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\* Few problems were being reported halfway through the day on Tuesday, though some voters complained of long lines and faulty machines

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Millions of Americans are heading to the polls and casting their votes on Tuesday after a lengthy and contentious election between two polarizing candidates that has divided many in the country.

Donald Trump, a billionaire first-time candidate whose political debut was initially seen as a circus act, bested 16 other Republicans for the right to face Hillary Clinton, who has lived and breathed campaigns and elections for more than 40 years.

On Tuesday morning polling places across the country were already reporting that voters were waiting over an hour to vote.

Hillary Clinton was one of the first in line on Tuesday morning as she and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, voted in Chappaqua, New York.

Trump meanwhile cast his vote at 11am on Tuesday, showing up to his polling place with wife Melania, daughter Ivanka, son-in-law Jared Kushner and granddaughter Arabella.

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Most tracking polls show Trump leading Clinton by just a few percentage points heading into the final hours of the election.

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'It is the most humbling feeling,' said Clinton after casting her ballot on Tuesday.

'I know how much responsibility goes with this.'

After casting her vote, many cheered for Clinton as she went around hugging some of those who were there and shaking hands with others waiting to vote.

Trump got a far frostier reception outside his polling spot, where he was greeted by a chorus of 'boos' as he went in to vote with his family.

Once inside though he bought a cookie from a young boy who was having a bake sale, handing him a $20 bill and telling him he could keep the change.

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Also voting early on Tuesday was Clinton's vice presidential pick Tim Kaine, who brought his mother Mary with him to his Virginia polling station.

Eric Trump also cast his vote on Tuesday and shared a photo of his filled out ballot, which is technically illegal in the state of New York.

And shortly after Trump went to the polls, his running mate Mike Pence voted with his wife in Indiana.

The USC/LA Times Daybreak tracking poll shows Trump leading Clinton by three percentage points, 46.8% - 43.6%, which is less than the lead of six percentage points he had at one point over the summer.

In a four-way race, the IBD/TIPP presidential tracking poll shows Trump with a two-point lead over Clinton, 45% to 43%, with Gary Johnson getting 7% and Jill Stein 2%.

When Stein and Johnson are taken out of the equation, it is Clinton who leaded trump by a percentage point in that poll.

NBC New York reports that a number of voters were experiencing problems at their polling stations in the city, from scanners and machines that were not working to locations that opened hours later than expected.

In North Carolina, the Durham County Board of Elections asked that voting time be extended by 90 minutes on Tuesday after a glitch a glitch in their electronic voter check-in system.

That error led to longer waiting times for those in the area, where 37 percent of registered voters are African American.

There were also problems reported with voting machines in Washington County, Utah, forcing a switch to paper ballots.

And in Hoboken, New Jersey, the city's own mayor reported that she was asked for an ID, which is a violation of voting laws in that state.

'I just got asked for ID to vote in my polling location at Boys & Girls Club. This is not ok Hudson County Board of Elections!' tweeted Dawn Zimmer.

Real estate tycoon Trump has built a devoted following of tens of millions, including large numbers of Americans who have never voted before.

Along the way he angered some in the Republican Party establishment who saw him as a reckless insult-generator destined to alienate large swaths of the American electorate.

Clinton and her 800-strong campaign team stitched together an agenda that was unremarkable for a typical Democrat, save for a leftward tilt brought about during an unexpectedly strong primary challenge from Senator Bernie Sanders.

She pledged to raise the minimum wage, provide paid medical leave, build infrastructure, and try to reform the nation's **immigration** system.

But with Republicans likely to keep control of Congress, one of her chief requisite challenges will be to play defense and protect Obama's legacy from continued GOP attacks – while protecting her own administration from investigations that Republicans have already telegraphed.

Clinton pulled off an organized, scripted, and visually stunning convention that whipped up the party faithful, tended to interest groups – and crystalized concerns about Trump’s anti-**immigrant** appeals and a proposed Muslim **immigration** ban with a passionate speech by a Gold Star father whose son died in Iraq.

Trump, who crushed Republican opponents through improvised and slashing attacks, immediately engaged, staging a Twitter and TV war with Khizr Khan in an unorthodox moves that caused a media frenzy but failed to appeal to centrist voters he needed.

Trump gave his enemies ammunition by repeating more than 500 times a pledge that as president he would wall off America from Mexico, stemming the flow of narcotics and human chattel while defending the border from an unchecked flood of **immigrants** with no legal right to be in the U.S.

More damaging still was a series of episodes that angered feminists and other powerful women in a year when Trump was running against America's would-be first female president.

His candidacy brought women out of the woodwork to accuse him of sexual misconduct of varying severity, including one woman who sued him for an alleged teen rape – and then withdrew the case when her story fell apart.

Trump denied every charge, calling his accusers rank opportunists who sought 15 minutes of fame. Some, he said, were Democratic plants, and others were cashing in.

He had a harder time explaining a hot-mic audio recording from a 2005 taping of 'Access Hollywood,' in which he was recorded lewdly describing the ease with which famous men could sexually assault women in their orbits.

Through it all, Trump's campaign crowds grew, with his reality-show star power outdrawing every other candidate in both parties.

Trump's massive media exposure created both fans and detractors, hardening positions on both ends of the political spectrum – and inside the GOP, where 'NeverTrump' Republicans pledged not to support him even at the cost of delivering the White House to a second Clinton.

Ultimately Trump won over most of his party's establishment as he lent his charisma to fundraising events that benefited conservative candidates in other races.

But more importantly, an army of torch-bearing, pitchfork-wielding 'Trumpkins,' as his political enemies styled them, embraced his rough edges as signs of solidarity.

Clinton's own weaknesses were just as hard to paper over.

For nearly the entire length of her campaign she had to contend with nonstop barrages of stories and charges about her conduct in the State Department, her husband’s foundation, and charges of ‘pay to play’ corruption.

The focus begin in part with the release of ‘Clinton Cash,’ a book that drew connections among the interlocking webs of Clinton donors, confidants, foreign governments and longtime friends.

TRUMP GETS SHOCK BOOST FROM EARLY VOTING IN FLORIDA AND NORTH CAROLINA

Early voting numbers in North Carolina and Florida – two states that Donald Trump needs to win – suggest that Hillary Clinton may be underperforming President Barack Obama in 2012, while Trump is doing better than GOP nominee Mitt Romney.

In North Carolina, 305,000 fewer Republicans have turned out. However, Republican voters were trailing Democrats by 447,000 four years before and Romney won the state by 97,000, as Republican voters more prone to come out on Election Day then head to the polls early.

In Florida, Democrats are ahead by just around 33,000 votes. But, with 6.1 million early votes cast, that lead only amounts to.5 percentage points of the in-person early vote total. Back in 2012, Democrats had a 3.7 point advantage in early voting, which was enough to hold back Republican Mitt Romney from taking the state.

In March 2015, a bombshell rocked the campaign when it was revealed Clinton had maintained a private email server at her New York home. Then began the drip-drip-drip of thousands of State Department emails, which not only showed Clinton dealt with secret and sensitive matters on her, but brought forth an array of damaging stories.

The drumbeat grew so intense that even Sanders pronounced Americans 'sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails' in a primary debate.

After a lengthy investigation, FBI Director James Comey announced he would not recommend charges, but still called Clinton out for her ‘extremely careless’ behavior.

Wikileaks dumped the other trove of documents that defined the campaign, hacked emails from Clinton campaign chair John Podesta. They exposed myriad internecine battles, cozy contacts with the press, and efforts to kneecap Sanders’ primary run.

They were also embarrassing and could continue to rattle careers inside Clinton’s inner circle. But the leaks, which U.S. officials link to a Russian government hack, didn’t appear to bring a major turn in the race.

Americans will learn Tuesday night whether history will remember Trump's unusual approach as a groundbreaking innovation or as a one-off flop.

He said Monday that he's not interested in becoming a chapter in a political science textbook.

'If we don't win, Trump said during his penultimate rally in new Hampshire, 'it will be the biggest waste of energy, time and money in my whole life.'

The first result came in after midnight Tuesday, with the tiny community of Dixville Notch in New Hampshire casting their ballots as Monday became Tuesday. They backed Hillary Clinton by a vote of 4 to 2. Mitt Romney, the unsuccessful Republican nominee four years ago, won a surprising write-in vote.

It will be nearly 24 hours, and maybe longer, before the world knows whether the northern New England town was a bellwether.

Polls opened in some eastern states as early as 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, and the final votes will be cast in Alaska when it's 1:00 Wednesday morning in New York - ending an election season that has enthralled and horrified in equal measure.

It's impossible to tell when forecasters from TV networks and wire services will project a winner. In 2012 the race was called for President Barack Obama shortly after 11:00 p.m. Eastern time.

The Electoral College system provides one vote for each member of Congress, including both the Senate and the House of Representatives. A candidate needs to claim 270 votes, the smallest possible majority, in order to claim the White House.

If the margin is tight all evening and the result is in doubt, western battleground states like Nevada, Colorado and Arizona could turn the tide. Their polling places will be among the last to call it a night.

Both candidates are voting in New York, and there is one certainty about the victory party: It will be in New York City. The Trump and Clinton campaigns booked celebration venues just two miles apart in Manhattan.

New York City police officers will flood the streets Tuesday to prevent violence and disorder breaking out when the results are announced.

There are similarly massive security presences the nation as the FBI has put law enforcement agencies on alert for an ISIS attack. The CIA and other spy agencies are on guard for potential cyber attacks aimed at monkeywrenching the electoral process.

One public safety issue New York City won't have to deal with is a promised fireworks display launched from a Hudson River barge as Clinton's Election Night party declares victory.

Campaign officials withdrew their application for a pyrotechnics permit, limiting the risk of mockery if she were to lose.

DIXVILLE NOTCH: THE TINY NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY THAT VOTED AT MIDNIGHT

Dixville Notch, an unincorporated community in Dixville township, New Hampshire, voted at midnight in the early minutes of Tuesday, as per tradition.

Town moderator Tom Tillotson was pictured arriving with ballots Monday night.

A whopping total of eight votes were cast and the community announced its results before the rest of the country.

Dixville Notch voted Democrat for the first time since 1968 as four out of eight votes went to Clinton.

Trump came in second, with two votes.

One vote went to Gary Johnson and the last one was a write-in for Mitt Romney.

Dixville Notch suffered a 20 per cent drop in population this year when two people moved away.

But a new resident moved in not long afterwards, bringing the total current population to nine.

THE LONGEST DAY - AND NIGHT: HOW ELECTION WILL UNFOLD

Midnight: First in the nation to vote is Dixville Notch, New Hampshire

6am: The earliest polls on the East Coast open. Though some in New Hampshire open at midnight.

6pm: EST-time zoned areas of Indiana and Kentucky close

7pm: Polls close in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, South Carolina, Vermont and Virginia. All EST-time zoned areas (the majority) of Florida close

7:30pm: North Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia polls close

8pm: Polls close in Washington, DC, and 16 states, including Pennsylvania, Michigan (the EST-time zoned part, aka most of it) and New Hampshire. Other states include Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Tennessee. The CST-time zoned parts (the panhandle) of Florida close at 7pm CST

8:30: polls close for Arkansas

9pm: Polls close in 14 states, including Arizona, Colorado, Texas, and Wisconsin. Michigan’s CST-time zoned area closes. Also closing are Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Dakota, New York and Wyoming

10pm: Polls close in four states, including Iowa, Utah and Nevada and Montana

If the 2012 election is any indication on how results roll in, Romney was winning until 10:30pm, and an hour later - as California results started to come in - Obama was on the brink of re-election

11pm: polls close in California, Washington state, Oregon, North Dakota (FYI some close at 10), Idaho and Hawaii

11.12pm: this was when the 2012 election was called by NBC, with CBS and Fox News following at 11.16pm, CNN at 11.18pm and ABC the last at 11.23pm.

Wednesday

Midnight: Results on House of Representatives will likely be in by now. First polls close in Alaska.

In 2012 Mitt Romney delivered his concession speech a few minutes after midnight.

1am: Final polls close in Alaska.

HOW DOES THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE WORK?

The electoral college is made up of 538 voters - 435 Representatives and 100 Senators, plus three electors for the District of Colombia.

A candidate needs to win a majority of 270 electoral college votes to become President.

This voters' college make their pick based on which candidate receives a majority of votes in their corresponding states. That candidate receives all that state's electoral college votes.

An exception is made in Nebraska and Maine, where votes are assigned by proportional representation - meaning either candidate could receive votes from different congressional districts.

It is possible to win the electoral college vote and lose the popular vote - as with George W Bush in 2000. He eventually won the presidency over Al Gore following a Supreme Court ruling which had the ultimate effect of awarding Florida's votes to Bush.

The creators of the Constitution set up the system as a limit on direct democracy - or in Alexander Hamilton's words, as a way of preserving 'the sense of the people' - in other words to avoid a malicious majority forming. It also tries to ensure the rights of smaller states.

The electors cast their votes on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December and are counted in Congress on January 6.

The new President is then sworn in on January 20.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Kayla Gomez-Orozco vanished from a prayer service on Tuesday

\* On Saturday, police acted on an investigative lead

\* They went to a residence and the young girl's body was found in a well

\* Cherokee County Sheriff James Campbell said she was a 'sweet, little girl'

\* A family member who lives at the home where the body was recovered spoke to law enforcement and a federal **immigration** detainer was issued

\* Authorities didn't name him, but the man has been identified locally as 24-year-old Gustavo Zavala-Garcia

\* Gustavo Zavala-Garcia is married to Kayla's cousin

The man accused of abducting and killing a 10-year-old girl is a relative who is in the United States illegally, reports suggest.

Gustavo Zavala-Garcia is in custody on an **immigration** hold after Kayla Gomez-Orozco's body was found in a well next to his home in Bullard, Texas, on Saturday night.

He is believed to be the last person to have seen the youngster alive. Police also believe he caused her death.

A law enforcement source told KETK, he somehow got back into the United States after being deported for committing a violent crime in 2014.

Jail records indicate he served 30 days behind bars for assaulting his wife.

He is in the Smith County jail with no possibility of bond.

Kayla was last seen on Tuesday at the Bullard First Assembly Church where she was attending a prayer service with her family.

Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith told the TV station: 'A family member resides at the residence that we conducted the search where the body was recovered.

'He voluntarily accompanied law enforcement officers to be interviewed. Upon the completion of the interview, a federal **immigration** detainer was issued for his detention.

'He is now in the Smith County jail, without any possibility of making bond at this time.'

Zavala-Garcia is married to Kayla's cousin, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported.

His wife Esther Zavala told the newspaper her husband and daughter went to the Tuesday prayer service, which she didn't go to.

She said: 'Kayla bent down to hug (my daughter) and said, I'll see you Friday. My husband buckled her up, and said, "We're leaving."

'(Kayla) didn't come outside. She is scared of the dark. She stayed in the lobby area.'

Citing court records, the newspaper reported that Gustavo Zavala-Garcia pleaded guilty to assaulting his wife and received a 30-day county jail sentence two years ago.

Authorities initially believed that Kayla may have been snatched by a stranger.

Officers said she was in 'grave danger' when she first disappeared.

On a Facebook page, Help Find Kayla Gomez, supporters confirmed their fears.

A post on the page read: 'There is confirmation that Kayla has been found deceased.

'However, please remember that there is a family involved, and respecting this family who is in more pain than you imagine needs considered first and foremost. Thank you for your respect of the family at this time.

'Please focus your efforts on prayer and comfort for this family at this time.'

Cherokee County Sheriff James Campbell has described Kayla as a 'sweet little girl, just as cute as she could be'.

When she first went missing, he said they had no idea why she would have been abducted.

Kayla, who has black hair and brown eyes, was wearing a black t-shirt and a peach-colored skirt when she was last seen on Tuesday night.

On Wednesday night people conducted a vigil outside the city hall in Bullard.

Bullard City Manager Jay Abercrombie said: '(There are) a lot of mixed emotions for a small community like ours. Shock is one of the main things.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Clinton regularly instructed Marina Santos to print government emails

\* Santos, a Filipina **immigrant**, worked at Clinton's residence in Washington

\* Clinton asked her aides to forward material on to Santos to print at home

\* They included classified materials that Santos didn't have clearance for

\* Donald Trump said in Iowa that Clinton was 'completely jeopardizing the national security of the United States'

\* He said there's 'little doubt' that the FBI will gather enough evidence for 'indictments against Hillary Clinton and her inner circle'

Hillary Clinton regularly instructed her housekeeper to print government emails and documents when she was secretary of state – including classified materials, according to FBI memos.

FBI memos show Marina Santos often handled sensitive information, but didn't have the security clearance to do so, the New York Post reports.

The housekeeper was paid to look after Clinton's home in Washington, known as Whitehaven.

But the Democratic nominee also trusted the Filipina **immigrant** with state secrets, asking her aides to forward messages and attached documents they sent her on to Santos to print at home.

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump blasted the arrangement on Sunday morning, telling a Sioux City, Iowa crowd that Clinton was 'completely jeopardizing the national security of the United States.'

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Clinton asked Santos to print drafts of her speeches, confidential memos as well as 'call sheets' – talking points and background information prepared before calls to foreign leaders, according to the Post.

'Pls ask Marina to print for me in am,' Clinton emailed Huma Abedin, about a redacted message from 2011 which was marked sensitive, but unclassified.

In a classified email from 2012 about the new president of Malawi, Clinton's aide Monica Hanley told her: 'We can ask Marina to print this.'

The housekeeper also had access to the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) – an extremely secure room agents set up at Whitehaven.

Santos did not have clearance for the SCIF, yet 'collected documents from the secure facsimile machine for Clinton,' according to FBI notes.

The bureau noted that Clinton periodically received the Presidential Daily Brief, a top secret document prepared by the CIA and other intelligence agencies.

But Clinton was never asked to hand over the computers Santos received the emails on, the printed documents or the printer she used to print them.

In the final days of the campaign, Clinton has faced extraordinary challenges after the FBI confirmed plans to renew its focus on the former secretary of state's email practices.

Clinton has said she made a 'mistake' over her use of a private email server for work correspondence while she was US secretary of state.

An FBI investigation concluded in July that Mrs. Clinton and her staff had been 'extremely careless' with classified information, but there was no evidence she knowingly shared sensitive material and criminal charges were not recommended.

Just over a week before election day, FBI director James Comey announced the case was being reopened after new emails 'pertinent' to the investigation had been discovered.

Trump predicted Sunday that 'there's little doubt that FBI director Comey and the great special agents within the FBI will be able to collect more than enough evidence to garner indictments against Hillary Clinton and her inner circle.'

'We could very well have a sitting president under felony indictment, and ultimately a criminal trial,' he said.

Clinton's 'scandals and controversies,' he said, would 'continue through out her presidency' and 'make it virtually impossible for her to govern.'

'Let's hope we don't have to think about it.'

The unearthed emails were found during the FBI 's investigation into former New York Democratic congressman Anthony Weiner, who is accused of sending sexually explicit messages to a 15-year-old and is married to Mrs Clinton's aide Huma Abedin.

Donald Trump has claimed Clinton should be in jail over the scandal and a special prosecutor will be instructed to investigate her if he is elected president.

In a statement, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus blasted Clinton for her 'pattern of dangerous and unethical behavior.'

'We've known for months that Hillary Clinton egregiously mishandled classified information and jeopardized national security by setting up a secret email server but the revelations she asked her maid to print out classified material at her home gives the word reckless a whole new meaning,' he said.

'Asking someone with absolutely no security clearance to handle some of America's most sensitive information is a recipe for disaster, and many have faced serious repercussions for far less.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**Hillary Clinton is nearly there. The polls are narrowing, her supporters are fretting, Donald Trump is preparing for one final, desperate charge. But the clock has finally run out on him.

Entering the last weekend of the 2012 election, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney were virtually tied in the polling averages. Today Clinton clings to a small but stubborn lead. With her extra spending power and ruthlessly efficient organisational machine, it should be enough.

Not enough for some. Over the past fraught months, progressives on both side of the Atlantic have been anxiously asking themselves the same question. 'How has it come to this? How is Donald Trump still in the race? Why hasn't Hillary put him away?'

The answer is a simple one. And, when the dust of the election has settled, it will have major implications not just for US politics, but politics much closer to home.

The reason Hillary Clinton has not put Donald Trump away is she is a politician of the liberal Left. And the liberal Left no longer know how to speak to men.

Hispanics. Blacks. Women. The young. The disabled. Trump has offended and **alienated** just about every major socio-demographic group it was possible for him to offend and **alienate**. Save for one.

Four years ago, Mitt Romney secured the vote of 31 per cent of non-college-educated white men. This year Donald Trump is poised to secure the vote of between 60 and 70 per cent of non-college-educated white men.

Remember the entreaties to 'watch the sex tape' and ignore his 'locker-room banter'? While the rest of the world has gazed on in horror, Marlboro Man has decided to peruse the tape, laugh off the banter, and cast his vote for The Donald.

Indeed, British liberals have been so horrified at the sight of Donald Trump swaggering and profaning his way up to the gates of the White House that many of them will probably have missed the opinion poll published last week by YouGov.

It showed what has become a fairly standard top-line lead of 13 points for Theresa May . But buried in the data was another figure – 43 per cent of men currently plan to vote Tory at the next General Election, compared to just 22 per cent who plan to vote Labour.

Remember when Ed Miliband and his colleagues used to taunt David Cameron about his 'women problem'? Well, Labour does not have a man problem, so much as a full blown existential male voter crisis. But, because of the cultural diktats of the modern Left, it will remain a silent crisis.

We will not see any special conferences convened. No gender specific spokesmen are going to be appointed. Blue vans will not be dispatched across the nation adorned with the slogan 'Man to Man' emblazoned on the side. Because in truth, not only does the progressive Left not know how to speak to men, it no longer even tries.

SEVEN TO GO, JEREMY...

Despite all the talk of post-election unity, I'm told Jeremy Corbyn still has a shortfall of seven junior ministers on his front bench.

Labour rebels gathered this week to plot how to exploit this latest embarrassment, but according to a source ended up leaving empty handed.

'We were going to put out a statement demanding Jeremy Corbyn do something to fill the gap,' he explains.

'But then someone pointed out he'd just offer all the jobs to us, and we'd have to take them.'

He who fights and runs away…

A few months ago, I was talking to Iain Duncan Smith about his welfare strategy. 'At the heart of what I'm trying to do is to put men into a position where they can take responsibility again,' he said.

'Responsibility as fathers and as husbands. In a way it's about showing men how to be men.'

I almost fell off my chair. Not because what he was saying was especially outrageous – though to devotees of Ken Loach these probably represent the words of the anti-Christ – but because I was so unaccustomed to hearing a senior politician directly shaping a policy agenda to a male audience.

This gap – or on the Left, the chasm – in our political discourse is the product of good intention: a legitimate attempt to address long-standing social inequality in issues such as women's pay or representation in the workplace.

But those good intentions are now paving the road to electoral catastrophe for Labour.

If Jeremy Corbyn 's party wants to learn how to win again, it is going to have to learn how to talk to men again. And it's also going to have to learn how not to talk to men.

Telling them they cannot read Page 3, or whistle at a woman in the street on pain of arrest, or address someone as 'dear' or 'love'.

These may represent idealistic interventions. But they are suicidal interventions for politicians who profess to wish to engage with their 'lost working-class base'. Labour MPs – male and female – are going to have to confront an issue they have ducked for a decade. Is the prosecution of a low-grade culture war bringing them and their party closer to power?

On Tuesday, Hillary Clinton will probably emerge victorious from her own culture war. And deservedly so, because she has shown great strength, courage and determination in standing tall in the face of Donald Trump 's vicious personal assaults.

At least that's how it looks to my British eyes. But through the eyes of Marlboro Man things look very different. To him it is as if Cherie Blair is running for US President. Strength becomes aloofness, courage morphs into arrogance, determination is viewed as a sense of entitlement.

When I was in the States last year, a friend asked me: 'Why do Brits hate the Blairs so much?'

I was going to start banging on about Iraq and the private finance initiative (PFI). But I just said: 'Because they became king and queen of the British political establishment.' 'Ah,' he responded. 'Just like Hillary and Bill.'

I suspect that President Clinton will recognise this disconnect, and will move to bind the wounds of the most divisive campaign in US history. But whether British progressives will learn a similar lesson remains to be seen.

The unique nature of the US electoral college system allowed Hillary Clinton to build a path to power that circumnavigated Donald Trump 's angry white men. In Britain in 2020 – or maybe even 2017 – no such path will be available.

The progressive Left have lost the ability to speak to men. And like it or not, they are going to have to learn.

Guests at last week’s Spectator Parliamentarian of the Year awards were stunned to hear Theresa May ’s brutal attack on David Cameron ’s former communications director, Sir Craig Oliver.

‘When he heard the result of the referendum, he walked out of the office and started retching violently,’ she snarled. ‘I have to say, most of us experienced it too when we saw his name on the resignations honours list.’

I’m told the root of this verbal hand-bagging lies in the long-standing enmity between Oliver and May’s ultra-loyal chief of staff Fiona Hill.

‘It was Fiona who wrote that line,’ a Downing Street mole tells me. ‘It dates back to when Cameron was on one of the overseas trips. Fiona was on speakerphone helping Craig brief journalists. The call ended, and Craig said, “Thank God that horrible woman’s gone.” At which point a voice said, “I’m still on the line, Craig.” ’

Revenge is a dish best served by the new PM.

In the wake of the High Court ruling on Article 50, MPs are reportedly clearing the decks for an early General Election. Or are they?

Speaking to Remain campaigners from both sides of the political divide, I haven’t been able to detect much appetite for a decisive showdown.

‘I want some scrutiny, but I’m not going to stand in front of the Brexit juggernaut,’ a Tory backbencher told me. ‘My Association would string me up in the high street.’

A Labour MP who has been a leading voice in the campaign for a parliamentary Article 50 vote, was equally unequivocal. ‘I want a vote on a point of principle, but I won’t vote against,’ he explained.

‘My constituency went 70 per cent for Leave. If hard Brexit is all that’s on offer, then I’ll probably have to vote for that, too.’

The odds on a 2020 election are lengthening. I’d take them.

Colleagues of Tory grandee Sir Nicholas Soames have been congratulating him on his new svelte figure.

But I understand that it has come at a price.

‘It’s cost me £25,000 in tailoring,’ he explained to one friend, ruefully. Sir Nicholas’s loss is Savile Row’s gain.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Even as his campaign is rocked by reports of his adulterous affair with a Playboy model, Donald Trump continues to defy political gravity

\* ‘I don’t care about his sex life,’ said one committed Trumpette at an the event in Hershey

\* Of the 10,000 supporters crammed into Hershey’s Giant Center, women seemed to make up roughly half the numbers

For months he’s survived gaffes and allegations that would surely have destroyed the chances of any other candidate.

And now, even as his campaign is rocked by reports of his adulterous affair with a Playboy model, Donald Trump continues to defy political gravity. His supporters at an impassioned Republican rally in the crucial swing state of Pennsylvania simply shrugged off any suggestion of scandal.

‘I don’t care about his sex life,’ said one committed Trumpette at an the event in Hershey. Pennsylvania’s 20 electoral college votes will be vital in reaching the crucial number of 270 needed to win the presidency.

Housewife Shirley Wentzel added: ‘Nothing about Mr Trump and who he has or hasn’t slept with is going to change my mind about him.

'He’s the only one who promises revolution in Washington. Hillary Clinton represents corrupt politics as usual.’

Hershey is famed for its chocolate and is called The Sweetest Place on Earth.

And as Trump took to the stage there on Friday night, the cheers of his supporters echoed across the hall, holding out the prospect of a sweet victory for the Republican candidate.

A cocksure Trump was treated like a rock star by fans who, at the mention of Clinton’s name, chanted: ‘Lock her up! Lock her up!’

Perhaps you would expect Trump to attract fervent support in a state where white blue-collar workers in industry and farming have been hit hard by globalisation.

But what was surprising was the mix of the crowd cheering him.

Of the 10,000 supporters crammed into Hershey’s Giant Center (another 7,000 were left out in the autumn cold when the doors were closed), women seemed to make up roughly half the numbers – utterly confounding the notion that Trump had lost all female voters after he was branded a misogynist when tapes emerged of his sexist banter.

In fact Trump’s last-minute surge is now drawing support from a far broader cross-section of society than the traditional Republican white, male, middle-class base.

Leslie Brown, 42, a black mother of two said: ‘I voted for Obama last time but I don’t trust Hillary. She’s corrupt and lines her own pockets. Someone needs to shake things up and that person is Trump.’

And while three-times married Trump has been condemned for bragging about being rich and for making lewd sexist comments, his believers are unfazed.

Teacher Tracy Delfieth, who voted Democrat last time, said: ‘I’m not looking to date him – I’m looking for the best person to lead this country out of the mess we’re in.

‘He’s going to shake things up. All guys say dumb stuff. I like his stance on **immigration**.’

One of the loudest roars of the night came when Trump told the crowd: ‘I will end illegal **immigration** once and for all. What am I going to do?’

‘Build that wall!’ the crowd shouted back in unison.

Trump poked fun at Clinton’s rock star friends saying: ‘I didn’t have to bring Beyoncé or Jay Z. This is just me folks, no guitar, no piano… just great ideas for our country.’

Ex-marine Michael Fay, 63, said: ‘I’m a lifelong Democrat. I don’t like many things about Trump but I dislike Hillary even more. It’s time for a change in Washington.’

As Trump vowed to Make America Great Again, the crowd stomped its feet and chanted: ‘USA! USA!’

‘The silent majority have risen up,’ said housewife and mother of one Janie Jones. ‘We’re tired of politics as usual.’

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* 'See you at the White House' he said several months ago - he wasn't joking

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'See you at the White House,’ said my friend Donald Trump the last time I saw him in New York several months ago. He wasn’t joking. ‘I’m going to win, and I’m going to win big,’ he clarified, with his usual astonishing self-confidence. Then he gave me a bear-hug and marched off with his Secret Service detail.

In just two days, the world will discover if the flamboyant, controversial billionaire real estate tycoon was right or not. Polls are tightening, pundits are hedging their bets, and, frankly, nobody knows what’s going to happen.

Hillary Clinton remains favourite – just. But the Trump Train’s been surging in recent days since the email scandal returned to haunt his rival. He has, after all, proven almost everyone wrong throughout every stage of this election.

Either way, the fact he’s even got this far is truly extraordinary.

Trump’s done it by ripping up the political rulebook and doing it his way, which is a swaggering, bragging, often outrageous and deeply divisive way. But I’m neither as shocked nor as appalled as most Britons seem to be.

I’ve known the man very well for nearly a decade since I competed in – and won – the first series of his Celebrity Apprentice USA show. To understand Trump the politician, it’s necessary to understand that, at his heart, he’s a shameless salesman, astute marketeer, self-publicist extraordinaire, and a big, bold, brash, ballsy, uncompromising braggart prepared to do whatever it takes to seal a deal.

These are some quotes from his bestselling book, Art Of The Deal:

\* ‘Everyone wants to kill the fastest gun.’

\* ‘When somebody screws you, screw them back in spades.’

\* ‘Go for the jugular so that people watching you will not want to mess with you.’

To Trump, the race for the White House is another deal to be closed. If he pulls it off, it will have the same seismic effect on America as Brexit has had on Britain, and the reasons would be similar. Brexit campaigners, led by Nigel Farage, were vilified, as Trump has been. They were branded vile, ignorant, sexist, racist monsters and their supporters dismissed as Right-wing lunatics. There was no chance, the Remainers sneered, of these Neanderthals ever winning.

This proved to be spectacularly self-defeating. Brexit happened because 2.5 million people who don’t normally vote in political elections felt compelled to do so. Most were Brexiteers, many incensed by the way they had been demonised. Much the same dynamic applies to this US election.

The big unknown factor that will be keeping Hillary awake at night is how many Silent Trumpers are out there, preparing to vote for the first time. If Trump can persuade enough of them, particularly white, working class men in swing states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nevada and North Carolina, to vote for him, he can win.

I’ve been in the biggest battleground state of Florida all week, filming a new series of my Killer Women crime documentaries, and the strength of support for Trump was astonishing. A female taxi driver from a ‘solid Democrat family’ gave a raucous, chuckle when I asked who had her vote. ‘Trump!’ she yelped. ‘He’s a tough, plain-speaking businessman who gets stuff done.’

When I asked if his controversial comments, especially about women, were a problem, she replied: ‘Hell no! I like him because he says s\*\*t and sometimes it’s good s\*\*t and sometimes it’s bad s\*\*t. I’m the same.’

A male prison officer told me: ‘I’m voting Trump not because I like him but because he’ll sort out Washington and fight for the little guys like me. I don’t have to like my President – I just want him to make my life better than it is now.’

A middle-aged policewoman was more euphoric. ‘Trump’s my guy. He’s his own man, with his own money. He takes a howitzer to a knuckle fight. He makes me laugh, too. We need change, and we need it from someone who isn’t one of those damn politicians.’ If Trump wins Florida – and from my anecdotal experience last week I’d be amazed if he doesn’t – he’s halfway to the White House.

The antipathy towards Hillary is quite extraordinary. An ABC-Washington Post poll last week showed that Trump is deemed by Americans to be eight per cent more trustworthy than Hillary, who has the lowest approval ratings of any Democrat candidate in history. Many can’t stand her and the scale may not be showing up in the polls. So yes, it remains a real possibility that we may wake up on Wednesday to the words: ‘Donald Trump is the new President of the United States.’

