

American Political Series

Extracts

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From

NOT a Manchurian Candidate, BUT....

But let's "forget" about trump for now and have a brief interlude on what it would be like if a real life Manchurian Candidate controlled by a foreign adversary were installed in the White House at the top. What are some of the things a real Manchurian Candidate might do if he managed to get himself into the White House; you know, the full on agent kind and not just the compromised kind:

1. A Manchurian Candidate might appoint people to run government departments who have a long history of fighting and criticizing the government department they're about to run (not merely change, tear down). Putting America last.
2. A Manchurian Candidate might appoint staff around him in mid-level and senior roles who are malcontents with a level of competence and experience that is nowhere near the requirement for the roles they have.
3. A Manchurian Candidate might delay or abandon the appointment of ambassadors around the world in key strategic regions. Putting America last.
4. Of the ambassadors they appoint, they would probably put in a liberal helping of buffoons, know-nothings and conspiracy theorists to dilute America's reach through Soft Power around the world.
5. A Manchurian Candidate might pare back the

State Department so that it cannot perform its function; perhaps cutting the department's budget back by about twenty percent so that it's not that obvious. Putting America last again.

6. A Manchurian Candidate might choose to force out liaison officers and analysts in key globally strategic roles and then not replace them.
7. A Manchurian Candidate might choose to undermine the authority of the Secretary of State on a regular basis so that even if the person in the role wanted to do the job in the way it's supposed to be done (a very big assumption indeed in such a circumstance), it wouldn't be possible. Putting America last again.
8. A Manchurian Candidate might have discussions with key US Attorneys around the country to gauge, many things, and after playing nice and showing the love, fire them a few weeks later in amongst, say, thirty or fifty others so it looks as though you're not specifically targeting that or those key US Attorneys.
9. A Manchurian Candidate absolutely would build up the military because it's the obvious move to point at and say, "see, how could I possibly be", and also because it allows the potential for a bit of ramping up tensions theatre. When you already spend more on defense than the next five or ten countries combined - whatever the number is these days - spending more on the military is utterly irrelevant to anybody except

defense contractors.

10. A Manchurian Candidate's reactions to crisis, be it internal (to the administration) or external would be all over the shop, because compared to what they're doing everything else doesn't seem that serious to them, and sometimes you just can't get your faked affect right.
11. A Manchurian Candidate might become increasingly more frenetic every time a major news story or criminal investigation hits too close to the facts.
12. A Manchurian Candidate absolutely would breach all the norms that are not covered by laws or regulations. This one should probably be at the very top because this is the primary white-anting of the system that makes the governing of a country on into the future more difficult, whether any of the other stuff succeeds or not.

Points 13-38 still to go.....

From

Whig time for Daniel Dravot Esq et al

I abhor the standardized practice of predicting that things will go bad because it's the easiest thing in the world to do: But Bush⁴³ Republicans were twice as bad as Gingrich Republicans (in less than ten years), and with the exception of the warmongering, Trump Republicans are easily twice as bad as Bush⁴³ Republicans (again, in less than ten years). Republicans do not need to be eight times worse than

gingrich Republicans in order for the current divisions in the country to descend into full blown cold (civil) war. Over the last ten years Republicans have been manipulating and scaring their base to within an inch of their sanity with comically exaggerated “tin foil hat” versions of their worst fears; fears that had originally been created out of nowhere or dramatically exaggerated to be unreasonable fears by Republicans (politicians, commentators, other Republican professionals) decades ago. To use the vernacular, trump has pushed the Republican Party all the way into Bizarro World in all of this, and because the Republican Party have been engaged in their “Reverse March of Progress” leadership descent over the last fifty years every time they replaced a Democrat (crooked Nixon, stupid and dementia Reagan, stupid warmongering Bush43 and now stupid crooked dementia trump; each worse than the former for different reasons, and absolutely all degeneratively worse from a governing perspective), their next President is not going to be better than trump. This trump experience has been so much fun for the Republican base (the fifty or sixty percent of the hardcore Republican base who choose their candidate), that they’re going to want to throw another firebomb next time too. One or two candidates will be happy to oblige them and will, just like trump, try to burn the country down in the general that follows that next primary, whenever that may be. This has and continues to be a monster of

their own making, and the Republican establishment are now too scared of this monster to do anything about it; but even worse in that they not infrequently join trump to amp up their base to an even higher pitch than what it already is. So maybe they don't want to do anything about it??????

