

Trump's landslide victory is possible

The months of the US presidential election race is coming to the home stretch. The Democrats nominated Hillary Clinton and Republicans, Donald Trump, as their respective candidate in July. Toward the final verdict date of 8 November, Trump is steadily chipping away Clinton's early lead and winning over her in the polls, albeit small margins. Now that Hillary's endless scandals are surfacing, and her obscene self-contradictory rhetoric is losing audience, the money-and-power-hungry Democratic presumptive nominee looks unable to dispel her trust issue. Even her doctor's diagnosis of her physical condition is difficult to be taken at face value. Her opponent, on the other hand, is increasing his popularity particularly among independent voters, by running super-active campaign and delivering his inclusive and powerful can-do messages in simple language, and is likely to defeat Clinton by a far wider margin than the polls indicate.

An unconventional battle ground

This presidential election is not a traditional beauty contest between Republicans (conservatives) and Democrats (liberals). Rather, put simply, it is a battle between globalism vs. nationalism, the establishment vs. the political outsiders, the large multinationals/military-industry complex/Wall Street vs the mass ordinary citizens, and the mainstream media vs. the new independent grass-root counter-parts. Now the former is losing out to the latter, and it seems like an irreversible trend. Brexit should be understood in the same context, although whether or not the UK eventually leaves the EU remains to be seen.

A real change is happening

Trump's rally attracts tens of thousands of supporters, including in key states like Colorado, Ohio, North Carolina and Florida, and is becoming a social movement that can be called 'Trump phenomenon', whereas Clinton's crowd is made up of only hundreds at best everywhere she goes.

Trump's campaign is also gaining support among African-Americans and Hispanics, and in so-called the rust belt. Since he says he would rebuild the depleted military, the defense industry will have to take him seriously. Besides, he would not have come this far without tacit endorsement from the powerful Israel lobby.

The public are not stupid; those who still support Clinton are the ones who just hope to see the first female president, disregarding her track record and policies, or who are die-hard Clinton-maniacs, blinded by the mainstream media's propaganda, or whose personal interests are inseparably tied to Clinton's.

Trump has outmaneuvered the mainstream media

Early on the real estate businessman was depicted as nothing but a reckless, unpredictable, unrefined TV reality-show host who has no idea about real politics.

It was a result of the tactics actively employed and successfully projected worldwide by the establishment media which prefers status-quo. Knowing Clinton's overwhelming fund-raising power, they were after her money to win as many advert slots as possible to maximise their revenue and

good access to her tightly-knit campaign team. Besides, she looks like a stable bet and is particularly newsworthy as the possible first female president.

He may have changed his mind at this stage but even Prof. Noam Chomsky, a highly respected liberal intellectual, said that 'Trump's a clown...literally, he could be in the circus'.

Trump, however, through his TV experience, knows too well how to play media rating games and won highest exposure by deliberately speaking of controversial and politically incorrect issues during the primaries, thereby crushed 16 rivals and successfully saved his money.

The traditional media is losing credibility

The establishment has grossly underestimated the Republican nominee's clever tactics and is beginning to lose their credibility and integrity.

Among the media, such notable Clinton-followers as the Washington Post, New York Times, USA Today, ABC, CNN, NBC, CBS, are losing ground. Their biased reporting is ubiquitous. On 3 August, for instance, Clinton gave a speech in Omaha, Nebraska, in which she raised her voice and said 'We will raise taxes on the middle class.', but they ignored this apparent 'mistake'. Clinton herself did not realise that she delivered a wrong message and continued to speak as if all was in order. Besides, the crowd loudly cheered to it, which happened to reveal that they were not intently listening to her but were merely acting with orchestrated cues.

Blatantly and unashamedly pro-Clinton CNN is now dubbed as 'Clinton News Network'. It should be noted that Virginia Moseley, a CNN vice president is married to Tom Nides,

the former deputy Secretary of State. Moreover, the president of CBS is a brother of a White House national security advisor, and a senior national correspondent at ABC is married to the White House Press Secretary. It is no wonder why they protect Clinton-Obama interest, and bash and belittle Trump.

The Clintons in desperation

The history of the Clintons' alleged crime syndicate is widely documented in detail. It is astonishing that Bill and Hillary have so far escaped from indictment.

