

The 2016 Political Campaign

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From the first surveys this finding; every United States voter considered himself middle-of-the-road; like all good drivers, could see the extremes left and right but knew the importance to keep their eye on the destination.

Nothing has changed.

In any gathering of friends, each knows the proclivity of others. Little can be said to influence the prejudice of another. Even in extremes, most reject any reconsideration of their prejudices, for in fact, these are seen as reasonable.

First a fictional tale. A honest man has two children. Both want to be politicians, prefer to live in other states. One chooses Dallas, Texas, the other Denver, Colorado. The father gives them blessings and this advise. The Texan must register as Republican, the Denverites, Democrat. The reason, in those locations the opposing party has not elected anyone for decades. They are not asked to changed belief, just register with the dominant party. This has been happening for years; both parties continue to elect politicians of a wide beliefs.

With the above, I wish to make these predictions.

In United States, the Democrat part base is growing faster. The black and Spanish populations are raising new voters much faster than the white do. States with a majority of those voters are likely to remain predominantly Democratic in choice of all elected officials.

Bernie Sanders was elected to the Senate from Vermont as a Socialist, registered Independent, has voted with Democrats. Last year, in complying with rules, he changed his registration to Dem to qualify for the Presidency. Since then he has campaigned vigorously, everywhere, preaching for a broadening of all social benefits. He has greatly widened the Democratic party base; new voter registrations; switched Unaffiliated and young Republicans, to Democrat to vote for him.

I happen to believe Hillary will be chosen party candidate In Philadelphia the week ending July 28, a week following the Republican Convention in Cleveland. And in that gathering, it is certain the Dem loser will embrace the victor.

I do not believe Donald Trump broadly represents the Republican party, cannot foresee candidates for other offices campaigning with and for him.

In the 2017 Senate, the Majority leader should become Charles Schumer from New York. The Senate makeup will be 51 Democrats, 47 Republicans, two Independents who will continue to vote with the Democrats..

And a final prediction. Once the Presidential election moves into full throttle with Labor Day 2016, the United States Senate will rush to convene, consider, and approve the Obama nomination for the Supreme Court, Judge Merrick Garland.

There are many reasons for this.

...A fine candidate, approved overwhelmingly by the Senate for his present position. At 64, he's one of the oldest modern appointees.

The present eight man Court may split 4 to 4 on many votes, approving decisions of the lesser more liberal Courts

...Republican Senators on the ballot for reelection 2016 will choose to give the nominee a up or down vote, not continually be smeared as obstructionists.

...And with the November vote teetering to elect a Democrat as President, the present Republican Senators cannot expect the nomination of a candidate more attractive to the 2017 Republican Senators.

Things change rapidly.
Will these thoughts be meaningless on 20 January 2017?

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