For the soul and sanity of the United States, the Republican Party needs to go; end of fxcking story. And I don't mean just in the coming election, I mean they need to fxcking go; Whig-style go.

From

“Down, down, deeper and down”

As recently as the 1970s and 1980s it was common practice for guys to be talking around in a bar, and for one or more of them to make mention that he had to “smack his b!tch across the face” (or some similar action) because she wouldn't get him his dinner or because she was constantly talking back at him or because she wouldn't shut up, and such a comment was met with varying degrees of smiles and laughter. Now although this didn't mean that they all did it, it was something that all of the weaker males just accepted as part of the normal course of a conversation with (mistakenly believed) alpha males, and it made it more likely that more of these weak males would do it given similar circumstances. This weak, compliant, accepting behavior is the Make America Great trump is bringing back, only he's doing it to both brown people and to women. Never forget

that, according to his wife Ivana, back in the 1980s trump beat the crap out of his wife and raped her because he had a bad hair appointment with someone that she suggested. Sounds ridiculous when put like that doesn't it (a sort of "you must be joking" moment), and yet that is precise; how else does one characterize an interaction where the woman has clumps of her hair ripped out and is then violently "taken" on a table. YES, that happened. Ivana stood by the details for decades, probably till her death, and her only qualification is that she didn't mean "rape" in an illegal way (another "you must be joking" statement). As I say in one of the other sections, when those are the details you can make all the qualifications you like, but unless that qualification is that you enjoyed it and that's the way you like to have sex, then it IS black letter law rape (there is a teeny, tiny percentage in this world who do enjoy sex like that so maybe she's one of them, but of course that's not the case or she wouldn't have mentioned it in the first place). She said "not rape" for one, two, or three reasons that we can all easily guess, and one or all of the reasons we'd guess would be correct, and yet it's apparently impolite to call trump a rapist. When such a person, rapist or not, is also a racist and is saying Make America Great Again, he's not really using the words as even half decent people would use them now is he?????

From

Helsinki, Sweden

Yes I have a truly opprobrious opinion of Republican political professionals, but that's only because I've been doing something for almost twenty years that Rachel Maddow is now putting up on the screen about once a month these days: "forget about what they say, watch what they do". We, all of us, ARE our actions, and the theme running through the entirety of the American Political Series is, "these are their actions and you absolutely cannot be on the side of good if these are your actions"; again, not possible. And to bring this passage back to topic, consider their actions and the result of their actions in foreign relations since the start of the Age of Republicans in 1969; they make a mess every time they get in; they do not understand this stuff. Yes Nixon built on the solid work in disarmament talks and it takes a wannabe dictator to talk to another dictator (the "only Nixon could go to China" thing was not a compliment), but it was a dog's breakfast everywhere else because of Republican actions, same with Reagan/Bush, same with Bush43, and now again with trump. They really don't understand this stuff, but not only because it's hard work, but for another reason that makes them look even worse, and you can figure that one out for yourself (the reason is the whole point of the *Probitas* section so you can look it up there if you want). And for those who want to point to the bullsht narrative

