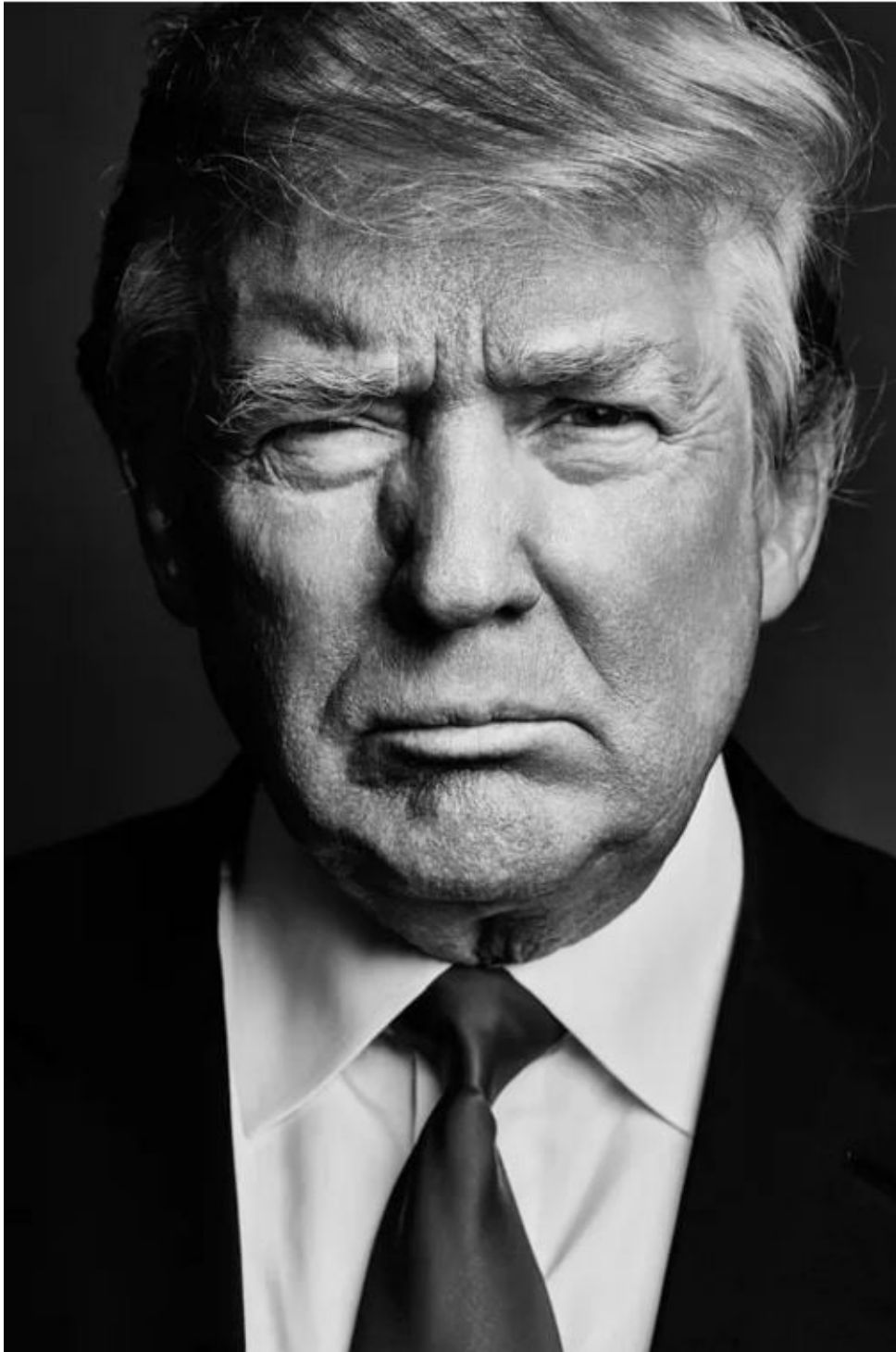


To the Wire

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Trump (Nigel Parry for Esquire, 2015)

Sometimes by losing a battle, you find a new way to win

the war. –Donald J. Trump

As the 2024 presidential race nears the finish, there isn't much left to say about Donald J. Trump that voters don't already know. Trump may be the best vetted candidate in the history of elections anywhere. If name recognition alone were prophetic, Trump would win in a landslide.