If he does, this is the big question: what the hell will Donald Trump’s America be like? First, relax. He’s not the new Hitler, as some would have you believe. From my experience, Trump’s bark is more dangerous than his bite. He shoots from the hip to grab headlines, but usually modifies his stance later.

I’ve never believed he would go through with some of the crazier stuff. Oh, he might build his infamous ‘big, beautiful wall’ to stop illegal **immigrants** pouring over the Mexican border (as 2.5 million have done during Obama’s tenure), but given there’s already armed security and fencing along that border, this would just be a bigger, more effective and expensive version of what already exists.

I don’t think for a moment he would try to deport the 11 million undocumented **immigrants** already in the US. Nor, as many fear, will he be throwing Muslims out of America and banning every Muslim from coming in.

To widespread outrage a year ago, Trump suggested a short-term block on Muslims ‘to figure out what’s going on’ the day after a home-grown Islamic terror attack in San Bernardino, California, left 20 people dead.

Now Trump has watered down this very bad idea to say he wants much stronger **immigration** checks on anyone entering America from war-torn countries such as Syria and Iraq, where Islamic extremism is raging.

If he’d said that to start with, nobody would have batted an eyelid. Everything to him is negotiable. He’s taken extreme positions to ram home a message that gets everyone talking, then settles on something less extreme. It’s brutal, cynical politics but it’s been undeniably successful.

One place that could do with some of Trump’s deal-making skills is Washington and the US Congress – a paralysed cesspit which has grown intransigently incapable of reaching agreement about almost anything. Trump would shake them up like a ravenous gorilla getting stuck into a large tree of old, rotting bananas.

And that may be just what they, and America, need. I once asked him: ‘Donald, if you were the CEO of Washington Incorporated, how many times would you be saying, “You’re fired!” ’ His answer revealed his negotiating technique. ‘A lot, but they have to learn to get along. We have a President [Obama] who is not leading and not getting people into a room and not shouting, and cajoling, and laughing, and having a good time, or having a terrible time. All these different emotions are things you have to do to make deals for the good of the country.’

I could see him deploying similar negotiating tactics on the global stage. Trump’s already indicated he would pursue a cordial relationship with Vladimir Putin. Is this really so bad? Hillary’s so entrenched in her public and private hatred for Putin that a new Cold War would exist in all but name if she wins the White House.

President Trump, as he’s indicated, would invest heavily in the military and go hard after Islamic State. Flexing his business skill muscles, he’d also go after countries like China, Japan and Mexico for new trade deals, and after Opec for better terms on oil.

He would also push for other Nato member countries to pay a bigger share of the costs. I don’t think he’ll stop America being the world’s policeman where necessary, but he will stop it bearing most of the financial burden.

Trump’s main focus, though, will be domestic, not foreign. He’s said his priority will be getting unemployed Americans back to work, and all paying less tax. I can see him strong-arming US companies such as Apple and Starbucks to open more factories inside America, and offering others attractive tax breaks to follow suit.

He’d abolish Obamacare, the President’s flagship health plan which has been an unmitigated disaster. On social issues, he’s flip-flopped all over the place, for pure political expediency, but I’ve spent a lot of time around Trump and he is quite moderate… for a Republican. He is sceptical about same-sex marriage but otherwise he has been broadly supportive of gay rights. He opposes abortion, but has supported many parts of Planned Parenthood.

I can’t see him rushing to embrace the nationwide legalisation of cannabis because he’s a teetotaller who’s never touched a drink, cigarette or drug.

Of course, there would also be some big negatives. He has been scornful of climate change. And he would do nothing with regard to new gun control laws, which is why I could never vote for him.

But as for concerns about his temperament and how he would behave, I think President Trump would be a different animal to Candidate Trump. We’ve seen in the past ten days how cool, calm and collected he can be when he wants. The Donald I know is a smart, streetwise, charming (yes, seriously!) guy who runs his businesses by putting good people into top jobs and letting them get on with it. That’s no bad management style for a president.

He’s taken the most ferocious whacking in recent weeks, much of it self-induced like the dreadful Access Hollywood sex tape, but it’s never once put him off his stride.

So all things considered, I don’t think the prospect of President Trump should terrify everyone. It’s a resilient country, with myriad checks and balances to stop a president going rogue. It might even thrive under his more direct chest-beating leadership and regain some of the confidence many feel the nation has lost. Who knows, he might actually succeed in his mission statement to Make America Great Again.

Stranger things have happened. As he reminded me when I saw him in New York, Leicester City won the Premier League last season at odds of 5,000-1. Nobody gave them a chance but a combination of strong leadership, energy, focus and determination allowed them to pull off one of the greatest shocks in sporting history. How? The complacent, elite, big establishment teams just never thought it could happen… until it was too late.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* In a 1993 Slovenian clothing company commercial, a 23-year-old Melania poses as 'the first woman president of the United States'

\* Bill Clinton was sworn in as the President of the United States in January 1993 - the same year Melania's commercial aired in Slovenia

\* In the video, unearthed by Univision , Melania is seen descending the stairs of an airplane, wearing a trench coat and waving to supporters

\* The crowd in the clip, however, was taken from archival footage of fans cheering for President John F Kennedy

\* In the clip, Melania rides in a motorcade, holds a cabinet meeting, has a swearing-in ceremony and reviews **immigration** documents

Hillary Clinton's not the only one with a former commander in chief as a spouse - Donald Trump 's wife Melania also has a presidential history.

In a 1993 Slovenian clothing company commercial, a 23-year-old Melania poses as 'the first woman president of the United States on the day of her inauguration', the video producers said when the clip was originally released.

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At the time, Melania Knavs - not yet married to Donald Trump - was an aspiring model who had hopes of expanding her career to the United States.

The ad was made to promote a clothing line in Slovenia, Melania's home country. It was filmed in one day.

After leaving the tarmac, Melania is seen riding in a 1980s Chevrolet Caprice Classic alongside her Secret Service agents.

She applies makeup and waves to supporters lining the streets to watch her motorcade pass by.

The crowd in the ad, however, is taken from archive footage of fans greeting President John F Kennedy, Natalija Gorscak, director of Slovenian National Television, told Univision.

In the background of the advertisement is the 1978 Elvis Costello & the Attractions hit that features lines such as 'She's been a bad girl, she's like a chemical' and 'Though you try to stop it, she's like a narcotic'.

Shortly before being sworn in, soon-to-be-president Melania meets with her cabinet at a table covered in overgrown floral arrangements.

She then takes her oath on what is staged to be the steps of the US Capitol - but don't be fooled: The ceremony took place in the library of the National University of Slovenia.

Without an American flag on hand, Melania instead poses near European Union flag.

Jožica Brodaric who identified herself as the script writer, said that Melania looked 'really presidential'.

'It's the most extraordinary historical coincidence,' she told Univision. 'She looked refined, elegant.'

In the following scene, Melania is seen taking phone calls and reviewing documents - which Gorscak claims were **immigration** documents.

'In the document she is approving three people to cross the border between two countries, it's an **immigration** document,' she said.

The video surfaced just hours after Mrs Trump outlined her program as First Lady if her husband wins in only the second public speaking engagement of his campaign as his party's candidate - the first being introducing him at the Republican National Convention.

In real life she cannot become president as she is not a natural-born United States citizen.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Melania Trump spoke to supporters today in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, part of the Philadelphia suburbs that Donald Trump needs to win

\* She spoke about **immigrating** to the United States and loving Ronald Reagan as a young girl

\* She also revealed that she would try to make social media more safe for children and teens if she were to become first lady

\* She praised her husband's 'movement' as the Trump campaign moves in on more traditionally blue states like Pennsylvania and Colorado

\* See more news and updates on the 2016 U.S. presidential election

In a quick speech today in suburban Philadelphia, Melania Trump outlined her **immigrant** story, and shared her early love for Ronald Reagan, while explaining what she planned to tackle if she was blessed to become the country's first lady.

Trump said she would make social media safer for teens and kids.

'Our culture has gotten too mean and too rough especially to children and teenagers,' she told the crowd.

'It will be one of the main focuses of my work if I'm privileged enough to become your first lady,' she said of making social media safe again.

Trump's appearance was her first public address since lifting remarks from Michelle Obama at this summer's Republican National Convention.

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The GOP nominee's wife was introduced by Karen Pence, the spouse of his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Pence told a story about meeting Melania Trump for the first time while Donald Trump was making his considerations for veep.

'We had raised independent thinking children who don't always agree with their father on every issue,' Pence admitted to the crowd, saying that she made that same point to Melania at the dinner table.

'She looked at me with her warm smile and she said, "I like that, you're teaching them to think for themselves, I like that,"' Pence recalled.

'And I knew right then I was really going to like Melania,' the potential second lady told the crowd.

When it was Melania Trump's turn to speak she gave the crowd a wave, while looking ever-stylish in a light pink blouse and fitted white skirt, walking into the song 'Let the Sunshine In.'

Supporters screamed 'I love you' at the former fashion model and mother of one, as she made her rare campaign appearance.

Her husband posted that he was watching the speech, on CNN, from his campaign plane, writing on Instagram, 'watching my beautiful wife, Melania, speak about our love of country and family. We will make you all very proud,' Donald Trump wrote.

Melania talked about what she had witnessed firsthand over the past year, at her husband's side.

'This is not an ordinary campaign, this is a movement,' she said. 'A movement in which people feel included, inspired and involved. I have seen it firsthand.'

'And he will make fantastic president of these United States,' the Slovenian-born third wife of Donald Trump said.

She addressed her **immigrant** story at the top of the speech telling the audience about her hometown in Slovenia, located near 'beautiful rivers and forests,' where she had a 'beautiful childhood' with 'wonderful parents.'

'Of course we always knew about an incredible place called America,' Trump recalled.

She suggested even as a child, she was rooted in American, Republican politics.

'When I was 10-years-old we learned that a man named Ronald Reagan was elected president of the United States of America,' she said. 'President Reagan's "morning in America" was not just something in the United States, it began to feel like morning around the world, even in my small country.'

'It was a true inspiration to me,' Melania Trump said.

Trump talked about working as a young woman in fashion in Milan and Paris, an industry of both 'glamour,' she said, but also 'hard work,' where professionals had to deal with 'ridicule and rejection too.'

Trump said that while she pursued success, she also sought freedom, which led her to the United States, where she wished to become a citizen.

The potential future first lady outlined the tedious 10-year process, which involved several visas and a green card, before she could take the citizenship in 2006.

'I'm an **immigrant** and let me tell you, no one values the freedom and opportunity of America more than me, both as an independent woman and someone who **immigrated** to America,' she expressed.

'Love for this country is something we immediately shared when I met Donald. He loved this country and he knows how to get things done, not just talk,' she continued.

'He certainly knows how to shake things up,' she said with a laugh. The audience giggled at her crack.

She also offered that his trademark slogan 'Make America Great Again,' was more than just a motto, 'it is what has been in his heart since the day that I met him.'

Trump said that over the course of her marriage she saw her husband grow more and more upset about the direction of the country, noting he would be angered upon hearing of a factory in Ohio, or North Carolina, or Pennsylvania closing, conveniently mentioning three important swing states.

She noted how this was the genesis of the campaign, being built upon by Donald Trump traveling the country, asking questions like: 'Do we want a country where every American gets a fair shot?'

'Yes!' the audience exclaimed, as Melania Trump led the crowd in a minute of call-and-response.

'People have asked me, if Donald is the President, what kind of First Lady will you be?' Trump said.

'It will be an honor and privilege to serve this country,' she said.

Trump said in the White House she would be an advocate for women and children and further articulated to the crowd what that meant.

'I do worry about our children,' she said.

Moving on to social media, she said it had become a 'centerpiece' in Americans' lives.

'Technology has changed our universe. But like anything that is powerful it can have a bad side,' she explained. 'As adults, many of us are able to handle mean words even lies.'

Kids, though, she said, 'are hurt when they are made fun or feel less in looks or intelligence.'

'This makes their life hard and can force them to hide or retreat,' she continued, vowing to take this issue on.

Trump also said she would work to improve the everyday lives of women in the country, as her step-daughter Ivanka Trump has made similar commitments.

Campaign manager Kellyanne Conway, who was being mobbed by supporters asking for selfies before Melania Trump's remarks, had revealed to DailyMail.com that social media was going to be an area of interest for Mrs. Trump.

'You're going to love her speech today,' Conway gushed.

'As first lady she is going to take on social media,' the campaign manager continued. 'She feels that social media is a tool for good, but in many cases it could be a very disruptive, very harmful presence in our lives, particularly for children and teenagers.'

'And you'll hear her touch on that today,' Conway added.

Melania Trump spoke at the Main Line Sports Center in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, about a 30 minute drive from downtown Philadelphia.

The 'Main Line' is known for its quaint towns and high-end shops, and also white, affluent, college-educated, Republican-leaning voters.

However, this year, a lot of those voters, especially female voters, were skewing toward Donald Trump's rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton.

In mid-October, Bloomberg Politics looked at the lay of the land in Pennsylvania and found that the four suburban Philadelphia counties – Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware – which traditionally trend red, were tilting blue.

Clinton was leading 59 percent to Trump's 31 percent, giving the Democrat a 28-point advantage. Overall, she had a 9 point advantage in the Keystone State.

Berwyn, where Melania Trump made her under 20-minute remarks, is located in Chester county.

Since then, polls in Pennsylvania have tightened with Real Clear Politics' polling average showing Clinton just 3.4 points ahead of Trump.

The Hill newspaper put out a story today that looked at polling showing that many Republican voters were coming back to the fold and showing support for Trump.

Conway pointed to this and polling out of Pennsylvania and told DailyMail.com that 'Mr. Trump is winning back a lot of women in this very area.'

'They don't like negative campaigning and Hillary Clinton, she promised that "when they go low, we go high,"' Conway said. 'There's nothing high about the tens of millions of dollars in negative ads that she's running, it's a full-on assault of Donald Trump.'

If Trump can rout Clinton in Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania, while holding onto all the red states that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won in 2012, he would win the race.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Three new red states polls show Donald Trump pulling away in Texas and Arizona, but virtually tied with Hillary Clinton in Georgia

\* In the Southern state, Clinton is only losing by 1 point, buoyed by strong African-American support for her candidacy

\* Trump is now a comfortable 9 points ahead in Texas and 5 points ahead in Arizona, the new NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist polls show

Two red states that once looked liked they could be snatched up by Hillary Clinton are now trending back Donald Trump's way – while the two party hopefuls are practically tied in another.

A new NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist poll shows Trump now beating Clinton in both Arizona and Texas, while the two have about equal support in Georgia, which has traditionally been a Republican-friendly state.

This comes after two polls in New Hampshire, which has gone Democratic in recent cycles, show Clinton and Trump neck-and-neck and the race getting closer in the battleground state of Colorado as well.

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Generally speaking, it looks like Trump has been making gains after Friday's blockbuster revelation that the FBI would again be looking into Clinton's emails.

In Texas, which Trump had previously looked weak in, the Republican nominee is now leading the former secretary of state by 9 points.

Trump now has 49 percent support in the Lone Star State, compared to 40 percent for Clinton. Additionally, Libertarian candidate is getting 6 percent and Green Party hopeful Jill Stein is polling at 2 percent.

In Arizona, which the Democrats were hoping to pick off when Trump looked at his weakest, he's opened up a lead of 5 points, earning 45 percent to Clinton's 40 percent.

However, Georgia is a traditionally red state that Clinton could pull into her column on election day, as Trump is just one point ahead.

He's receiving 45 percent support to Clinton's 44 percent.

It's Clinton's strong performance with African-Americans that is keeping her campaign alive in this Southern state.

According to NBC's polling, black voters are 29 percent of the likely voting electorate in Georgia and they go Clinton's way 91-to-6 percent.

Latinos are now helping Clinton in the same way in battleground state Arizona.

There, they make up 21 percent of likely voters and are only boosting Clinton 66 percent to 26 percent, despite some of Trump's controversial statements about Hispanic **immigrants**.

In the much whiter state of New Hampshire, Clinton and Trump and neck and neck a series of two battleground polls show.

A WBUR/MassINC poll showed Clinton with 39 points and Trump at 40 in a four-way match-up. Trump's slight edge is well within the poll's margin of error of 4.4 points.

Still, the Republican has sliced into his rival's vote share: Clinton was three points ahead in the same survey some three weeks ago. The latest poll was conducted after the FBI's bombshell revelation last week that it was investigating a fresh trove of emails relating to Clinton's private email server.

A Boston Globe/Suffolk survey also put the candidates at a tie of 42 points each, with only five days to go until Election Day.

But an ARG poll showed a different picture, putting Trump ahead by five points, at 48 to 43.

Nate Silver's FiveThirtyEight blog calculates Clinton has a 64.5 percent chance of winning the state, which has voted blue in the three previous elections, and approximately the same probability of winning the election as a whole.

The two presidential candidates are racing to lock down as many states as they can in the final days of the electoral race. Either needs 270 electoral college votes in order to win - of which New Hampshire has four.

Forecasts vary as to how many votes Clinton and Trump will secure. The 270towin blog sees Clinton as winning 272 votes to Trump's 173.

Battlegrounds like Florida, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania are being hotly contested.

In Colorado, Clinton and Trump are tied at 39 points apiece, according to a University of Denver survey.

And polls showed Wednesday that Clinton is holding her lead in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania - although Trump is closing the ground in the Keystone State.

According to a Monmouth University survey, 48 percent of Pennsylvania residents say they'll send their votes to Clinton, while 44 percent are choosing Trump. Clinton had led by double digits in the summer.

Perhaps surprisingly, only four percent of those polled said they were dissuaded by the news that Clinton's email server case has been reopened, Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, told CBS.

'It looks like this shift was in the works even before Friday's FBI bombshell, which has made only a small contribution to this overall narrowing,' he said.

Instead, Trump has been making gains in white women voters, despite a seemingly endless stream of accusations of sexual abuse or harassment.

His approval ratings have also increased over the past month, while Clinton's have dropped.

Trump's gains have largely been made in the Western side of the state, where he has a 16-point lead.

But Clinton has locked down the bellwether areas of the state - Philadelphia and its suburbs - where she polls 62 percent to Trump's 29.

And she leads dramatically with non-white voters, pulling 83 percent of the vote, while Trump trails with a measly 9 percent.

The poll took in the opinions of 403 state residents between last Thursday and Tuesday. Its margin of error is 4.9 percent.

Another poll in the same period, conducted by CNN and ORC International, also shows Clinton leading by 4 percent, and has a 3 percent margin of error.

Voters give Trump the nod on economic issues, but say Clinton would be a better choice on matters of foreign policy, health care, trade and terrorism.

Perhaps surprisingly, both Clinton and Trump were ranked equally on **immigration** by the voters.

The gap between two candidates is wider in Wisconsin, where Trump trails six points behind Clinton's 46 percent.

That poll, by Marquette Law School, also says that Clinton took the lead in early voters by some distance, taking home 64 percent compared to Trump's 25.

More than 518,000 early ballots have been cast - a figure that would have comprised 16.9 percent of 2012's turnout.

That poll began on Wednesday October 26 and ended Monday. That means the reveal of Clinton's FBI troubles came right in the middle - but didn't appear to bother Wisconsin voters.

The Marquette poll took in the opinions of 1,401 voters and has a margin of error of 3.3 percent.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Clinton traveled to Arizona in an effort to expand the map in a state that usually votes Republican for president

\* Donald Trump leads her by 5 points in the latest Arizona poll

\* Democrats are hoping to capitalize on growth among the state's Hispanic population

\* She blasted Donald Trump for judging women by their looks, and brought up his slam on Carly Fiorina from the primaries

\* Called Fiorina a 'distinguished woman with a tremendous record of accomplishment'

\* Bashes 'Sheriff Joe' Arpaio, who is up for reelection and has endorsed Trump

\* 'This state is in play for the first time in years'

\* Blasts Trump for mocking Sen. Elizabeth Warren as 'Pocahontas'

Hillary Clinton flew to Arizona in an effort to expand the Democratic electoral map, spending precious time in a state that has tantalized her party – and defended liberal Elizabeth Warren and her former Republican tormentor Carly Fiorina from past attacks by Donald Trump.

Speaking to a student-filled crowd, Clinton stood up for failed GOP presidential candidate Fiorina, who briefly rose in the crowded Republican primary through her own relentless attacks on Clinton, and had one of her strongest moments defending herself against Trump.

'Remember what he said about Carly Fiorina, a distinguished woman with a tremendous record of accomplishment?' Clinton asked, heaping praise on Fiorina. 'And basically Trump said nobody’ll vote for her – look at her face,' she said, referencing comments Trump made about Fiorina that appeared in a Rolling Stoneprofile.

Trump had said 'Look at that face' when Fiorina's image had flashed across the screen.

Clinton also defended liberal Sen. Elizabeth Warren from Trump's attacks, although like Fiorina, Warren had little trouble standing up for herself in frequent Twitterfights with Trump.

She said Trump 'mocks sen Elizabeth Warren by calling her Pocahontas again and again.' Trump uses the insult to reference Warren's debunked claims to having Native American heritage, based on family lore.

Clinton's defense of Fiorina was all the more remarkable because of the way Fiorina tried to rile up GOP primary voters by clubbing Clinton. 'Hillary Clinton would do anything to gain and hold onto power, anything,' Fiorina said at a Fox News debate. 'If my husband did what Bill Clinton did, I would have left him long ago,' Fiorina said.

Speaking in an area with a major influx of **immigrants** who have helped equalize the party balance, Clinton hammered Trump on **immigration** issues, saying he would have a 'huge deportation force' that would 'round up millions of **immigrants** and kick them out.'

She used dark imagery to describe the force, saying it would act, 'I guess loading them into buses and on trains.' And she blasted 'Sheriff Joe' Arpaio, who is up for reelection and has endorsed Trump, noting to the crowd a court has held him in contempt for his actions in a long-running dispute over racial profiling.

The campaign sent around a fire marshall estimate of 15,000 attendees, which would make it among her largest crowds of the year.

Team Clinton made the decision to venture into Republican-leaning Arizona, home to conservative icon Barry Goldwater and Sen. John McCain, who is up for reelection, before the bombshell news that the FBI was getting back into Clinton's email investigation.

At the time, Clinton was surging ahead in national and state opinion polling, and commentators were speculating about the size of the electoral college blowout she might score. Arizona hasn't gone Democratic for president since 1996.

That still could happen, but there has been tightening in some battlegrounds since the news shook up the race.

'As the political pundits like to say, this state is in play for the first time in years,' Clinton said.

Her remarks got big cheers from the crowd, although there also were chants of 'lock her up' from Trump supporters.

A new CNN/ORC poll gives Trump a five point lead over Clinton in the state, with him leading Clinton 49 to 44 per cent, with Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson getting 5 per cent and Jill Stein getting 1 per cent.

'Arizona’s a tough state but we feel good about where we are there,' Clinton said at the start of her campaign swing in Las Vegas Wednesday.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Turkish-born yogurt entrepreneur Hamdi Ulukaya, 44, founded Chobani

\* Ulukaya, who is based in upstate New York, is divorced with no children

\* He was trolled for 'drowning the US in Muslims' after hiring 300 refugees

\* It was sparked by a sex assault on a young girl in Twin Falls, Idaho in June

\* Town's mayor says Trump's rhetoric 'has helped to fuel anti-refugee fire'

Billionaire Chobani founder Hamdi Ulukaya would seem to be the very embodiment of the American Dream but he is getting trolled for 'wanting to drown the US in Muslims' after hiring refugees to work in his factory.

Mr Ulukaya, 44, came to the US from his native Turkey in 1994 to study business and eventually bought a derelict factory in upstate New York to manufacture Greek-style yogurt.

He later bought a second plant, employs 2,000 people and is estimated to have made a fortune of $1.4billion, much of which he pledged to donate last year when signing up to the Giving Pledge, along with Warren Buffett and Bill Gates.

But Mr Ulukaya, who was born into a Kurdish dairy farming family, is getting hassled on the internet for employing too many refugees or, as one troll put it, 'trying to drown the United States in Muslims'.

The online hatred has its roots in events in the town of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Since the 1980s the town has had a refugee resettlement program which gives sanctuary to around 300 people a year.

But in June this year a five-year-old girl in the town was raped and three refugee boys from Iraq and Sudan were charged.

Later another refugee was accused of sexually assaulting a mentally disabled woman, a charge that has since been dropped.

In August an article on Breitbart led to calls on fringe Right-wing websites for customers to boycott Chobani goods.

Death threats have even been made against the mayor of Twin Falls, Shawn Barigar, after he was accused of covering up for Chobani and the refugees.

Mr Barigar, who was forced to delete his Twitter profile, told Mail Online: 'Chobani are just one of many companies who take refugees into their employee pool. But Hamdi's visible stance in support of refugees in general got convoluted into this issue.

He said: 'A false narrative has been the marching orders of anti-refugee groups and the notion that the city, and I, are being paid off by the Obama administration to turn a blind eye to refugee resettlement so Chobani can have a steady stream of workers. It's completely false. There's not an iota of truth in it.'

Mr Barigar said threats made to himself and his wife were still being investigated by the FBI.

He said there had been another 'false narrative' spread that thousands of Syrian refugees were coming to Twin Falls. He said they had NO Syrian refugees and most of those who had resettled in the town were Afghan, Eritrean, Burmese, Iranian or Iraqi.

'Mr Barigar said: 'Trump's rhetoric has helped to fuel the anti-refugee fire.'

Many people have issued messages of support for Mr Ulukaya on social media.

Activist Richard Lapchick tweeted: 'Hamdi Ulukaya, owner of Chobani should be commended for his efforts to help refugees, not threatened.'

Turkish political scientist, Ebru Erdem Akcay, tweeted: 'Ulukaya, an **immigrant**, has enriched American dairy aisles w/a product representing his cultural heritage. THIS is what makes America great.'

Cecillia Wang, director of the **Immigrants**’ Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union, told the New York Times : 'What’s happening with Chobani is one more flash point in this battle between the voices of xenophobia and the voices advocating a rational **immigration** policy.'

Mr Ulukaya started out in business making feta cheese, using a family recipe, and received an $800,000 loan from the Small Business Administration which allowed him to buy the New York factory and start selling Chobani yogurt in 2007, which became an overnight success.

In recent years he has become passionate about the welfare of refugees and set up a foundation called Tent, which provides relief on issues like education and health care.

Since its founding in 2007, Chobani has helped drive the surging popularity of Greek yogurt, which is thicker and has more protein than traditional supermarket yogurt.

More recently, however, it has been facing tougher competition from bigger companies like General Mills, which has been more aggressively pushing Greek varieties of its Yoplait yogurt.

In 2014 Chobani secured $750million in financing from private equity firm TPG Capital when it was facing a cash crunch.

Last year Mr Ulukaya settled a lawsuit filed by his ex-wife, who laid claim to half the Greek yogurt empire.

His American-born ex, Dr Ayse Giray, had sued in 2012, claiming her family lent him $500,000 that helped make his American dream a reality.

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Capt. Humayun Khan was a soldier who died while trying to protect his unit in 2014 in Iraq.

His parents, Khizr and Ghazala Khan, appeared during the Democratic National Convention in July after the Republican presidential candidate had unleashed a vicious attack against Muslims.

Khizr Khan paid homage to his son and held up his pocket-sized Constitution and said Trump has sacrificed 'nothing.'

The billionaire businessman responded to the powerful speech Khizr Khan gave at the convention by attacking and suggesting that Ghazala Khan was not allowed to speak on stage because she is a Muslim.

However, she said she did not want to speak on stage because she was to upset and hurt.

When one of Trump's advisers warned him about how he had just attacked a Gold Star family, Trump responded 'what's that?', the New York Magazine reported on Saturday.

The term Gold Star family is often used to reference a family that lost a loved one while they were serving in war. Since 1936, the United States has officially recognized these families.

Trump's then campaign manager, Paul Manafort, reportedly had to explain to the GOP presidential candidate what 'Gold Star family' meant.

'The election is about the American people, it's not about you,' Manafort reportedly told Trump, while adding that Khizr Khan was not running for president.

Khizr Khan has campaigned for Clinton and even appeared in a touching ad for the Democratic presidential candidate.

On Thursday, he held back tears while speaking about how the Republican presidential nominee is peddling hate and no less than the 'future of the earth' is at stake in the November 8 election.

'There comes a time in an ordinary citizen's life where you have to gather all the courage you have and you stand up and speak against tyranny and speak against un-American hate,' Khan said in a reference to Trump's stance on **immigration**, which has ranged from a complete ban on foreign Muslim **immigrants** entering the United States to 'extreme' vetting and an ideological test for would-be **immigrants** from countries and regions plagued by extremism.

'This hate,' he said at the Masjid William Salaam mosque, 'is un-American.'

Trump fired back with a familiar refrain, telling ABC News that Khizr Khan's son, who died in Iraq trying to protect his unit from a suicide bomber, would still be alive had Trump been president in 2004 instead of Republican George W. Bush.

'I wouldn't have been in Iraq,' Trump said, once again falsely insisting he was opposed to the Iraq War before it started. 'Had I been president, Capt. Khan would be alive today.'

Fumed Khizr Khan said, 'This is the most cruel thing you can say to grieving parents.'

The New York Magazine also reported that a senior adviser said Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is the 'final decision maker' for the campaign, as his wife, Ivanka, has 'exerted her influence' to put him in the position.

The adviser said Kushner's decision making is firm, unless when 'Trump is Trump.'

'Jared doesn't look at supporting the campaign as taking a philosophical position. He's opportunistic,' a Republican source close to the campaign said.

Kushner reportedly recruited former CIA director James Woolsey to advise Trump on national security.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**Yesterday morning, the leader who has told more lies than any other in modern British politics went on the airwaves, courtesy of the BBC, to mislead and deceive the public yet again.

Tony Blair insinuated in his most slippery tones that the outcome of the EU referendum — which he described as a ‘catastrophe’ — be quietly set aside.

This from a man who undertook in 2004 to give the British people a referendum on a new European Union Constitution — a promise he later reneged on.

Coming from any politician, such a suave rejection of a democratic decision would be controversial enough. But Blair was the leader who lured us into an illegal war in Iraq. He was roundly criticised in the recently published Chilcot Report for overstating the threat posed by Saddam Hussein.

If this untrustworthy man had any shame or self-knowledge, he would rightly consider himself unfit to play any further part in British politics — and keep quiet.

What is so breathtaking is his assumption, despite a long record of mendacity, that he has the right to speak out — a right the BBC is only too happy to indulge. It’s true the interviewer, Nick Robinson, mentioned some of Blair’s past mistakes, but he was generally treated as though his honesty and integrity had never been impugned. His rehabilitation is almost complete.

Welcome to the age of lies.

Politicians, of course, have always told falsehoods. The 16th-century Italian writer Niccolo Machiavelli devoted a chapter to the art of lying in his famous work The Prince.

His advice to rulers, though, was that they should be sparing in the lies they told. Above all, he counselled against the blatant and easily identifiable lie. Leaders over the centuries have largely followed his advice — until now.

We live in an era of shameless and often easily disprovable lies which are so widespread that they have sapped the confidence of millions of people in the political process.

Our leaders take us to war on a lie, and shamelessly spout falsehoods in front of cameras and in their legislatures. In this country, one whopping lie has concerned mass **immigration**, which politicians have covertly encouraged in defiance of public opinion.

The wonder is that our rulers think they won’t be found out. And yet, equally wondrously, they usually survive exposure and blame. The major serial political liars of the past quarter-century — Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Tony Blair and his twister-in-chief Alastair Campbell — are all prospering mightily.

L ook at what has been going on in America. Has there ever been such an ugly presidential campaign disfigured by so many barefaced lies? Politicians may have always deceived the public, but never before has mendacity been so pervasive, systemic and relentless.

Political pundits on both sides of the Atlantic try to make sense of the Trump phenomenon by arguing that his supporters feel left behind by globalisation and rising inequality. Similar theories are aired in this country to explain why so many Labour supporters defied their party’s instructions and voted for Brexit.

I’ve no doubt these factors have played a large role. But there is surely something more fundamental going on. I believe that in America, Britain and other western countries, people are rejecting the politics of the Establishment, at least in part, because they are angry that their rulers have lied to them again and again.

Of course, there have always been self-serving leaders who practise to deceive. In America, there was Richard Nixon, who lied over Watergate (pretending the White House had not been involved in the burglary of the headquarters of the Democratic Convention) and was finally forced to resign.

His predecessor, Lyndon B. Johnson, also told lies. He once bragged that his great-great-grandfather had died at the Battle of the Alamo.

This was a vain fantasy, much in the mould of Tony Blair’s absurd claim in 1996 that as a child stowaway he had boarded a plane at Newcastle airport bound for the Bahamas before being removed.

As for Britain, we have had our fair share of accomplished political liars. Arguably the single most brazen political lie of the last century was Anthony Eden’s during the 1956 Suez crisis, which took place exactly 60 years ago. He concealed from Parliament that he had entered a secret pact with France and Israel to invade Egypt. Months afterwards he left No 10.

Yet somehow such falsehoods did not destroy public confidence in the general probity of politicians. People were more deferential, and ready to go on believing in the honesty of those who ruled them. For the most part they were probably justified.

All that has changed over the past couple of decades. In America, the rot began with Bill Clinton and in this country with his friend Blair. Even after both leaders had left the stage to devote themselves to amassing fortunes, the culture of mendacity fostered by them has persisted. The upshot has been rising distrust for Establishment political leaders.