of Reagan triumphantly ending the Cold War, I put the brief analysis of that one in another section too, but the shorthand is: random disembodied “tactics”, ridiculous mistakes and ramping up tensions when the USSR leadership was in turmoil (so end of the world crapshoot stuff) by people who were hardcore all in on the Military Industrial Complex, were not designed to end the Cold War; whatever they were thinking when they did them, if they were (thinking), that mob, were not going for an end to the Cold War; not a chance in a million that mob were going for that. They claim that now, but even under the most superficial analysis it’s obvious hindsight credit claiming; hogwash. That we all got out of that one unscathed is Homer Simpson levels of luck. Fortunately, that old saying that has also lifted trump up through his entire life held back then, and continues to hold for him today, for now: The saying I alluded to in an earlier section of this series about the 2016 election was, “when the gods want to punish people, they give us what we want” (trump as the nominee WAS what everybody on the Left wanted), but the saying that held for Republicans in the end of the Cold War and continues to hold for trump for the time being is, “the gods take care of fools and babies”. Republicans looked more serious back then and were better at faking it, but they didn’t understand this foreign relations business back then and they don’t understand it now. Republicans know how to get elected and they know what their Id wants; they don’t

know anything else, NOTHING.

(The title of this one alludes to the idea of people speaking up on things they don't know anything about; it's from the movie Die Hard, and of course it doubles as a fun reminder of trump's debacle in Helsinki. Type the heading into YouTube and it comes up if you don't already know.)

From

“If low bars you like”

Okay, one final comment on the Mueller Report months after it finished, because I just heard this comment again, and it always annoys me a little. “Mueller spent months looking into the Russian connection with trump and didn't find a chargeable conspiracy” goes the comment. I'm afraid I don't speak that English so I have no idea what it is that they're talking about.

It never used to be good form to say it because Mueller was viewed as this god of investigations, but it's more acceptable now to say that the investigation was almost ludicrously incomplete. Spending months chasing down vapor, which is what the forms of evidence he was chasing down usually are when investigating paranoid little people like trump (someone who doesn't even use email so there are no mistakes like that for him to make either), never speaking to four of the five most important witnesses, and most importantly not “following the money”,

which, and this is not a hindsight thing (obvious from day one), was always, Always, ALWAYS going to be where the evidence was; this is not an investigation meant to find anything to do with trump, and it didn't. Not doing THOSE things, makes this investigation akin to an internal leak inquiry set up by Sir Humphrey Appleby from the TV show Yes, Minister. When you don't go anywhere near the places where you know, KNOW, the most damning evidence is, what the hell is that????? Again, this is not a hindsight thing and it IS investigations 101; follow the money. That is investigations 101, right????

From

“A Republic, IF you can keep it”

Half the country falsely believe that you Democrats are the ones who are cheating. You need to fix this; it's not helpful to regret that you didn't fix it after the fact. In the minds of the Republican base, a coup is not a coup if the other side are stealing elections, and Republicans are hammering this home to their base. Since January 6, 2021, Republicans haven't changed their behavior one whit nor are they feeling any regret, or haven't you noticed. You need to fix this. Let me help.

Republicans need to be shown that they don't need to use the “burn America down in order to get power strategy”, or next time that's exactly what's going to happen.

Before they activated this strategy fully in the 1990s they had won elections in the previous twenty years by almost twenty million votes twice, and others by eight million and seven million votes. The idea that they need to pursue this “burn the country down strategy” in order to win is an idiot’s view of the country; a truly imbecilic view of the country (ignoring all evidence), unless you actually want to burn down the country, which it seems some of them do; horley, cruze, jordon, gaets, broocks, the freak from Georgia, the freak from Colorado, the freak from Arizona, and a few others seem to actually want to burn the country down (do they??); whereas many of the others who are following in on the strategy are just too scared to confront the base; the base with attitudes that the REPUBLICAN ESTABLISHMENT created over many decades; their Frankenstein’s monster that they are now too scared to do anything about. murdoch and limbaugh led Republicans down that garden path in order to make money for themselves, falsely using buchanan’s idiocy to justify it, and now we not only have the dog wagging the tail, we also have the “tail wagging the dog”.

