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### **QUOTE FOR THE DAY**

**“I concede NOTHING, Mr. Biden’s victory was the result of a ‘RIGGED ELECTION’ orchestrated by the, ‘FAKE AND SILENT’ news media.” President Trump.**

### **DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE**

**Republicans and Democrats, some good and bad news coming for both of you. Look, on the Republican side, this has just getting out of hand. First, the Republicans bring sixteen suits to throw out the results in numerous states based on miscount or fraud charges. None of those suits have gained any traction.**

**Emily Bazilon, journalist, points out, “A losing candidate who is within a striking distance, say a few hundred votes, might get lucky in a**

**recount. Beyond that he/she would have to show systemic fraud on a large scale.”**

**Reversing state results over a few questionable ballots is going nowhere. The president and his surrogates have now gone to allegations about the systemic failure of the entire election system.**

**Enter the omnipresent Trump lawyer, Rudy Guilani, who contends that he has, “evidence that ‘corrupt machines’ had deleted millions of votes for president Trump.” But, he was not at liberty to share the evidence. Isn’t that a convincer?**

**He goes on to contend that all of the key, swing states won by Biden were actually won by Trump. “in every one of those states we have more than enough illegal ballots already documented to overturn the result in that state.” Supposedly, because Republicans hadn’t been allowed to observe the count, a totally refuted and unproven allegation.**

**But now the biggest focus to throw out the election results no longer relies on counting/recounting ballots and challenging**

**observer statistics, but the entire structure of the election itself. The president's latest claim is that Dominion Voting Systems, a Canadian voting software firm whose machines were used in 28 states, deleted or switched votes on Trump. Rudy says he has the evidence, but can't show it to us yet. Rudy, you're running out of time. Where's the beef?**

**So, happy days for the Democrats - yes? Not so fast. No sooner than apparently winning the presidency, it turns out (reflective of the old Pogo cartoon,) " We have met the enemy and it is us." The left has ratched up the volume and demands for positions in the Biden administration. Ocasio-Cortez is screaming at Pelosi for losing congressional seats to Republicans because she showed her sub zero refrigerator stocked with designer ice cream- not a good image for the hard scrabble Democrats.**

**Ocasio-Cortez and her compatriots still want to defund the police (more on that later), but in the interim, WVA. Senator, Manchin, has this to say, "Defund the police? Defund my butt. I'm a proud West Virginia Democrat. We want to**

**protect American jobs and healthcare. We do not have some crazy socialist agenda and we do not believe in defunding the police.”**

**Yes, the Republicans still have the legal right to continue questioning the election, but it’s hard to find anyone who believes this process is going anywhere. Trump is behind by 69,000 votes in Pennsylvania, a state he must win to stay competitive. 2,600 uncounted votes have been found in Georgia reducing Biden’s lead from 14,200 votes to 13,300 votes. By continuing to tell the country that the election was rigged, a healthy percentage of Trump’s 73 million supporters believe what he says, and some are now involved in increasingly confrontational protests over the election, with tacit approval from president Trump.**

**At a certain level you can’t blame some of his supporters, especially those who don’t closely follow the news and see how far away the president is from overturning any of the critical state votes. What many of them see is yesterday’s find of 2,600 uncounted votes in Georgia. Nationwide we are all assured of the reliability of the count, but then, “2,600**

**uncounted votes? Is this just a complete fluke out of 150 million votes or is it the tip of the iceberg?” For many it’s the iceberg.**

## **THE COMING BIDEN YEARS**

**At some point the president will have to concede. So, what’s ahead? Supporters and detractors alike all admit Trump and his followers are by no means finished. In fact, the Democrats screwed up royally in the election, and, no, Ocasio Cortez, it wasn’t Pelosi showing off her designer ice cream, it was your stupid, “defund the police” and some, but not all, of your ultra left wing messaging. Here’s the thing; many, many middle and lower income folks verbally support some of the more socialist objectives such as Medicare for all. These are, however, intelligent people who know they are going to have to pay the bill. The super rich don’t care about paying a few more thousand dollars a year. Everyone else surely does.**

**From what I am reading, if the Democratic left were to overwhelm the Democratic moderates, and the Republicans were to hold the Senate,**

**the mid terms in 2022 could be a Democratic blood bath leaving us with a nice man, president Biden, reduced, in scope, to going to coronations and attending state funerals.**

**Former president Trump, however, will very much enjoy continuing to stir the pot. Some say he will be running for another term starting in January and others contend he will start his own cable channel. Both options are not mutually exclusive.**

