

## US Election 2020—Now What?

### Q&A

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*Election 2020 is over. It goes down in history as the most controversial of the post-WWII era.*

*What are some immediate conclusions from this battle at the polls?*

Election 2020 confirmed the deep, and unbridgeable, fissures paralyzing American society today, which Joe Biden et.al. won't be able to manage, let alone correct. With Covid-19 upending the economy, sending millions to most likely long-term unemployment (or underemployment in the best case), and promising massive social malaise and dislocation for the foreseeable future, no politician, however capable, could right the boat in time. To boot, an unmistakable sign that the so-called Democratic “Blue Wave” never materialized was the discovery that nearly half of Joe Biden voters did not vote for him but, rather, against Trump. The Biden-Harris ticket arrives at the White House with **a brittle mandate** irrespective of what the discredited big media and Democrat partisan cheerleaders will have you believe, to say the least.

Biden's claim that his administration won't be “Obama's third administration” has collapsed with the announcement of a spate of cabinet appointments—all of them time-tested Obama obedient troopers, who tirelessly worked to make Barak's two administrations what has led to declaring Obama “the worst president in history.” Biden's obvious fragility and confusion guarantee he will be a president in need of a permanent chaperon and “protector”

[\(his wife\)](#). And in the immediate background will be VP-elect Kamala Harris, a controversial figure, to put it mildly, with an established record of corruption (see, for example, [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)). Harris resoundingly bottomed out during the Democratic primaries (see [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)) but, nevertheless, the party's big donors pulled her out of the pile and forcefully pushed her into the VP slot as the "safety choice" given the president-elect's obvious frailty and lack of endurance.

President Trump, on the other hand, was his usual self: blustery Twitter language, a disastrous Covid-19 response leaving him open to scathing attacks, continuous friction with members of his administration, and summary dismissal of those he found irksome or offering advice he did not approve. And his promises of revitalizing the hollowed-out Rust Belt and delivering a universal health plan "better than anything seen before" came to naught.

On the plus side, however, Trump rose as an opponent of US "permanent wars" across the globe, something which earned him the enmity of the notorious "military industrial complex;" and [stirred the Republican party](#) away from "managerial professionals" and closer to a "more blue-collar orientation," a change that could spell stronger future performance at the ballot box. Trump won't go away; he's already planning to run in 2024 according to [hints delivered during the White House Christmas party](#). The president also [sent a message](#) claiming that electoral fraud is such that "Biden can't be president" unless there is a definitive investigation of fraud claims, something the Democrats and their allies vehemently reject.

***Biden and the Democratic party claim they'll get to work right away to "unite" America and heal the "wounds" of the Trump years? These are noble targets we've heard before. Is there any real chance of such lofty ideals being realized "on the ground?"***

Words are cheap, deeds are tough—and, often, not pursued due to behind-the-scene strategies agreed between politicians and the real power of the corporate state. A review of recent US history is revealing. For example, it was another Democrat "real leader," Bill Clinton, who passed the disastrous NAFTA deal in 1994, leading to [loss of millions of US manufacturing jobs](#), but who is still an "icon" for the looney liberal intelligencia. A deluge of incriminating evidence against the Clintons has failed to dent their PR imagery—although

Hillary did stumble in 2016 thanks to her solid “confidence” she was a winner to the point of having organized her victory party *before* the final tally was out.

Barak Obama, a perfectly packaged “revolutionary” Chicago brand, continues to be adored by the same liberal establishment that is now waxing poetic about Joe and Kamala—while the Obamas are laughing all the way to the bank thanks to fabulously [lucrative contracts](#) and [best seller books](#) about their “achievements,” while those millions who were supposed to benefit from Barak’s new-wave policies, which never materialized, continue to struggle.

Those who entertain thoughts of positive change under the Biden administration should think twice. No doubt there will be lots of empty moral posturing and cosmetic “adjustments” will be enacted to prop up the “social sensitivity” claims of the newcomers. The real issues on the table will remain though untouched: single-payer health care for all Americans will be avoided (again) like the plague since it collides with the enormous power of gigantic insurance corporations, feeding off of for-profit health care, and the infamous Big Pharma—despite the fact that single payer will liberated tens of millions of Americans from the yoke of employment-linked health insurance that causes ruination if one loses his/her job and has the bad luck of a health crisis. A fundamental restructuring of the Social Security system will again fall by the wayside because of corporate resistance. The militarization of US foreign policy won’t go away any time soon in view of the mammoth outlays involved under consistent pressure from the military-industrial complex that ultimately gets to dictate Washington policies. The US defense budget, currently standing at an estimated \$732 billion, [exceeds the spending](#) of China, India, Russia, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea, and Brazil—combined. Indeed, [one recent report claimed](#) the *real* defense budget exceeds \$1 trillion! It would be next to impossible for the White House newcomers to touch, let alone dent, this budget without immediate congressional and political pushback, not to mention the instant unstoppable surge of lobbying by the big defense manufacturers, who know how quite well how to spend their endorsement and donor dollars.