With the dynamics in play over the final weeks of the transition, Republicans could have fixed this inside six months at the very beginning of 2021 and been rid of trump, but there would’ve been a bit of pain for a few months and they weren’t willing to go through one to get to the other; they could still fix it themselves by the end of this year and be free and

clear of trump by mid-2023, but the pain would be higher in an election year so they're not going to do it. It needs to be fixed in spite of them, or America WILL be a Russian style democracy in less than ten years (only not quite as peaceful); believe it.

The Electoral College “burn the country down strategy” is, Is, IS, the reason they keep losing the popular vote. Bush43 mostly stopped trying to burn down the country leading into his re-election and surprise, surprise, he won the popular vote; why is this so hard for them to wrap their head around, unless as I just stated they genuinely want to burn down the country. Unfortunately, they may already be at the point where a supermajority of Republican caucuses read, ‘Russian style democracy in ten years’, and think to themselves, “wow, that sounds great” (in fact I’m quite certain that’s where they are), so it is quite the problem we have here. After all, in the immediate wake of the nine week long attempted coup that ended in the second week of January 2021, elected Republicans all over the country ramped up all of the standard vote rigging they’ve been doing for a couple of decades through the roof (in other words, they realized the recent coup attempt was in line with and accelerated their goals), and as 2021 progressed they’ve been getting worse, so again, we have quite the problem here. Let me help.

You Republicans ABSOLUTELY CAN still win elections by ten or fifteen million votes moving forward, but you need to stop trying to tear the

country apart and you need to stop trying to burn the fckng country down. So please stop trying to burn down the country; pretty please, with sugar on top. Please!!!!!!!!!!!! Is that really so much to ask????????? To not burn down the house while you're still in it.

Some final thoughts: American Soft Power is the glue that holds the whole world together, and as we saw with trump (and then Republicans delaying and/or refusing to confirm key appointments at the State Department and around the world in 2021), watering down America's reach through soft power is the first thing to go in a Republican Party that would engage in an actual coup. We can still fix all of this, America, the world, all of it, but we need a solid foundation on which to stand, and a worldwide authoritarian movement is not a foundation that can lead us to a better world. Hopefully our brains are not so addled these days that we need to ask, "why not?" Authoritarianism drains the vitality out of a system and that's just the money side of things; so is that what corporations want for America and..... As America goes so goes the rest of the world.

This can't be allowed to happen, as much for Republicans as for Democrats, as much for corporations as for the poor and Middle-Class. To Republicans who have this in mind: it wouldn't be all wine and roses if you did this; believe it; you'd be setting America on fire, and the gasoline splash-back would be huge. Unfortunately the sort of people who engage in things like this can't see consequences until

said consequences are falling on their head, which is one of the reasons it's such a problem; people blinded by ambition who can't see more than two inches in front of their face making things worse for everybody else. Let me help. I can help.

To all of you corporations out there: You ARE all aware that the Democracy Index is almost line ball with GDP per capita, and that autocratic rule drains the vitality out of an economy; you know this, RIGHT....

You realize that with the exception of all those countries that are artificially inflated because of their oil reserves and small populations, or because they are tax havens, every other country in the top fifty GDP per capita are all THE most healthy and fully functioning democracies in the world; you know that, RIGHT....

The only exception to this rule is Singapore, and their economy is greatly inflated for other reasons.

China, huddled near the bottom of the Democracy Index, should already be a \$45 trillion economy, at least (1.4 billion population and almost forty years pushing out into the global marketplace), and yet they only have a third of this; and Russia, with a population of 144 million and a resource and geographic profile very similar to Australia, should have an economy larger than Germany, instead of one that's about the same size as Australia (population 26 million); the connection between healthy

democracies and strong economies is not ambiguous, not even a little.

The Hard Right, which all autocracies are, are too much into smash and grab, and they don't know how to govern to get a healthy economy.