Bill Clinton, of course, famously asserted that he had not had sex with Monica Lewinsky. Not many people believed the old goat, least of all Hillary. He was the first President of the United States to be impeached by the House of Representatives since 1868. One of the two charges was perjury — telling a lie in a court of law.

Clinton was followed by George W. Bush, who dealt in untruths of a different sort. After the 2001 attack on the World Trade Centre, he invented stories about Al-Qaeda terrorists being based in Iraq in order to legitimise the invasion of that country. It’s difficult to imagine a more pernicious lie, particularly as Saddam Hussein had been an enemy of Al-Qaeda.

Think of the hundreds of thousands of lives lost, including American and, of course, British ones, and the billions of dollars wasted.

And, as the whole world including Americans can now see, the legacy of that lie in Iraq and neighbouring Syria is death and suffering for millions of civilians, and the presence of real terrorists rather than the ones dreamt up by Bush.

Barack Obama has been accused by his opponents of many deceptions, but he is a novice in such matters compared to the likely next President of the United States, Hillary Clinton, who almost rivals her sleazy husband.

During the 2008 presidential campaign, when she was challenging Obama for the Democratic nomination, Mrs Clinton claimed to have come under fire in Bosnia during an official visit after the end of the Balkan wars in the 1990s. Video footage of the alleged incident revealed a very calm scene. A silly, shallow lie.

More recently, Hillary insisted for months that she had done nothing wrong in using her own email server while U.S. Secretary of State, and that what she did was purely her private business. Many Americans suspect that those secret emails contain compromising information.

The terrible irony is that the man on whom many Americans are pinning their hopes is a sociopathic monster and gross misogynist who is far more untrustworthy than even Hillary Clinton. In almost every sentence, he invites people to trust him — a good indication that they shouldn’t dream of doing so.

So many lies spew out of him which are blindingly obvious or instantly disprovable. For example, he insists that President Obama founded the terror group ISIS, and repeatedly claimed that the President was not born in the United States. He subsequently retracted this lie without apology while falsely blaming Mrs Clinton for inventing the story in the first place!

Look at this man, with his childishly pouting lips and permanently angry countenance. What a bizarre specimen of humanity! The thought flashes through our minds that millions of Americans must be mad even to think of voting for such a creature.

But they’re not mad, of course. They are looking, after countless disappointments, for someone to deliver them from a political Establishment which has promised so much and given them so little — an Establishment which, whether Republican or Democrat, appears to operate largely for itself.

And so millions of voters cling in desperation to his probably baseless promises of controlling **immigration** and bringing jobs back to the United States and making the country great again — promises other leaders have made and broken. We shouldn’t blame the American people. The tragedy is that so many of them have been drawn to Trump.

Superior though we may feel when looking across the Atlantic, the truth is that our own political culture has also been corrupted by institutionalised falsehood. And, as in America, this has led to widespread disenchantment, and a revolt against Establishment politics.

Mendacity was stamped into Blair’s soul at an early age, and it is no surprise that he surrounded himself with untrustworthy lieutenants, of whom the most egregious was his spin doctor Alastair Campbell.

The Chilcot Report did not merely find that Blair had overstated the threat posed by Saddam Hussein — those much-hyped weapons of mass destruction. He had also sent ill-prepared troops into battle with ‘wholly inadequate’ plans for the aftermath.

Blair decided the lives of British servicemen would be put at risk long before consulting Cabinet colleagues and MPs, or telling the British people. Eight months before the March 2003 invasion of Iraq, he made a secret pact with George W. Bush, saying: ‘I will be with you, whatever.’

As for Campbell, a man whose veracity was once impugned by a High Court judge, a list of his falsehoods could fill a book. Among his most shameless was his ‘dodgy dossier’ of February 2003.

Campbell plagiarised excerpts from a 12-year-old thesis by an Iraqi dissident, without attribution, about the extent of Saddam’s weapons of mass destruction. The dossier, essentially one long lie, was represented by Blair in the Commons as a fresh work produced by the intelligence services. This was a wicked thing for Campbell to have done.

On account of this deception alone, he should have slunk out of public life and be atoning for his sins. And yet he pops up all over the place, with a self-satisfied smile on his face, and a revolting readiness to criticise the supposed moral shortcomings of others. The liar has become almost respectable. What does that say about our society?

The other great lie of the Blair years, of course, concerned **immigration**. Despite the obvious misgivings of the British people, New Labour embarked on a secret plan to boost mass **immigration** without bothering to tell us what was being done.

According to Andrew Neather, a former adviser to Blair and Home Secretary Jack Straw, New Labour deliberately threw open Britain’s borders to mass **immigration** to help socially engineer a ‘truly multicultural country’.

When Poland and other East European countries joined the EU in 2004, the Blair government could have imposed **immigration** restrictions for the following seven years, but chose not to. It preferred to believe an academic report that forecast **immigration** to the UK would increase by between 5,000 and 13,000 a year.

Within five years, more than a million East Europeans had arrived in this country. Was the Government’s decision not to use EU-approved controls the result of pure naivety? It’s hard to credit. More likely, New Labour simply wanted more **immigrants**, and had no intention of discussing the matter in public.

The toxic effects of this act of betrayal were evident in the Brexit vote on June 23. Millions of people, who had been lied to and deceived for years over **immigration**, decided they had finally had enough.

Brexit, alas, was the forum for another blizzard of untruths on both sides of the argument. I don’t at all excuse the Leave camp, but the lies of the Remainers were especially damaging because they further undermined the Government’s already tattered reputation for veracity.

David Cameron can’t have believed either his assertion before the referendum that he had secured significant reforms from Brussels, or his subsequent declaration that Brexit might lead to another European war.

Nor was George Osborne being truthful when he informed us that a vote to leave would be followed by an instant recession. Yesterday, we learned that the economy grew by a respectable half per cent in the three months following the referendum, while the Japanese car-maker Nissan announced it will build two new models at its Sunderland plant.

There have been deceptions, too, over our cherished NHS. We have repeatedly been told that it is being starved of funds by a cruel Government. On Thursday, a General Medical Council (GMC) report claimed the ‘intense pressure’ created by a £2 billion black hole in hospital budgets was undermining medical morale.

Yet an analysis yesterday by the National Audit Office shows how these same hospitals are failing to claw back hundreds of millions of pounds from health tourists. Why can’t the GMC be honest about this?

All over Europe — in Italy, France, Germany and Greece — millions of people are turning their back on mainstream politicians to embrace alternative parties of the Far Left or Far Right. Doubtless they are partly driven by economic anxieties. But who can doubt they are also exasperated by being fed a constant diet of lies?

Some commentators, particularly on the Left, have written about ‘post-truth’ politics, suggesting that some voters want to hear lies from politicians which confirm their own prejudices. This is a devastatingly cynical and negative analysis.

Isn’t it far more likely that most of us yearn to be told the truth? And in a democracy shouldn’t we have a reasonable expectation that we will be? Despite the pressures of the 24-hour modern media, there is no God-given rule which says that politicians have to surround themselves with dodgy spin doctors, and enmesh themselves in falsehoods.

Somehow these politicians — the Clintons, Blair and the rest of them — emerged from the slime, and for a time we were hoodwinked. The self-satisfied Hillary Clinton, with her preposterous sense of entitlement, will probably be with us for the next four years.

But why can’t we have honest politicians? They do exist. I could name a few in this country and America. Until they make their mark, and reverse the corrosive effects of the past quarter-century, voters will continue to flirt dangerously with the likes of Donald Trump.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Raul Perez, 43, charged with open murder in strangulation death of his girlfriend, 31-year-old Karla Guadalupe-Magana

\* Magana's body was found in bathroom of couple's home in Wyoming, Michigan; Perez was asleep in bed at the time

\* Police say Perez called his daughter to confess to the killing, prompting her to call 911

\* Four days earlier, Perez, who is in the US illegally, was pulled over for drunken driver but was released on bond

\* ICE says Perez has been deported twice in the last 10 years, including in 2005 after he was caught in Texas with 135lbs of marijuana for sale

\* Magana was a single mother of five children, ranging in age between five and 14

An illegal **immigrant** from Mexico with a history of deportations and arrests has been charged with strangling to death his girlfriend in Michigan.

Raul Perez, 43, was arrested on Wednesday morning after police say he called his daughter and told her that he had murdered 31-year-old Karla Guadalupe-Magana.

The man’s daughter called police, who responded to the couples’ home at Woodcreek Apartments on 44th Street in Wyoming, Michigan, at around 6am Wednesday.

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Inside, officers found Ms Magana’s lifeless body in the bathroom and her boyfriend asleep in bed, reported WOOD-TV.

Perez was arrested on charges of open murder and being a third-time habitual offender. Records show he has been deported twice in the last decade to his native Mexico.

Four days before Magana's slaying, Perez was pulled over in Wyoming and booked into the county jail on a misdemeanor count of operating while intoxicated. At the time of his arrest, the 43-year-old gave deputies a fake name, Jerry Lopes Sosa.

When officials ran his fingerprints through their database, his criminal history was revealed. Record of Perez’s arrest in Michigan was then electronically sent to state law enforcement and the US Department of Homeland Security.

Kent County Undersheriff Michelle Young told Mlive.com that it is up to the US **Immigration** and Customs Enforcement to contact the jail and request that a hold be placed on a suspect, but Perez was brought in on a Friday, and federal agents did not learn of his arrest until he had already bonded out.

‘Normally, ICE doesn't monitor this type of thing 24/7,’ Young said, adding that a misdemeanor OWI arrest would not necessarily have raised red flags at ICEanyway.

Since the Kent County Sheriff's Department had no reason to further detain Perez, he was freed. Four days later, he allegedly strangled his girlfriend to death.

ICE said they have come in contact with Perez on two separate occasions over the last 10 years.

In 2004, he was picked up in Texas after crossing the border with Mexico carrying 135lbs of marijuana for sale. He was deported the following year, but **immigration** officials found him back in the US just months later.

Court documents indicate that Perez was convicted of illegal re-entry and deported again in 2008.

On Thursday, the 43-year-old murder suspect appeared in Wyoming District Court via videoconference for his arraignment, at which time a judge ordered him held without bond.

Perez could face deportation after the resolution of the murder case, according to ICE officials.

Meanwhile, friends of the victim have launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for Magana’s funeral and to aid her five children, ranging in age between five and 14.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Make-up artists from Rouge New York helped three Dailymail.com staffers get ready for last night's Seriously Scary Halloween Masquerade Party

\* The artists transformed the editors into a fairy, a space **alien** and a half-glam, half-dead skeleton

\* Follow their lessons to create the looks yourself for any spur of the moment costume bash

If you have a Halloween party to attend this weekend and haven't even begun to think about a costume, much less buy the pieces you'll need for it, there's no need to panic.

The looks you can create with make-up - most of which you probably already own - can easily take you into winning-costume territory.

We teamed up with the make-up artists at Rouge New York to get three editors ready for a DailyMail.com Seriously Scary Halloween Masquerade Party Thursday night at The Heath at The McKittrick Hotel in New York City.

Below, see how the pros turned them into an ethereal fairy, a space **alien** and a half-glam, half-dead skeleton.

Scroll for video.

LOOK 1: AN ETHEREAL FAIRY

Skill level: Intermediate

The Rouge New York make-up artist: Joi Offutt

Pro tip: When you're using a bright color, says Joi, make sure to layer white underneath to make it really pop.

Key product: L'Oreal Infallible Silkissime Eyeliner in True Teal. 'It's one of my absolute favorites,' Joi says.

THE HOW-TO:

THE FINAL LOOK:

LOOK 2: A HALF-GLAM, HALF-DEAD SKELETON

Skill level: Beginner

The Rouge New York make-up artist: Kimberly Kinch

Pro tip: According to Kimberly, if you want to divide your face for any beauty look, use a layer of un-blended concealer as your guide.

THE HOW-TO:

THE FINAL LOOK:

LOOK 3: A SPACE **ALIEN**

Skill level: Advanced

The Rouge New York make-up artist: Chelsea Costagliola

Pro tip: The teeth for this look may seem challenging, but Chelsea says not to be intimidated and to break it down into sections.

Key product: 'Pretty much every cream color I used for this look came from the Make Up Forever Flash Palette,' said Chelsea.

THE HOW-TO:

THE FINAL LOOK:

Watch for more last-minute Halloween make-up ideas:

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Kesha and her band The Creepies performed at the DailyMail.com Seriously Scary Masquerade Party on Thursday night

\* The singer spoke with DailyMail.com before the performance about the importance of voting

\* The 29-year-old also revealed that she will likely be dressing up as a UFO or an **alien** this Halloween

\* Kesha performed a set featuring hits including TiK ToK, Die Young, Timber, Blow and We R Who We R

Kesha and her band The Creepies hit the stage at The Heath at The McKittrick Hotel on Thursday night for the DailyMail.com Seriously Scary Masquerade Party.

The glittery singer-songwriter and her band treated guests to a set featuring some of her most popular hits at the bash, including TiK ToK, Die Young, Timber, Blow and We R Who We R.

Prior to the performance, Kesha spoke with DailyMail.com about her recent tour, Halloween plans and the importance of voting in the upcoming presidential election.

'Use your voice. Your voice, on November 8th, is voting. It's exciting and something you have waited 18 or more years for, so assert your power!' said Kesha.

Later in the night, Kesha urged the crowd to raise their middle fingers as she screamed out: 'F\*\*\* my lawsuit.'

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On a more festive note, Kesha shared her Halloween costume plans just days ahead of the big night.

'I think I'm going to be a UFO or an **alien** because they exist and I love them and I'm pretty sure I'm from another galaxy anyways,' she said, adding that last year she went as a psychedelic rainbow.

'I love rainbows. They signify hope for me,' said Kesha.

Kesha also spoke about getting back out on tour recently, and detailed what a day in her life is like as she travels from city to city.

'I usually either go on an incognito exploration of whatever interesting vintage shopping, record shopping, or outdoor adventure is near,' she said.

'I like to force my band to bond with me doing water activities or biking, which they don't usually love, but one day they will look back and be happy I forced them to canoe with me....maybe.'

Then it is a few hours of sound check followed by Kesha's pre-show ritual.

'I meditate and/or watch 70s scary movies or watch my live feed of my cats at home.' said the singer.

After the show she said that she is usually 'bleeding or crying or drinking or having sing-alongs on the bus' before heading to bed.

The bottom bunk on the bus she said is her 'lucky bunk' and where she prefers to sleep while on the road.

The singer also took some time to talk about Bob Dylan's recent Nobel Prize for Literature.

The 29-year-old is a huge fan of Dylan and covered the iconic folk singer's classic It Ain't Me Babe earlier this year at the Billboard Music Awards.

'I have been arguing with many people about how I think Dylan is a brilliant person to award Nobel Prize for Literature to. As a songwriter I think this would be one of the greatest honors one could receive,' said Kesha, who applauded the Nobel Prize committee for thinking outside the box.

She went on to say: 'Anyone who is questioning his legitimacy for winning this award, needs to pull up the lyrics to that song and read them as the literature that they are. They stand alone and are extremely powerful.

'Bob Dylan makes me want to be a better writer and use my voice for more positive causes.'

Also on hand at Thursday night's party was Real Housewives of New York City star Sonja Morgan who judged the evening's costume contest, fresh off a three-week run performing in the Off-Broadway play Sex Tips for Straight Woman for a Gay Man.

The evening's winner walked away with a two-night stay at the Loews Regency New York Hotel, located in the city's chic Upper East Side neighborhood, as well as breakfast for two in The Regency Bar & Grill.

Others showing off their seriously scary looks at the event included Real Housewives star Dorinda Medley and her longtime boyfriend John Mahdessian, Rich Kids of Beverly Hills cast member Bianca Espada, television personality Alicia Quarles, models Louisa Warwick, Sam Way and Rose Smith, and DJ Xenia Ghali.

Makeup artists were also on hand throughout the evening to give guests touch-ups or a custom spooktacular look thanks to Rouge New York, the New York City makeup salon opened in 2013 by Law & Order star Stephanie March and artist Rebecca Perkins.

The ladies, who opened their first salon in Soho, recently started catering to their uptown clients with a new salon on the Upper East Side.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump said Thursday in Ohio that 'we're going to work on our ghettos' if he's elected president

\* Just Wednesday he unveiled a focused policy agenda on revitalizing inner cities, aimed at attracting black voters

\* 'Ghetto' is a less-than-sensitive term from the 1960s and 1970s that referred to run-down black neighborhoods

\* T ripping over that word will be seen in some corners as a deployment of language that isolates or offends Americans in key voting blocs

Donald Trump introduced a new word to his campaign vocabulary on Thursday afternoon in Ohio, and it may not go over well with African-American voters he is trying to woo by focusing on urban policy issues this week.

A day after he promised sweeping reforms that would revitalize inner cities, he used a slang word for slum-ridden downtown neighborhoods that few urban dwellers have embraced in decades.

'We're going to work on our ghettos,' he said during a rally in Toledo.

'You take a look at what’s going on, where you have pockets of – areas of land where you have the inner cities and you have so many things, so many problems. So many horrible, horrible problems. The violence. The death. The lack of education. No jobs.'

'We're gonna work with the African-American community and we're going to solve the problem of the inner city,' he pledged.

A Trump campaign spokesperson did not respond to a request for clarification about what the word 'ghetto' means to the Republican nominee for president.

Trump has connected urban blight to his marquee issue, linking a porous border with drug trafficking and blaming illegal **immigrants** for introducing life-twisting narcotics markets into economically depressed holes that dot American cityscapes.

But landing on that word – 'ghettos' – will be seen in some corners as a Freudian slip, a signal that Trump's fixation on eliminating 'political correctness' can lead him to deploy insensitive language that isolates or offends Americans in key voting blocs.

Especially when the word comes at a campaign venue where he sees few non-white faces looking back at him.

The word 'ghetto' comes from a Latin verb that means 'pouring' or 'casting.' It originally referred to the slag stones ejected from iron foundries in Venice – the useless waste that was only suitable filling in holes.

Those first places called 'ghettos', walled-off sections of the Italian city near the smelters, were areas where Jews were forced to live long before Nazi Germany turned ghettos into disguised waiting rooms for deportation to death camps.

In 20th Century America, ghettos were places where ethnic groups – often comprised of recent **immigrants** – lived together because of prejudice or economic isolation. The American novelist Jack London wrote of an urban 'working-class ghetto.'

But by the 1960s, as 'white flight' drove middle-class Caucasians out of U.S. cities, remaining racial minorities were often poverty-ghettoized by default.

The word slowly slipped out of American consciousness as the Civil Rights movement reached its apex, with words like 'inner-city' and 'urban center' euphemizing such places without the added layer of social stigma.

Trump has used those phrases this week as he rolled out an ambitious list of proposals to revitalize poor neighborhoods and break a vicious cycle of poverty.

But in the 21st Century, the word 'ghetto' has had a rebirth of sorts – embraced in rap music as slang for intentionally low-class behavior meant to play-act the culture of the poor.

It's a nuance that the 70-year-old penthouse-dweller may have missed. And it's in that context that he found himself searching for one word and landing on another.

'We're going to solve the problem,' he said. 'We're going to bring back jobs to the inner cities. We're going to bring proper education including school choice. And we're going to bring safety back.'

'You can't walk out on the street – you buy a loaf of bread and you end up getting shot! So we're going to work very strongly with the African-American community.'

Trump's plea took a political turn that his largely white audience appreciated, dumping on Hillary Clinton and her Democratic Party for making decades of similar pledges without having anything to show for it – especially in municipalities run continuously by Democratic Party machines since he was a boy.

'The Democrats have been talking about this for years! I mean, 50, 80, 90, 100! Unbroken!' he blared.

'We are going to solve the educational problem, the crime problem and the jobs problem of the inner cities. And a lot of people are gonna be very happy. It's gonna finally happen.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Andrés introduced Clinton at a rally in Florida during a swing she hopes will give her a boost the state with a large Hispanic population

\* Spanish-born American voting in his first presidential election said Trump, perhaps, 'skipped U.S. history class' - America has always been great

\* He was flying to Tampa for the Clinton event as Donald Trump descended on Washington for the grand opening of Trump International Hotel

\* Spanish-American restauranter was supposed to man the flagship restaurant at the hotel; he backed out last summer

\* Said Trump's remark that Mexican **immigrants** are 'rapists' and criminals as he announced his bid for the White House was unacceptable

\* Trump hotel is located near the White House on Pennsylvania Ave; aside from the government building he has the 'most coveted' location, he said

\* Obama spokesman: On a map they're close but 'there's a big difference between standing in the hotel and standing in the White House'

Celebrity chef José Andrés filleted Donald Trump at a Hillary Clinton rally today in Florida for calling Mexican **immigrants** 'rapists' and pledging to build a wall that will keep them out.

Andrés, a Spanish-born American citizen who is voting in his first presidential election, said Trump, perhaps, 'skipped U.S. history class.'

'I don't know. But people of Tampa, America has always been great from the very beginning,' Andrés said, sautéing Trump's slogan.

Andrés was flying to Tampa for the Clinton event as Donald Trump descended on Washington for the grand opening of Trump International Hotel.

The Spanish-American restauranter was supposed to man the flagship restaurant at the luxury establishment.

He backed out of the collaboration after Trump derided illegal **immigrants** in a speech announcing his bid for the White House.

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'Today I could be in a certain hotel in Washington, D.C. opening a restaurant inside, but here I am,' Andrés told Clinton supporters this afternoon.

The chef indicated that he's not supposed to mention Trump before he forcefully called on him to 'apologize' to 'every Latino, to every Mexican, to every women, to every veteran and to any person that he has insulted.

'But I can tell you people, I would rather be here with you in Tampa today and support this amazing woman on her birthday.'

Andrés said he planned to sing tp Clinton, celebrating her 69th birthday today, later on. The pair shared a hug while he was going and she coming on the stage.

Trump and Andrés are legally entangled over the famed chef's breach of contract.

The billionaire businessman is suing Andrés for $10 million. Andrés is countersuing for $8 million.

The newly opened Trump International Hotel, which occupies the Old Post Office building on Washington D.C.'s iconic Pennsylvania Avenue, now boasts as its signature restaurant BLT Prime by David Burke, instead.

Andrés lawyers said in July that Trump 'essentially torpedoed' the restaurant when he made the offensive comments about Mexican **immigrants** that made him a 'pariah for the great majority of the Hispanic community.'

A previous statement provided to press after Andrés disavowed Trump and yanked his business said Trump's 'statements disparaging **immigrants** make it impossible for my company and I to move forward with opening a successful Spanish restaurant in Trump International’s upcoming hotel in Washington, D.C.

'More than half of my team is Hispanic, as are many of our guests,' Andrés said. 'And, as a proud Spanish **immigrant** and recently naturalized American citizen myself, I believe that every human being deserves respect, regardless of **immigration** status.'

Andrés spoke passionately at the Clinton rally about his **immigration** to America 24 years ago and approval for citizenship three years ago.

'This November I will cast my first vote for the next President of the United States of America,' he stated. 'I cannot tell you, many of you know, but none of us can quite capture it in words, how proud I will be to cast my ballot as an American citizen.'

**Immigrants** have a 'very, very, special love' for America, he said. 'We were not lucky enough to be born citizens. It wasn't just given to us....we had to work hard for it. We had to wait for it. We had to really want it to become American.'

'Some people, actually, let's be fair, someone, talks about making America great again,' Andrés said in his remarks. 'What? Who are you? Where you come from? Where have you been? Look around you.'

Andrés said he believes it is his responsibility to 'speak up' about the forces of inclusion versus the forces of exclusion that have dominated the race to command the country.

'The forces of exclusion include, hatred, and envy, and anger, and suspicion and division. These forces build barriers, and borders, and barricades,' he yelled in a thick Spanish accent. 'They promote conflict, inequality, violence, dislocation and war.

'Sometimes, those forces, they only care about making money. No matter how many workers they abuse, they don't care. Or how many small businesses they stiff, by not paying them what is rightfully for theirs.

Railing against Trump, Andrés said 'some' say 'they want to "make America great again" - they don't even pay their due tax that they are supposed to be doing!'

Forces of exclusion puts up walls, he said. Forces of inclusion 'break down barriers and bring people together, because we, again, are stronger together,' he stated, highlighting Clinton's tagline.

'We all know who we think believes in exclusion, and that's not the America I wanted to be part of,' he said. 'But I know who has fought hard, all her life, believing that inclusion will make us all better.'

Clinton is in Florida for a swing the Democratic candidate hopes will give her a boost in the battleground state with a large Hispanic population. She's made Trump's statements about illegal **immigrants** the centerpiece of her White House campaign.

At nearly every rally she dings him for a string of 'insults' that include his year-old charge that illegal **immigrants** coming into the country by way of Mexico are 'bringing drugs' are 'bringing crime' and are 'rapists.'

Today Andrés revealed that he'd be appearing with her on the stump in Florida in a tweet.

He wrote, 'You know it is going to be an amazing day when you are boarding a plane to #Tampa to join @HillaryClinton early voting rally!! #ImWithHer'

Andrés owns a restaurant in Miami's South Beach. The D.C. based chef also has restaurant locations in in Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

He competed on Iron Chef America in 2007 and was a Top Chef judge in 2010. President Barack Obama awarded him with a National Humanities Medal at a White House event last month. Andrés became a U.S. citizen in 2013.

Trump dropped off the trail briefly today to appear alongside his wife and children at the grand opening of Trump International Hotel, located at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue.

'With the notable exception of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, this is the most coveted piece of real estate in Washington, D.C. The best location,' Trump stated in remarks before a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The hotel, which he says was 'under budget' and 'ahead of schedule' is a shining example of 'how to work with government and get things done.'

'We don't hear those words too often in government, but you will,' he said.

Three blocks down the street White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest was beginning his daily briefing with reporters.

A journalist noted that the Republican nominee for president was down the road at his hotel.

‘Yeah, not too far, away, not too far away,' the Obama flak said. 'Well in some ways, it’s a really long way away, depending on how you look at it.’

Earnest was asked a little while later to explain his comment.

‘I just mean that on the map that the two places are not that far away, but there's a big difference between standing in the hotel and standing in the White House.’

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\* 'You know, they kept 15,000 outside,' he told a group of African-American faith and community leaders backstage at a Charlotte, N.C. theater

\* 'Love can kill too,' the Republican nominee said, adding that Clinton is a do-nothing politician who 'has less energy than Jeb Bush'

\* In his speech Trump blasted Clinton's **immigration** proposals and said illegal **immigration** 'violates the civil rights of African-Americans'

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Backstage at a Charlotte, N.C. theater before delivering a speech on urban renewal, he told a group of African-American faith and community leaders that the response to his proposals for inner cities has been 'unbelievable.'

But he said the Tuesday night rally, held outdoors, could have been bigger than it was.

'Last night was something, wasn't it?' he asked. 'You know, they kept 15,000 outside.'

'They actually did this: They said we couldn't allow – they allowed 15,000 in. They said, "We're afraid of a stampede".'

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'Can you imagine? Because there were so many people! If there were a stampede we'd be in trouble. Even out of love!'

'Love can kill too,' the Republican nominee said just before an aide ushered pool reporters back into the theater.

Trump told the group that Hillary Clinton is a do-nothing politician who 'has less energy than Jeb Bush' and will pander for votes but leave them in the lurch.

She's not going to do anything. She never does anything,' he said.

He later called the group 'some of the finest people I've ever met.'

Trump said in his speech that Democratic policies in big cities have 'given rise to crippling crime and total violence.'

He even cast his signature issue – illegal **immigration** – as a problem that 'violates the civil rights of African-Americans.'

'No group has been more economically harmed by decades of illegal **immigration**,' he argued, citing jobs that go to people who are in the country illegally.

And illicit drugs that cross the border from Mexico, Trump claimed, are 'coming into your community, more than any other community.'

Trump reserved special scorn for Clinton's proposal to increase admissions of Syrian refugees, saying he see that the program would be canceled and its budget 'reinvested in our inner-cities.'

'It's time to help the American citizens who have become refugees in their own country,’ he said.

He also promised trade policies that will result in a return of off-shored jobs to American urban areas, in large part benefiting minorities who live there.

'We're not going to let your jobs be stolen from you anymore,' he vowed.

Trump pledged an overall new approach to urban policy, and predicted he would win North Carolina as a result.

'We're going to win Florida too, and we're going to win Ohio, we're going to win Iowa,' he added.

Trump said as president he would allow municipal governments to 'seek a federal disaster designation for blighted communities.'

That would permit them to apply for money from Washington to replace abandoned buildings and hire additional police.

And he pitched the idea of federal assistance to help inner-city minorities with micro-credit to help them start small businesses.

Another Trump proposal is a 'tax holidays for inner-city investments' to lure companies back into downtown areas.

'It will be worthwhile. It's called incentive. They will do it!' he predicted.

And responding to outrage over police-involved shootings of black suspects, Trump said his administration would foster color-blind policing.

‘The law will be applied fairly, equally and without prejudice,' he said.

And then in a nod to the politics that brought him to North Carolina, he promised: 'There will be only one set of rules, not a two-tiered system of justice like you see with Hillary Clinton.'

Trump said Clinton and other Democrats had waged an unnecessary 'war on police' to make social-justice arguments on behalf of black communities.

But citing the riots that have resulted, he said: 'What's happening is reckless and dangerous, and puts African-American lives at risk.'

At one point during Trump’s rolling criticism of his Democratic rival, a man in the audience shouted: 'She's useless!'

'See, I'm not allowed to say it,' Trump said after laughter and applause subsided. 'But I'll accept it.'

Inviting the man to stand and accept his own applause, he quipped: 'A star is born.'

'Now, if I said that, I would be in big trouble!'

Trump closed with a plea to voters to embrace his outsider campaign that has recently roused his pitchforked rabble with a 'Drain the swamp' slogan.

'The vicious cycle of poverty can be broken' with a changing of the guard, he said.

'We must reject the failed elites from Washington who have been wrong about virtually everything for decades.'

‘I'm tired of excuses from our lame politicians. I'm tired of being told that it can't be done,' Trump declared.

'Enough waiting. The time is now.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Most Americans think the country has changed for the worse since 1950s

\* Fifty-one per cent of those in a new study said the US has gone backwards

\* Donald Trump supporters overwhelming believe America is worse today

\* Hillary Clinton's fans disagree, with 70 percent saying US is better off now

\* Survey explored key election issues, such as voter fraud and **immigration**

A majority of Americans think the country has changed for the worst over the last 60 years and wish it could go back to how it was in the 1950s.

A new study has found 51 percent think the country is worse off now than it was more than six decades ago, according to the nonpartisan research organization PRRI.

The number skyrocketed among Donald Trump supporters, with a staggering 72 percent of people likely to vote for the Republican nominee saying the long for the days of a bygone era.

By contrast, 70 percent of people who are likely Hillary Clinton voters said things are better now than they were back then.

However, no group of people surveyed was more sentimental about the 1950s than white evangelical Protestants, with 74 percent believing society was better off then.

'Donald Trump supporters are nostalgic for the 1950s, an era when white Christians in particular had more political and cultural power in the country,' PRRI CEO Robert Jones said in a statement.

'Hillary Clinton supporters are leaning into - and even celebrating - the big cultural transformations the country has experienced over the last few decades.'

The study went on to explore whether Americans think the country is headed in the right direction.

Seventy-four per cent of the 2,010 people who took part in the survey said the country is not, with 44 percent saying it has been on the wrong path for quite some time. Thirty percent said it was a recent change.

Responses also skewed massively depending on political beliefs, with 91 percent of Republicans thinking so compared to 57 percent of Democrats.

HOW DO DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS VOTERS DIFFER ON KEY ELECTION ISSUES?

HILLARY CLINTON VOTERS

DONALD TRUMP VOTERS

Is terrorism a key issue to you personally?

65 per cent say yes

83 per cent say yes

Is free trade generally harmful to the US?

60 per cent say no

64 per cent say yes

Should the US build a wall along the US/Mexico border?

12 per cent say yes

86 per cent say yes

Are non-whites treated the same as whites by law enforcement?

32 per cent say yes

80 per cent say yes

Should Muslim **immigrants** be banned from entering the US?

82 per cent say no

78 per cent say yes

Should the minimum wage be increased to $15 an hour?

80 per cent say yes

64 per cent say no

Should tuition be free at public colleges and universities?

83 per cent say yes

57 per cent say no

Would having more women in public office help the country?

77 per cent say yes

37 per cent say yes

Are America's best days still to come in the future?

61 per cent say yes

61 per cent say no

Are you greatly confident your vote will be counted accurately?

70 per cent say yes

41 per cent say yes

The study also shed light on the issue of voter fraud, one that Trump's campaign has pushed to the fore in recent weeks by claiming the election is 'rigged' against the Republican nominee.

Only 41 percent of likely Trump voters said they had a 'great deal of confidence' their vote will be counted accurately, while 66 percent said voter fraud is a bigger problem than voter disenfranchisement.

In comparison, 70 percent of likely Clinton voters said they have a great deal of confidence their vote will be counted accurately, and 62 percent identified eligible voters being denied access as the bigger problem facing the election system.

On the issue of equality, 77 percent of Democrats said the country would be a better place if there were more women in public office, compared to 37 percent of Republicans.

There were also massive differences on race issues and how minorities are treated in this country.

While 52 percent of all those surveyed said they believes minorities are treated the same as white people by police, the gap between Republicans and Democrats was stark.