**Wait a minute, though. What about former president Trump's legal problems? As articulated in a recent blog they are: 1, suits over hush money to keep former female companions quiet; 2, Tax and bank fraud suits; 3, Real Estate fraud investigations; 4, Emoluments violations; 5, charges of sexual misconduct and 6, Mary Trump law suit.**

**On top of this Mr. Trump faces huge financial hurdles over the next three years with \$300 million in debt coming due and a high likelihood that the IRS will disallow a \$72 Million dollar refund he has already taken.**

**Columnist, Brent Budowsky, has made the ridiculous suggestion that Trump should resign before January 20<sup>th</sup>, but first, pardon all family members and friends and then, with Pence being president for a few weeks, be pardoned himself. Don't know what Budowsky is smoking, but not a lot of money on his horse. In addition, no pardons would have effect with regard to any of Trump's problems in NY State.**

**Legal issues notwithstanding, Trump has tremendous survival instincts and his next four years as former president may be as exciting and controversial as his four years in the White House.**

**The Democrats, having blown the, "Blue Wave" predictions, do not have a mandate by any stretch of the imagination. In fact, while Biden won the popular vote by more than five million, exit polls by Morning Consult asked the question of Biden voters, "Thinking about your vote, would you say it was more a vote against Donald Trump or a vote for Joe Biden? 44% said it was more a vote against Donald Trump. Looks like the two Senate races in Georgia might be of some consequence - yes?**

## **DEFUNDING THE POLICE**

**“Defund and/or disband the police”. A favorite mantra of the far left, with Black Lives Matter (BLM) helping to lead the charge. BLM has gone from painting the street in Washington and New York City with huge yellow letters and a very large majority of U.S. supporters to less than 50% support among white Americans.**

**At the same time, through the first nine months of 2020 NY City has experienced 1123 shootings compared to 580 in the same period last year, including 214 deaths compared to 111 in 2019. The statistics correctly reflect how inaccurate hand guns are. Photo in last week’s paper show a shooter in totally proper shooter’s stance shooting at a man not more than six feet away. Instead of hitting him, he sprayed his shots about 20 degrees to the right hitting a little girl in the leg and her father in the arm.**

**Chicago is no better, with 2,168 shootings through 8/30/20, up 52% from last year and**



**homicides up 49%. For much smaller Minneapolis the epicenter of all the “defund” movement, in the wake of George Floyd’s death, homicides in the first 8 months of 2020 have surpassed the number of killings in all of 2019. The defund movement has been a bust wherever it has gotten traction. Members of the Minneapolis City Council who voted to disband the police are now back pedaling – statements like, “Well, I was only speaking figuratively”, etc. Oh, and then, laughably, in Portland, Oregon, another “defund” city, a “defund” champion, Portland City Commissioner, Jo Ann Hardesty, got in an argument with her Lyft driver who wouldn’t wind up his window and called the police for help.**

**Police morale throughout the country is plummeting with a huge number of resignations and retirements. Dennis Richmond, Jr. is a 25 year old black man, founder and director of the NYNJ HBCU Initiative. In a recent article, here are some of the things he has to say.**

**“I’m amazed that one third of my fellow Americans aged 18-34 support abolishing the police and 64 percent of college students agreed that this year’s anti-police ‘rioting and looting is justified to some degree.’” Further, “Wide spread riots across America in the summer, costing an estimated \$2 Billion in damage, disproportionately impacted minority residents.”**

**“African Americans are over 30% of the victims in officer killings, but less than 13% of the population.” Richmond goes on to point out that this is an invalid benchmark. “Police shootings are a function of how often police officers encounter armed and violent suspects. Though black Americans make up just over a tenth of the population, they commit more than 50% of the murders and are six times more likely to get murdered than whites.”**

**“When disproportionately high black homicide rates are factored in, whites are found to be three times more likely to be fatally shot by police than blacks. Moreover, studies from renowned scholars at Harvard and the**

**University of Chicago find no racial bias in deadly police shootings.”**

**Closing, the author opines, “ While black people absolutely deserve justice, we also deserve peace. We can’t achieve the latter if we defund the police, or if the police officers keep retiring en masse because we as a society failed to support them.” Well said.**

### **SOARING HIGH – PRICE AND BIRD**

**A female Belgian racing pigeon (New Kim) just sold at auction for \$1.3 million. Assumed buyer is a Chinese businessman who also paid \$1.4 Million for a male (Armando)- hoping for big kiddie pay- day as racing pigeons mate for life. Of course, we don’t know how New Kim feels about arranged marriages. A bit pricey, but someone recently bought Michael Jordan’s basket ball sneakers for \$615,000. Instead of smelly sneakers on the shelf, I’d prefer the birds.**

**Your faithful scribe’**

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