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I have been providing commentary and observations leading up to Election Day, 2016. I now wish to reflect upon what we can conclude and the takeaways.

The American voter has spoken, and very few accurately predicted the outcome. I previously stated, “Donald Trump makes Hillary electable.” This observation needs to be restated; “Hillary Clinton is the only one who made Trump electable.”

This entire election process has been unprecedented. It began with the democratic primary and the rise of Bernie Sanders and his message. If it weren't for the restrictions imposed by certain states during the democratic primaries regarding crossover votes, and the fact that registered independent voters were prevented from voting in their primaries, Bernie Sanders might now be the president elect. Certainly at the very least he would have prevailed as the Democratic nominee. When Sanders said the nomination process was rigged, he was stating a fact.

As we watched Donald Trump emerge from the field in the republican primary, it was clear the voters were rebelling against the Washington establishment. The fact that Trump was more of an independent candidate than a Republican set the stage for what will be deemed the most unconventional, negative presidential election in American history.

Let's review a few facts:

Notwithstanding the overwhelmingly left-leaning media bias enjoyed by Hillary Clinton, according to the Washington Post the amount of money spent by her campaign and her Super PAC's dwarfed that spent by the Trump campaign. The American taxpayers paid an even larger contribution when you factor in the costs related to the campaigning by President Obama, Michelle Obama, and Vice President Biden, which totaled in the tens of millions. Consequently, the Trump voters, as taxpayers, paid an even larger percentage of the bill for our president to campaign for Trump's opponent when he should have been spending his final months performing his responsibilities as our president.

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The voters have spoken. All the money, the favors, the media, the high profile Hollywood celebrity performances, the campaigning of the current democratic power base, and the schemes and strategies of the Clinton machine couldn't buy the presidency. In the end, an immensely flawed billionaire candidate was elected our country's 45th president. This was a voters' rebellion on a massive scale.

Only time will tell if President Trump can and will deliver the change he promised. Will he drain the swamp? Will he surround himself with a team that can, "Make America Great Again?" One thing is for certain; President Elect Donald Trump has changed the Republican Party and has an opportunity with a Republican Congress to improve the way our government functions. In my view, many of his campaign promises offer optimism, if he can deliver. We can only hope the next four years will prove that a Washington outsider, a businessman who doesn't appear to be beholden to the establishment, can execute the vision the voters deserve.

As for Secretary Clinton, stay tuned. Without a pardon from President Obama, it is likely she and her husband will be defending themselves in the future regarding The Clinton Foundation and their related entities.

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