Thirty-two per cent of likely Hillary voters felt that was the case, compared to 80 percent of likely Trump voters.

Similar divides were seen in responses to questions of **immigration**, with 73 percent of Republicans saying **immigrants** threaten American values.

Just 29 percent of Democrats felt the same way, and 63 percent said they believe **immigration** strengthens the country.

Some issues where there was agreement from the majority were on the subject of political correctness, and not being represented by either major party.

Fifty-seven percent said American is too politically correct, however that number rose to 69 percent with white men.

Sixty-one percent said neither the Republican or Democratic party accurately represents them, compared to just 48 percent who felt that way in 1990.

But overall, the overwhelming majority of those who responded to the survey said they expect Clinton make history and become the first female president.

Sixty-three percent said they believe Hillary will win on November 8, compared to 34 percent who think the Donald will become president.

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**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Scientists will focus on a distant star to listen for signs of **alien** intelligence

\* They will use a huge radio telescope over three nights to gather data

\* Funded by tycoon Yuri Milner, the project is backed by eminent scientists

\* It hopes to speed up the search for signs of extra terrestrial intelligence

Scientists scanning the night sky in the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence are turning their telescopes towards a mysterious star, which had been flagged as an ‘**alien** megastructure’.

As part of a $100 million (£81 million) project, backed by Stephen Hawking, astronomers will target the strange stellar object which has baffled scientists since its discovery.

Called Tabby’s Star, its regular cycles of dimming have been claimed by some to be a sign of intelligent beings – warranting enough interest for a closer look.

As part of the Breakthrough Listen project, which will spend $100m (£82m) over the next decade to search for **alien** signals, a team of astronomers in the US will recruit a huge telescope to study the object more closely.

By training the Green Bank radio telescope in West Virginia on the distant star – located more than 1,400 light years from Earth – the team at University California, Berkeley will have the best chance of detecting any signals emanating from it.

Tabby’s Star, known officially as KIC 8462852, has baffled experts since it was discovered by citizen scientists in 2015.

Observations revealed its light dimmed regularly, which some claim could be evidence of a Dyson Sphere – a hypothetical structure which could be used by an advanced **alien** race to harness the energy of a star.

TABBY'S STAR - KIC 8462852

Tabby’s Star, known officially as KIC 8462852, has baffled experts since it was discovered in 2015, by scientists scanning the skies for exoplanets.

Observations revealed its light dimmed regularly, as do distant stars when their planets pass in front of them.

But while the stars of most exoplanet systems are seen to dim by a few per cent, KIC 8462852 dimmed by more than 20 per cent over periods of months.

Some have claimed this dimming could be evidence of a Dyson Sphere – a hypothetical structure which could be used by an advanced **alien** race to harness the energy of a star.

Scientists remain skeptical, offering that the dimming could be explained by a dust ring around the star or a hail of comets passing in between the star and Earth.

While other groups have trained their eyes and ears on this distant patch of the cosmos, the latest attempt will use one of the most sensitive instruments available to look directly at it.

‘Everyone, every SETI program telescope, I mean every astronomer that has any kind of telescope in any wavelength that can see Tabby’s star has looked at it,’ said Andrew Siemion, director of the Berkeley SETI Research Center and co-director of Breakthrough Listen in statement.

‘It’s been looked at with Hubble, it’s been looked at with Keck, it’s been looked at in the infrared and radio and high energy, and every possible thing you can imagine, including a whole range of SETI experiments. Nothing has been found.’

As part of the project, a team of astronomers will use the telescope for three nights over the coming months to listen to Tabby’s star, with all hailing frequencies open.

Starting tonight, the eight hour blocks will monitor the strange stellar object more closely than ever before, generating a huge volume of data.

Siemion added: ‘The Breakthrough Listen program has the most powerful SETI equipment on the planet, and access to the largest telescopes on the planet.

BREAKTHROUGH LISTEN MISSION

Breakthrough Listen is a search for intelligent life using two of the world's most powerful telescopes.

It was launched in January with the aim of scouring one million of the closest stars to Earth for faint signals thrown out into space by intelligent life beyond our own world.

Scientists taking part in the $100 million are also scanning the very centre of our galaxy along with 100 of the closest galaxies for low power radio transmissions.

Breakthrough Listen will collect data over a 10-year period.

Search capacity will be 50 times more sensitive, cover 10 times more of the sky, 5 times more of the radio spectrum, and at speeds 100 times faster.

‘We can look at it with greater sensitivity and for a wider range of signal types than any other experiment in the world. ‘

The Breakthrough Listen project was set up by Russian billionaire Yuri Milner to speed up SETI efforts to find signals from beyond Earth.

Launched in January this year, the project has gained backing from eminent scientists, including famed physicist Stephen Hawking and cosmologist Martin Rees.

The Green Bank telescope has already been used by the team to look at stars closer to Earth, such as the Cassiopeia constellation.

Despite the excitement over Tabby’s Star and the potential for an **alien** power plant powered by a star, experts think it’s unlikely – but still worth investigating.

‘I don’t think it’s very likely – a one in a billion chance or something like that – but nevertheless, we’re going to check it out,’ said Dan Werthimer, chief scientist at Berkeley SETI.

‘But I think that ET, if it’s ever discovered, it might be something like that. It’ll be some bizarre thing that somebody finds by accident … that nobody expected, and then we look more carefully and we say, ‘Hey, that’s a civilization.'’

WHAT IS A DYSON SPHERE?

A proposed method for harnessing the power of an entire star is known as a Dyson sphere.

First proposed by theoretical physicist Freeman Dyson in 1960, this would be a swarm of satellites that surrounds a star.

They could be an enclosed shell, or spacecraft spread out to gather its energy - known as a Dyson swarm.

If such structures do exist, they would emit huge amounts of noticeable infrared radiation back on Earth.

But as of yet, such a structure has not been detected.

Source: All About Space magazine

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Waterford Township officials claim the United States has not demonstrated that the refugees are being properly checked

\* There are fears terrorists may use the refugee program to gain entry into the U.S. and then kill Americans

\* The resolution calls for the township to 'not actively participate in the Refugee Resettlement Program' until it has been significantly reformed

\* The town is located just 30 miles from Dearborn which has the highest proportion of Arabs (40,000) living any U.S. city

\* The towns ruling is worthless as control over Syrian refugees is done so federally and not at a local level

A Michigan town has voted to ban Syrian refugees from living there, because they believe the vetting process is not good enough.

The Waterford Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution against allowing refugees from the war torn country to settle in the area, on Monday night.

The vote was specifically against a federal resettlement program for the refugees. It passed with a 7-0 vote.

The result is a surprising one given that the town in North America with the highest proportion of Arab-Americans lies just 30 miles to the south.

Dearborn has more than 40,000 Middle Eastern **immigrants** who are proud to call the city home.

As of 2006 Dearborn has the largest Lebanese American population in the United States with thousands of **immigrants** from Yemen, Iraq and Palestine, most of whom are Muslim, joining them.

As a state, Michigan leads the nation when it comes to welcoming Syrian refugees to the country.

Oakland County, where Waterford is located also leads Michigan in refugee resettlement according to the State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

In Waterford, the decision came after local leaders began to voice their feelings on an issue that has also been discussed during the election campaign.

Despite the unanimous verdict on the the ban, leaders have said they are open to allowing refugees to come to the town, but only when a process is in place to ensure those coming into the country are 'adequately vetted.'

Board members said they know the resolution carries no legal weight.

'We're letting the county, state and federal officials know this is how we feel,' said Trustee Anthony Bartolotta.

Right now, thousands have requested to come to Michigan, and records show the state leads the nation in taking in Syrian refugees.

The Jewish Community Relations Council has called on Oakland County officials to welcome refugees - saying there was a time Jewish refugees were turned away.

Those who favored the resolution agreed with township officials, who say the refugees cannot be properly screened for ties to terrorist organizations and that the refugees will place a strain on township and school resources.

They also said refugees are bringing diseases such as tuberculosis into the United States.

Those opposed to the resolution say the number of refugees fleeing a civil war in Syria and coming into Michigan is estimated at about 4,000- a small fraction of the state's more than 9 million residents.

Kenny Van Horn of Waterford opposed the resolution. 'This is a fool's errand,' he told the Daily Tribune. 'I'm not part of a community that would do this. We're supposed to take care of people like this.'

It was a view shared by Pat McClerren who also lives in the town: 'We're a country that's based on diversity,' she said. 'Is a Syrian not our brother? Is an Irishman not our brother? I think they are all our brothers and sisters.'

The United States has taken in far fewer refugees than many countries, such as Canada, France and Germany.

Advocates for organizations that assist refugees say only a handful of families have settled in Waterford.

The vote was symbolic, as the federal government maintain jurisdiction over the program.

President Barack Obama called for accepting 10,000 refugees to resettle in the United States this fiscal year.

In 2015, Sen. Gary Peters called on Obama for the U.S. to allow at least 100,000 refugees, specifically allowing 30,000 to arrive in 2016.

Between May 2011 and last month, more than 13,785 Syrian refugees entered the country, the State Department said. More than 1,400 have resettled in Michigan, the federal agency reported.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Actress Adrienne Shelly was killed by an illegal **immigrant** a decade ago

\* Her teen killer later said he did it because he feared she would report him

\* Shelly's husband Andy Ostroy says he has been approached by members of the conservative media to speak out

\* But he says that his wife was the victim of 'a depraved killer who simply happened to be an undocumented **immigrant**’

The husband of a woman who was murdered by an illegal **immigrant** a decade ago has blasted Donald Trump for demonizing foreigners living in the United States and the right-wing media for trying to make his wife an anti-**immigration** poster girl.

Andy Ostroy found his wife Adrienne Shelly, an actress and filmmaker who starred in indie hit Waitress, dead in her office in Manhattan’s West Village on November 1, 2006.

She had been brutally murdered by Diego Pillco, a 19-year-old undocumented construction worker from Ecuador who later said that he killed her because he feared Shelly would report him and have him deported.

In the years since, Ostroy says he's had offers from members of the conservative media – including Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly and Megyn Kelly – to speak out and ‘give legitimacy to the right-wing anti-**immigration** sentiment.’

‘Who better than a Democrat to attack an entire segment of our population, right?’ he writes in an op-ed for The New York Times.

In the piece, Ostroy blasted the anti-**immigrant** rhetoric that is the foundation of Donald Trump’s presidential campaign.

He insists that his wife was not murdered by an illegal **immigrant**, but that she ‘fell victim to a depraved killer who simply happened to be an undocumented **immigrant**.’

He adds: ‘It’s an obvious distinction, almost too obvious, but it’s an important one to consider as the country goes further down the dangerous path of demonizing those not born here.’

Recalling the tragedy of his wife’s murder, Ostroy says her killer staged her death to look like a suicide. The couple’s daughter was two at the time.

And because there was no clear motive or witnesses to the crime, Ostroy was advised to accept a deal that would send Pillco to prison for 25 years with no parole.

‘It was an agonizing decision: roll the dice for a life sentence or possibly end up with a manslaughter conviction, with her killer receiving a meager three to five years in prison,’ he wrote.

He notes that Pillco will be a ‘free man at 44’ while his wife’s ‘vibrant life was snuffed out at 40.’

And given the anger and grief he continues to feel almost a decade to the day since her murder, Ostroy says he could easily be seduced by the rhetoric Trump is peddling.

The Republican nominee infamously began his presidential run last year with a speech in which he branded Mexican **immigrants** ‘criminals’ and ‘rapists.’

And the 70-year-old real estate mogul has repeatedly doubled down on the sentiment, saying in last week’s final presidential debate that the country is filled with ‘bad hombres’ and ‘we need to get them out.’

He has pledged to build a wall on the US-Mexico border and repeatedly insisted that he will force Mexico to pay for it.

Ostroy says Pillco’s reason for killing his wife and the lenient sentence he received ‘certainly feeds Mr Trump’s xenophobic, fear-mongering narrative.’

But he adds: ‘Attributing his heinous act to his **immigration** status dilutes the more relevant truth that he lacked the ability to know right from wrong and had zero respect for human life.’

Trump uses ‘murders like Adrienne’s – though never hers specifically, fortunately – as political props,’ Ostroy says.

He brands the billionaire businessman a ‘xenophobic agitator.’

It’s politically expedient for Trump to scapegoat the millions of foreigners who come to United States seeking a better life, Ostroy says, but his ‘malevolence toward **immigrants** runs counter to the principles on which out great nation was founded.

With the exception of Native Americans, America is inhabited by **immigrants** and the descendants of **immigrants** who fled religious and ethnic persecution, he says.

‘That millions of people face a similar fate on out soil is deplorable,’ he says, using a term Hillary Clinton has previously used to refer to Trump supporters.

And while Ostroy accepts that the country does have an **immigration** problem that is in need of reform, he disputes some of the claims that Trump has made when speaking about illegal **immigrants**.

He notes that while Trump often claims two million undocumented **immigrants** have been convicted of crimes, the actual figure is 176,000, citing **Immigration**and Customs Enforcement.

‘Yes, some illegal **immigrants** commit crimes, some of them violent,’ Ostroy says.

‘But so do blacks, whites, Asians, Christians and Jews.. The reality is, Americans have appreciably more to fear from their fellow citizens than from undocumented **immigrants**.’

Ostroy concludes that the government needs to do more to secure borders, deport criminals and protect Americans from terrorism.

But he also believes we must find ‘a realistic, humane path to citizenship for the millions of decent, hard-working **immigrants** who love this country as much as I do, regardless of whether they are documented or not.’

He adds: ‘We need the kind of compassionate reform that Democrats have been advocating for decades in the face of persistent Republican obstructionism.

‘That is what Adrienne would want.’

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* A 2012 interview with CNBC's the Squawk Box has been recovered

\* In the audio, Trump said he does not believe in deporting illegal **immigrants** who have 'done a great job'

\* Trump catalyzed his presidential bid last year with the promise to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border

\* He said he plans on deporting all illegal **immigrants** with a criminal background

\* He previously said that upstanding illegal **immigrants** would have to leave the country in order to apply for a visa that would allow them to return

\* There are an estimated 11 million undocumented **immigrants** in the U.S.

The major focus of Donald Trump's campaign for president has been his tough stance on illegal **immigrants**.

But just three years before announcing his bid for the White House, the Donald didn't think kicking out all undocumented workers was such as good idea.

In a 2012 interview on CNBC's the Squawk Box, recently recovered by CNN, Trump said he didn't believe in a blanket deportation policy.

'You know my views on it and I'm not necessarily, I think I'm probably down the middle on that also.

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'Because I also understand how, as an example, you have people in this country for 20 years, they've done a great job, they've done wonderfully, they've gone to school, they've gotten good marks, they're productive - now we're supposed to send them out of the country, I don't believe in that, Michelle, and you understand that. I don't believe in a lot things that are being said,' Trump said.

The statements were in response to a question on a Supreme Court decision on an Arizona **immigration** law. While the court shot down many parts of the law as unconstitutional, the court upheld one part that allowed police to check the **immigration** status of a person while enforcing other laws.

Trump said that 'both sides lost' in the ruling.

When Trump announced his candidacy in June 2015, he gave a speech calling Mexican **immigrants** 'rapists' and said if he was elected president, that he would build a wall on the U.S.-Mexican border to stop undocumented workers from sneaking into the country.

He has continued to stand by his plans to build a wall, and also has said he will deport all illegal **immigrants** with a criminal background.

As for the illegal **immigrants** who have been living in peace in the U.S., Trump has been more vague. He didn't even say what would happen to these illegal **immigrants** when he detailed his **immigration** policy in a speech in September.

However, he has previously said that all illegal **immigrants** would have to return to their home country first before getting a visa that would allow them to return to the U.S.

'For those here today illegally who are seeking legal status, they will have one route and only one route: to return home and apply for re-entry under the rules of the new legal **immigration** system,' Trump said.

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**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Residents in New York apartment complexes want Trump's name removed

\* Several landmark buildings have gold letters spelling out Trumps's name

\* Some residents have been warned it could cost $1m to remove his name

\* The Republican candidate has been accused of sexism and racism

Residents living in plush New York apartment complexes named after Donald Trump are willing to pay up to $1million to remove the business mogul's name from the side of the building.

One group of residents has set up a petition to urge their building's management company to remove Trump's gold colored name from above the entrance.

Trump Place on Riverside Boulevard has impressive views over the Hudson River and costs from $2,895-a-month for a studio apartment, going up to $13,000 for a penthouse.

According to the petition on Change.org, almost 300 people have signed their names with a view to removing Trump's name from the building.

In a statement seeking support, the petitioners claim: 'We believe that:

'Trump’s appalling treatment of women, his history of racism, his attacks on **immigrants**, his mockery of the disabled, his tax avoidance, his outright lying -- all are antithetical to the values we and our families believe in.

'Many of the staff members of our building are minorities or **immigrants**; working in a building bearing his name is insulting to them.

'Since Trump leases his name to buildings he does not own, part of our rent is being used to increase Trump’s net worth.

'Just as celebrities have their endorsements rescinded for bad behavior, Equity Residential should rescind its leasing arrangement with Donald Trump, whose behavior has surely tarnished the Equity Residential brand.

'Our home is our most personal private space, a building we should feel proud and happy to walk into every day. So the time has come to dump the Trump name.'

MailOnline has contacted Equity Residential for a comment.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* A naked statue of Donald Trump sold for $22,000 at auction on Saturday in Los Angeles, California

\* The piece - titled 'The Emperor Has No Balls' - was one of several statues depicting a nude Trump that popped up around the country

\* The statues were all made by a artist collective known as INDECLINE

\* While the other statues were mostly taken down by their respective cities, the one in Los Angeles was saved and sold to the highest bidder

\* Proceeds from the auction will benefit the National **Immigration** Forum

A statue depicting a naked Donald Trump sold at a Los Angeles auction over the weekend for $22,000.

The piece titled 'The Emperor Has No Balls' was one of several Trump statues created by an anonymous artist collective called INDECLINE.

The group says that the proceeds from the auction will benefit the National **Immigration** Forum, a group that lobbies for **immigrants**' rights.

'We want to redirect attention,' a spokesman for INDECLINE told the Los Angeles Times.

The statue was one of several that popped up this summer across the country including in San Francisco, Cleveland, Seattle and New York.

While most of the other statues were taken down by their respective cities, the one that appeared on Hollywood Boulevard was saved and sold to the highest bidder at Julien's Auctions on Saturday.

The identity of the person who won the statue has not been revealed. Early estimates suggested that the statue could go for as high as $10,000, but it more than doubled that prediction in the bidding this weekend.

The Trump statues aren't the only politically charged pieces that INDECLINE has made lately.

At the beginning of his campaign, when Trump described many Mexican **immigrants** as rapists, the group painted a mural on a wall on the U.S.-Mexican border reading 'Rape Trump'.

They also painted the words 'This Land Was Our Land' on an old runway in the Mojave desert in California in what was described as the 'largest illegal graffiti piece in the world'.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Eric Trump said on Sunday that his father is saying he wants a 'fair election'

\* He said if it's a fair outcome, the Republican presidential candidate 'will absolutely accept' the election results

\* At last week's debate, Trump challenged a cornerstone of American democracy by refusing to commit to honoring the results

\* And in the aftermath of the debate, Trump said he would accept the election outcome 'if I win'

\* On Sunday, Trump's campaign manager acknowledged he trails rival Hillary Clinton in national and key battle ground state opinion polls

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump will '100 per cent' accept the results of the U.S. election if it is fair, his son Eric Trump said on Sunday.

'I think what my father is saying is, "I want a fair election,"' Eric Trump said on ABC's This Week.

'If it's a fair outcome, he will absolutely accept it. There's no question about that.'

At last week's debate with rival Hillary Clinton, Trump challenged a cornerstone of American democracy by refusing to commit to honoring the result of the U.S. election.

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The younger Trump on Sunday cited several statistics including that there are 'one in eight [voters in the country] that are mis-registered (sic) to vote, meaning information is inaccurate.'

'You have two million people on the voter rolls right now that are dead. This is Pew Research. This came out last week,' he said.

He added there are 'three million people in this country right now that are registered in multiple states; 14 per cent of all non-citizens in this country are registered to vote.'

ABC's George Stephanopoulos noted 'there's scant evidence that that has actually affected any elections.'

Eric Trump went on to explain his father is just saying he wants a fair election.

On Sunday, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway acknowledged that Trump trails Clinton in national and key battle ground state opinion polls.

'We are behind,' she said on NBC's Meet the Press, adding that Clinton had 'tremendous advantages,' including a larger campaign war chest that she can use to buy television commercials.

The latest Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Friday has Trump trailing Clinton by four percentage points.

The latest Reuters/Ipsos States of the Nation project found Clinton with a 95 per cent chance of winning the needed 270 Electoral College votes.

An ABC News poll released on Sunday morning had Clinton leading with 50 per cent of likely support, compared to Trump at 38 per cent.

The poll found a that the number of Republicans said they were likely to vote fell seven per cent from mid-October.

Conway also was pressed on Sunday on CNN's State of the Union on whether Trump would accept the election results.

'The system is rigged, especially against the little guy,' Conway said without directly responding to the question.

She spoke of any challenges to the election results as 'hypothetical.'

As the polling gap has widened, Trump has repeatedly said the election is being 'rigged' against him.

He has not offered evidence and numerous studies have shown that the U.S. election system, which is decentralized and run by the states, is sound.

Trump generated countless headlines, and condemnation from Democrats, for saying in Wednesday's final presidential debate that he would take a wait-and-see approach to accepting the election result doesn't go his way.

'What I'm saying is that I will tell you at the time. I'll keep you in suspense. OK?' Trump said.

In the aftermath of the debate, he said he would accept the election outcome 'if I win' during a speech at a campaign rally in a suburb of Columbus, Ohio last Thursday.

'I would like to promise and pledge to all my voters and supporters, and to all the people of the United States, that I will totally accept the results of this great and historic presidential election – if I win,' he said to the audience.

Applause rang out as Trump fans let out a sigh of relief at the sound of their hero sticking to his guns.

On Thursday, he alsoclaimed fraud could run rampant and insisted he would decide later whether to put up a fight if the election.

'Of course I would accept a clear election result,' Trump said, 'but I would also reserve my right to contest or file a legal challenge in the case of a questionable result.'

'We want fairness in the election,' he boomed, citing Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta saying in a hacked and leaked email that illegal **immigrants** can vote as long as they have drivers licenses.'

'What I'm saying,' Trump added, thinking out loud in a suddenly hushed voice, 'is, "Don't be naive, folks. Don't be naive".'

President Obama blasted Trump's comments at a rally for Hillary Clinton in Miami hours after Trump doubled fueled the fiery opposition with his latest comments.

'This is just more than the usual standard lie,' Obama said, speaking at length about Trump's escalating comments about a rigged election and fraud.

'I want everyone to pay attention here. That is dangerous,' Obama said.

'When you try to sew the seeds of doubt in people’s minds … that undermines our democracy,' he said.

Obama also mocked Trump's claims of voter fraud, citing an academic study showing minimal actual fraud over a period of 14 years.

'You are much likelier to get struck by lighting than to have somebody next to you commit voter fraud,' Obama said. ;You’d [sooner] win the power ball' Obama said.

'Here in America, we believe in democracy and we accept the will of the people,' Obama told the crowd.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, a Trump critic who was the Republican Party's presidential nominee eight years ago, also lit into Trump over his reluctance to concede defeat if he comes up short.

'I didn’t like the outcome of the 2008 election. But I had a duty to concede, and I did so without reluctance,' McCain in a statement.

'A concession isn’t just an exercise in graciousness. It is an act of respect for the will of the American people, a respect that is every American leader’s first responsibility.'

McCain's words tracked slightly with Trump's claims about voter fraud, saying there have been 'irregularities' in previous elections.

But he insisted no results have been changed because of them.

'I don't know who’s going to win the presidential election. I do know that in every previous election, the loser congratulates the winner and calls them, "my president",' McCain jabbed.

'That’s not just the Republican way or the Democratic way. It’s the American way.'

Trump, however, suggested during Wednesday's debate that the principle of 'one person, one vote' is equally American – and declared that the U.S. voting system is broken.

He cited statistics from the Pew Research Center showing 24 million voter registrations in the United States that are questionable, including those of deceased Americans whose names haven't been removed from the voter rolls.

'1.8 million people are dead but they're registered to vote,' Trump told about 1,200 Ohioans, 'some of whom vote even though they're dead.'

'Which is really a hard thing to do! But it's easy if fraud is involved.'

'One was a Republican,' he said, 'and after death became a Democrat. It's true.'

Trump also cited numbers showing that '2.8 million people are registered in more than one state' and '14 per cent of noncitizens are registered to vote.'

'You understand where I'm coming from, right?' he asked.

The efforts by members of Trump's inner circle to downplay his remarks about the integrity of the election indicate he would come under significant pressure to accept the result if he were to lose.

Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus said that by asking Trump to agree to concede, the media was making an extraordinary request.

He said Trump would only fight if the election were close and is not trying to dispute a fair election.

'That's not quite what he's saying. What he's saying is he wants to reserve all options and if there is ground for a recount I'll reserve all options,' Priebus said on CBS's Face The Nation.

Challenging a presidential election would be a difficult feat unless one or two states' vote tallies were split evenly enough to be contested with recounts and court cases.

That's what happened in 2000 when Democrat Al Gore refused to accept a loss in Florida, the state that ultimately put Republican George W. Bush in the White House.

After an automatic recount, triggered by a near-50-50 result, Gore appealed to the state Supreme Court, which sided with him and declared that additional recounting should continue.

The Bush camp filed an emergency request with the U.S. Supreme Court, which ultimately sided with the Republican and overruled Florida's high court.

On election night, Gore famously called Bush to congratulate him before making a second call to take it back.

And he never conceded that he lost Florida – only that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision was final.

This time around, Trump could stall the appointment of presidential electors – the people who actually cast the final votes reflecting the way their state elections ended up – until state-level elections are certified by election officials.

If enough states' results are in question after polls close, the process could drag out for days or weeks. And lawyers from both parties would descend on the affected states like locusts, poring through ballots to search for advantages.

However, if Trump or Clinton has an Electoral College lead large enough that swinging razor-thin margins in one or two states wouldn't change who wins the White House, there would be no point in fighting the inevitable.

SWING STATES WHERE VOTE COULD END UP IN COURT

FLORIDA

Why? 2000 crisis over hanging chads ended up in Supreme Court - and it could happen again.

NEW MEXICO

Why? 2000 voting margin was even tighter than in Florida, and this time a close race could put make its electoral college votes key.

NEVADA, COLORADO, UTAH

Why? Illegal **immigrants** here can get driver licenses. If an illegal then used it as proof of ID to vote, that could be used to challenge the outcome.

PENNSYLVANIA

Why? Aging voting machines are already a concern. A close margin could see their decrepitude used to sue.

OHIO

Why? John Kerry in 2004 said the state had voting problems with machines not working properly. His claims could be used to challenge a close result.

In 2000 the voting margin in New Mexico was even narrower than in Florida. Gore won the state's five electoral votes, but they wouldn't have been enough to give either candidate the magic number of 270. So the nation's attention focused on the Sunshine State instead.

But even if Trump lost by a sizable number of electoral votes, his campaign could still pull the trigger on an unusual long-shot approach: arguing that some state laws governing elections are flawed or unconstitutional.

Issues on the table might include the lack of voter ID laws in some states, although it would be a tough hill to climb. In August the Supreme Court struck down a North Carolina law that required IDs to vote, agreeing with the U.S. Justice Department's claim that it put minorities at a disadvantage.

Voters must show IDs to vote in more than 30 states. Their laws weren't affected by the August ruling. But results in even some of those states could be questioned if it can be shown that non-citizens with driver's licenses slipped through the cracks and cast ballots.

Twelve states and the District of Columbia currently allow illegal **immigrants** to get licenses if they can show a foreign birth certificate or passport. They include Nevada and Colorado, two key battleground states where close voting margins could lead to a new kind of constitutional fight.

With Utah in play for the first time in decades, the Beehive State's loose driver's licensing standards could also be challenged.

Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta wrote in 2015 that illegal **immigrants** who come to polling places in 'voter ID' states and lie about their citizenship could easily vote.

'If you show up on Election Day with a driver’s license with a picture, attest that you are a citizen, you have a right to vote in Federal elections,' he wrote to campaign adviser Joel Benenson in an email published this week by WikiLeaks.

Thousands of emails were hacked from Podesta's account in a coordinated action the Clinton campaign says was orchestrated by Russian intelligence operators.

Fighting illegal **immigration** has been one of Trump's consistent campaign themes. Clinton has sided with so-called 'dreamers' and other unlawful border-crossers, hinting at a path to citizenship if she becomes president.

Trump's lawyers could challenge vote totals in touch-screen machines if they had evidence that they were unreliable.

In Pennsylvania, the machines are aging relics. A race in the Keystone State that's declared too close to call could remain that way for weeks as every one of them is examined, data-dumped and given a clean – or dirty – bill of health.

Clinton and Trump will campaign on Sunday in the key swing states of Florida and North Carolina, where the latest polls show they are within only a few points of each other.

On Sunday, Trump picked up his first endorsement of the general election from a major newspaper when the Las Vegas Review backed his candidacy.

The newspaper is owned by Republican mega-donor Sheldon Adelson, who has been reluctant to donate to Trump.

In 2012, Adelson spent about $150 million trying to help elect Republican Mitt Romney.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* The controversial message encourages undocumented **immigrants** to sign up for a Sugar Daddy dating service

\* It was posted last Friday and is expected to stay up for four weeks

\* The idea for the billboard came from Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's promise to deport undocumented **immigrants**

\* It was meant to target Hispanic women who make up one-third of those signing up on ArrangementFinders.com

A Texas billboard just off a busy Interstate in Austin is raising eyebrows and causing controversy among a number of the city's residents.

The advertisement situated along Interstate 35 speaks directly to undocumented **immigrants** and suggests they visit a sugar daddy website called ArrangementFinders.

On the billboard is a stock image of a frustrated-looking woman sitting with what appears to be a Mexican flag behind her.

The sign reads, 'Undocumented **Immigrant**? Before You Get Deported, Get a Sugar Daddy.'

It was just posted last Friday and is expected to stay up for four weeks.

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Jacob Webster who is involved in running the site told CBS Austin that he wanted to run the ad 'in response to Donald Trump's promise to deport all 11 million of the nation's undocumented **immigrants**.'

'ArrangementFinders.com skews heavily towards Hispanic women, with that demo making up over 31 per cent of all the females on our site nationally and over 53 per cent in Austin,' said Webster.

But others disagree and believe the advert to be a blatant attempt to circumvent the nation's strict **immigration** laws.

'On a billboard they're encouraging people to commit a federal felony. It's rare that you see a billboard that says, 'Commit a felony,' Senior **Immigration** specialist Thomas Esparza, Jr. told Fox7.

Although there is no doubt the billboard is provocative, some also believe the advert could be perceived as racist.

Men on ArrangementFinders.com pay a monthly fee to be on the site while women sign up for free.

The two can then link up privately to determine what kind of relationship they would like to have.

Video courtesy of Fox 7 Austin

'How could we speak to this growing demographic for this site in a way where we could get the max effect?' said Webster to Fox 7.

He also explained that it wasn't easy to secure a location for the billboard.

'We had a couple approvals, but we got a lot more denials. All the major markets in terms of Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and Dallas denied us,' Webster recalled.

Ruby Life, ArrangementFinders.com's parent company, said they've asked for the billboard to be removed.

'The billboard was created independently by an affiliate; is completely unacceptable and does not reflect the views or vision of our company, so we have requested that they take it down immediately,' said Debra Quinn, a spokeswoman for Ruby Life, in an email Friday to MySA.com.

ArrangementFinders launched in 2009 and now claims to have almost four million members in the US, Canada, UK, and Australia.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Trump claimed every woman came forward just to hurt his campaign

\* 'Total fabrication. The events never happened. Never,' he told the crowd

\* Several people so far have come forward to accuse Trump of misconduct

\* The GOP candidate has also hinted that he will sue the Democratic party

Donald Trump pledged Saturday that he will bring lawsuits against each of the women who have accused him of sexual misconduct during his campaign.

'Every woman lied when they came forward to hurt my campaign,' he told an invited audience in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

'Total fabrication. The events never happened. Never.'

He made the comments as he laid out his policy platform for his first 100 days in charge, if he wins the General Election.

The Republican candidate addressed a small audience in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, near the site of the historic 1863 Civil War Battle and the subsequent address by President Lincoln.

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'All of these liars will be sued after the election is over,' he said.

Several people have come forward to accuse Trump of sexual misconduct.

On Saturday afternoon, Jessica Drake, a 42-year-old adult film actress and director, accused Trump of offering her $10,000 to spend the night with him in his penthouse suite after a 2006 golf tournament.

Drake said she met the billionaire at the event in Lake Tahoe in 2006, a year after he married his wife Melania.

Drake, speaking at a press conference in Los Angeles on Saturday, said he repeatedly asked her to spend the night with him and offered her $10,000 to do so despite her rejections.

She had earlier gone to his penthouse suite with two female friends, all of whom he kissed 'without permission' and hugged 'tightly' while dressed in pajamas, she alleged.

The billionaire Republican candidate has constantly denied any wrongdoing.

Trump also said he will litigate against the Democratic Party to determine the extent to which it monkey-wrenched his presidential bid.

The claims of the women have vexed the Trump camp for more than a month.

'A simple phone call placed to the biggest newspapers or television networks gets them wall-to-wall coverage,' Trump complained.

