

How to Survive our Messed-Up Political Landscape

I don't know about you, but I'm more than tired of hearing about the 2020 elections.

As of this writing, we're several days past the elections and no clear winner has legally been declared for the presidential race, although the media has made up their mind that Biden won. Of course, they made up their mind about that months before the election, just like they decided that Hillary Clinton was the clear winner in 2016.

As it stands right now, there are a number of lawsuits pending, all of which deal with what can be considered voter fraud. In most of those cases, election officials in Democrat-controlled battleground states changed the rules, without changing the law, making their actions of dubious legality. We're all going to have to wait until all that litigation is done before a legal winner can be declared.



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The fact that there is litigation going on is actually not surprising, considering how many times that election results have been contested in the courts before. Remember the “dimpled chad” court case in Florida when Al Gore lost the election? That case delayed the announcement of the winner for 37 days. Democrats tend to take the elections to court, whenever their candidate doesn't win. But what's different

this time is that it is the incumbent president, a Republican, who is challenging the results, not a Democrat.

In all fairness, it looks like the President has plenty of grounds to contest the election results. Voter fraud, a long-standing problem in our country, appears to be going out of control in a number of hotly contested states. In a number of those states, Democrats are trying to prevent Republicans from watching the count verify that it is fair and transparent, a long-standing tradition in our political system.

On the other hand, President Trump has an uphill battle to convince the courts that any recounts or adjustments to the counts should be made. The courts tend to back up what the election commission states, regardless of fraud or any other issue. That's probably especially true of courts with Democrat justices on them, as the Democrats don't believe that judges should support the law, but should change it as they deem ideologically "necessary," in direct violation of the Constitution.

But the real problem in this election has been the tens of thousands of ballots that were dropped off after the close of polling. Somehow, those votes have all been for Biden, which seems to mean that they are dishonestly gained votes. They are either totally false or they were gained through ballot harvesting, a practice of questionable legality, which is nevertheless allowed in some states. The Democrat push for mail-in voting, which differs somewhat from the normal absentee ballot, has created a system where ballot harvesting and other types of fraud are easy to accomplish.

There's a video going around, where Joe Biden is stating that the Democrat Party has created the biggest voter fraud machine in history. I've seen the video and it doesn't appear to be dubbed. But I still have a hard time believing it's real. Not that I don't believe that such a system exists, but I have a hard time believing that he would admit it, even with all the

gaffes that he's famous for.

Nevertheless, there is ample evidence that voter fraud is real here in the United States. The Heritage Organization, a conservative think tank, has a database of almost 1,300 proven instances of voter fraud. There's a lawsuit filed right now, stating that there are over 21,000 cases of dead people being on the Pennsylvania voter rolls. There have also been cases presented where there are more votes cast in counties than there are people of voting age living in those counties.

Realistically, there is no way of knowing how fair and honest our voting system is today. Between known problems, political fights over how voting should occur, and massive disinformation campaigns, both by our own news media and by the Russian government, we don't know what's going on.

At this point in time, it's highly likely that at least some of these cases will go before the Supreme Court, which will then decide which ballots should be counted. Then there will have to be recounted to make that happen. Then, and only then, will we have the results.

But that may not be enough. Considering that Justice Barrett was just sworn in as a member of the Supreme Court, a decision that the Democrats stand strongly against, any decision that is made in favor of President Trump will be hotly contested, probably in the court of public opinion and on the streets. There's no way that a Trump win will be taken peacefully by the Democrats, they've already proven that over the last four years.

So, what's the outlook, how will it affect us and what should we do?

With a Trump Win



As I just stated, a Trump win won't be accepted by the Democrats, no matter how it comes about. They didn't accept his first win and they made plenty of noise about him "stealing the election" before Election Day arrived. That apparently follows the adage that people accuse others of the wrongs they do themselves.

But besides that, we can expect a lot of violence. This is the ultimate civil war scenario, according to what some people on the left have been saying. Of course, they could just be mouthing off, but there's already been plenty of violence over the last several months. There's no reason to think it will stop.

The number one thing that President Trump needs to do, if he wins reelection, is to deal with the integrity of the election process. Some in-depth investigation needs to go on, with people being tried for their crimes. That same Heritage.org database of voter fraud I mentioned earlier state only 1,121 criminal convictions; that's less than 10%. No wonder people think they can get away with it.

Considering that election fraud is growing in our country, as well as how much of it seems to always benefit the same political party, if President Trump doesn't do something to clean up the system, it may never get cleaned up. With more and more fraud going on in our presidential elections, the party that is perpetrating that fraud will eventually be able

to take over the country, lock, stock, and barrel.

