, making various diplomatic trips to 82 countries during her tenure. After the end of her husband's presidency, Clinton decided to run for a Senate seat in the state of New York. She won the election, and went on to her appointed duty from 2001-2009.

Then, in 2009, President Barack Obama appointed her as Secretary of State, which was her position until 2013. She became the most extensively traveled Secretary of State in history, visiting 112 countries and traversing over 950,000 miles.

Clinton ran against Obama for the Democratic nomination in 2008, but conceded in the face of defeat. Despite her loss, she never gave up on her goal to be the first female president. When the opportunity arose again, she took it and ran with it, launching a successful campaign and garnering many supporters.

Along with her fans came critics, of course, including her opponent in the presidential race, Donald Trump, who calls her "Crooked Hillary" due to some of her more public missteps.

HILLARY CLINTON'S OPINION ON...

Immigration

"Let's take on the challenge of systemic racism, invest in communities of color and finally pass comprehensive immigration reform." - April 19, 2016

Abortion

"I believe we need to protect access to safe and legal abortion -- not just in principle, but in practice." - Jan. 11, 2016

Guns

"If you are too dangerous to get on a plane, you are too dangerous to buy a gun in America." - June 14, 2016

Foreign Policy

"For decades, Republican and Democratic administrations have understood that America's alliances make us stronger."
- March. 23, 2016

Taxes

"Hard working, middle-class families need a raise, not a tax increase." - Nov. 14, 2015



Her Ideas:

Clinton plans to reform immigration and make it much easier for immigrants, both legal and illegal, to obtain citizenship. She claims that she will enact this plan within her first 100 days in office, according to her website.

Her belief is that protecting families is one of the most important things one can do when dealing with illegal immigration. Clinton's agendas of promoting naturalization and attempting to help immigrants obtain safe healthcare are also part of her plan to overhaul America's immigration system.

Her plans to combat terrorism are well-rounded; she wants to fight radical Islamic terror from many angles. According to her platform, she wishes to take out bases in Syria and Iraq, work with U.S. allies to prevent terrorist attacks, and tighten defenses here at home by preventing gun access to people who are suspected of terrorist ties.

Clinton also supports LGBT rights and racial justice. With the legalization of same-sex marriage last summer, and the rising coverage and awareness of police killings, protecting citizens' rights has become more crucial than ever.

Clinton appeals to many citizens all across the United States -- people of all different races and ethnicities, those across the gender and sexuality spectrum, of varied economic status, and any other factor one can think of. Even those who are not necessarily big fans of her are flocking to her side due to fear of her opponent.

Final Word:

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton is on a mission to be the very first woman to hold the office of President of the United States. Despite her mistakes and the few faux pas that she may have made, with over 30 years of experience in politics and law, she is truly the most qualified candidate in this race to achieve that goal.