They don't even want one as long as their short term desires are being sated from the smash and grab.

And this seems to be what the Republican Party wants for America. Or are they just doing the thing they always do: walking around with their heads in the air, oblivious to everything except their raging Id. It's the main reason why they can't govern; they are all about the getting of it and know nothing beyond what will serve them personally; not foreign affairs, not domestic affairs, not the economy, nothing, and they've been this way for a very long time.

Never forget that with the exception of Eisenhower, who was as much of a RINO as a RINO gets, every time, EVERY TIME, Republicans took power over the last one hundred years, ONE, HUNDRED, YEARS, they raided the treasury and crashed the economy (1929, 1973, 1987, 2008; driving the economy off a cliff, and each time in the second term of a Republican President who are now and have always been, "my way or the highway"); and then every time, again, EVERY TIME, Democrats came in, stabilized the economy, balanced budgets, and got the economy moving again. Republicans CAN NOT GOVERN (and they are far worse on this point now than they used to be). Republicans are currently

organising for themselves to be in power in perpetuity. How do you suppose that's going to go if they succeed?????

To the corporations again,
is this what you want for America?????

It's not going to be the party to end all parties you think it's going to be!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From

Fruit of the poisonous orchard

The bottom line on Republicans in America, is if you give them the power, then they will do what bad things they are able to do, IF they think of them. It's all in the new theme song I'm suggesting we assign to the Republican Party from here on out; they've earned it with their actions over forty years, and it should be played over and over again at every rally they have, until they abandon their hardcore anti-Christian behavior; I go into the specifics of their anti-Christian behavior more than once in this book, point by point, and I'm pretty sure that most regular Republican voters don't even realize that's what they've been voting for their entire lives; poor dumb bastards, manipulated to within an inch of their sanity as they are. And PS to any reading this book to whom this may apply (the snakes in the Arctic Circle, snowflakes in the Sahara), if you want me to stop calling you stupid, then you need to stop being so stupid that a

caricature of you would be two thick planks of wood stuck together, okay (that Republican politicians, party employees and Right wing media figures ARE this, has been so obvious for decades, that you do need to be two thick planks of wood stuck together to not be able to see it).

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Republicans are in a trap of their own making, and they've been caught in it for about ten years. Because Republicans are predisposed towards destructive and enervating actions and behavior, the only out they see for themselves is to just double down and engage in even worse actions (never against the people they should), and we've seen this in practice for forty years; it's only been obvious to the casual observer for about twenty years, and it's been as obvious as the sun in the sky for the last six years. The theme song for the Republican Party for the last forty years is one of Status Quo's biggest hits, and it fits them like a glove and IS the theme song of the Republican Party in America: Down, Down, Deeper and Down. It fits so well that I accept your thanks in advance for the millions of earworms I'll be responsible for over the next ten years, whenever anybody thinks of the Republican Party.

The one thing that is indisputable about trump AND republicans, is the most important thing we all need to keep in mind going into future elections. Republicans and trump know, KNOW FOR SURE, that there is no widespread voter fraud, and they

know that Democrats are not engaged in fixing the vote or any other funny business (Republicans just make stories up out of nowhere and bounce them around inside their huge Right wing echo chamber, so that “everybody’s saying it”; it’s an active and intentional process they go through, so those politicians, party execs and Right wing media who truly believe this stuff, and there would be some, belong in a mental institution or a special-ed class, which of course would disqualify them from elected office). Sit down and have a proper think about this. When you accuse the other side of fixing elections when you know they’re not, that accusation has one utility and ONE UTILITY ONLY. As cover or justification for when you try to steal elections. Think about it. It has no other use than this; to justify the stealing of an election. And it’s not as if we didn’t see it applied in exactly this way from about July 2020, to January 6, 2021.

You know, I think I need to start decapitalizing the word Republican when I write it, but not just now, not for this book.

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