This is a bit reminiscent of the system in the Old Soviet Union. While they technically had elections, as a sop to the rest of the world, those elections were rigged. Is that where we are going as a country?

With a Biden Win



As with a Trump win, we can expect ongoing violence with a Biden win too. While it might not turn into a civil war, the Democrat Party has been supportive of the violence that's been going on for the last several months. What started out as Black Lives Matters protests has morphed into something else, which ignores black lives and is more focused on bringing about anarchy.

There has been a lot of speculation about Biden being found mentally unfit and having to be replaced by Kamila Harris, his running mate, and presumed Vice President. That's a very real possibility, as is the possibility of him dropping dead of a heart attack. He's not exactly a young man.

Ms. Harris has been accused of being the farthest left of all senators. While that's may seem obvious, organizations which look at such things say she's actually not the farthest left...

but she is close. That shouldn't be all that surprising, considering that the Democrat Party has been racing towards the left in recent years.

Regardless of which one sits in the Oval Office, we can expect a Democrat win to mean that they will be pushing hard for the entire leftists' agenda to be fulfilled. That probably won't happen and Republicans will be blamed, just as they were during Obama's tenure in office.

Stop and take a Breath

Here's where we all need to stop and take a deep breath. While the politics of our country are of vital importance to the survival of our nation and what that survival will look like, they are not important to our personal survival. We can get by, no matter who is in office.

But the other thing about our political system, which works to some extent in our favor, is that even with the increase of power of the presidency and the Supreme Court that we've seen going on since the time of 9-11, there are still checks and balances in our system. Unless a political party can gain control of both houses of Congress, along with the presidency, they are limited in what they can do.

This is where we need to be supporting our members of Congress, regardless of who ultimately wins this race. Unfortunately, we live in a time where political divisiveness is at an all-time high. So we need to encourage the politicians who are representing our point of view to stand strong and not just give in to the other party. At the same time, we need to encourage them to go back to the old system, where they would talk things over in the back room and come up with a solution that works for everyone. Until that system is back in place, we can expect Congress to stay deadlocked and nothing to get done.

Personally, I'd rather see nothing get done than for any extreme viewpoint to take over. That would mean that things stay as they are which is at least functional. It's not the best, but it works.

If Biden wins, two years from now we'll have the mid-term elections, at which time the Democrats will most likely lose some seats in the House of Representatives, perhaps to the point where the Republican Party controls both houses. Or, if President Trump is declared the ultimate winner, then Republicans will lose those seats and Democrats will gain power. In either case, the checks and balances will still be in place.

What Should We Do?

This issue, like many others, ultimately boils down to what should we do, as preppers? To start with, I'd recommend going back to that last heading and taking a deep breath. Regardless of who wins, life will go on and it will be more or less the same. Neither candidate has any control over the various natural disasters which hit our country every year, and almost as much influence on what our enemies might do. Life will go on.

With control of our government, especially the legislative process, divided, we don't have to worry about them coming to take our guns, no matter how much rhetoric we hear to that effect. Nor are they likely to do any of the other horrible things we hear. The worst thing that will probably happen is that our taxes will go up. But then, that happens all the time.

On the other hand, as 2020 has taught us, the world isn't getting to be any safer place to live in. We need to be ready for whatever disaster strikes us next, whether that comes from Mother Nature or a nation-state that doesn't look that favorably upon us.

It has been speculated that China intentionally released COVID-19 upon the world, possibly in an attempt to remove President Trump from office. That's a bit far-fetched. Even if they did release it intentionally, it was probably done as an act of economic warfare, hoping to destroy other countries' economies, while they weathered it out. China certainly seems to have weathered the storm better than just about anyone else... if the reports we're getting out of China are anywhere near true.

Trump couldn't stop COVID and neither can Biden. Legally speaking, Biden can't command another nationwide lockdown, even though he has said he will. Nor can he do many of the other things he said he would. So don't worry about them. Let's focus on what we can do something about, not what might come.

That means dusting off our preps and making sure we're ready for the next disaster to strike. Clean your guns, go to the shooting range, and maybe take a camping trip to brush up on survival skills you haven't used the last four years. Then get ready for another four years of people screaming "The sky is falling" no matter who ultimately wins.

Oh, and find a family member, neighbor, or friend who supports the other political party and give them a hug. You've got to put up with them a whole lot more than you have to put up with whoever occupies government housing at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW in Washington, DC.

Maybe if we can spread a few of those hugs around, we could teach our politicians how to act a little bit better towards each other. Then maybe, just maybe, our country can go forward, working together to do what's best for everyone, instead of just what's best for some political faction or special interest group. Maybe we could even find peace with each other.

But then again...



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