Lastly, it should be remembered that 70-plus million Americans voted for Trump in a show of unbreakable loyalty. This is bedrock support of the “Trumpism” leftist liberals despise and believe they can defeat via “power politics.” The numbers alone though make this defeat improbable. These “Trumpists” are convinced beyond redemption that *their* president was

attacked via criminal manipulation of the electoral system by Democrat cadres across the country. Trump himself refuses to withdraw his claims of fraud as liberal/left columnists [thirst for a forcible Trump ejection from the White House](#) if he refuses to vacate the Oval Office. Any such eventuality, even if remote however, will pour oil on “Trumpism’s” fires and will solidify the schism currently growing in American society. What follows then will be anybody’s guess.

***One of the most contentious issues of American politics is illegal immigration. How would a Biden administration approach the subject?***

In recent years the Democratic party has come to include “progressives” who unabashedly support illegal immigration and “refugee resettlement” from basket case Third World countries. One of Biden’s first appointments was a Cuban-born lawyer, Alejandro N. Mayorkas, who was chosen to head the Department of Homeland Security. Mayorkas, who headed the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) during Obama’s administration, [has been found to having acted “improperly”](#) in issuing Green Cards to individuals not qualified for legal residence in the US. Biden has already [announced his “Unity Plan”](#) that will push for granting a pathway to citizenship to approximately 14.3 million illegal immigrants and scrap all of Trump administration’s tough measures against illegal immigration. The US has been sliding on immigration in general ever since scrapping country quotas in 1965 via legislation sponsored by the late Democrat Edward Kennedy. Kennedy’s initiative opened the door to “family reunification” that overwhelmingly benefited Third World low-skilled and illiterate immigrants while practically eliminating immigration from the UK, Ireland, and Germany, the three countries that formed the traditional main sources of immigrants to the US since the 19th century.

Biden is mum on scandalous and subversive practices by Democrat state and city administrations *openly and illegally opposing enforcement of immigration laws*. So-called [“sanctuary cities”](#) are mushrooming across the US. Sanctuary cities refuse to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in pursuing and detaining illegal immigrants, including those who commit serious crimes. Sanctuary jurisdictions spend taxpayers’ monies in sustaining illegal immigrants and some allow them to obtain official forms of identification

like a driver's license—as in [California where one million “irregular migrants”](#) are now allowed to apply and acquire such licenses. The Biden administration should be expected to steeply worsen the enforcement of immigration laws and coddle immigration advocates, who *criminally* promote open borders and diluted requirements on the path to citizenship.

***Foreign policy. What should we expect under a Biden administration? Can the president-elect infuse US foreign policy with fresh perspectives?***

One almost guaranteed change would be the return to a multilateral approach to foreign relations in contrast to Trump's unilateralism and “America First” isolationism. Biden misses no opportunity to remind us he's been in Congress for almost half a century which, in itself, may be less of an asset and more of a significant impediment because of “rust” that is associated with lengthy immersion in Congress politicking and “building bridges” with opponents. Biden [denies](#) his administration will be a “third Obama term” although his initial cabinet appointments quite openly negate this promise.

“Uncle Joe” faces a Democratic party that is undecided on what should be America's “post-Trump” role in the world. While Democrats universally dismiss Trump's unilateralism as damaging to America's international standing, there's still confusion as to how a new “internationalism” should be pursued and implemented. One major point of contention will be how to treat China who's rapidly expanding and aggressive foreign and economic policy will be a major thorn on the side of the incoming administration. Biden has called the Chinese leader Xi Jinping a “thug” and promises to be “tough” on China although his record so far [says otherwise](#).

The EU and NATO have welcomed Biden after four years of Trump hostility toward both the alliance and “united” Europe. In one first move, Biden has called on Brussels to go along with Brexit and [“... has told London it must honour its 2020 divorce deal with the EU as it protects peace on the island of Ireland, or else there will be no U.S. trade deal for Britain.”](#) Yet, it would be a rather difficult job to turn the clock back to the pre-Trump era. The world has changed since 2016 and it would be an uphill battle attempting to manage crises that originated in the Obama years as in the case, for example, of the Syria wicked impasse or the Libyan mess. Similarly, Trump's withdrawal from the nuclear deal with Iran won't be easy to

reverse as the ayatollahs have massively exploited the lull offered by the treaty to augment their nuclear weapons program—which suffered a severe body blow with the recent spectacular [assassination](#) of its chief scientist.

All in all, Biden will be well advised to proceed carefully in foreign relations given the severe domestic divisions that were fueled by Election 2020 and will impact, almost certainly, the perennial Congressional tug-of-war. The president-elect’s worst enemy re. global affairs will be any attempt to return to the kind of “conventional wisdom” which has become his second nature after his decades in Congress. This essentially Wilsonian model of diplomacy, which emphasizes [lowest common denominator solutions](#), is simply inadequate in a world that disastrously sunk in the Covid-19 pandemic and has to grapple with nasty regional crises, especially in the disintegrating Third World. Biden will be best served by remembering that [“...in history as in medicine, problems do not stay the same over time; they tend to metastasize into something larger and far more dangerous.”](#)