He said the media employ 'virtually no fact-checking whatsoever' to vet the allegations.

'The dishonest mainstream media,' he said, are 'corrupt.'

'They lie and fabricate stories to make a candidate that is not their preferred choice look as bad and even dangerous as possible.'

'They're trying desperately to suppress my vote and the voices of the American people,' he said.

Hillary Clinton addressed the impending Trump lawsuits tonight as she spoke to reporters riding her campaign plane.

'I saw where our opponent Donald Trump went to Gettysburg, one of the most extraordinary places in American history and basically said if he's president he'll spend his time suing women who have made charges against him based on his behavior,' she said.

Her running mate at her side, the Democratic presidential candidate said she and Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine 'are going to keep talking about what we want to do if we're given the great honor of serving as president and vice president.'

Kaine commented on the fact that Trump 'seemed most personally invested in...all the scores that he needs to settle with people that he's mad at.'

'Al along, he's been running a self-interested, me-first campaign not an America-first campaign,' Kaine accused. 'And here he is saying that in the first 100 days I'm not changing.'

On Thursday, Karena Virginia came forward and accused Trump.

She claimed that she was waiting for her car to go home while attending the US Open tennis tournament in 1998 when Trump began to speak about her with a group of male friends.

He then walked up to her and allegedly touched her right breast, telling her repeatedly: 'Do you know who I am?'

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Trump spoke about his accusers at the debate on Thursday, saying: 'I don't know those people,' before saying that Hillary Clinton's 'sleazy' campaign got these women to come forward.

'It was lies, and it was fiction,' said Trump.

Tonight Clinton said, 'That is just not accurate.'

'I debated him for four and a half hours. I don't even think about responding to him anymore,' she said of his claims that the media's in her pocket.

'He can say whatever he wants, he can run his campaign however he wants to. He can go off on tangents, he can go to Gettysburg and say he's going to sue women who've made accusations against him.

'I'm going to keep talking about what we want to do, what we think the country deserves from the next president and vice president. And actually, when it comes right down to it I think that's what people end up voting on,' Clinton told reporters during the media avail on her plane.

At the top of Friday's press conference Gloria Allred took some time to speak about Trump and his recent denials about this wave of ten sex assault claims over the pats two weeks.

'His response is ludicrous,' said Allred, before going on to speak about Virginia.

'Today’s victim also is noteworthy in that her allegations demonstrate how Mr. Trump selects his victims at random.'

Allred went on to say: 'Mr. Trump, the fact that you are a celebrity does not give you a license to violate women.

'To the contrary it gives you more responsibility to respect women as many women will look up to you as a role model because of your celebrity status.

'To show respect for women means that you need to respect their boundaries and not to act on your impulses to grab and grope at your pleasure.'

She closed out her remarks by saying: 'You have called yourself a victim, but it is not you that is the victim. Given the allegations against you you should never again utter the words that you respect women.

TIMELINE: WHEN DONALD TRUMP HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF ASSAULT, GROPING OR LEWD BEHAVIOR

1980 - Jessica Leeds

Jessica Leeds, a 74-year-old former businesswoman who lives in Manhattan, told the New York Times on Wednesday she was 'assaulted' by Trump on a flight when she was 38.

Leeds explained how she was sat beside Trump in first class on a flight, when the Republican nominee lifted the arm-rest between then and allegedly began touching her.

'He was like an octopus,' she told the Times. 'His hands were everywhere.'

Early 1990s - Kristin Anderson

Kristin Anderson was out with friends, chatting up a storm at a Manhattan nightspot, when she felt fingers creep up her miniskirt, slide up her inner thigh and then touch her vagina through her panties.

The man who touched her was none other than Donald Trump, Anderson - now 46 - told the Washington Post.

She said the incident took place in the early 1990s, when she was in her early twenties and an aspiring model.

1993 - Jill Harth

Jill Harth, a makeup artist, accused Trump of 'attempted rape' stemming from an incident in 1993.

Harth told the Guardian the incident in question took place during a visit to Trump's Mar-a-Lago mansion in January of that year.

'He pushed me up against the wall, and had his hands all over me and tried to get up my dress again,' she told the newspaper. 'I had to physically say: 'What are you doing? Stop it.''

1993 - Vendela Kirsebom

Former supermodel Vendela Kirsebom exclusively told DailyMail.com that Donald Trump's 'vulgar' and 'sexist' remarks about the size of women's breasts forced her to switch tables at a White House dinner party.

The sports Illustrated cover model claims her night at a 1993 Vanity Fair event was ruined because she was sat next to the billionaire.

Recalling the 'excruciating' night, Kirsebom, 49, said: 'Everything he said was so vulgar.

'I couldn't listen to his nonsense for an entire night so I asked if I could be moved.'

1996 - Lisa Boyne

Lisa Boyne, CEO of a health food company, claims that in the summer of 1996 she saw Trump make a series of women walk up and down a restaurant table so that he could announce whether they were wearing underwear.

'It was the most offensive scene I've ever been a part of,' she told The Huffington Post Thursday. 'I wanted to get the heck out of there.'

According to Boyne, she and friend Sonja Tremont - better known today as Sonja Morgan of 'Real Housewives of New York' - had been invited to dinner in Manhattan with Trump and late modelling agent John Casablancas.

1997 - Miss USA contestant Temple Taggart

Temple Taggart, a former Miss Utah, told the New York Times earlier this year that Trump kissed her on the lips during the pageant.

'I thought, 'Oh my God, gross'... I think there were a few other girls that he kissed on the mouth. I was like 'Wow, that's inappropriate',' she told the newspaper.

Taggart has also sat down for an interview with NBC News.

'When I first heard the leaked tape, it's very unsettling... you don't want to hear anyone talking about women like that,' she said in a promotion clip for the interview.

1997 - Cathy Heller

Cathy Heller, now 63, claims the billionaire kissed her on the mouth without her consent in 1997 while she attended a Mother's Day luncheon with her family at Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida.

She told The Guardian on Saturday: 'He took my hand, and grabbed me, and went for the lips,' she said.

She claims she held back but he persevered. 'And he said: "Oh, come on." He was strong. He grabbed me and went for my mouth and went for my lips.'

Trump denied the accusation, claiming she was motivated by a personal vendetta to have her family's membership fees reimbursed.

1998 - Karena Virginia

Karena Virginia said she was waiting for her car to go home while attending the US Open tennis tournament in 1998 when Trump began to speak about her with a group of male friends.

He allegedly touched her right breast, telling her repeatedly: 'Do you know who I am?'

Virginia was 27 at the time. The married yoga instructor and mother of two said she is not looking to file a lawsuit against Trump.

At a press conference alongside attorney Gloria Allred on October 21, 2016, she said: 'I believe we are in a moment of crisis and I believe we are all needing to find inner peace,' said Virginia, who did not answer questions after she spoke.

'This is how I’m finding my inner peace.'

2003 - Mindy McGillivray

Mindy McGillivray, 36, told the Palm Beach Post that Trump grabbed her backside after she helped a photographer who was covering a concert at Trump's Mar-a-Lago mansion.

McGillivray, who was 23 at the time, said she was with Ken Davidoff at the Mar-a-Lago on January 24, 2003.

'All of a sudden I felt a grab, a little nudge. I think it's Ken's camera bag, that was my first instinct,' she told the newspaper.

'I turn around and there's Donald. He sort of looked away quickly.'

2005 - Rachel Crooks

Rachel Crooks was a 22-year-old working as a receptionist at Bayrock Group, a real estate company based in Trump Tower in Manhattan, when she says Trump kissed her on the mouth without permission while in an elevator in 2005.

'It was so inappropriate,' Ms. Crooks told the New York Times. 'I was so upset that he thought I was so insignificant that he could do that.'

Crooks told the newspaper the incident took place after she shook hands with Trump in an elevator and he allegedly refused to let go. She says he then began kissing her on the cheeks, before then kissing her lips.

2005 - Natasha Stoynoff

Natasha Stoynoff recounted how she had traveled to Mar-a-Largo to interview Trump and his wife, Melania, in December 2005.

She said Donald took her into a room he really wanted to see, before forcing himself on her.

'We walked into that room alone, and Trump shut the door behind us. I turned around, and within seconds, he was pushing me against the wall, and forcing his tongue down my throat,' she wrote for People.

Stoynoff went on to say how she was rescued when a butler walked in, however when the two were alone again shortly after Trump told her they were 'going to have an affair'.

2006 - Jessica Drake

Jessica Drake, a 42-year-old adult film actress and director, accused Trump of offering her $10,000 to spend the night with him in his penthouse suite after a 2006 golf tournament.

She said she met the billionaire at the event in Lake Tahoe in 2006, a year after he married his wife Melania.

Drake said he repeatedly asked her to spend the night with him and offered her $10,000 to do so despite her rejections.

She had earlier gone to his penthouse suite with two female friends, all of whom he kissed 'without permission' and hugged 'tightly' while dressed in pajamas, she alleged.

2007 - Summer Zervos - contestant on The Apprentice

Summer Zervos, who was a contestant on the fifth season of The Apprentice, said Trump groped and kissed her in his room at the Beverly Hills Hotel in 2007.

She claims that she reached out to Trump a year after she left the show to speak about possible business opportunities, and when she met with him he kissed her 'open mouthed' multiple times, and at one point placed his hand on her breast.

She claims he then had her lie in bed with him she said telling her he wanted to watch 'telly telly', but soon after began 'thrusting his genitals' at her despite her pleas asking him to stop.

Zervos broke down in tears throughout press conference, saying at one point: 'You do not have the right to treat women as sexual objects just because you are a star.'

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Trump reinforced his improbable but now undeniable populist bona fides, casting Clinton as the embodiment of a corrupt political establishment that's willing to throw the middle class under bus the day after Americans vote.

'Hillary Clinton is running against all of the American people, and all of the American voters,' he said.

The billionaire real estate tycoon minced no words about his fears that rampant voter fraud could cost him and other Republicans a fair shot at winning 17 days from now.

Citing Pew Research Center numbers, he said that '1.8 million dead people are registered to vote.'

'And some of them are voting. I wonder how that happens!'

He also referred to 2.8 million people who are 'registered in more than one state' and said that '14 per cent of non-citizens are registered to vote.'

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But on Saturday, for instance, those vagaries were supplemented by some concrete initiatives.

His famed wall on the U.S. border got a budget line-item with a proposed piece of legislation that will fund its construction – 'with the full understanding that the country of Mexico will be reimbursing the United States.'

Trump's light overtures on tax reform were ornamented with a few new numbers: a 35 per cent tax cut for middle-class families with two children, and a reduced 10 per cent rate for American companies that bring overseas money back home.

Before rattling off his policy to-do list, Trump aired more grievances against the journalism profession and the parade of women who have accused him of unwanted kissing and groping years – and in some cases decades – ago.

He said after the election, he plans to sue them.

'Every woman lied when they came forward to hurt my campaign. Total fabrication. The events never happened. Never,' Trump declared.

'All of these liars will be sued after the election is over.'

He also said he would litigate against the Democratic Party for allegedly paying saboteurs to start fistfights at his campaign rallies.

TRUMP'S PLAN FOR JOBS AND TRADE

1. Renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement or withdraw from it

2. Withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership

3. Order the secretary of the treasury to label China a 'currency manipulator'

4. Use U.S. and international laws to end foreign trading abuses that unfairly impact American workers

5. Lift restrictions on the production of $50 trillion dollars’ worth of U.S. energy reserves including shale, oil, natural gas and coal

6. Approve the Keystone XL pipeline project and other 'vital energy infrastructure projects'

7. Cancel billions in payments to U.N. climate change programs and use the money to improve U.S. water and environmental infrastructure

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Retired Lieutenant General Keith Kellogg delivered the first pre-speech warmup, a somber seven-minute note of reverence on what Trump hopes will be remembered as the day his battle with America's establishment had a rebirth.

'I can't think of a more historic place,' Kellogg said.

'It's really a historic time in our life,' he added as he drew parallels that stretch backward 153 years to a similar 'time when the future of our nation was in doubt.'

'We are waging another battle – a political one,' he said.

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani framed the day in more practical terms, quoting Lincoln's famous three-minute speech.

'I don't know if I could call government, right now, "of the people, by the people and for the people",' Giuliani said.

'I think it's government of the lobbyists, permanent politicians... the big gigantic multinational corporations, and the unions that can donate massive amounts of money.'

'People are somewhere down there – somewhere,' he lamented.

TRUMP'S LAWS: BILLS HE WOULD PUSH IN HIS FIRST 100 DAYS

1. 'Middle Class Tax Relief And Simplification Act':Economic plan designed to grow the economy 4 per cent per year and create 25 million new jobs. Involves tax cuts, trade reform, regulatory relief, lifting restrictions on energy production, and encouraging companies with offshore funds to bring them back to America.

2. 'End The Offshoring Act': New tariffs on goods brought into the U.S. by American companies that relocate jobs outside the U.S.

3. 'American Energy & Infrastructure Act': Uses public-private partnerships and tax incentives to generate $1 trillion in infrastructure investment over 10 years

4. 'School Choice And Education Opportunity Act': Redirects education dollars to allow parents to choose any public, private, charter, magnet, religious or home school; ends the 'Common Core' federal standards; and expands vocational and technical education

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8. 'Restoring Community Safety Act': Creates a Task Force On Violent Crime, increases federal funding of police forces and boosts federal support for anti-gang prosecutions

9. 'Restoring National Security Act': Eliminates the federal defense 'sequester' to restore military funding, guarantees veterans the option of private health care if VA facility wait times are long, institutes new defenses against cyber-attacks, and establishes new **immigration** screening based on 'values'

10. 'Clean up Corruption in Washington Act': Enacts new ethics reforms affecting politicians and their staffers

The policy agenda Trump described, a senior campaign aide said Friday night, was far beyond what Democrat Hillary Clinton could put on the table.

She can't articulate her policy goals, the aide said, because her donors haven't yet told her what to think.

'Secretary Clinton has no core,' the aide charged during a conference call, quoting a Democratic aide in a hacked email recently released by WikiLeaks.

'Her policies are determined by the checks that are given to her, and nothing else. And of course no one actually disagrees with that. Everyone understands that she's a special-interest-driven candidate.'

The aide described Saturday's event as 'our chance to lay out a positive vision for the country, from Mr. Trump, about what he's going to do in his first 100 days in office, and how he's going to go about doing it.'

Clinton won't follow suit – 'she can't even go there' – the aide predicted, 'because she doesn't even know what checks she's going to get between now and when she would hypothetically be elected.'

The aide promised 'new material' on Saturday but quickly played it coy, saying: 'I don't want to say what it will be.'

'What you're seeing tomorrow, is Mr. Trump identifying the 10 most important principles for the first 100 days, and then offering policy solutions to go with those.'

Trump's Gettysburg address comes with just 17 days to go before the Nov. 8 election. He and Clinton have debated three times. And, most worrisome for Republicans, an estimated 4 million Americans have already cast ballots through early voting programs.

As the call was going on, Trump himself appeared on the Fox News Channel with host Sean Hannity to preview Saturday's speech in an equally vague fashion.

'We're going to be lowering taxes. We're going to be strengthening our borders,' he said, remixing buzzword bromides that have been speech staples for months.

'We're going to be getting rid of regulations,' Trump continued. 'The regulations are going to be gone... we need them for security or we need them for certain things like the environment, but our regulations are just taking over our companies. We can't compete anymore.'

'We're going to be terminating, repealing and replacing Obamacare. We're going to be saving our Second Amendment, There are a lot of things, Sean. It's gonna be - I think it's gonna be very special.'

A second senior campaign aide on Friday night's conference call compared Trump's promised policy brain-dump to a famous 1994 Republican congressional gambit responsible in part for the GOP taking over the lower chamber of Congress after 40 years in the minority.

'I worked on the original "Contract with America" back in the mid-'90s,' that second aide said.

'And I think the most important aspect from that contract, in addition to the 10 principles, was the accountability provision – that basically the Republican candidates in 1994 said, "If we fail to bring these to a vote in the first 100 days, you can kick us out".'

Acknowledging that 'it's a little bit different when you're the president,' the second aide said that 'the sentiment will be the same, which is that changes need to come very rapidly. And progress needs to come very rapidly.'

The policy proposals Trump will unveil Saturday, the aide said, 'are not going to wait until deep into his term, or in his second term.'

The comparison with the Contract with America could be fraught with trouble, even though its architect Newt Gingrich is advising Trump's campaign.

When Gingrich became Speaker of the House, his rank-and-file pledged to enact eight budget reforms and bring 10 specific bills to a vote.

The bills met with varying levels of success: Some became law while others died in the U.S. Senate or met the business end of President Bill Clinton's veto pen. The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled one was unconstitutional.

By 2000 the president of the libertarian Cato Institute determined that the 'Contract' never accomplished what its authors set out to.

'The combined budgets of the 95 major programs that the Contract with America promised to eliminate,' Ed Crane wrote, 'have increased by 13%.'

Like the GOP prior to 1994's electoral takeover, much of Trump's October has been spent playing defense. But the aide suggested he's jumping back on offense while the Clinton campaign is trying to coast to victory.

'We're just running two different campaigns in the home stretch,' the aide said.

'They're going to sit on their lead. They're going to wait out the clock. You have a lot of folks commenting that she doesn't have to do anything except show up or not show up.

'We just have a different take on it. We just think that taking the case directly to the voters... is really the way to go.'

'If you listen to them out on the stump – Vice President Biden today, Senator Kaine, President Obama – they're talking most predominantly about Donald Trump,' the aide said.

'And Donald Trump wants to talk predominantly about issues that affect everyday Americans. And that is the difference, and that will continue to be the difference.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump spoke at Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation dinner in NY last night

\* Trump spoke before her and at first dazzled the room with a series of self-deprecating one-liners

\* But the high society guests turned on him when he insulted his opponent in a string of scathing blows

\* Clinton followed and delivered her own attack on Trump's character in a calmly-spoken speech

\* The pair were separated by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan as they ate dinner at the fundraiser

\* Neither seemed willing to talk as they arrived, averting one another's gaze just a day after the third debate

\* The dinner raises money for Catholic charities associated with the Archdiocese of New York

\* It has become a staple in presidential campaign, with Barack Obama and Mitt Romney attending in 2012

Donald Trump tumbled from the good graces of guests at a fundraising dinner on Thursday night when he became the target of boos and jeers as he slated Hillary Clinton in a scathing speech.

The Republican candidate was first to speak at the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York and took to the microphone after an icy encounter with his opponent before dinner.

He started well and sent the room into roaring laughter with an unexpectedly self-deprecating sense of humor.

They turned on him when his jokes evolved to insults, accusing Clinton of 'hating Catholics' and 'corruption'.

The dinner, a staple fixture towards the end of recent presidential campaigns, is normally embraced by candidates as an opportunity to showcase self-deprecating humour and land lighthearted jabs at their opponent.

President Obama and Mitt Romney heaped praise on one another in 2012, commending one another for their roles as fathers and husbands.

Diners last night however booed for the first time in years as Trump missed the mark with his bruising put-downs.

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Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who was sat between the pair throughout, described his spot as the 'iciest place on the planet'.

FRED TRUMP'S ARREST PROTESTING AL SMITH

Fred Trump was arrested at a 1927 Ku Klux Klan organized to protest the Alfred E Smith's bid for president.

Smith was born to the children of Irish and Italian **immigrants**, working his way up from his humble beginnings to become one of the most successful and respected politicians in New York state history.

Smith, who was elected four time as the governor of New York, was raised Catholic. He became the first Catholic to run for president in 1928, a move that was met with much resistance.

In May 1927, the Klu Klux Klan organized a riot in Queens to protest the fact that Smith, who was governor at the time, might become president. Among those arrested at that rally was 21-year-old Fred Trump, Donald's father.

Trump began his speech calmly, taking to the microphone armed with a script of one-liners.

'A special hello to all of you in this room who have known and loved me for many many years.

'Some people think this would be tough for me, but the truth is I'm actually a modest person. Very modest. Many people tell me that modesty is perhaps my best quality, even better than my temperament,' he said.

He quipped that the dinner, with 1,000 guests, was of little significance to his campaign but would provide his opponent her 'biggest crowd of the season'. 'This is corny stuff,' he continued, glowing in his audience's amusement.

After he listened to Clinton 'rattle on and on and on' at the debate, Trump joked that he had a new appreciation for his old foe Rosie O'Donnell.

Trump said the dinner also gave him the opportunity 'to meet the people who are working so hard to get Clinton elected.'

'There they are. The heads of NBC, CNN, CBS, ABC, there's the New York Times right over there, and the Washington Post,' he said, pointing to each one. 'They're working overtime.'

One of the largest laughs came when the Republican candidate turned to his wife Melania, including the usually stern 46-year-old in his comedy.

The joke, his best received by far, made light of her plagiarism of Michelle Obama's speech from the 2008 Democratic Convention.

'The media has been so biased, more than ever,' he said. Gearing up for his punchline, he continued: 'This is going to get me in trouble.

'Michelle Obama made a speech and everyone loves it. It was fantastic.

'MAYBE HE WILL GRAB MY P\*\*\*\*': ROSIE O'DONNELL SLAMS TRUMP AFTER HE JOKES HIS OPINION OF HER HAS IMPROVED IN THE WAKE OF CAMPAIGN

Comedian Rosie O'Donnell hit back at Trump last night after he mocked their long-running feud.

Trump quipped that after listening to Clinton 'rattle on and on' his opinion of the TV show host had improved.

He said: 'Last night, I called Hillary a 'nasty woman' - this stuff is all relative. After listening to Hillary rattle on and on, I don't think so badly of Rosie O'Donnell anymore. In fact, I'm actually starting to like Rosie a lot.'

Rosie reacted on Twitter and warned 'maybe he will grab my p\*\*\*\*' in reference to the Republican's infamous remarks made about women.

The row between the pair goes back to at least 2006 when Trump said: 'She's a slob, she talks like a truck driver'.

'My wife, Melania, made the exact same speech. And people get on her case. I don't get it.' Speaking over the roaring laughter of other guests, he said: 'Stand up, Melania! It wasn't your fault.'

'She didn't know about that one,' he added, staring at his wife, before turning to Cardinal Timothy Dolan, next to him and saying, 'Cardinal, please speak to her,' as way of contrition.

The atmosphere thickened when Trump delivered the first of several stinging insults towards Clinton, however.

'Here she is in public, pretending not to hate Catholics,' he said to the aghast gasps of the room, made up predominantly of Roman Catholics.

'Hillary is so corrupt she got kicked off the Watergate commission,' he continued to boos. 'How corrupt do you have to be to get kicked off the Watergate commission? Pretty corrupt.'

MAYBE GLASSES WOULD HELP, DONALD! TRUMP'S SPEECH WRITTEN IN YUUUGE FONT

He claims his speeches are made off the cuff but the truth is Donald Trump sometimes needs just as much preparation as any other person going for the most powerful job in the free world.

Trump revealed last night that he does plan his stage appearances when photographers caught him with his speech.

It was written on plain white A4 in a huge capped-up font leaving critics wondering whether he should just wear glasses.

The presidential candidate has claimed that he always goes up on stage without needing a teleprompter so he can speak candidly to supporters.

Clinton followed, landing her own sequence of blows against the Republican.

'Donald looks at the Statue of Liberty and sees a four. Maybe a five if she loses the torch and tablet and changes her hair,' she said in what has been praised in her most successful joke of the night.

She began her speech by congratulating the charity's organizers, who had raised more than $6million.

'This is such a special event that I took a break from my rigorous nap schedule to be here,' she began.

'Mortal enemies, bitter foes, I've gotta ask, how did you get the governor and the mayor here together?'

She injected her own self-deprecation, spinning off her widely criticized characterization of Trump supporters as 'deplorables' to name the evening's guest list 'a basket of adorables'.

Later, she poked holes in his relationship with Russia.

'Donald really is as healthy as a horse. You know, the one Vladimir Putin rides around.' She joked that he had sent her a 'hearse' as a gesture before tonight's event, so worried was he with her apparently ailing health.

She reserved no mercy for his supporters either and launched a targeted attack on former mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Remarking that he started his career by prosecuting tax dodgers 'like' Trump, she fumed: 'But as the saying goes: If you can't beat 'em, go up on Fox News and call him a genius.'

Giuliani seethed in his seat, making no attempt to hide his contempt for her.

So tense was the atmosphere between before dinner, host Alfred Smith IV used a sexual assault joke to break the ice.

EVERY JOKE FROM HILLARY CLINTON AND DONALD TRUMP'S SPEECHES AT THE AL SMITH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DINNER

Donald Trump:

On his temperament:

'Some people think this would be tough for me, but the truth is I'm actually a modest person.Very modest. Many people tell me that modesty is perhaps my best quality, even better than my temperament.'

On his hands:

'You know Cardinal Dolan and I have some things in common. For instance, we both run impressive properties on Fifth Avenue. Of course his is much more impressive than mine. That’s because I built mine with my own beautifully formed hands.'

On his inherited wealth:

'I know that so many of you in the archdiocese already have a place in your heart for a guy who started out as a carpenter working for his father. I was a carpenter working for mine.'

On his huge crowds:

'It’s great to be here with a thousand wonderful people, or, as I call it, a small intimate dinner with some friends. Or as Hillary calls it, her largest crowd of the season.'

On 'nasty' Hillary and Rosie O'Donnell:

'Last night, I called Hillary a "nasty woman". This stuff is all relative. After listening to Hillary rattle on and on, I don't think so badly of Rosie O'Donnell anymore. In fact, I'm actually starting to like Rosie a lot.'

On sending Hillary to jail:

'We have proven that we can actually be civil to each other. In fact, just before taking the dias, Hillary accidentally bumped into me and she, very civilly, said: "Pardon me."

'And I, very politely, said: "Let me talk to you about that after I get into office."

On his wife:

'The media is even more biased this year than ever before — ever. You want the proof?

'Michelle Obama made a speech and everyone loves it, it's fantastic.

'My wife, Melania, gives the exact same speech. And people get on her case.

'And I don't get it. I don't know why. And it wasn't her fault.'

On his relationship with Hillary:

'But the candidates have some light-hearted moments together, which is true. I have no doubt that Hillary is going to laugh quite a bit tonight, sometimes even at appropriate moments.'

'[Hillary] said if somehow she gets elected she wants me to be, without question, either her ambassador to Iraq or to Afghanistan. It’s my choice.'

'This is the first time ever, ever, that Hillary is sitting down and speaking to major corporate leaders and not getting paid for it.'

On the media:

'I know Hillary met my campaign manager, and I got the chance to meet the people who are working so hard to get her elected. There they are — the heads of NBC, CNN, ABC — there’s the New York Times, right over there, and the Washington Post.'

On Hillary's email scandal:

'I’d like to address an important religious matter: the issue of going to confession. Or, as Hillary calls it, the Fourth of July weekend with FBI Director Comey.'

'Now, I’m told Hillary went to confession before tonight’s event, but the priest was having a hard time, when he asked about her sins, and she said she couldn’t remember 39 times.'

'I wasn’t really sure if Hillary was going to be here tonight, because I guess you didn’t send her invitation by email. Or, maybe, you did and she just found out about it through the wonder of WikiLeaks.

On Hillary getting debate questions in advance:

'Now some of you haven’t noticed, Hillary isn’t laughing as much as the rest of us. That’s because she knows the jokes. And all of the jokes were given to her in advance of the dinner by Donna Brazile.'

Hillary Clinton:

On her health:

'This is such a special event that I took a break from my rigorous nap schedule to be here.'

'Donald is very worried about my health. He sent a car for me tonight. Actually, it was a hearse'.

'My heart rate is 72 beats per minute, his is the most beats ever, or the least beats ever, whichever sounds best. But Donald really is as healthy as a horse, you know, the one Vladimir Putin rides around on.'

On the divided GOP:

'Every year, this dinner brings together a collection of sensible, committed, mainstream Republicans — or, as we now like to call them — Hillary supporters.

'So tonight, let’s embrace the spirit of the evening. Let’s come together. Remember what unites us and just rip on Ted Cruz'

On her and Wall Street:

'And as you’ve already heard, it’s a treat for all of you too, because usually I charge a lot for speeches like this.'

'It is great, also, to see Mayor Bloomberg here. It’s a shame he’s not speaking tonight. I’m curious to hear what a billionaire has to say.'

On the debates:

'So as I’ve said, we’ve now had our third and, thankfully, final debate. Sharing a stage with Donald Trump is like, well, nothing really comes to mind.

'And looking back, I’ve had to listen to Donald for three full debates. And he says I don’t have any stamina.That is four and a half hours. I have now stood next to Donald Trump longer than any of his campaign manager.

'Your Eminence, you were criticized for inviting both Donald and me here tonight, and you responded by saying “If I only sat down with those who were saints, I’d be taking all my meals alone.”

'Now, just to be clear, I think the Cardinal is saying I’m not eligible for sainthood. But getting through these three debates with Donald has to count as a miracle. '

'So I guess I’m up against the highest, hardest stained-glass ceiling.'

On the Muslim ban:

'And if Donald does win, it will be awkward at the annual President’s Day photo, when all the former presidents gather at the White House, and not just with Bill.How is Barack going to get past the Muslim ban?

On the 'basket of deplorables':

'Now, I’ve got to say, there are a lot of friendly faces here in this room; people that I’ve been privileged to know and to work with. I just want to put you all in a basket of adorables.

On her fashion:

'And you look so good in your tuxes; or, as I refer to them, formal pantsuits.'

On the 'rigged' election:

'You know, come to think of it, it’s amazing I’m up here after Donald. I didn’t think he’d be okay with a peaceful transition of power.

On Mike Pence:

'And, Donald, after listening to your speech, I will also enjoy listening to Mike Pence deny that you ever gave it.

On Trump's interruptions

'And, you know, because this is a friendly dinner for such a great cause; Donald, if at any time, you don’t like what I’m saying feel free to stand up and shout “Wrong!” while I’m talking.'

On the attractiveness of the Statue of Liberty:

'People look at the Statue of Liberty and they see a proud symbol of our history as a nation of **immigrants**, a beacon of hope for people around the world.

'Donald looks at the Statue of Liberty and sees a four. Maybe a five if she removes the torch and tablet and changes her hair.'

On Rudy Giuliani

'Now, many don’t know this, but Rudy actually got his start as a prosecutor going after wealthy New Yorkers who avoided paying taxes. But, as the saying goes, “If you can’t beat them, go on Fox News and call them a genius.”'

On Trump's tweets:

Others Clinton gags included: 'Regardless of the outcome, this race will be historic. We'll either have the first female president or the first president who started a Twitter war with Cher.'

On her 'drug use':

'Donald wanted me drug tested before last night's debate. I am so flattered that Donald thought I used some sort of performance enhancer. Now actually, I did. It's called preparation.'

On her sense of humor:

'Now, I’m going to try my best tonight, but I understand I am not known for my sense of humor. That’s why it did take a village to write these jokes.'

'People say — and I hear them, I know — they say I’m boring compared to Donald. But I’m not boring at all. In fact, I’m the life of every party I attend and I’ve been to three.'

'And when the parties get out of hand, as occasionally they do, it’s important to have a responsible chaperone who can get everyone home safely. And that is why I picked Tim Kaine to be my Vice President.'

On Trump and Russia

'Now, you notice there is no teleprompter here tonight, which is probably smart, because maybe you saw Donald dismantle his prompter the other day. And I get that. They’re hard to keep up with, and I’m sure it’s even harder when you’re translating from the original Russian.'

On her relationship with the press:

'And look at this dais — we’ve got Charlie Rose, and Maria Bartiromo, and Chris Matthews, and Gayle King, and Nora O’Donnell, and Katie Couric — this counts as a press conference, right?'

On Kellyanne Conway:

'Now, look, I have deep respect for people like Kellyanne Conway. She’s working day and night for Donald and because she’s a contractor, he’s probably not even going to pay her.

'I have no doubt that our guests tonight are up to the task. In fact before the dinner started, Donald went up to Hillary and asked her how she was doing.

'She replied: 'I'm fine. Now get out of the ladies' dressing room.'

He continued with the same theme, boldly including Cardinal Dolan in his next punchline. 'Donald, even though there's a man next to you in a robe. This is not a locker room.'

His comment was in reference to the candidate's earlier dismissal of sexually aggressive remarks he made towards women in 2005. Trump described them as merely 'locker room talk' at the second presidential debate.

The brave joke prompted laughter from both candidates who had earlier avoided one another backstage. Smith is the great grandson of Alfred E. Smith, the former governor of New York who the charity was named after.

He continued after dinner by mocking the many well-heeled guests.

'Mayor de Blasio is here tonight. We'd like to apologize, we couldn't grant you your request to sit to the left of everybody,' he said.

Taking aim at the candidates once again, he poked fun at their relative privilege.

'It just goes to show that if you were born into immense wealth or if your husband was president, you can accomplish anything.'

Introducing Trump, who spoke first, he said: 'I'm happy to report that no matter how the coin was tossed, our next speaker would say it was rigged.'

Continuing his roast of the candidate, he joked that the church was worried he may not show up.

'We thought you might keep us in suspense,' he said, ridiculing the candidate's claim at the second presidential debate he may not accept the outcome of the election.

The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation dinner typically provides respite from the seriousness and unrelenting debate of presidential campaigns.

In the past, candidates have used the opportunity to jokingly trade blows but also congratulate one another.

Barack Obama and Mitt Romney were both widely praised for their performances in 2012.