However, with more and more scandals disclosed and running out of ammunition, Hillary is increasingly resorting to 'conspiracy theories' and derogatory language to attack the opponent, and even calling 'half of the Trump supporters a basket of deplorables'.

What is incredible is that Bill Clinton recently said that 'the Trump's campaign slogan *Make America Great Again* is a racist dog whistle'. It is the phrase he himself used it in 1991 and 1992, and also in 2008 to support his wife. The couple is in no doubt pathological liars. Or are they suffering from dementia as well?

Perhaps, many voters may be recalling the 2008 Obama campaign TV advert, 'She (Clinton) says anything and changes nothing'.

A timely collapse?

Clinton's health concern is nothing new, but her collapse, as she climbed onto her van after she had left early the 9/11 memorial ceremony, was unmistakably captured on a camera and widely reported. It was made public that she had been diagnosed suffering from pneumonia two days earlier.

She had to cancel the impending schedule and rest for a few days. Although she

managed to be back on trail on 15th, her weakness is undeniable. Her speech is usually only 20-minute long. Following strong criticism of holding no press conference for months, she recently re-launched one, but it was on board a newly chartered jet and under strict control.

There are three 90-minute TV debates scheduled on 26 September, 9 and 19 October. The frail grandmother is very much unlikely to survive them.

Clinton has already collapsed politically. The last thing she wants is to be indicted and prosecuted for her illegal use of private server and email account while she was the Secretary of State. The FBI seems to have enough evidence to charge her, and the NSA is said to have kept all her deleted emails. Furthermore, Wikileaks is planning to disclose a death blow shortly.

The Democratic presumptive nominee must become the next president to stay above the law. Otherwise her only option may well be to retire from the race before the first debate, using an excuse of being 'medically and physically unfit'. Also, if she went all the way and lost, and were indicted under the Trump administration, she might seek plea bargaining. It will not be a surprise that there are those who need to avoid this scenario at all cost.

Trump has nothing to lose

His message that he is owned by no one, bought by no special interests, resonates strongly among voters. No one can deny that he has been spending tens of millions of dollars of his own money. When he says, 'I am fighting for YOU. I am not winning. YOU are winning', the massive audience is inevitably moved.

After having been nominated as the official Republican candidate, he has switched to less offensive, more moderate talks to appeal to all walks of life. In August he met the Mexican president, visited flood-stricken Louisiana even before President Obama went, and already looks like the president.

As he delivers speeches day after day, oftentimes in more than 2 different states in a day, he has become familiar with vital statistics and can give convincing arguments without using tele-prompters.

The 'Trump' brand is now firmly established not just in America but world-wide. He has already sold 'Trump' to some property developers. Even if he loses, all the money, time and energy he would have spent will not be wasted. There is already a rumour that he would launch his own media company if he fails to win.

President Trump will be better for America and the rest of the world

His pledge to bring back manufacturers and create millions of new jobs will not be easily realisable, not to mention building a wall along the Mexican border at Mexico's expense.

Also, transforming the political landscape in Washington and diminishing the Wall Street power will be a huge challenge. He will probably not be able to make America prosperous again as in the 1950s.

Notwithstanding, his financial independence helps him speak his mind, and his candid attitude could win many friends in the world. Although his claim as the greatest job president God ever created sounds absurd, it excites his supporters even more. Obviously his priority for now is to win as many votes as possible to get a ticket to the White House.

Clinton's victory cannot be entirely ruled out at this stage, and the power and money of the establishment should not be underestimated.

But she looks already discredited comprehensively, and the world political leaders would not take her seriously. Her chance victory would hasten the US political as well as economic decline. It would also give rise to the suspicion of vote-rigging and cause riots in many parts of America. If Trump were gunned down or assassinated, the country could fall into a political and social turmoil.

Another financial crisis which is several times larger than the last one will hit the world sooner or later. It is not a question of if but when. As Trump rightly points out, markets are artificially held up high, and the Fed is politically charged. It is impossible to tell what

the trigger would be, but in the near future some global-scale chaos may happen to distract the public attention from Clintons' immediate problems. We should be vigilant.

If Trump wins, as the writer expects, we are likely to be facing a very different world this time round next year. Under his administration his 'America first' will bring the decades of American hegemony to an end and usher in a multi-polar world.

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