No candidate in the history of voting republics, since Julius Caesar, has had his every thought, utterance, and written word examined in such forensic detail. We know too much about Trump's warts because political campaigns today, as ever, are always more about emotion, feeling, likeability, and personality than policy. Pontificate, if you must, about the relevance of policy, but most voters couldn't distinguish between good policy and a pig in a poke. At the same time, every citizen is crystal clear about their likes and dislikes.

The only issues that might swing votes today are vote buying gifts like welfare, housing, student loan forgiveness, and targeted corporate capture doles. Still, the grifter, barnacle, or dependent vote is marginally relevant.

Takers, ironically, are less likely to vote than makers.

And thusly, we see all those liberal, fraud prone, schemes (drop boxes, no proofs of citizenship, early voting, absentee ballots, etc.) that make voting as effortless and corruptible as possible. Variable credential standards and multiple voting venues make fraud possible, just as surely as they make voting security and integrity impossible.

Deadbeats, who lack the motivation to get up in the morning for work, are unlikely to get out to vote without substantial organized establishment "assistance." And make no mistake for '24, the reigning urban and deep state media/government establishment is a Democrat Party monoculture.

Who counts the vote is always more probative than how many votes are cast.

Indeed, Trump comes to the plate for a second time in 2024 with a number of handicaps other than style, personality, and popularity. Trump is not just running against the Democrat Party; he is running against an entrenched, formidable urban and federal establishment too.

There are some saving graces, however. Trump is a shrewder politician than most of his critics. Overestimates can be a no-lose hedge, whilst an underestimate is nearly always fatal.

Just ask team Hillary.

So the question at this point is, other than fat cat ladies and edible cats for Haitians, does Donald Trump have any cats in his hat as November comes into focus?

Clearly the answer is yes, Trump has a dream team of converts now providing a vanguard on the media campaign trail. The likes of J. D. Vance, Robert F Kennedy Jr., Elon Musk, Tulsi Gabbard, Nikki Haley, Nicole Shanahan, and General Mike Flynn—mostly Democrat defectors.

Trump's articulate cabinet bench has the usual Beltway suspects wetting their knickers.

Imagine what RFK could do with the Justice Department, Homeland Security, the FBI, and/or the Secret Service? Kennedy knows where the bodies are buried. Indeed, his father and uncle are two of those bodies.

Imagine, if you will, what Elon Musk could do at the Commerce Department, Council of Economic Advisors, or the Treasury Department. Or, better still, the Department of Defense? Musk, like no other American entrepreneur, understands that big government and big debt are net and gross consumers of wealth, not creators of national prosperity. Elon Musk is not just our

most successful and innovative African American; Musk is also the most accomplished immigrant to America since Petrus Stuyvesant and Cotton Mather .

Imagine also, if you will, Tulsi Gabbard presiding over the demolition of the Department of Education or running Health, Education, and Welfare.

Imagine too, if you will, Nikki Haley at State Department showing the gate to plotters, regime change zealots, Hamas apologists, Russophobics, Zelensky shills, and neo-con sociopaths like Victoria Nuland.

And best of all, imagine if you will, a chap like Mike Flynn at the Intelligence Community helm bringing CIA and NSA to heel. Flynn, like Bobby Kennedy Jr., knows where all the bodies are buried.

The great error of Trump's first term was to trust the Washington establishment to recommend, or block, cabinet, military, Intelligence, and national security mandarins. Washington, DC and the suburbs are Democrat Party monocultures, as are most of the tenured serving civil servants and administrative state apparatchiks. Active and passive sedition became *de rigeur* during Trump's first term and during Biden's circumscribed reign. "Lawfare," is now the weapon of choice for embedded leftist FBI and judicial partisans.

So the arithmetic at the 11th hour is not complicated, a vote for change or more of the same. Kamala Harris is clearly just Joe Biden's second and maybe third terms, a pastiche of vague, woke, communal, emotional, mendacious platitudes which could perk for another eight years.

With Biden or Harris, neither ever had a bellwether policy other than vilifying Donald Trump. Neither ever embraced any issue save blaming or bashing Trump.


In sort, Harris is a daffy dame stumping for more of the same. Trump, in contrast, is a man with a plan. If we read DJT's tone and early team picks correctly, Trump plans to break more than just a few *huevos* in a second term.

Choose wisely America.

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