

Election 2020 – A Manichean Choice

Recently, author and Hoover Institution Senior Fellow Dr. Victor Davis Hanson stated that this November's election will be a "Manichean Choice." Intrigued by his words, I consulted Wikipedia and learned that the Manichean religion views the world as an eternal struggle between a good, spiritual world of light, and an evil, material world of darkness.

I hold with those who believe that November's election will present voters with two such diametrically opposed choices (light and dark), both for its government and our future as a nation. At issue is whether the entire US economic system is to be dismantled on the whims of a few.

Capitalism – as an economic system, but not as practiced by a criminal class of public and private elites – has served this nation well for over almost 250 years. Socialism – which promises an over-the-rainbow Utopia to desperate masses – has never succeeded anywhere. Sadly, its only legacy is the murder of millions of innocent men, women and children who simply dared to disobey orders. Despite the fact that Joe Biden has declared he is not a socialist, Antifa is "an idea," and he is THE Democrat party I am not a believer.

I am a former Democrat, and that party's recent embrace of doctrinaire Socialism scares me, as it should you. Defunding the police, breaking up of the nuclear family, open borders, "cancel culture," and wanton violence are, as we now know, part of their political platform. When you cast your vote in November, remember Speaker Pelosi's comment on the recent, nationwide breakout of rioting, looting, vandalism, and violence: "*People will do what they do*," she shrugged. And as the House Speaker, Pelosi stands second in the line of Presidential succession, behind VP Mike Pence. All I can say is, please pray for Mike Pence.

And that is what this election is really all about. Not President Trump's tweets or Joe Biden's ability to serve a full term. We owe it to future generations to take a stand against tyranny, lawlessness, and economic recklessness over an entitled cancel culture that bullies and demeans anyone with a different viewpoint.

Many thousands of uniformed American men and women died so that we, today, would have the freedom to speak and, yes, to protest *without* resorting to violence. Now, it seems, many are ready to cast their sacrifice aside and demand a doomed form of Socialist government – not Scandinavia’s benevolent nanny-state that some call “Socialist Lite,” but the heavy-fisted Marxist-Leninist Socialism that has never produced prosperity or happiness for “the workers” or anybody else within a thousand miles of a gulag.

America was born because its people wanted to live in peace with the world, with equal justice and opportunity at home. Like Dr. Hanson, in November I will vote for the Light as a Republican and not for the Darkness represented now by ascendant Democrats that my “Blue Dog” democrat father would have considered dupes at best.