Obama lumped himself in with his opponent, mocking the lengthy campaign process as a whole rather than attack him personally.

'Tomorrow it's back to campaigning. I visit cities and towns across our great country, and I hear the same thing everywhere I go: 'Honestly, we were hoping to see Michelle,'' he said.

And even though we're enjoying ourselves tonight, we're both thinking ahead to our final debate on Monday. I'm hoping that Gov. Romney and I will have a chance to answer the question that is on the minds of millions of Americans watching at home: Is this happening again? Why aren't they putting on 'The Voice?'.

He heaped praise on his opponent, however, commending him for his role as a 'family man and father'.

'Those are two titles that will always matter more than any political ones. So we may have different political perspectives, but I think — in fact, I'm certain — that we share the hope that the next four years will reflect the same decency and the same willingness to come together for a higher purpose that are on display this evening.

'May we all, in the words of Al Smith, do our full duty as citizens,' he said.

Romney returned the compliment. 'It'd be easy to let a healthy competition give way to the personal and the petty but fortunately, we don't carry the burden of disliking one another.

'Our president has had some very fine and gracious moments. Don't tell anyone I said so, but our 44th president has many gifts and a beautiful family that would make any man proud,' he said.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Salma Hayek said Donald Trump repeatedly called her asking for dates

\* She claims he befriended an old boyfriend of hers to acquire her number

\* When she turned him down she said he planted National Enquirer story

\* Hayek claims he contacted her again afterwards to insist story wasn't true

\* Trump did not respond to her accusation on Friday afternoon

\* Survey found 63 per cent of voters thought he had committed some form of sexual assault

Salma Hayek has accused Donald Trump of lusting after her, claiming on Friday the businessman asked her out repeatedly when she had a boyfriend.

Hollywood star Hayek, 50, said the Republican presidential candidate was so scorned by her rejection of him that he planted a magazine story which claimed he would never date her because she was too short.

The 50-year-old actress made the accusations on Spanish radio program El Show del Mandril in Los Angeles on Friday.

Trump, who has denied the allegations other women who say they spurned his advances, did not immediately respond to them when approached.

On Saturday afternoon, Jessica Drake, a 42-year-old adult film actress and director, accused Trump of offering her $10,000 to spend the night with him in his penthouse suite after a 2006 golf tournament.

Drake said she met the billionaire at the event in Lake Tahoe in 2006, a year after he married his wife Melania.

Drake, speaking at a press conference in Los Angeles on Saturday, said he repeatedly asked her to spend the night with him and offered her $10,000 to do so despite her rejections.

She had earlier gone to his penthouse suite with two female friends, all of whom he kissed 'without permission' and hugged 'tightly' while dressed in pajamas, she alleged.

Recalling her alleged interaction with the billionaire, Hayek said she was happily involved with a boyfriend when Trump came across her.

She said he befriended him with the intention of acquiring her phone number, then called her repeatedly asking for dates.

'When I met that man, I had a boyfriend, and he tried to become his friend to get my home telephone number.

'When I told him I wouldn’t go out with him even if I didn’t have a boyfriend, [which he took as disrespectful], he called — well, he wouldn’t say he called, but someone told the National Enquirer...It said that he wouldn’t go out with me because I was too short.'

She claims he contacted her after the story was printed to dismiss it, an attempt, in Hayek's view, to lure her into a date to prove the magazine wrong.

Trump's advisers did not respond to her comments on Friday. It's not clear when the pair are alleged to have met.

The National Enquirer was not available for comment when approached. No record of the story has been found.

Hayek moved from her native Mexico to the U.S. in 1991 to pursue a Hollywood career.

She is now married to French businessman Francois-Henri Pinault.

Among her most passionate complaints about Trump is his plan to build a wall to keep illegal Mexican **immigrants** out of the U.S. and his vow to block any money being sent to the country from U.S. citizens if Mexico does not pay for the barrier.

'That’s gravely serious,' she said. 'People don’t know about this.

'Even if you’re here legally, a US citizen, you wouldn’t be able to send money,' she added during her radio appearance.

It is not the first time the Mexican actress has taken aim at The Donald.

Last year, she shared a photograph of herself with a pinata modeled on the candidate on Instagram.

'An American Friend gave me this Donald piñata as a Christmas gift. What should I do with it?' she said alongside the image in which she was proudly armed with a stick.

During an appearance on James Corden's Late Show in August, she implored him to read 'U.S. History for Dummies', urging him to fresh his knowledge of America's **immigrant** population.

'I don't understand why this bully has to insult all **immigrants**. Everybody in this country is in an **immigrant**.

'Mr Trump, I recommend to you to read this book. I will gladly lend you my copy.'

Trump has been accused of sexual impropriety by different women since stating categorically at the second presidential debate he had never kissed or touched a woman without her consent.

All say he lurched on them, either groping or kissing them without their permission as he boasted of doing in a 2005 hot-mic recording where he told of grabbing women 'by the p\*\*\*\*'.

On Friday, a survey found an astonishing 63 per cent of Americans thought he had likely committed some kind of sexual assault.

The poll by Reuters/Ipsos put Hillary Clinton ahead of him by four points - half the lead she enjoyed last week.

Trump has vociferously denied the accusations of ten women accusing him of sexually assaulting them.

Their accusations of groping and unwanted kissing on the mouth range from the late 1970s to as recently as 2005.

Some have had their versions of events undermined by family members or witnesses of the alleged incidents.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Third and final debate between Republican candidate Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton and Democrat

\* Candidates chose to skip customary handshake before AND after Wednesday's debate

\* Clashed over **immigration** - Trump pointed out mothers whose children were killed by illegal **immigrants**

\* Republican nominee brought a Benghazi widow and President Obama's half-brother to Las Vegas

\* W oman accusing Bill Clinton of sex assault was delayed by his motorcade and arrived too late

\* Tense moment came when claims by nine women that Trump manhandled them were brought up

\* Big announcement came when Trump said he might not accept election results: 'I'll keep you in suspense'

\* Trump referred to Clinton as a 'such a nasty woman' at one point - which she appeared to ignore totally

\* After debate Rudy Giuliani said Trump was right and he should ask for a recount if the results were close

Donald Trump said during the third and final presidential debate on Wednesday that he may not accept the outcome of the November 8 election if it doesn't go his way.

'I will tell you at the time. I will keep you in suspense,' Trump told Fox News Channel anchor Chris Wallace after he was pressed to declare that he would concede to Hillary Clinton if he loses.

Trump, who didn't shake Clinton's hand after the debate, revived charges that the election is 'rigged' in her favor by 'dishonest' reporters – and doubled down on allegations that voter fraud could run rampant.

He said 'millions' of people are on voter rolls 'who shouldn't be registered.' News reports and independent investigations have found deceased Americans with active registrations, along with illegal **immigrants** who use driver's licenses to obtain ballots.

'That's horrifying,' Clinton responded, aghast at the idea of a presidential candidate questioning an election's validity.

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The back-and-forth was part of a 90-minute mini-feud that covered abortion, gun rights, the Supreme Court, allegations of graft in the Clinton-led State Department, and sexual misconduct accusations lodged against Trump.

But the line of argument that riled Clinton the most was the suggestion that she might find herself with an asterisk next to her name if she wins an Electoral College victory.

The Democratic nominee blasted her Republican rival with a claim that his fallback position has always been to say a process is rife with bias when he doesn't come out on top.

She recalled his charges of 'rigged' outcomes in the 216 Iowa Caucuses, and of rulings in a lawsuit targeting his defunct Trump University seminar series.

The former reality TV star even claimed the Emmys were rigged when his television show lost three years in a row, Clinton claimed.

'Should have gotten it,' Trump huffed into his microphone, drawing laughter from a live audience at the University of Nevada-Law Vegas.

Clinton spoke with reporters aboard her campaign aircraft on the way to New York City, calling it 'horrifying what he said on the debate stage tonight' about questioning the election results.

'You know, our country's been around for 240 years, and we're a country based on laws, and we've had hot contested elections going back to the very beginning. One of our hallmarks has always been that we accept the outcomes of our elections and do the best we can to have free and fair elections, which we do, and somebody wins and somebody loses.'

'What he said tonight,' Clinton continued, 'is part of his whole effort to blame somebody else for his campaign, for where he stands in this election.'

FIREWORKS AND TENSION IN VEGAS ARENA

Trump was overall the stronger performer, dominating Clinton with the kind of emotional pressure that could drive undecided voters to side with strength instead of bureaucratese.

Minutes after the debate ended, his campaign sent out a fundraising email titled: 'Hillary is finished.'

Recent polls don't bear out that assessment: Clinton leads him by between 5 and 7 percentage points in most opinion surveys.

But the Trump campaign is counting on a groundswell of 'invisible' voters – first-time registrants who pollsters don't know to survey – to deliver him a victory that confounds them all.

Those voters, combined with a move in his direction from fence-sitters, remain his best chance to win in battleground states that will decide who moves into the White House in a little more than three months.

Wednesday's debate, a Nevada prizefight for the ultimate prize in global politics, marked the last time the pair will tussle on stage before the election that comes in just 20 days.

Trump will head to Columbus, Ohio for a midday Thursday rally, then flying in his custom Boeing 757 jet to New York City for the annual Al Smith dinner – a comedic roast of sorts that benefits Catholic charities.

Clinton's Thursday is empty except for the dinner, which she will also attend and where she will also speak – separately from Trump.

The Republican heads to North Carolina and Pennsylvania on Friday. Clinton will be in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Online 'snap' polls that tried to capture debate-watchers' opinions were split after Wednesday's final battle.

None of them is considered a scientific poll since there is no way to adjust the pool of voters to reflect the U.S. electorate.

And in some cases, Web surfers can vote more than once.

The Drudge Report, an influential right-leaning news website, put the margin at 81-19 in favor of Trump. But another conservative outlet, Breitbart News, surprisingly scored it 62-38 in Clinton's favor.

CNN conducted a survey of more than 500 voters in conjunction with the ORC polling company.

With a more scientific sample, the network declared Clinton the winner with 52 per cent of the vote, to Trump's 39 per cent.

Wednesday evening's first fireworks erupted over **immigration**, but the tensest moment came during a discussion about claims by nine women that Trump manhandled them over the past three decades.

'Those stories have been largely debunked,' the Republican nominee said.

'I think it was her campaign that did it.'

'I didn't even apologize to my wife, who is sitting right here, because I didn't do anything!' he exclaimed.

'I think they either want fame, or her campaign did it.'

CLASHES ON VIOLENCE AND WOMEN

Trump cited a video sting by a conservative group called Project Veritas Action that caught organizers affiliated with the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee describing schemes to commit election fraud, and talking about sending provocateurs to Trump rallies in the hope of sparking fistfights.

'She's the one.. who caused the violence,' he said, suggesting her campaign could just as easily have set up his accusers.

'They paid them $1,500 and they're on tape.'

'It was all lies, and it was fiction,' he said.

Clinton pushed back, saying he had declared at rallies that the women were 'not attractive enough.'

'I did not say that!' Trump butted in.

Clinton had Trump's words memorized. He had said one accuser would not have been 'my first choice,' and urged his supporters to 'look at' another in order to judge her suitability.

'Donald thinks belittling women makes him bigger. He goes after their dignity, their self-worth,' she said.

'Nobody has more respect for women than I do,' Trump insisted.

'These stories have been largely debunked... [and were] probably or possibly started by her and her very sleazy campaign.'

'CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE' ATTACK ON CLINTON FOUNDATION

Trump also criticized the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation for what he said was a scheme to accept contributions from nations that expected preferential treatment from Mrs. Clinton when she was secretary of state.

'It is a criminal enterprise,' Trump boomed, after Wallace cornered Clinton on the pay-for-play claims.

'There is no evidence,' she objected. 'And there is a lot of evidence of the good work.'

Trump pressed Clinton to return donations from oppressive Middle Eastern regimes that abuse gays and women.

Trump said Clinton's philosophy would open the door for practices that amounted to near-infanticide, describing late-term partial-birth abortions as 'ripping babies' from mothers' wombs.

'Saudi Arabia giving $25 million, Qatar, all of these countries,' he said. 'You talk about women and women's rights?'

'So, these are people that push gays off buildings, these are people that kill women and treat women horribly and yet you take their money!'

'So I'm going to ask you right now: Why don't you give back the money you've taken from certain countries that treat certain groups of people so horribly?' he demanded

Trump also hammered Clinton for her family foundation's mismanagement of resources and preference in contract awards to Clinton insiders, following Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake.

'I was in Little Haiti the other day, and they hate the Clintons,' he said. 'Because what's happened in Haiti with the Clinton Foundation is a disgrace. And you know it, and they know it, and everybody knows it.'

Clinton said the foundation had raised $30 million to go toward earthquake relief.

'They don't want your help anymore,' Trump cut in.

'BAD HOMBRES HERE'

On **immigration**, Trump pointed out four mothers in the audience whose children were killed by illegal **immigrants**.

'We have some bad hombres here, and we have to get 'em out,' he said.

Trump has pledged to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border – a project he said Clinton favored when she was a senator.

'Hillary Clinton wanted the wall. Hillary Clinton fought for the wall in 2006, or thereabouts. Now she never gets anything done, so naturally the wall wasn't built,' he said.

Clinton mocked Trump for meeting with Mexico's president but failing to raise the issue.

'He choked,' she declared, claiming 'I voted for border security.'

'And the wall,' Trump shot back.

'We either have a country or we don't. We are a nation of laws. We either have a border or we don't.'

Moderator Chris Wallace of the Fox News Channel read Clinton a quote from a speech she gave to a Wall Street bank, in which she reassured investors: 'My dream is a hemispheric common market with open trade and open borders.'

'Thank you!' Trump exclaimed.

Clinton said the line was taken out of context: 'If you went on to read the rest of the sentence, I was talking about energy.'

'She wants open borders. People are going to pour into our country,' Trump blasted, citing Clinton's proposal to increase by 550 per cent the number of Syrian refugees allowed in.

SUPREME COURT SHOWDOWN

In a fiery exchange about abortion rights, Trump said the 'Roe v. Wade' case would likely be overturned if he becomes president, because of his Supreme Court judicial philosophy.

'I think that will happen,' Trump said. 'If we put another two or perhaps three justices on, that's really what will happen. That will happen automatically in my opinion because I am putting pro-life justices on the Court.'

Abortion laws 'will go back to the states' under his approach, he said, 'and the states will make a determination.

Clinton vowed to defend abortion laws, saying the U.S. government can't be allowed to make personal decisions about women's health.

She talked about meeting women who terminated pregnancies during their third trimester, calling their stories 'heartbreaking.'

'I do not think the United States government should be stepping in and making those most personal of decisions,' Clinton said.

Trump said Clinton's philosophy would open the door for practices that amounted to near-infanticide, describing late-term partial-birth abortions as 'ripping babies' from mothers' wombs.

On gun rights, Trump said the Second Amendment is in peril and would be gutted under a Clinton presidency.

He cited the 'DC vs. Heller' decision – the case that guaranteed individual firearms ownership rights...she– saying Clinton 'was very angry about it. I watched.'

'Hillary was extremely upset, extremely angry.'

Clinton claimed she supports gun rights in principle, 'but I also believe that there can be and must be reasonable regulation.'

'I think we need comprehensive background checks, we need to close the online loophole, close the gun show loophole.'

'I see no conflict between saving people's lives and upholding the Second Amendment,' she said.

But Trump played a trump card, citing Chicago's 'toughest gun laws in the United States' as proof that gun control doesn't work.

Chicagoans deal with 'more gun violence than in any other city,' he said.

WIKILEAKS LEADS TO 'PUPPET' CLAIMS

Some of the angriest and most rapid-fire charges between the two candidates came during a clash about Russia.

Trump refused, as he has in previous debates, to criticize Russian President Vladimir Putin – but said he wasn't his 'best friend.'

'I don't know Putin. He said nice things about me. If we got along well, that would be good,' Trump said.

but Trump jabbed Clinton by saying Putin 'has no respect for her, he has no respect for our president.'

'Putin, from everything I see, has no respect for this person,' Trump said, gesturing to Clinton.

'Well, that's because he'd rather have a puppet as president of the United States,' Clinton countered.

'You're the puppet!' Trump counter-punched.

Wallace asked Trump point-blank whether or not he condemns hacking by Russia, which the Obama administration says was responsible for a series of embarrassing WikiLeaks releases targeting Clinton's campaign chairman John Podesta.

'By Russia or anybody else!' Trump said – keeping alive the possibility that another country was behind it.

'Of course I condemn [it].'

The night's first topic, the U.S. Constitution, brought out major philosophical differences.

Clinton spoke about appointing populist justices to the Supreme C court who would make decisions on the basis of individual rights – including rights for gays and lesbians.

'We need a Supreme Court that will stand up on behalf of women's rights, on behalf of the rights of the LGBT community,' she urged.

'It is important that we not reverse marriage equality, that we not reverse Roe v. Wade,' she added, referring to the decision that legalized abortion.

'The Supreme Court should represent all of us,' Clinton insisted.

She also spoke against the Citizens United decision, a Supreme Court case that declared political donations are a form of constitutionally protected free speech, clearing the way for unlimited money to be injected into the U.S. electoral process.

Trump leaned on the U.S. Constitution, noting he has already released a list of 20 legal scholars and judges whom he would choose from. All of them are staunch conservatives.

'I believe if my opponent wins this race... we will have a Second Amendment that is a very small replica of what it is right now,' Trump warned.

'The justices that I'm going to appoint will be pro-life, they will have a conservative bent, they are going to protect hte Second Amendment,' he said.

'They will interpret the Constitution the way the founders wanted it interpreted... I don't think we should have justices appointed who say what they want to hear. It's all about the Constitution.'

Clinton mentioned the Constitution – the Supreme Court's central domain – only once, in declaring that the U.S. Senate must hold an up-or-down vote on her picks.

RUDY: ASK FOR A RECOUNT LIKE GORE DID

Trump's campaign aides were quizzed on his refusal to commit to accepting the election results after the debate finished - and one of Clinton's most senior aides pounced on it.

John Podesta, her campaign chairman whose leaked emails have proven profoundly embarrassing for the Clinton camp, told DailyMail.com in the post-debate spin room that it was a 'Third World' scenario.

'I think a lot of Republican leaders are scratching their heads tonight wondering how he could have taken their party so far off the rails that he would reject the results of an election,' he said.

'That's what happens in third world countries.'

But Trump's side were comparing what he said to the Al Gore-George W Bush election of 2000, which took weeks for a result to emerge when the Supreme Court ruled on whether a recount could go on.

Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor, was the most robust of all.

'If it's a close election and there are indications of fraud, he will do what Al Gore did, he'll challenge it,' he said.

'The last election that I can recall that's been challenged was challenged by a Democrat, called Al Gore and if has a right to challenge it why wouldn't Donald Trump have a right to challenge it?

'Any Republicans who would accept the results of a forged election would be stupid. I would not accept the results of a fraudulent election.'

Sarah Huckabee, daughter of the former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, and a Trump campaign adviser, said after the debate: 'If it's a really close election - just like we had with Al Gore, it didn't end on election night - if it was a close election, we had to verify those results and it would be the same situation.

'My point is we want to make sure that to ensure the results are very fair and the election process is not a rigged system and that we have certified and verified the results. Most election results are not certified on the night of the election.

'I mean, again, I think the results on both sides have to be certified and verified. I think Donald Trump is going to win decisively and it's really not going to matter.'

And campaign manager Kellyanne Conway said: 'He said he's going to take a look at the results.

'Remember Al Gore did conceded, he conceded to Gov. George W. Bush and then called and retracted the results and went on to contest the results it went all the way to the United States Supreme Court.'

Following the debate, Clinton and her campaign arrived at park amphitheater in North Las Vegas where 5,200 supporters had been watching the debate on big screen.

'Thank you so much!' said Hillary, taking to the stage with her husband Bill. 'I am so proud to be here with my husband and all of you, as far as I can see. Did any of you see the debate tonight? We are a better country than Donald Trump is.'

'It's very important that we win on November the 8th in this election. The only way we can win if you and everyone you know turns out and votes.'

Clinton promised to introduce comprehensive **immigration** reform introduction in her first 100 days if she is elected, adding that only half of the undocumented workers in America pay federal income taxes.

'You know what that means? That means you pay more to support this country than Donald Trump pays. You are supporting our military and our veterans and our roads and our healthcare and our education. And I want to say thank you. Thank you for your hard work.'

'I will fight to keep families together. We are not going to let Donald Trump have a deportation force that will round up 11 million people, along with the 4 million children that were born in this country.'

Bill walked from the side of the stage and Bill and Hillary put their arms around each other.

Hillary continues. 'I want you to know that our family will support your family. I think we proved again tonight that -- you know it - love trumps hate.'

Bill then took the mic.

'Hey! Was she great tonight or what? I was so proud of her. I was very grateful not only as the husband of our next presdient, not only as a former president, but as an American who loves this country. I am grateful for you, for your belief in our country.'

'The best days of this country are still ahead. And in no small measure because of people like you. You elect her, and we'll build a better future together.'

Following the debate, Clinton called Trump's refusal to say if he will accept the election results, 'horrifying.'

'You know it was horrifying what he said on the debate stage tonight,' she told reporters. 'You know, our country's been around for 240 years, and we're a country based on laws, and we've had hot contested elections going back to the very beginning. One of our hallmarks has always been that we accept the outcomes of our elections and do the best we can to have free and fair elections, which we do, and somebody wins and somebody loses.

'So what he said tonight is part of his whole effort to blame somebody else for his campaign, for where he stands in this election, as I said whenever he is losing, he says the system, whatever the system is, whether it's being in Florida…Trump University or losing the Iowa caucus and the Wisconsin primary or losing Emmys for goodness sakes, he says that it's rigged against him.'

When asked how she felt when Trump referred to her as a 'such a nasty woman,' Clinton said she simply 'didn't pay any attention to that.'

The insult soon backfired however as Clinton supporters reclaimed the phrase with hashtag #NastyWomen which began trending on Twitter. Someone has purchased the URL NastyWomenGetS\*\*\*Done.com which directs to Clinton's campaign website.

Clinton also told reporters she had been concerned about her rival's relationship with Russia.

'I was very concerned that even now, after 17 intelligence agencies in our government, both the military and civilian have confirmed that Russia has engaged in cyber attacks against Americans that he refused to admit that it's true and condemn it for what it is, which is a blatant effort to try to interfere in our elections.'

When asked if the Wikileaks documents, which revealed that Clinton had praised Goldman Sachs bankers and that she had called Bernie Sanders a 'doofus', could affect her chances, the former first lady was dismissive.

'Not at all. Bernie Sanders is out there, working hard every day to get me elected. I'm lookin' forward to workin' with everybody in our party. But as I said in the closing, which they gave us at the last minute, I'm reaching out to all Americans – Democrats, Republicans and Independents. I wanna summon every American, to you know, use his or her talents, and ambition to really our help our country….'

MODERATOR WALLACE CALLS FOR CALM

Wallace, the son of famed newsman Mike Wallace and the first Fox News journalist to host a general election debate, lectured the live audience before television cameras turned on, imploring them not to clap or 'hoot and holler' in approval or disgust.

'Silence, please. Blessed silence,' he begged.

Star power in the audience on Wednesday included Republican Scott Baio of 'Joanie Loves Chaci' fame and progressive environmental activist and actor Ted Danson.

The Clinton campaign invited basketball legend and outspoken liberal Kareen Abdul-Jabbar to attend Wednesday's debate, along with Hewlett-Packard CEO Meg Whitman and billionaire Mark Cuban.

She also invited a pair of illegal **immigrant** teens, two labor union leaders and a vice president of the Navajo Nation.

Trump's guest list was designed to provoke. He brought along Malik Obama, the president's half-brother whom he counts as a supporter.

Patricia Smith, whose son perished in the 2012 Benghazi, Libya terror attack, is also in a guest seat, as is guerrilla video activist James O'Keefe.

O'Keefe's organization, project Veritas Action, released the controversial footage this week that resulted in the firing of two Democratic operatives with direct ties to the Clinton campaign.

Trump's campaign also made a seat available for Leslie Millwee, a former Arkansas TV news reporter who dropped a bombshell on Wednesday with the claim that former president Bill Clinton sexually molested her on three occasions in the 1980s.

Milwee made it to the debate venue at the last minute, according to a source close to her. She almost didn't make it because Clinton's motorcade snarled traffic, delaying her by 45 minutes.

By the time Milwee entered the Thomas & Mack Center, the debate had started. And an usher refused to let her walk to her front-row seat.

The third and final presidential debate, at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, has been the most hotly anticipated political event in America – at least since the last such smackdown.

Clinton won the first debate handily at Long Island's Hofstra University, as Trump tried to appear presidential but fell short of expectations.

But Trump roared back ten days ago in debate number two at Washington University in St. Louis, hammering his Democratic opponent with zinger after zinger designed to position her as a lying, corrupt career politician.

Clinton, meanwhile, dismissed Trump as a loose cannon whose voluminous tweets are proof that he can't handle the stress of the presidency without melting down.

The November 8 election will determine who controls the executive branch of the U.S. government for four years beginning on Inauguration Day in late January.

With less than three weeks to go before Americans cast ballots, polls showed Clinton widening her lead over the Republican nominee.

The 90-minute debate at the University of Las Vegas, Nevada may have been Trump's last chance to turn around a campaign that has been battered by a stream of allegations he groped and forced himself on women.

Both candidates on Tuesday jetted separately into this gambling and entertainment capital in the Nevada desert ahead of the high stakes encounter. Trump stayed at his eponymous hotel and Clinton at the Four Seasons, where she has stayed before.

The past two debates quickly degenerated into highly personal, mudslinging attacks that pushed substantive policy issues to the side.

An average of recent national polls shows Clinton with about 46 per cent support to 39 per cent for Trump and 6.4 per cent for Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson. Trump predicts an electoral surprise, or 'new Brexit,' on November 8.

But as he's lost ground, the New York billionaire has attacked the election process itself, complaining of a massive conspiracy to rig the elections against him.

'The press has created a rigged system and poisoned the minds of the voters,' he said Tuesday.

'Either we win this election or we lose the country.'

Clinton is a former Arkansas and U.S. first lady, U.S. senator, and secretary of state.

Trump is a billionaire real estate developer who has considered running for president before but has never held public office.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**So brief it was a blur, but I glimpsed a white face in the car window. The last U.S. presidential debate had just ended and some of us were walking out of the University of Las Vegas venue when we were sharply instructed to halt by Nevada state troopers. One of the candidates was leaving the secure zone. Lockdown!

Sure enough, here came a roaring motorcade, blue lights flashing on FBI outrider vehicles. In the middle of it all was a black limo.

Visible in the rear, staring through the bullet-proof window, was a man's head, startlingly pale in the half-light of dusk. Donald Trump, having just said he might not accept the result of Western democracy's biggest election, looked ghostly.

Then the car was gone, writhing exhaust trails all that remained to show it had been there.

Welcome to the Wild West, land of vast skies and dusty horizons. Roll up for Hillary versus Donald, the big showdown in showtown.

This was the third and last debate. Could Donald 'grab the headlines'? Or would his troubled campaign stall?

By his own limited standards, he did OK. But then came the headline-grabber. Asked if he would accept the result of the national vote, he said he would wait and see. He would not commit to embracing the declared result.

Nevada still feels like frontier country: fast roads, faster women, guys with guns and weird military bases deep in the Mojave desert.

This America is more liberating than the crowded east and west coasts with their overbearing political correctness. Here, you can taste America's opportunities, its pioneer code of self-sufficiency and, yes, something of its madness.

Outside the debating hall, protesters included Bible-thumping Christians. There was a claque of furious libertarians. An oddball held up an anti-Hillary placard saying 'Jail to the Chief'.

But did any of that eccentricity quite match the independence of spirit shown by the man with the custardy hairdo?

In downtown Las Vegas you can still find plots of virgin land with tumbleweed. This remains a young country, ripe for discovery. How can it only have economic growth of 1 per cent? How can so many of its people be out of work?

Something has gone awry and as the Trump campaign says to America's low-paid: 'What have you got to lose by voting for change?'

On the trashy Vegas strip, with its faked Venetian canals and ersatz pyramid, the gambling wheels spin round the clock. There is a Museum of Organised Crime and a National Atomic Testing Museum — marketing slogan, 'it's a blast!'.

One of the big casinos is called The Mirage, a perfect name for the croupiers' bamboozling illusions of instant wealth.

I spent Wednesday morning firing machine-guns at the Battlefield Vegas range, where for a few bucks extra you can have your target turned into a mock-up of Osama Bin Laden. Riddle that sucker with lead!

In the gift shop they were selling shot glasses made from 30mm shell casings fired by an A-10 Warthog warplane. Customers with a real hankering for destruction could, if they wished, crush a car with a tank.

Yet in this country of contradictions, the cops go berserk if you dare cross the road before the traffic lights have changed to red.

The issue of gun ownership was raised in the presidential debate, as were those hardy perennials, abortion and judicial appointments to the all-powerful Supreme Court.

As a parliamentary reporter I have covered the past five British general elections at close quarters, but watching Trump and Clinton has shown me that American elections can make a British visitor feel very alien.

If we heard a would-be prime minister speak, as Trump did, of foetuses being 'ripped out of the womb' at nearly full-term pregnancy, we would recoil at the insensitivity.

Schools, hospitals and transport — mainstays of British election campaigns — were barely mentioned in the three presidential debates.

Public sector wages? A non-starter. Welfare benefits gained only a fleeting mention on Wednesday.

But until this year's campaign, presidential elections have at least been carried out with a certain amount of civic high-mindedness. You can hardly say that this time.

Trump has smashed convention. He has been an outside agent of extraordinary boldness.

He called Mrs Clinton 'such a nasty woman' who had 'lied hundreds of times' and had run a 'crooked campaign'.

In return, she drawled that he was a child of privilege, a 'puppet' of Putin and, in short, thick.

Oooh, you should have seen the little moue of queeny disdain that parked itself on her prim lips after she had laid into him. Her head gave a little wobble of self-congratulation.

Trump may be a hyperbolising loon, no more able to speak a clear sentence than our own John Prescott, but Mrs Clinton's halo of smugness is just as unattractive. And her voice is a terrible instrument, gratingly insistent and joyless.

In fewer than 19 days, one of these two candidates will be the next head of state of the world's richest superpower, to be sworn into office outside Washington's Capitol in January. It comes down to an unenviable choice between a clunker and a crook.

American politics has reached this sorry pass in less than one person's lifespan since those giants of American democracy F.D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. It's quite some fall.

Bill Clinton, gaunt and grey, sat in the front row for the corrosive 90-minute debate.

Bonking Bill has been following his wife slavishly, all simpering grins and exaggerated delight. Lord knows why she thinks him an asset. Bumper stickers say, if you will forgive the coarseness, 'Hillary sucks — but not like Monica' (in reference to his behaviour with White House intern Miss Lewinsky).

Is this former president, who cheated on his wife for years, showing overdue atonement? Or does he grasp that it was his own corrupted presidency, drifting so far from the American people, which created the public anger that made it possible for rabble-rousing Trump to get this close to the White House?

I went along to a Women For Trump rally at the South Point casino (where this weekend the World Gay Rodeo finals are being held).

The Clinton propaganda often insists that Trump supporters are all poor, stupid and male, yet the crowd of 300 or so women I encountered included plenty of professionals and under-50s.

For example, Jenny Albert, a writer, was outraged that Hillary had described Trump supporters as 'a basket of deplorables'. 'How can she want to be president when she clearly hates half the country?' she asked. Sigrid Insull, a fashion designer (and former Democrat), was keen on Trump's tax-cutting proposals because they would help small businesses.

Was she not deterred by all the stories about Trump's wandering hands?

'Any woman learns how to deal with that sort of man — you brush them off,' said Sigrid.

She did not believe recent opinion polls which have given the Clinton campaign a comfortable lead.

Media coverage had made it socially difficult to 'come out' as a Trump voter but she believed those people would certainly vote for him on election day.

The rally was addressed by six women who knew and adored Donald Trump, including his daughter-in-law Laura. Mentions of the TV station CNN — 'the Clinton News Network' — and other mainstream media outlets were met with lusty boos.

One of the speakers addressed the crowd as 'my fellow deplorables' (cue wild cheers). Repeatedly, it was alleged that Mrs Clinton had done nothing useful in office and was part of the Establishment.

'She hasn't changed anything for 30 years,' said one speaker. Then a woman in the crowd yelled: 'Yeah she has — her bank accounts!' More cheers.

'We are taking the country back,' said Laura Trump.

If that sounded like the 'take back control' slogan of Vote Leave in our EU referendum, it was no accident. Both Republican and Democrat activists here are keenly aware of the Brexit vote.

Former Ukip leader Nigel Farage was in Las Vegas on Wednesday, speaking up for Trump in the media hall's 'spin alley', where politicos meet the Press.

He felt Trump had been heading for victory until his campaign was blown off course by the groping allegations. Trump needed to return to his core messages about **immigration** control and lower taxes, said Farage. Yet the **immigration** message plays badly with some.

At a 'Vote Hillary' phone canvassing session in the north Las Vegas suburbs, I heard Hispanic voters reacting strongly against Trump for his anti-Mexican rhetoric.

James Meak, 49, a doctor, compared Trump to the former leader of the Right-wing French party Front National, Jean-Marie Le Pen. 'He is our Le Pen,' said Dr Meak, before adding an unofficial diagnosis: 'He shows all the signs of narcissism personality disorder.'

