



# FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS

*"One of life's most painful moments comes when we must admit that we didn't do our homework, that we are not prepared." ~ Merlin Olsen*

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## Half an Inch From Catastrophe

Last Saturday was a very sad day for America. An assassin's bullet came fractions of an inch away from dramatically altering the course of American (and world) history. If Trump hadn't turned his head at the last second, our country would be in a very different place right now. Many millions of Americans would be extremely upset and frustrated. Black Swan events such as these can have profound and long-lasting consequences. For example, the slaughter of millions of people during World War I began with an assassination.

The assassination attempt on Trump's life was a historic, defining moment in which his character was revealed. Bleeding and disheveled after having been grazed by a bullet, his immediate response was to defiantly [pump his fist in the air and urge his supporters to fight](#). His election victory was sealed at that dramatic and electrifying moment, which reminded me of William Wallace rallying his fighters at the battle of Stirling in "Braveheart."



I've watched most of the Republican convention. From the perspective of a political observer, I've been extremely impressed. It's been a masterfully planned event, including a diverse cast of speakers from all walks of life (including many everyday Americans) who have told compelling, inspiring, humorous and often heart-wrenching stories. Some of my favorites include those by model [Amber Rose](#) (which CNN commentator Van Jones rightfully described as the most dangerous speech for Democrats), the [Blexit](#) activist and mother of the veteran who was murdered in New York City who said she was “sick and tired of being sick and tired,” the heartbroken [mother of the Fentanyl victim](#), Trump advisor [Peter Navarro](#) (who had just been released from prison), and the wise [Dr. Ben Carson](#).

Carson said, “Let me tell you the weapons they used [against Trump]. First they tried to ruin his reputation, and he's more popular now than ever. And then they tried to bankrupt him, and he's got more money now than he had before. And then they tried to put him in prison, and he's freer and has made other people free with him. And then last weekend they tried to kill him, and there he is over there alive and well.”

I think that's one of the causes of Trump Derangement Syndrome: As the Left resorts to increasingly extreme, desperate and insane attacks against him, they just serve to make him stronger and more popular.

I got to thinking about the current striking contrasts between Trump and Biden and where the two major political parties now find themselves:

Getting shot couldn't keep Trump down, whereas Biden is now down with COVID for the *third* time, despite (or perhaps because of) getting all the jabs. Ironically, [some of the legacy media initially reported that Trump had “fallen down” at the rally after “loud noises.”](#) Pulitzer Prize nomination?

After years of portraying Trump as “[literally Hitler](#),” it's Biden who's hunkered down in his bunker, conferring with an increasingly small group of advisors and family members, refusing to accept reality and cede power, like Adolph in Berlin awaiting the advancing Red Army and the inevitable.

After the assassination attempt, Trump urged calm and called for national unity. Biden called for national unity after his coronation in 2020 but never meant it, and immediately proceeded to divide the country for the next four years. After watching this convention, it's apparent that Trump wants to bring all Americans together, regardless of background. He has a huge opportunity to transcend the attempt on his life and use it to heal a dangerously divided country. Biden wishes he could be the leader that Trump is.

Trump has managed to escape the multiple lawfare cases against him largely unscathed, whereas a special counsel recommended that Biden not be prosecuted for a crime because he's too feeble.

The Republican Party has never been so diverse, united, energized and joyous, whereas the Democrat Party hasn't been in this much disarray since 1968. Two thirds of them want their own presidential nominee to drop out. For some reason, I don't hear the usual pious talk about “our democracy.”

Republicans made the smart decision to hold their convention in a swing state that Biden had to win (as well as nominate a young, charismatic vice presidential nominee with a well-known story that people in the Rust Belt and Appalachia could identify with, whereas Kamala is from where—Canada? Jamaica? San Francisco?). In contrast, Democrats will have their convention in Chicago—a city synonymous with Democrat corruption, dysfunction and violent crime, but a convenient location for an Obama coup.

For years now, I've heard people who have worked for Trump talk about how personable, caring and empathetic he is. During the convention, I heard a number of these stories, such as those of the families of the 13 servicemembers killed during the disastrous U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. Trump researched their stories and invited them to one of his clubs, where he spent six hours commiserating with them. It's apparent that he has spent his lifetime reaching out to people like that, which has paid huge dividends. People just want to know that their leaders care about them.

It now appears that Biden will drop out of the race this weekend, leaving Kamala to inherit his delegates (about two thirds of the total) and campaign funds. Although she's more youthful than Biden (or Trump), we should remember that she finished dead last in a crowded presidential primary that included Biden, and is widely viewed as unpopular, clueless, incompetent, and in over her head. Both the Obamas and Clintons have deployed their surrogates, Gavin Gruesome has been talking about how he made San Francisco great again, and the lockdown tyrant Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has been daydreaming about what she could do during Disease X. The Democrat convention could be even more tumultuous than the one in 1968.

Regardless of who the Democrats nominate, I now predict a Trump landslide with well over 300 electoral votes (270 needed to win), with the GOP taking both houses of Congress as well. The political tide has turned, and people can feel it (during the GOP convention, one CNN commentator asked, “What is happening?”). Americans are sick of the soft invasion of [illegal immigrants](#), high [crime](#) and [inflation](#), endless costly wars, out-of-control [wokeness](#) and the climate change hoax. They just want to live peaceful lives and ensure their children have a better future.

So Democrats, if you want to beat “the felon and the hillbilly,” you have to do a Hail Mary. Drop in Michelle and millions of illegal immigrants and absentee ballots, get Judge Merchan to sentence Trump to prison, keep denying Secret Service protection to RFK Jr., unleash Disease X and the Censorship Industrial Complex and ramp up [the fear](#). Because despite—or more accurately—because of your efforts, Trump is now more popular than ever.



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