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Watching the first debate, I was underwhelmed by both candidates. If you agree, we shouldn't be surprised, as our choices in this political process have reached a new low. We are approaching a serious crossroad that will affect the future of our country. Our children and grandchildren will be living in a world of challenges not previously experienced in the United States. Our country needs competent leadership, and none is offered by these candidates. We desperately need gridlock in Washington. We cannot afford to empower either one of the mainstream political parties and allow them to impose their platforms upon the next generation.

Let's review where we are in this election process with less than six weeks remaining.

Although fewer than ten swing states will decide our next president, the polls suggest a virtual tie. According to The Washington Post, as of August 31, Hillary Clinton's campaign has raised \$413.7 million. Thus far, her campaign has spent ninety percent of what it has raised. Compare this to the Trump campaign, which raised \$166.3 million and has spent seventy percent to date. Now it really gets interesting. Clinton's Super PAC's have raised \$141.3 million versus Trump's \$17.5 million. To date, Clinton's spending of her financial resources has been primarily on negative television advertising, which has proven to be either ineffective or has just kept her in contention. It seems to be a wash. Either way, the amount of money being thrown at these candidates is obscene. The expensive ad campaigns do nothing to inform the voters of how the candidates will handle the challenges we face. They avoid discussing specifics at all costs. These two untrustworthy candidates are running for the highest, most powerful office in our land, yet both have offended most voters.

During the debate, Donald Trump attempted to deny his past indiscretions. His pomposity was both immature and embarrassing. If you were not offended by his behavior, were you giving him a pass because Hillary offends you more?

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Hillary Clinton, whose presidential slogan is “Stronger Together,” has announced that half of Donald Trump’s supporters are “deplorable,” inferring that they are people who are racist, sexist, homophobic or xenophobic. Assuming Trump has roughly half of the voters, Clinton is suggesting twenty-five percent of the country is deplorable. It would seem that “Stronger Together” only applies to those who vote for her. Why Donald Trump didn’t exploit this issue in the debate was a lost opportunity. This issue is huge and expresses a view only an elitist would suggest. Hillary continues to preach that words matter, and that she is going to represent and fight for all Americans. Please, the hypocrisy is on view for all to see.

The first debate provided little for the undecided voter.

The current polls in some states show the third party candidates, and particularly Gary Johnson, are gaining support as voters are disgusted by the major party choices. Though these voters know their candidate cannot win, we must encourage them to take the time to cast their votes and send a message to Washington. It continues to be more likely that Hillary Clinton will be our next president, but we must, and I emphasize MUST, go to the polls and vote for a Republican Congress. If there is not gridlock in Washington the next four years, the Democrats will lead us down a path of taxation and spending that will perpetuate the last eight years of slow growth and out of control debt. If President Obama had had a Democratic Congress during the last six years of his presidency, as was the case during his first two years in office, I cannot even imagine what the extent of our economic problems might be today.

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