Such intense antipathy has become a signature of this campaign. And it was evident at Wednesday night's debate, too.

Bill Clinton and his daughter Chelsea did not shake hands with the Trump family members sitting just down the row from them. Nor had that courtesy been requested — another little convention snapped amid the rancour of this campaign.

Hours before the debate, the Trump campaign wheeled out a man described as 'Clinton's black son', 30-year-old Danney Williams, who claims that his mother, a former Arkansas prostitute, had only one white client — the young Bill Clinton.

Adding to the circus, Barack Obama's Kenyan-born older half-brother Malik was also in Vegas to promote the Trump campaign. (The two men share a father, who left Kenya in 1958 when Malik was aged one and went on to marry a fellow student in Hawaii who gave birth to their son Barack.)

Then came mention of private emails from Mrs Clinton's campaign chairman John Podesta which had been made public by WikiLeaks. They spoke insultingly of Catholics as 'backwards', and voter groups such as women, blacks and Hispanics were described with appalling condescension as 'rough food groups'.

On top of Hillary's 'basket of deplorables' remark about Trump supporters, the comments were seized upon as further proof of the Clinton machine's low opinion of ordinary Americans.

TOM LEONARD IN NEW YORK ON TRUMP'S BIG TALKING POINT

Donald Trump said last night that he will accept the U.S. election result... if he wins, writes TOM LEONARD from New York.

His comment came after Wednesday’s caustic final presidential TV debate in which he said he would keep the country ‘in suspense’ over whether he would accept the verdict of the American people if they elected Hillary Clinton.

Democrats and some Republicans warned that his defiance undermines democracy and the tradition of peacefully transferring power.

Trump said: ‘I would like to promise and pledge to all my voters and supporters and to all the people of the United States that I will totally accept the results of this great and historic presidential election... if I win.’

He added that he would ‘accept a clear election result’, but reserved his right to launch an official challenge. Mrs Clinton — mocked on social media for her ‘creepy grandma’ grin — described his potential refusal as ‘horrifying’. However, many Trump supporters believe the November 8 ballot is ‘rigged’ because of biased media coverage and voting irregularities.

But with the billionaire widely judged to have come off worst in the Las Vegas debate, Trump is expected to sink further in the polls.

Worryingly, some Trump supporters are talking of violent rebellion if Mrs Clinton wins.

Meanwhile, a tenth woman has accused him of molestation. Yoga teacher Karena Virginia claimed he groped her at the U.S. Open tennis championship in New York in 1998. Ms Virginia, 27 at the time, says he told male friends: ‘Hey, look at this one. We haven’t seen her before. Look at those legs.’ She claims he then grabbed her arm and touched her breast.

During the TV debate, Trump again rejected sex assault allegations, claiming the women were put up to it by the Clinton campaign.

This election of bitter contrasts was evident even in the clothes worn by the two candidates. Mrs Clinton was in a white trouser suit reminiscent of a cruel dentist — or was she Donald Pleasence as the James Bond villain Blofeld? Trump was in a dark suit.

While Hillary popped wide her eyes and flashed unconvincing smiles, Felicity Kendal-style, Donald narrowed his gaze and clapped shut his mouth.

After a subdued opening, Trump came to life during a section on **immigration**. He was gonna build his wall between the U.S. and Mexico and he was gonna stop undesirables — 'we have some bad hombres here' — from crossing the southern border.

The audience in the overflow hall where I was watching the debate loved that use of 'hombres'.

Hillary pulled an ill-judged look of weary boredom. The fact is that **immigration** little affects America's rich.

As we saw in the EU referendum campaign in Britain, an out-of-touch political class rolls its eyes at the idea of **immigration** controls but this is one of the issues that has defined Trump's campaign.

He drills into blue-collar voters' sense that they have long been ignored and taken for a ride. They don't mind that his language is garbled and his thinking a muddle. He is standing up to the system. He is taking on the vested authorities and doing so despite the meddling of the media.

'I'm praying for an American version of Brexit,' said Judy Cruden, 52, a chartered accountant who had come to watch the debate and cheer Trump.

On the other side of the political gulf was graduate student Gregory York, 38, who was 'terrified' by the thought of a Trump win, 'but it's not going to happen'.

Schoolteacher Rebecca Fanning, 49, was also supporting Mrs Clinton but worried by the possible fallout of a Trump defeat and of his followers turning violent, particularly if he refuses to accept the result.

The truth is that America's administrative elite, having long congratulated itself on its civilised clubbishness, has become utterly removed from its people.

Now it faces this challenger in a state of disarray. If Donald Trump's face staring at me through his car window looked haunted, that is understandable. He must be under immense pressure.

No matter what happens on November 8, and no matter what one might think of his amorality and braggadocio, to have shaken up the Washington machine in this seismic contest is an astonishing achievement.

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\* Said debate questions about conflicting policy positions revealed in illegally obtained emails were 'fair'

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Vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine says Donald Trump's suggestion that he would refuse the results of the election if the Democratic ticket wins is 'absolutely shocking.'

'But it was in character,' Kaine said Thursday on Good Morning America. ' He’s a guy who won’t take responsibility for anything and if he loses he’s always going to figure out a way to blame somebody else.'

Kaine leaned on the year he spent in Honduras, a military dictatorship, working at Jesuit missionary, as he stressed the importance of the peaceful transfer of power.

It's 'a core value of America, and it’s often not the case around the rest of the world,' he said. 'This is a basic and important part of who we are.'

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Kaine was sent to play clean up for Hillary Clinton on the morning shows Thursday after the White House candidate took a red-eye flight from Las Vegas to New York after the final presidential debate that landed in the wee hours of the morning.

He found himself answering for his running mate's claim the evening before that 'I do not add a penny to the national debt.'

A non-partisan group that scores budgets says he plan would tack on 200 billion over the 10 years. Trumps would balloon the debt by 5 trillion, the Committee for a Responsible Budget said.

Kaine told CNN host Alisyn Camerota it's not a 'complete mathematical certainty' that Clinton's plan would lead to more debt and pointed out that Trump's plan would be 20 times worse in that regard.

'But just because this group says that, they're not the umpire. They're not like calling balls and strikes and everybody agrees that they're right,' Kaine said on New Day. 'They're doing their own estimate.'

The Virginia senator who joined Clinton's ticket in June also had to account for Clinton's claim Wednesday evening that she would not pursue an 'open border' policy.

She had said in a speech, made public by Wikileaks, that she dreamed of 'open trade and open borders.'

Trump hit her with it several times in a portion of the debate dedicated to **immigration**, leading moderator Chris Wallace to confront Clinton with the statement she made in the leaked tape.

'We will not have open borders. That is a rank mischaracterization,' she declared in the debate. 'We will have secure borders, but we will also have reform.'

The former secretary of state who made millions off her paid speeches said her comment was taken out of context - she was talking about energy.

Kaine said on GMA Thursday he thought it 'fair' for Wallace to press her on that and other policy splits that were revealed in illegally obtained emails and published online.

'I think it’s very fair to ask questions about border policy, **immigration** policy, trade policy, sure it is,' he stated.

Trump revived charges Wednesday that the election is being 'rigged' in his rival's favor by the 'dishonest' media and doubled down on allegations that there would be voter fraud.

'I will tell you at the time. I will keep you in suspense,' Trump told Wallace after the Fox host pressured him to say he'd concede to Clinton if she's the winner.

Clinton jumped in to say Trump's position was 'horrifying' and it's part of a pattern.,

'Every time Donald thinks things are not going in his direction, he claims whatever it is is rigged against him,' she said.

Trump 'said the FBI was rigged. He lost the Iowa caucus. He lost the Wisconsin primary. He said the Republican primary was rigged against him.

'Then Trump University gets sued for fraud and racketeering. He claims the court system and the federal judge is rigged against him.

'There was even a time when he didn't get an Emmy for his TV program three years in a row and he started tweeting that the Emmys were rigged.'

Trump spoke over her to say: 'Should have gotten it.'

Continuing with her assessment, Clinton argued, 'This is a mind-set. This is how Donald thinks. And it's funny, but it's also really troubling.'

'I think Hillary may have gotten at something which is he doesn't take responsibility for stuff,' Kaine told CBS today. '

'And so if something doesn't go his way, he's not gonna say, I guess I should've ran a better campaign, I guess I shouldn't have been so decisive. He's gonna blame it on somebody else.'

That Trump couldn't resist butting in to say he should have won the Emmys showed 'he just doesn't know how to take responsibility,' Kaine said, and 'that is a trait that is required, frankly, to be a good president.'

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\* See more U.S. election news from the final presidential debate

Donald Trump promised over and over again on Wednesday that he would build a wall along the United States' border with Mexico to stop drugs from flowing into the country and halt illegal **immigration**.

'I want to build a wall, we need the wall,' he said at this evening's debate. 'We stop the drugs, we shore up the border.'

Trump said one of his first acts as president would be to round up 'all of the drug lords, all of the bad ones - we have some bad, bad people in this country that have to go out.'

The Republican said he would decide 'at a later date' what to do with other illegal residents.

'We have some bad hombres here, and we're gonna get them out,' Trump asserted.

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Hombre directly translates to 'man' in Spanish, but it's slang for homie.

Spanish speakers mocked Trump up on Twitter for pronouncing it as 'hambre' - the word for hunger.

GOP strategist and political pundit Anna Navarro took a dig at him for it. She said another tweet, 'Well, now we know Trump's Spanish vocabulary is all of 2 words: "hombre" and "taco". I'd gladly teach him a few more choice words...'

'Scandal' creator and Hillary Clinton endorser Shonda Rhimes said, 'Wait. Rewind. Did that racist just say "bad hombres"?'

' "Nasty woman" or "hombre." Which was more offensive? And that's not even mentioning that Trump won't pledge to respect election results,' said the mayor of Saint Paul, Minnesota, Chris Coleman.

Twitter user Zach Lewis posted a picture of cartoon character Speedy Gonzales and said, 'Trump's PR team gonna backtrack faster than this bad hombre. ARIBA ARIBA ARIBA!'

In the debate exchange Trump repeatedly accused Clinton of pursuing an 'open border' policy that he also claimed would allow Syrian refugees to 'pour' into the country.

'Hillary wants to give amnesty,' Trump charged at the third and final presidential debate. 'She wants to have open borders.'

Defending his own deportation policy, Trump pointed to President Barack Obama, who has 'moved millions out people out.'

'She doesn't want to say that. But that's what's happened. And that's what's happened bigly,' he claimed.

Trump said illegal **immigrants** would have to leave the country before they could apply for citizenship.

'We're going to speed up the process bigly, because its very inefficient, very unfair that somebody runs across the border, becomes a citizen,' he said. 'Under her plan you have open borders, you would have a disaster on trade, and you will have a disaster with your open borders.'

Clinton said his claims that she'd allow **immigrants** to 'pour' through the borders are inaccurate.

'We will not have open borders. That is a rank mischaracterization,' she stated. 'We will have secure borders, but we will also have reform.'

The former secretary of state did say in a speech, revealed in the Wikileaks emails, that she dreamed of 'open trade and open borders,' however, and debate moderator Chris Wallace reminded her of that tonight.

'Thank you,' Trump interjected.

Clinton's explanation was that 'I was talking about energy,' which she says would have been clear if he'd read the comment in context.

At a watch party after the debate in Las Vegas Clinton committed to introducing an **immigration** reform measure during her first 100 days in office.

Half of the **immigrants** living in the country illegally pay taxes, she said.

'You know what that means? That means you pay more to support this country than Donald Trump pays.'

She thanked the workers in her audience that fall into that category and promised to keep families together.

'We are not going to let Donald Trump have a deportation force that will round up 11 million people, along with the 4 million children that were born in this country,' she said.

Clinton and her husband Bill, who had been standing off to the side of the state, embraced, and the candidate said, 'I want you to know that our family will support your family.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Republican candidate faces CHILLI reception when he arrives in Las Vegas

\* A line of TACO trucks have lined up to mock Trump's Mexican wall policy

\* Hillary Clinton remains the HOT favourite to win the November 8 election

\* In tonight's debate in the boxing capital of the world, Trump is expected to PEPPER his opponent with verbal punches

Donald Trump arrives in Las Vegas today to face a WALL of taco trucks as campaigners line up to deride his famous plan to build a huge barrier along the Mexican border.

The Republican candidate's opponents are lining up dozens of taco trucks in front of a Trump-owned hotel as he prepares for tonight's third and final presidential debate.

Yvanna Cancela, of the Culinary Workers Union, told NBC : 'We did not come up with the idea for the wall, Donald Trump came up with building the wall.

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'We want to show him that walls don't divide us, and rather what he has done is uniting us. And when I say "us" I mean it as in every group that Trump has vilified: Muslims, women, **immigrants** and workers.

'We are all coming together to make sure that Donald Trump never becomes president,' said Ms Cancela, whose Local 226 represents 57,000 workers in Las Vegas's hospitality industry.

Ms Cancela pointed out that Trump had refused to negotiate with the union at his Trump International Las Vegas hotel despite it winning a ballot among workers who wanted it to represent them.

The GOP candidate has promised to build a wall along the border and to force Mexico to pay for it.

Although Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto has said they would never pay for it, Trump has not dropped the policy and he even maintains it is a popular idea with Latino Americans.

But Hillary Clinton is expected to retain the support of the majority of Latinos - in 2012 a whopping 71 percent of Hispanic voters sided with Barack Obama, over his Republican opponent Mitt Romney.

The idea for today's stunt came after Marco Gutierrez, the founder of Latinos for Trump, told a reporter that if illegal **immigration** continued: 'You're going to have taco trucks on every corner'.

As if that was a bad thing!

His remark was mocked by many and they organized for 35 taco trucks to line up in the hotel's parking lot, all of them offering Mexican food.

Pili Tobar, from the Clinton-supporting Latino Victory Project, said: 'Having these taco trucks around, having music playing and at the same time registering people to vote - and obviously people here want to vote against Donald Trump - there is a celebration of culture happening.

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When Hillary Clinton wanted a new campaign website, she went to the top – enlisting former Google CEO Eric Schmidt to head up a technology effort, hacked emails reveal.

Schmidt oversaw an effort that involved developing the early 'back-end' stages of a web site that would be a powerful tool to promote Clinton's message and harness the efforts of volunteers – while storing information on supporters.

The details of the effort are outlined in a strategy memo authored by Clinton digital strategist Teddy Goff and sent to Clinton, according to documents posted on Wikileaks that were hacked from Clinton campaign chair John Podesta's emails.

The memo went to now campaign manager Robby Mook, longtime aide Cheryl Mills, campaign chairman John Podesta – whose emails got hacked – and Barack Obama campaign guru David Plouffe.

'I have been kept apprised of the work being done by Eric Schmidt’s group and others working directly and indirectly with your team. On the whole, I am comfortable with where we stand and confident in our roadmap to launch day and beyond,' Goff wrote Clinton in October 2014. The memo was reported by the Washington Free Beacon.

'We have selected a team of developers, unaffiliated with Eric, to build the front-end of your website – a relatively simple process that does not need to have begun yet,' he continued, saying he could use former employees of whom he had the 'highest confidence.'

Goff wrote that 'we have instructed Eric's team to build the most important products in their portfolio – specifically, the back-end of the website, the ability to accept donations (along with associated features, most importantly the ability to store credit card information), and the ability to acquire email addresses – first.'

Among the 'PRIORITIES' listed at the top of the memo were: 'Raising lots of money,' 'Creating and distributing excellent content, for both supportive and persuadable audiences,' and 'Recruiting, engaging, and organizing volunteers and prospective volunteers.'

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Schmidt, the CEO of Alphabet, Google's parent company, has been a frequent advisor to President Obama and Democrats.

In another Wikileaks document released last week, Podesta wrote Schmidt in April of 2014 trying to set up meetings with campaign chief Robby Mook and longtime advisor Cheryl Mills.

'Robby is in Australia. Back the 23rd. We could arrange a call before or wait and do a meeting shortly after return,' Podesta wrote. 'Cheryl Mills is in town and I think it would be good for you two to talk. Her office is in Bethesda but probably could come down this afternoon. Up for that?'

Schmidt responded that, 'Cheryl would be great to see; I have a meeting with President from 11 to 1145 and free after that all afternoon any time in the afternoon that is convenient for her is good for me.'

The high-tech planning wasn't just academic. According to the memo, 'Quick Donate' functions in the 2012 campaign raised an estimated $115 million incrementally.

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**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* President Obama and first lady Michelle welcomed the Italian PM Matteo Renzi and his wife to White House

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\* Michelle Obama sported a stunning floor-length rose gold chainmail gown made by Atelier Versace

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The Italians are known for their tactile approach when it comes to meeting and greeting - and the country's prime minister was no exception last night when he met Michelle Obama and her husband Barack at the White House.

Wowed by the dazzling First Lady in her custom-made Atelier Versace dress, Matteo Renzi was pictured with his hand firmly clamped on her lower back as they walked into the Obamas' final state dinner.

Twitter, users were quick to point out the affectionate display, with one user joking: 'I'm watching you Renzi'!

Barack Obama had promised that they had 'saved the best for last.' And the first lady lived up to that promise with her floor length, rose gold chainmail gown.

She showed off her signature toned arms and completed the glamorous look with poker-straight locks.

The Obamas, greeted Renzi and his wife Agnese Landini - who also sparkled in a floor length, silver and gray gown - on the North Portico before accompanying them inside the White House for a dinner of beef braciola pinwheel with horseradish gremolata and broccoli rabe.

The final state dinner of Barack Obama's presidency featured a mix of guests from the worlds of fashion, politics, media, finance and the arts.

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The president paid tribute to America's relationship with Italy during the dinner, offering a toast to the 'enduring alliance' between the two countries.

Obama said that American democracy has been graced by a touch of Italy, noting that both the Lincoln Memorial and the interior of the U.S. Capitol dome were done by Italians.

He also praised his honored guest Renzi as someone who represents the energy, optimism, vision and values that can carry Europe forward.

And although it's his final state dinner, Obama quoted another famous Italian — the late Yogi Berra — in saying, 'It ain't over till it's over'

Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., one of the many high profile guests at the event, said he was 'a little sad' that it was Obama's last state dinner, while Michelle Obama's hairstylist Johnny Wright also described the moment as 'bittersweet.'

Famed Italian designer Giorgio Armani joined the likes of Naeem Khan, who has regularly dressed President Obama, as well as the heads of Gap Inc., Johnson & Johnson's chairman and and Estée Lauder Cos. Inc.

Singer Gwen Stefani, who had Blake Shelton on her arm, Chance the Rapper, Frank Ocean and James Taylor were also invited for the final dinner. T

hey weren't the only artists, as they were joined by poets, filmmakers, producers, actors and comedians including Jerry Seinfeld and his wife, and MoMA's Paola Antonelli.

Top talent and media executives such as The New York Times' Mark Landler and Doug Mills, Bloomberg's Margaret Talev and CBS This Morning's Gayle King with her daughter Kirby Bumpus, a White House staffer also attended.

Meanwhile businesses executives from Google and Fiat chairman John Elkann were in attendance, as were former racing driver Mario Andretti and Fiat's chairman John Elkann were in attendance.

Some of the Obamas' political allies also made the cut, such as Secretary of State John Kerry and Ambassador to the U.N. Samantha Power, while the Obamas' favored interior designer Michael Smith, event planner Susan Holland, hairstylists Yene Damtew and Johnny Wright, makeup artist Carl Ray and chef Sandra Lee were also at the state dinner in honor of Renzi.

Obama is a fan of the Italian prime minister, who he has described as young and handsome and credited him with challenging the status quo in Italy with bold reforms.

'He's put forth a vision of progress that's not rooted in people's fears but rather in their hopes,' Obama said at the welcoming ceremony on the South Lawn.

Renzi, in turn, told Obama that many people think politics is about screaming, fighting and creating division, but that Obama was different, adding: 'We think history will be kind with you, Mr. President.'

After each leader spoke, they hugged briefly and patted each other on the back.

Earlier at an arrival ceremony, the First Lady wore a sleeveless chevron dress while Landini had worn a green lace short sleeve Valentino dress for the event yesterday morning.

The arrival ceremony marked the beginning of a day-long visit that will be capped with a glitzy state dinner that features celebrity chef Mario Batali in the kitchen and singer Gwen Stefani performing.

The visit provided star treatment for a key European ally who soon faces a critical leadership test in his home country.

White House officials described the two political leaders as ideologically sharing a great deal of common ground, most notably their belief in the importance of a strongly integrated Europe.

Britain's decision to exit the European Union is testing that vision, and a December 4 referendum in Italy on the government's proposed overhaul of the constitution could derail Renzi's political future if it fails.

The White House said Obama strongly supports the economic and political reform efforts that Renzi has undertaken as prime minister, and he wanted to show it.

'He wants to actually demonstrate the strength of the relationship with Italy as well as to get behind and put wind in the sails of someone he sees as one of the most promising young politicians in Europe,' said Charles Kupchan, senior director for European affairs at Obama's National Security Council.

Kupchan said it goes without saying that Europe has faced tough times over the last couple of years with sluggish growth and a migration and refugee crisis stemming from conflict in the Middle East. Those trends have created an undercurrent of anti-European Union sentiment. He said Obama believes that Renzi's agenda to revitalize Europe is critically important to the long-term interests of the United States.

During the arrival ceremony, Obama spoke of how Italian-Americans have helped shape the United States.

He said their experience was often one of arriving with nothing, of overcoming prejudice and discrimination, and relying on faith and the love of family to go on to succeed.

The president added that it revealed a 'truth we must never forget, and that is that America was built by **immigrants**, America is stronger because of **immigrants**.'

WHITE HOUSE FEAST MENU: THE FOOD ON OFFER AT OBAMA'S LAST STATE DINNER

First Course

Sweet Potato Agnolotti with Butter and Sage

Patina Vermentino 'Santa Ynez' 2015

Salad Course

Warm Butternut Squash Salad with Frisee and Pecorino di New York

Villa Ragazzi Sangiovese 'Napa' 2012

Main Course

Beef Braciola Pinwheel with Horseradish Gremolata and Broccoli Rabe

Ridge Vineyards Zinfandel 'East Bench' 2014

Dessert

Green Apple Crostata with Thyme Caramel and Buttermilk Gelato

Petit Fours Display

Sweet Corn Cream and Blackberry Cup

Concord Grape Bittersweet Chocolate Leaf

Orange Fig Slice

Pumpkin Cranberry Tart

Tiramisu

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Michael Sandford, an unemployed British citizen who should not have been in the United States traveled from Hoboken, NJ to Las Vegas

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\* He was jailed for two years in September after pleading guilty to charges including being an illegal **alien** in possession of a firearm

\* Now exclusive footage shows how he prepared the day before by going to a shooting rank and using same sort of weapon as local police carry

This is the moment a delusional man unloaded a Glock 17 pistol at a Las Vegas shooting range - 24 hours before he attempted to grab a police officer's gun in a bid to kill Donald Trump.

In CCTV footage - obtained exclusively by DailyMail.com - mentally ill Michael Sandford is seen plugging 20 rounds in to a target at the range during a $29 training session.

Sandford was arrested in a dramatic scenes the following day at a Trump rally in a Las Vegas casino on June 18 after going for the police officer's weapon as he asked for Trump's autograph.

He told police he had plotted to assassinate the Republican presidential candidate for a year and believed he would die during the bid.

The footage has been released to DailyMail.com ahead of the next presidential debate in Las Vegas tonight.

Last month Sandford, a British citizen, pleaded guilty to federal charges and is awaiting sentencing as part of a plea deal.

He faces around two years in a US prison and will be deported after pleading guilty to be an illegal **alien** in possession of a firearm and disrupting an official function.

The 20-year-old could have faced up to 20 years in prison if he had been convicted at trial of the charges.

Court documents say Sandford acknowledged reaching for the gun while Trump was on stage during a campaign speech.

Fortunately did not get hold of the weapon before he was wrestled to the ground and arrested, and no shots were fired.

In security video footage obtained from Battlefield Vegas - a shooting range popular with tourists - Sandford is seen being schooled on how to shoot the 9mm Glock.

He was given a safety tuition before being taken by an instructor to a booth in the busy range.

Sandford is then seen shooting 20 rounds using the pistol.

Battlefield Vegas owner Ron Cheney told DailyMail.com that Sandford appeared 'nervous and apprehensive' when he first arrived and took hold of the weapon.

Cheney said: 'He rented a Glock 17, he said he wanted to learn how to fire a hand gun. Europeans for the most part have seen guns in the movies but have never held them in their hand.

'So the way he was, he was a little nervous and apprehensive, it was his first time shooting a gun.'

But Cheney said slightly built Sandford, who was seen wearing a gray t-shirt and large ear protectors, soon relaxed in to the 15-minute training session.

'By the time he was done with his magazine he was comfortable, he wasn't shaking anymore,' he said.

'The instructor said he was a nice kid and noticed nothing out of the ordinary.

'The staff explained to him how to hold a weapon, how to center it, how to aim a pistol.

'Usually from the movies people want to hold the gun sideways or with one hand, we show them how to properly hold a weapon, it's safer for everybody that way.

'He shot 20 rounds in total, it's usually a 17-round magazine but we put an extension on for him.'

Video footage shows Sandford leaving the range with the rolled up target in his hand.

A Glock 9mm handgun is one of the handguns officers in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police are authorized to carry

Cheney also revealed the reason Sandford was unable to take the officer's weapon the next day - because he had a retention holster.

'My staff have retention holsters here for safety reasons, you can't just pull the gun out, there's either a lever that's flipped or a certain twist you put on the gun that allows it to expel from the holster.

'And that's what the police officer had when he tried to go for the gun, it looks like it will come right out because you don't see any straps, but it won't release. That's why he couldn't pull it out.'

Cheney said his company was contacted by the FBI, Secret Service and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department after the incident.

'They were here soon after it happened and they asked that we hold off from releasing any video or make any statements that may affect the case and we agreed,' he explained.

'It's a tough one, I feel bad for the kid, he has a mental illness, but if you want to kill someone you can't just get a slap on the wrist.'

Sandford's mother had told the judge in his case that he had been treated for obsessive compulsive disorder and anorexia as a youngster.

Lynne Sandford also said son had 'a lifetime of mental health problems' has autism and Asperger's syndrome and watches children's cartoons.

She said her son would not have understood the consequences of his actions and was on suicide watch while in a Nevada jail.

Family attorney Saimo Chahal added that Sandford was delusional at the time

According to court research Sandford did not have permission to be in the US and was unemployed.

He was originally from Dorking, in Surrey, and his mother told the BBC in July: 'He needs help not prison.'

Papers filed at the court said he had been in the country for around 18 months and lived in Hoboken, New Jersey.

He had driven across the US to San Bernardino, California, and had been living out of his car before traveling on to Las Vegas.

The following day he went to the Treasure Island Casino where Trump was addressing a rally of 1,500 supporters amid tight security.

Attendees had to pass through metal detectors manned by Secret Service, police and casino security officials.

Asking to get an autograph from the billionaire, he tried to take a police officer's holstered gun before being tackled and frogmarched from the venue.

A Secret Service report said Sandford told officers he had been planning the assassination for around 12 months and believed he would die in the process.

He had also bought a ticket to a rally in Phoenix, Arizona, for later on Saturday as a back-up.

Sandford was carrying a UK driver's licence at the time he was arrested.

Battlefield Vegas shooting range is one of the top attractions for tourists visiting the city, details of which can be found at: www.battlefieldvegas.com[http://www.battlefieldvegas.com]

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With an early-morning slip of the tongue, Donald Trump's campaign manager said Wednesday that the Republican presidential nominee has 'a five-point plan to defeat Islam.'

Kellyanne Conway made the comment on MSNBC, drawing howls of outrage from officials in Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's campaign.

Sparring with host Stephanie Ruhle about Trump's incendiary statements during his high-energy campaign rallies, Conway tried to shift the subject to his policy proposals.

'You should cover the news as you see it,' she told Ruhle. 'In addition, though... I'm saying he's also giving plans. He gave a 10-point Veterans Administration reform plan, five point plan to defeat Islam, four-point plan for middle-class tax relief.'

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'Yesterday was his multi-point plan to, I think to – as he says – "drain the swamp." The number-one trending term on Twitter yesterday, "drain the swamp",' Conway added. 'And I think that's the basis, that's the essence of his candidacy.'

Clinton senior spokesman Jesse Ferguson vented on Twitter: 'Um. @KellyannePolls just said Donald Trump has a 5 point plan to defeat Islam. Defeat Islam?'

Ofirah Yheskel, the Clinton campaign's Wisconsin press secretary, tweeted that she 'nearly spit out my coffee.'

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After her appearance on-air, Conway clarified to DailyMail.com that she was referring to a plan to defeat radical islamic terrorists that Trump laid out months ago.

'He released that – I'm going to say – [in] July, right before or after the convention. He had a big speech about it,' she said. 'His five-point plan for defeating radical Islamic terrorism. It's probably on the website... but he released it months ago.'

Trump did deliver a mid-August speech in Youngstown, Ohio, describing in detail his plan to combat global terrorism.

He said he would end America's involvement in 'regime change' and 'nation-building' projects and win the 'ideological war' against Middle Eastern radicals.

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Trump has spoken of his desire to root out 'radical Islamic terrorism' and to 'knock the hell out of ISIS' – the Middle Eastern terror army – but he hasn't articulated a plan to 'defeat' the religion, either in the U.S. or globally.

He did express a desire in December 2015 for a temporary 'total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States' in the wake of terror attacks in the U.S. and France.

That statement is still on his website. It drew howls from liberals, including President Obama, who insisted that America shouldn't have a 'religious test' for **immigration**.

Trump later morphed his policy proposal into a nation-specific form of what he called 'extreme vetting' that would target **immigrants** from countries that have become terror hot spots.

Conway appeared on MSNBC at 6:40 a.m. local time. By then she had already appeared on two other morning shows, in a time zone three hours removed from both major presidential campaigns' campaign's New York City headquarters.

Like other networks, MSNBC was broadcasting from Las Vegas, the site of Wednesday night's final presidential debate.

The time shift had reporters, anchors and their on-air political guests waking up in the middle of the night.

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An Arabic billboard mocking the firebrand Republican candidate has appeared saying 'Donald Trump, he can't read this, but he is afraid of it.'

The poster can be found on westbound I-94 in Michigan and has been funded by Cards Against Humanity's anti-Trump group 'the Nuisance Committee'.

Spokesman for the group Melissa Harris said: 'We came up with it because we believe Trump's hateful rhetoric is not based on reality, it's based in fear.

'And we think that irrational fear is what's driving his anti-**immigrant** message.'

The poster was put in Dearborn because it is in a swing state and has a high population of Arab-Americans.

Ms Harris said they hoped the billboard would reach out to Arabic speakers, encouraging them to become more involved in the presidential debate.

The billboard cost the group $4,850, and will remain in place until election day on November 8.

More than 300,000 drive past the billboard - found between Detroit and Dearborn - every week, Ms Harris added.

The poster also includes a link to the website trumpisscared.org which lists his most infamous anti-**immigration** statements.

The controversial candidate has called for a 'temporary ban' on Muslims wanting to come to the US.

He has recently been dogged by recordings of him making derogatory and obscene remarks about women, boasting about 'grabbing them by the p\*\*\*y'.

Cards Against Humanity - a party game where players complete fill-in-the-blank statements using politically incorrect words or phrases printed on playing cards - have raised more than $410,000 through their special Trump and Clinton expansion packs.

It previously paid for a billboard outside Chicago airport ribbing him by saying 'If Trump is so rich how could he didn't buy this?'

The super PAC was named by the 'Nuisance Committee' by Cards Against Humanity co-creator Max Temkin.

He told USA Today it was a tribute to his grandfather, Ira Weinstein, who was shot down over Germany during World War Two and became a prisoner of war.

He said: 'There, Ira and other Jewish POWs banded together to form a "Nuisance Committee" to irritate their captors in ways that wouldn't get them shot.

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\* Trump called it a 'hit job' and insulted Baldwin's portrayal, saying it 'stinks'

\* But he appeared on SNL in January saying he knew 'how to take a joke'

\* His campaign is struggling after his own comments about sexual assault

\* Nine women have come forward with allegations of unwanted advances

Donald Trump on Sunday made a series of furious claims that the presidential election is being fixed against him by Clinton supporters, the media and even polling place workers.

The Republican presidential candidate has been attacking the media ever since a series of women came out to accuse him of sexual assault last week.

But his latest mention of 'polling places' on Sunday takes his claims to new heights.

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The outburst followed a series of tweets accusing the media of conspiring against him, including SNL and Alec Baldwin who performed a brutal skit about the second presidential debate.

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Trump has come under fire from Democrats and moderate Republicans for his theory that the election is 'rigged', with many people saying it could provoke violence on or after election day.

Trump's scorched-earth strategy in the last leg of the elections comes as his poll numbers suffer following a series of sexual assault allegations after the infamous ‘p\*\*\*\*gate’ tape emerged.

Trump's running mate Mike Pence tried to clarify that the business tycoon's statements about a 'rigged election' were directed specifically at the media, but Trump discredited his argument shortly after.

Pence also tried to smooth things over in TV interviews saying: 'We will absolutely accept the results of the election'.

But that sentiment was not echoed by Trump surrogate Rudy Giuliani who floated the idea that Democrats could cheat on election day, even though he didn't think it would change the result.

'I'm sorry, dead people generally vote for Democrats rather than Republicans,' Giuliani said this morning to CNN's Jake Tapper on 'State of the Union.'

