REFERENDUM ON TRUMP: HE LOSES

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I think it is important to recognize what really happened in yesterday's election. Trump said to vote like he was on the ballot. Well, the people did. The face of the country is changed forever. I have to ask, what drove this? Let's start with the economy. While all economic indicators pointed to an improving economy the item most in front of people was gas prices. They are simply too high. Trump never adequately explained why. He stood and bragged about how he was going to end the war and how great everything was, He was never able to look people in the eye and make himself look sincere. What was missing was the President from the Oval Office desk, showing empathy for what was going on. That is the way a President carries the country.

Second reason the Republicans lost was overt antisemitism. Candidates who pounded Israel and Zionism as a metaphor for Jews won. The people really reverted to nature. As foreign influence in our elections grew, so did hatred of Jews. Antisemitism even seeped into local elections. The "bloc" is just a euphonism for Jews. And many Jews who were against the "bloc" and voted accordingly failed to remember that the antisemites hate them as much as the "bloc". Another local issue was over development. Development is going to happen no matter who is in office. That's because in 2016 Federal funding to local towns and municipalities were dependent on zoning changes to allow for the development of high-density housing. Nothing is going to change that. And it will become even worse now.

Third thing that happened was that Trump was indecisive with finishing the war with Iran. You can't keep coming to the American people and saying the war is going to be over and we are negotiating. And then there is no deal. Iran made him look like a fool. Or rather he made himself look like a fool. That is what really happened,

Fourth, not supporting people who didn't kiss his rear end. He called them all RINOS. He supported candidates who were questionable at best. Paxton in Texas, somebody who was accused of a crime should never have been supported. Sure, he didn't like Cornyn, but you have to do what is good for getting your agenda across not what's good for your ego. And that is what happened. It was all about his ego and not what was better for the country. Here in New York, he drove Elise Stefanik out of the Governor's race by supporting Blakeman. Stefanik would have been a formidable candidate. Blakeman was lackluster and failed to appeal to most people. Those are the types of candidates he supported, sycophants. Kiss his butt and he'll support you.

His Vice President Vance came across as a total loser. His support for Tucker Carlson and the antisemitic right wing and conspiracy theorists left American Jews with a choice of the less of two evils. Trump announcing that he was cutting off aid to Israel on election day, probably at the behest of Vice President Vance showed that he was supporting people who just had nothing but hatred in their heart. And yes, Charlie Kirk was a rising star but the constant attention to his assassination turned people off. He was a man with a political point of view, and they turned him into a martyr.

So, Trump lost the election. He was calling people RINOS and basically anybody who didn't genuflect to him was ousted. People hate that. The Democrats did a great job of demonizing him. And he fell right into it. He could not see beyond his nose. He forgot that he is not the CEO of America. He is an employee and every American is his employer. He could not come down and relate to the everyday American. He did not appear sincere when he spoke. His Vice President was even worse. Trump really showed us that nothing was wrong and everything was great. Doesn't that sound like our previous president who was voted out? Yes, this was a referendum on President Trump. Yes, he has the Veto. Yes he has the power of the bully pulpit. But will he know how to use them? We are now doomed to two years of policies which a majority of people are going to hate. So don't blame all the local candidates. Blame the President who failed to connect on a personal level with every American.

Finally, people can't read beyond memes. They take sound bites and clips and videos on fb and tik tok and form their opinions. These videos are often produced by foreign adversaries. You can interfere with elections now by just producing fb memes and tik tok videos. Our colleges have been overwhelmed by left wing thinking and as such we have elected people who want to fundamentally change our country into a dictatorship rather than a representative democracy which we see has prevailed in many districts. Trump was ineffective in showing this difference.

People say that this was all part of Trump's strategy. My question is how can people be so deluded that Trump is always right and always has the upper hand? The delusions of the right are just as bad as the delusions of the left. Maybe we need more RHINOs and more Centrist Democrats who can work together to move this country forward. It's hard to govern. It takes intelligent well-meaning people. Let's hope we have elected a few of these and in going forward we find more entering public service.