Opponents have criticized Trump on Twitter, calling his claims 'fantastical nonsense' and a 'full-bore assault on democracy'.

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On Sunday morning, Trump tweeted: 'Watched Saturday Night Live hit job on me. Time to retire the boring and unfunny show. Alec Baldwin portrayal stinks. Media rigging election!'

Trump hosted SNL in January of this year and said he knew 'how to take a joke' two weeks before the primaries kicked off.

Baldwin, who has won rave reviews over the past two weeks for his performances, reprised his role as Trump and hovered menacingly behind McKinnon while randomly forgetting answers to the debate questions.

When asked whether each candidate's behavior set a good example for children, Baldwin answered: 'No. Next'.

Alex Moffat played debate moderator Anderson Cooper and pressed the question, to which Baldwin answered: 'I love kids. OK, I love them so much I marry them.

'I've been helping kids my whole life. In 1992, I helped a kid named Kevin McAllister find a hotel lobby. Remember the documentary, Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.'

The line of questioning then turned to the controversial tape that emerged of Trump just two days before the debate, in which he was heard bragging about being able to grope women without their consent.

'Listen, what I said is nothing compared to what Bill Clinton has done. Okay? He has abused women,' Baldwin said.

'And Martha, Anderson, hold on to your nips and your nuts, because four of these women are here tonight. Four of them.'

McKinnon's Clinton then butted in, taking a histrionic tone when she said: 'Wait, I'm sorry. Who's here?'

'Mistresses? Bill, how could you? Oh, how will I go on with this debate? I'll never be able to remember my facts and figures now. Oh, Donald, no! Get real, I'm made of steel. This is nothing. Hi girls.'

Trump then shot back: 'She is trying to silence these women, but they need to be respected and they need their voices heard.'

When asked about whether the women who have accused Trump also deserve to be heard, Baldwin quickly declared: 'They need to shut the hell up.'

The show also included a parody of Beyonce's Lemonade album, with cast members playing an array of the women surrounding Trump.

Melania, Ivanka, Tiffany, Kellyanne Conway and Omarosa Manigault were all portrayed in the 'Melanianade' skit which flipped the song's infamous 'Becky with the Good Hair' lyric to poke fun at his dependence on them to humanize him.

On Sunday morning, Trump made it loud and clear that he was not amused by the SNL and called for it to be scrapped.

He added: 'Election is being rigged by the media, in a coordinated effort with the Clinton campaign, by putting stories that never happened into news!'

The claims are seen as both an excuse for a potential loss and a rallying cry among his supporters as Trump struggles to fight back.

His campaign has been mired in controversy amidst his own comments about sexual assault, along with the allegations of nine women who have come forward since the second debate.

While Trump shut down his accusers by calling their accounts 'made up events that never happened', he made a surprising admission of the troubles facing his campaign.

He tweeted: 'Polls close, but can you believe I lost large numbers of women voters based on made up events THAT NEVER HAPPENED. Media rigging election!'

Christopher Ashby, an attorney and veteran campaign operative who is listed on the Republican National Lawyers Association, debunked claims of a rigged election through a firestorm of tweets.

He explained the system of checks in place, like ID requirements and election officials who are required by law to consist of both Republicans and Democrats, to prevent voter fraud.

Ashby also said the voting machines are tested and then sealed, adding: 'Voting machines are equipped with multiple interconnected counters that make it impossible to add or remove votes secretly.

After the election, the count and recount is conducted through a public process, with officials keeping detailed records, which are open to inspection, he wrote.

Acknowledging human error and a 'small fraction' of attempted cheating, the attorney wrote: 'To rig an election, you would need technological capabilities that might exist only in Mission Impossible movies….'

He added: 'So any candidate who implies that his/her followers need to take the law into their own hands on E Day is horribly manipulating them.'

'Watching doesn’t mean loitering menacingly in and around a polling place. That’s not poll watching, that’s voter intimidation,' he wrote.

He issued a call to action, writing: 'Republican leaders and lawyers should speak out against this fantastical nonsense.'

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Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. issued a worrying call to arms on Saturday, echoing Trump's claims of a 'corrupt' establishment while commanding his 300,000 Twitter followers that it was 'pitchforks and torches time'.

Only 38 per cent of registered Trump supporters said they were 'very confident' their vote will be accurately counted, compared to 67 per cent of voters backing Clinton, according to a Pew Research Center study in August.

With skepticism high across the board, Trump supporters are heeding his calls, with some saying they would be on the lookout for illegal **immigrants** trying to cast their ballots on November 8, the Boston Globe reported.

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During a campaign event Tuesday with Trump running mate Mike Pence, one voter said she was deeply concerned about voter fraud and vowed to be 'ready for a revolution' if Clinton wins.

'Don't say that,' Pence said, waving away the woman's rallying cry.

Clinton appears increasingly aware that if she wins, she'd arrive at the White House facing more than the usual political divides.

'Damage is being done that we're going to have to repair,' she said during a recent campaign stop.

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Donald Trump is stoking the fear and anger of his supporters by putting forward theories of a rigged election as his campaign tries to recover from the damaging blow of nine women accusing him of sexual harassment and assault.

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As Trump's campaign struggles to bounce back 23 days before election day, the business tycoon acknowledged the turning tide but fought back by casting blame on the media and Clinton's campaign for 'poison[ing] the minds of the American voter'.

Robby Mook, Clinton's campaign manager, issued a response that read: 'Participation in the system - and particularly voting - should be encouraged, not dismissed or undermined because a candidate is afraid he's going to lose.'

Trump lashed out at Clinton, saying she 'should be in jail' before writing: 'This election is being rigged by the media pushing false and unsubstantiated charges and outright lies in order to elect Crooked Hillary.'

He also tried to shut down his sexual assault accusers, tweeting: '100% fabricated and made-up charges, pushed strongly by the media and the Clinton Campaign, may poison the minds of the American Voter. FIX!'

While he has repeatedly called the election 'rigged', a study by Justin Levitt, a professor at Loyola Law School, found just 31 incidents of voter impersonation between 2000 and August 2014, among more than a billion ballots cast in elections at both the local and national levels.

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Clinton's campaign issued a response to Trump's claims, with Mook writing: 'Campaigns should be hard-fought and elections hard-won, but what is fundamental about the American electoral system is that it is free, fair and open to the people.

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'This election will have record turnout, because voters see through Donald Trump's shameful attempts to undermine an election weeks before it happens.'

The business tycoon has been on a tear this week, batting down sexual harassment and assault allegations as quickly as they come up.

The underlying story, Trump believes, is a plot by Hillary Clinton's campaign and her media allies to steal the election from him through a calculated series of tall tales.

He criticized everyone from Obama to Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim in the wake of the sexual assault allegations, painting himself as a victim while he tried to drown out the nine women who have come forward to share their stories.

During a mid-afternoon campaign rally in North Carolina, the Republican presidential nominee cast Slim, who owns 17 per cent of the New York Times Company, as the unseen hand pulling the strings of 'corporate lobbyists' masquerading as reporters.

Trump mentioned Slim's nationality twice, as if to underscore Mexico's adversarial posture toward his pledge to wall off America from its neighbor to the south.

Spokesman Arturo Elias Ayub later said Slim doesn't know Trump at all 'and is not the least bit interested in his personal life.'

Trump also mocked his female sex-abuse accusers, calling them liars and 'sick' women seeking fame or money while suggesting that some of them are unattractive and desperate for sexual partners.

He specifically singled out former businesswoman Jessica Leeds, who appeared on CNN Thursday night to tell her experience sitting next to Trump on a flight.

She said she was 'assaulted' by Trump on a flight when he lifted the arm-rest between then and allegedly began touching her.

But Trump issued a nasty retort, saying, 'When you looked at that horrible woman last night, you said: "I don't think so!", grimacing to indicate that he thought she was unattractive.

He added: 'Believe me, she would not be my first choice. I can tell you. You don't know – she would not be my first choice.'

He also criticized Obama for weighing in on the controversy, saying his accusers could just as easily target him.

Trump claimed his innocence, complaining: 'Right now I am being viciously attacked with lies and smears. It's a phony deal.

'I have no idea who these women are. Have no idea! I have no idea! And I think you all know I have no idea because you understand me for a lot of years, okay?'

In the first indication that his strategy was working, a group of his supporters on the lawn beyond the seating area of the White Oak Amphitheater screamed: 'We don't care! We don't care! We don't care!'

'You have to dispute when somebody says something false', Trump responded. 'Fortunately, we have the microphone. We can dispute it. Some people can't.'

But not everyone is convinced- a Reuters/Ipsos national opinion poll released on Friday showed Clinton pulling ahead of Trump by seven percentage points.

Support for Clinton has been mostly rising in the seven-day tracking poll since the last week of August, when the candidates were drawing about the same level of support.

Summer Zervos, a former contestant from Trump's The Apprentice, said she contacted Trump to inquire about a job with one of his businesses after the show.

Zervos said Trump met to discuss a potential job with her, but he kissed her on the lips and asked for her phone number at the end of the meeting.

Weeks later, Trump invited her to meet him at the Beverly Hills Hotel, where she said she was expecting to have dinner with the New York billionaire.

Instead, he kissed her open-mouthed and touched her breasts in a private room, she said during a news conference.

'He tried to kiss me again... and I said, "Dude, you're tripping right now," attempting to make it clear I was not interested,' she said.

Kristin Anderson also told The Washington Post that she was sitting on a couch with friends at a New York nightclub in the early 1990s when a hand reached up her skirt and touched her through her underwear.

She said she pushed the hand away, turned around and recognized Trump as the man who had groped her.

'He was so distinctive looking - with the hair and the eyebrows. I mean, nobody else has those eyebrows,' she told the Washington Post.

She said she did not saying anything at the time because she did not think anyone would believe her.

'Who am I going to tell. The club manager, "Donald Trump put his hand up my skirt",' she said.

'They will be like "yeah", and they will go to him and go did you do this? And he will say no. And where do we go from there?

'It is kind of like where we are now. He's saying no. And a ton of women saying yes.'

Cathy Heller, now 63 and living in New York, said the billionaire forcibly kissed her on the mouth in 1997.

She told The Guardian Trump forced himself on her after they were introduced by her mother-in-law at his Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, where she and her husband's family were members.

Rachel Crooks was a 22-year-old working as a receptionist at Bayrock Group, a real estate company based in Trump Tower in Manhattan, when she says Trump kissed her on the mouth without permission while in an elevator in 2005.

'It was so inappropriate,' said Crooks. 'I was so upset that he thought I was so insignificant that he could do that.'

Crooks told the newspaper the incident took place after she shook hands with Trump in an elevator and he allegedly refused to let go.

She says he then began kissing her on the cheeks, before then kissing her lips.

Mindy McGillivary, 36, said Trump grabbed her backside while she was helping a photographer who was shooting a concert at Trump's Palm Beach manor in 2003.

'All of a sudden I felt a grab, a little nudge. I think it's Ken's camera bag, that was my first instinct,' she told the newspaper. 'I turn around and there's Donald. He sort of looked away quickly.'

McGillivray said she became furious when she saw Trump claim during the second presidential debate that he had never groped a woman inappropriately, and immediately began to consider sharing her story.

'It's a respect issue for all women. If something like this happens to you, you should speak up,' she said, according to the Palm Beach Post.

Natasha Stoynoff, a writer with People magazine, traveled to Mar-a-Lago to interview Trump and his wife Melania in December 2005.

Trump said he wanted to show her a room in the mansion.

She said: 'We walked into that room alone, and Trump shut the door behind us. I turned around, and within seconds, he was pushing me against the wall, and forcing his tongue down my throat.

'I was grateful when Trump's longtime butler burst into the room a minute later, as I tried to unpin myself.'

When they were alone again, he told her that they were going to have an affair.

Cassandra Searles, who won Miss Washington in 2013, shared a picture of the other models who took part in the Trump-owned pageant in 2013 on Facebook and included a caption saying the Republican nominee treated them 'like cattle'.

'He probably doesn't want me telling the story about that time he continually grabbed my a\*\* and invited me to his hotel room,' said Searles.

Temple Taggart, also competed in the Miss USA pageant and was a contestant the first time that she claims Trump kissed her against her will.

Taggart told the New York Times earlier this year that Trump kissed her on the lips during the pageant, but shared more about her story in the wake of his comments during Sunday night's debate.

She claims that her father saw Trump during a rehearsal for the pageant and decided to get his attention so that his daughter could met the billionaire businessman.

'It was at that time that he turned to me and embraced me and gave me a kiss on the lips,' said Taggart.

'I remember feeling kind of embarrassed, like wanting to turn and wipe my mouth, like, "What just happened?"' said Taggart.

This happened again when she went to New York City to meet Trump soon after, she told NBC News.

'I remember immediately thinking, what does he think this is?' said Taggart, who added that the kiss was the kind one would give their boyfriend.

Trump responded to Taggart's accusation by saying: 'I don't know anything about her. I don't even know who she is.'

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Geno's Steaks in south Philadelphia made headlines in 2006 over a small sign posted at the shop stating, 'This is AMERICA: WHEN ORDERING 'SPEAK ENGLISH.''

Late owner Joey Vento said at the time he posted it because of concerns over **immigration** reform and the increasing number of people who couldn't order in English.

He died in 2011. His son, Geno Vento, took over the business.

The cheesesteak stand on Thursday said Geno Vento has 'decided to move on from the sign.'

The shop says in a statement: 'It's not about a sign. It's about what you do and what your mark in life is, and Geno wants to change that mark in life.'

'I wanna make Geno's Steaks different than what my father did. Not saying that was right or wrong, but that wasn't my vision, and I wanna take Geno's to the next level,' Geno Vento told NBC10.

Geno's staff had no idea why the sign had been taken down.

'We just came in one day and it was gone,' said one worker, who requested anonymity speaking to BillyPenn.com. 'They just did it quietly.'

The decision to remove the offensive sign comes just weeks after the Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump came by to place an order.

The candidate took his food when he stopped by in September to order a steak sandwich with Cheese Whiz and onions.

'Who wants one?' a winking Trump asked reporters and photographers at the time.

'Who wants? Huh? I think I'm going to get one for Hillary,' he boomed.

A man in the crowd shouted back: 'Then she'll choke on it!'

Incredibly, during Trump's visit he placed his order away from the controversial sign that seemed tailor-made for his unconventional campaign.

Joey Vento, the eatery's late founder who died of a heart attack in 2011, gained national fame for installing the sign at the time.

A high-profile lawsuit filed by the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations ended in 2008 when the government determined that it didn't violate the city's Fair Practices ordinance since non-English speakers were never actually turned away.

But Vento told a Fox News Channel audience in 2006 that if a customer ordered in Spanish, he might send them away with Cheese Whiz on white bread.

'If one goes into a Puerto Rican neighborhood, how many signs would be seen in English?' he asked host Neil Cavuto.

'When one is on the telephone, it may say, 'Press 1 for English, press 2 for Spanish.' But where is the number for, say, Italian or Korean?'

As a memorial to Vento, his son Geno expanded the signage with a second sign.

'Joey Vento says: Press 1 for English, Press 2 for deportation,' it reads.

Cheese Whiz is a staple Philly steak sold by rival Pat's King of Steaks across the street, but Geno's recommends provolone. At Geno's the regular sandwich is ordered 'wit' or 'witout' onions. 'Whiz wit' sandwich is one common order.

Newcomers can learn the local vernacular by reading along on a larger sign that ends: 'If you make a mistake, don't panic, just go to the back of the line and start over.'

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry committed an unforced error while running for president in 2004, asking for tomatoes, lettuce and Swiss cheese at Pat's.

That made him the butt of jokes in southeastern Pennsylvania and cemented his reputation as a pinky-raising effete snob.

Kerry won the Keystone State anyway, but lost the White House to President George W. Bush.

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He treated her like his queen, seating her on a gilded chair in a palatial room to impress visitors and waxed lyrical about how it was she, above all women, who’d ‘made him the man he was’.

Given that Donald Trump, we now know, is the type of man who talks about women in the vilest language and boasts of being able to grope them with impunity, one may wonder whether his mother would actually view that as a compliment nowadays.

With Trump’s Neanderthal attitude to women now, astonishingly, the issue that looks likely to seal the result of the U.S. presidential election next month, it’s inevitable that many are asking where on earth these views came from.

What sort of mother produces a man like Donald Trump? Well, one whose roots are intriguingly close to home, it turns out.

At first viewing, there’s little to explain why the humble Mary Anne Trump (nee MacLeod) — a hard-working, church-going Scot and fiercely devoted wife who died in 2000 aged 88 — could have spawned such a foul-mouthed philanderer.

Born in a crofter’s cottage in the Outer Hebrides, according to her son she arrived in New York so poor she didn’t even have shoes on her feet, yet went on to become a fixture of the city’s society and philanthropic scene.

The provenance of Trump’s penchant for bizarre hair styles and garish bling, at least, are indisputable. Long before Donald’s ludicrous coiffure, Mary became known for dramatic bouffant hair-dos enlivened with a dramatic dyed-orange swirl. She would drape herself in furs and jewellery, looking like a female version of Liberace.

When the British TV journalist Selina Scott was granted an audience with Mrs Trump while making a 1995 documentary about her son, she remarked how perfectly groomed she was. The 83-year-old Trump matriarch was now wearing Chanel on those once-bare feet.

Scott recalled: ‘Her finger nails were a shiny scarlet, the hair coiffured, her manner impeccable — the perfect wealthy American matron, all trace of the humble Scottish lass airbrushed away. The trophy mother.’ Donald, she added, ‘clearly worshipped her’.

But perhaps it is that hero worship of her as the ‘perfect wife and mother’ that goes some way to explain Trump’s skewed attitude to women today.

In his memoirs, Trump said he admired the way she was happy to be a housewife, while never ‘griping and bitching’ that her husband, Fred, a self-made property developer, wasn’t at home.

A gentle but determined woman, she spent much of her life in the shadow of a controlling, driven husband, and then a controlling, driven son. As Trump biographer Michael D’Antonio put it: ‘She was, in her quieter way, as tough, stubborn and ambitious as her husband.’

Trump himself described her as ‘silently competitive’ with ‘a great fighting spirit, like Braveheart’.

But for all the superlatives he occasionally heaped on her, Trump — taught by his father to respect only wealth and business success — could never mention the fact she was a ‘housewife’ without being patronising about women.

It was funny, he once mused, that his mother was a housewife all her life ‘and yet’ he had ‘hired a lot of women for top jobs, and they’ve been among my best people’.

Clearly, the disparity sat uncomfortably with Trump. He worshipped his mother, but didn’t admire her. She represented everything he adored in women, and found that all other women fell short.

He once tried, clumsily, to sum it up thus: ‘Part of the problem I’ve had with women has been in having to compare them to my incredible mother. She is smart as hell.’

Yet he later went on to admit he’d never thought his mother was particularly clever until his sister Maryanne told him that she was.

Trump doesn’t mention her in his biography on his official website, either. And despite her epitomising a rags-to-riches American Dream story that could inspire voters, he has avoided bringing her up during his campaign.

Still, he believed he had inherited at least one good quality from her. While his dour father was painfully awkward and shy, Mary was vivacious, the life and soul of a party.

‘Looking back, I realise now that I got some of my sense of showmanship from my mother,’ Trump wrote in his memoirs with his typical modesty. Certainly, his gaudy, glitzy taste didn’t come from his penny-pinching father, either.

The youngest child of a family of ten, Mary Anne MacLeod was born in 1912, in the small village of Tong on the Isle of Lewis. Her family were ex-crofters and her father worked as a fisherman, but the island’s economy was destroyed by the huge loss of local men in World War I.

Economic necessity drove her to follow three of her sisters and start a new life in the U.S. Mary, whose first language was Gaelic, took the SS Transylvania from Glasgow to New York in 1930.

Given her son’s uncompromising stance on illegal **immigration**, some have questioned whether she flouted border laws and arrived on a tourist visa, although it turns out Mary did, in fact, have full **immigrant** status when she set sail.

With just $50 to her name, she went to live in Long Island, New York, with an older sister, Catherine, who had fled Lewis to escape the disgrace of having a child out of wedlock.

Mary, a slender, attractive brunette with blue eyes, worked as a servant for four years before Catherine introduced her to Fred Trump, a gruff, workaholic New York builder, at a dance. Fred, who a few years earlier had been arrested at a Ku Klux Klan rally, went home and told his parents he had met his future wife.

They married in 1936 and he treated her to a 24-hour honeymoon in the unlovely New Jersey resort of Atlantic City before getting back to his all-consuming quest to make money. He made a fortune in the post-war housing boom, putting up cheap apartment buildings which he refused to rent to black tenants.

The now-wealthy Trumps eventually moved into a 23-room red brick mock Georgian mansion in the well-to-do Jamaica Estates neighbourhood of the New York borough of Queens. He had a Cadillac, she a Rolls-Royce, and they also had a chauffeur. Mary became a full, naturalised American citizen in 1942.

The Trumps had five children, although the eldest of the three boys, Fred Jr, died of alcoholism in 1981. A demanding and authoritarian patriarch whose chauvinism makes his son Donald look like a hardened feminist, Fred Snr dominated the family home, enforcing curfews on the children and banning pets, bad language and even snacking between meals.

When he came home each night, Mary would dutifully report on how the children had behaved and he would hand out punishments that ranged from being grounded to smacked with a wooden spoon. Even Donald admitted his father, though a ‘wonderful guy’, was ‘not the easiest person to be married to’.

Despite bringing up five children largely on her own, the public-spirited Mrs Trump also did voluntary work at a local hospital, running herself into the ground with her workload.

She eventually became seriously ill with an abdominal infection. Daughter Maryanne, now a federal judge, recalled Fred bluntly announcing that her mother ‘wasn’t expected to live but I should go to school and he’d call me if anything changed’.

She pulled through, and her daughters, perhaps inevitably, were far closer to their mother than their father, leaving Trump Snr to work on toughening up his sons, determined that the immensely competitive Donald and his two brothers should become as obsessive about business as he was. ‘You are a king, you are a killer!’ he urged them to tell themselves.

Mary, who of course knew all about poverty, shared her husband’s views on saving money, and they tried to pass them on to their children. She would regularly head off in her Rolls-Royce to Trump-owned apartment buildings just to collect the coins from the washing machines.

Similarly, Trump Snr would go around his building sites after work, collecting dropped nails which he would make his workmen reuse. The boys were made to go with him, gathering empty bottles for their deposits.

If there was much sentimentality permitted in the family, Donald Trump has never mentioned it. What he preferred to dwell on endlessly is how he was inspired by his father’s relentless work ethic and driven to try to match his wealth.

Trump Snr was rarely at home, but there was never any hint that he cheated during his marriage — unlike his son, of course. Donald insists his mother remained ‘devoted’ to her husband during their 54-year marriage, dying just a year after he did.

What must it have been like being married to a man like Fred Trump? His former daughter-in-law Ivana deftly answered that question years later when she recounted going to a restaurant with her in-laws.

The men chose steak, but when Ivana tried to order fish, Fred insisted she have steak, too. Ivana stood her ground. When they got home, Donald remonstrated with her, claiming his father said it only ‘out of love’.

As he explained in his 1997 memoir, The Art Of The Comeback, Donald Trump thought he ‘grew up in a very normal family’, one in which ‘aggression, sex drive, and everything that goes along with it was on the man’s part of the table, not the woman’s’.

Mary was, Donald recalled, a ‘very traditional housewife, but always had a sense of the world beyond her’. She was ‘enthralled by pomp and circumstance, the whole idea of royalty and glamour’, he added.

He vividly remembered her ‘sitting down in front of the television to watch Queen Elizabeth’s 1953 coronation and not budging for an entire day’ as her husband became ever more impatient.

In later life, Mrs Trump wasn’t scared to show she disapproved of her celebrity son’s shameless womanising. In 1990, he was estranged from wife Ivana over his affair with model Marla Maples — but Mary attended Ivana’s birthday party and read out a poem she had written for her. Ivana would ‘always be a member of the family’, she said pointedly.

The following year, Mary, by now 79, was mugged in the street, suffering broken ribs and a bruised face after she fought with an attacker over just $14 in her purse.

She never forgot her roots, revisiting Scotland more than 20 times and staying in regular touch with relatives.

In 2008, Donald and his sister, Maryanne, visited Lewis. Later, she — and not her much richer brother — donated £150,000 to a care home there in their mother’s memory. ‘She was a great inspiration,’ Trump told the Scottish media, while Maryanne said their mother would have been ‘so proud of seeing Donald here today — how well he has done, all the good he has done, the TV star that he is’.

That, of course, was years before he launched a toxic campaign for the White House and before he faced disturbing allegations of sexually abusing women, which he categorically denies.

If only, one can’t help feeling, Donald Trump had turned out a little more like his mother and a little less like his father.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**On Friday night at The Beverly Hilton Hotel, Ridley Scott was garlanded with the 30th American Cinematheque Award.

Among the cavalcade of celebrities on the red carpet, Sigourney Weaver was a showstopper in gold-coloured metallic trousers and a matching coat.

Matt Damon had handed off the prize to his The Martian director, whilst Bradley Cooper was also in attendance to present the Sid Grauman Award to Sue Kroll.

Weaver, whom Scott directed in the seminal horror film **Alien**, wore a multicoloured tie about her still enviably svelte waist.

The 67-year-old accessorised with a clutch made to look like an old and valuable book, complete with gold paint slathered across the edges of the pages.

She completed her look with a pair of black and gold stilettos, which for good measure featured bright blue ankle straps.

Meanwhile, the The Bourne Supremacy star's musclebound arms bulged through the jacket of the elegant black suit he wore for the event.

Cooper, who's let a full beard grow in, had slicked his burgeoning mullet back as he posed next to Kroll, who's President Of Worldwide Marketing And Distribution at Warner Brother's.

The Sid Grauman winner's black dress worked its way up to an elaborate sprawl of lace and netting over her shoulders and cleavage.

The event was hosted by a tuxedoed Russell Crowe, who won an Oscar for his star turn in Scott's 2000 opus Gladiator.

Borys Kit, a writer for The Hollywood Reporter, tweeted from the event that the 52-year-old, whom the 78-year-old also directed in American Gangster and Robin Hood, quipped in his remarks: 'Let's grab this night by the p\*\*\*y.'

Kristen Wiig, whom the Gladiator helmsman directed in The Martian, wore an orange dress streaked with strips of gold that bore a plunging neckline.

Noomi Rapace, the leading lady of Scott's 2012 **Alien** prequel Prometheus, wore an elaborate strapless pink number speckled with black polka dots and a swirling black lace pattern.

A chunk of her red hair was pulled over her forehead to the point of nearly concealing her eyes as she stood for the cameras on the red carpet.

The event saw a glimpse of Scott's future casts as well. Katherine Waterston, who along with Michael Fassbender will head up his forthcoming film **Alien**: Covenant, wore a Grecian cream-coloured backless gown.

Her cleavage plunged all the way down to her waistline, the cream straps on either side of it containing pops of hot pink.

Josh Hartnett, star of the honoured director's Black Hawk Down, cut an adorable figure as he shoved his hands into the pockets of his black tuxedo.

Andy Garcia, who led Scott's 1989 film Black Rain opposite Michael Douglas, was dapper as ever in a blue suit and tie with a pale pink pocket square.

Ben Kingsley, of the filmmaker's ill-fated biblical epic Exodus: Gods And Kings, ambled about the red carpet in a black tuxedo.

Jennifer Williams, meanwhile, wore a scene-stealing barely-there black dress. Two strips of sheer fabric fell front and back between the Basketball Wife's bare toned legs, which she emphasised with stilettos.

Her neckline sloped down to her midriff, and where the fabric did exist, it was translucent. Large intricate earrings added a splash of glitz.

Jo Champa let rather less of her décolletage see the air, though a strip across her navy dress did provide a glimpse.

Arcing her leg through her outfit's thigh-slit, she posed next to the award-winner's fellow British director Nigel Lythgoe.

Spanish actress Belén Cuesta wore a black dress that opened in the front to reveal a pair of matching black trousers. Two grey straps stretching over her shoulders and across her back to her waist comprised the only semblance of a top.

Brazilian actress Sônia Braga wore a simply stylish pine green dress that draped about her toned physique, carrying a small black clutch onto the red carpet.

Scott's own romantic partner, Costa Rican actress and producer Gianna Facio, wore a Persian blue dress that provided an ample view of her bust by way of a sheer section over her neckline.

Among the off-screen Hollywood eminences at the event was Jerry Bruckheimer, who'd produced Black Hawk Down in 2001.

The Pirates Of The Caribbean producer donned a basic black tux and stood for photos alongside his wife Linda, whose lacy white top provided a chic clash against her black dress.

Once the event got started, several of the attendees regaled the audience with stories about the director, quotes from which the American Cinematheque were tweeting through the evening.

Weaver dished that whilst shooting **Alien**, 'He clearly revelled in every aspect of making that film.'

Effused the Black Hawk Down leading man: 'Ridley's a very hands-on director. He's a great conductor.'

Dubbing the honouree 'a great, great gift to cinema,' the Gandhi star rattled off descriptors including the faintly redundant 'non-derivative' and 'original,' as well as 'elemental.'

The Saturday Night Live alumna, meanwhile, opened up about her onetime director's penchant for a laugh. 'People around town call him Giggly Scott.'

The **Alien**: Covenant leading lady vamped: 'I love you more than the other ones. I'd take a bullet for you.'

Cooper had plenty of warm words for Kroll as well, explaining: 'What's her magic? Care. She has a tangible personal investment in every movie.'

When she herself took the stage, the Warner Bros top brass said that despite her success and high-flying position, 'I will always be that person sitting in the dark of the theatre.'

Damon made his onstage appearance to present to Scott, telling him: 'It's one of the great privileges of my life to work with you.'

Accepting the prize, Scott called filmmaking 'our passion. It's not work. That's how it's always been.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Researchers surveyed over 1,500 Americans from across the country

\* Top fears are government corruption, terrorist attacks, and money trouble

\* Also looked at belief in conspiracy theories, finding 'a degree of paranoia'

\* The survey also revealed 'disturbing' insight on Islamophobia in the US

\* And, they found two-thirds of people believe in 'something paranormal'

Clowns and spiders may send an occasional chill down your spine, but according to a new study, Americans are more plagued by the thought of Obamacare, gun control, and government corruption.

More than 1,500 adults were asked to rank 79 fears from a wide range of categories, including both man-made and natural disasters, the future, and health.

The results reflect the idea that people fear what they cannot control, with government issues and terrorism topping the list, and reveal that the US is a ‘strongly conspiratorial society’ as many responses exhibited ‘a degree of paranoia.’

TOP 10 FEARS IN THE US

\* Corruption of government officials

\* Terrorist attack on the nation

\* Inadequate funds for the future

\* Victim of terrorism

\* Gun control

\* Loved ones dying

\* Economic/ financial collapse

\* Identity theft

\* Loved ones seriously ill

\* Affordable Health Care Act/ Obamacare

In the annual Chapman University Survey of American Fears, researchers recruited a random sample of 1,511 English-speaking Americans over the age of 18 from across the country.

Participants were asked to indicate their level of fear on numerous examples across 11 major domains.

These were: crime, personal fears, **immigration**/demographic changes, environment, relationships, technology, natural disasters, illness and death, economic, man-made disasters, and government.

The researchers also examined belief in conspiracy theories and Islamophobia, revealing ‘disturbing’ levels of distrust for Muslims among the American population.

Responses showed that people in the US are most concerned about ‘corruption of government officials,’ with 60.6 percent of the group responding that they are either ‘afraid’ or ‘very afraid’ of this phenomenon.

According to the researchers, this same fear was also number one last year.

The top ten list also includes terrorist attacks on the nation (41 percent) and inadequate funds for the future (39.9 percent).

An equal percentage of respondents reported that they were either afraid or very afraid of being the victim or terrorism and gun control, with both of these categories receiving 38.5 percent.

This was followed by the fear of loved ones dying (38.1 percent), economic/financial collapse (35.5 percent), identify theft (37.1 percent), loved ones seriously ill (35.9 percent), and the Affordable Health Care Act (35.5).

WHAT AMERICANS FEAR THE MOST

1. Corrupt government officials

2. Terrorist Attack Manmade Disasters

3. Not having enough money for the future

4. Terrorism

5. Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition

6. People I love dying

7. Economic/financial collapse

8. Identity theft

9. People I love becoming seriously ill

10. The Affordable Health Care Act/Obamacare

11. Credit card fraud

12. Biological warfare

13. Reptiles

14. Government tracking of personal data

15. High medical bills

16. The US will be involved in another World War

17. Global warming and climate change

18. Nuclear weapons attack

19. Cyber-terrorism

20. Being hit by a drunk driver

21. Pollution of oceans, rivers and lakes

22. Devastating tornado

23. Pandemic or a major epidemic

24. Corporate tracking of personal data

25. Extinction of plant and animal species

26. Pollution of drinking water

27. Break-ins

28. Widespread civil unrest

29. Nuclear accident/meltdown

30. Random/mass shooting

31. Oil spills

32. Collapse of the electrical grid

33. Public speaking

34. Theft of property

35. Losing my data, photos or other important documents in a disaster

36. Insects/arachnids

37. Becoming unemployed

38. Heights

39. Devastating drought

40. Illegal **immigration**

41. Devastating hurricane

42. Devastating earthquake

43. Devastating flood

44. Murder by a stranger

45. Devastating blizzard/winter storm

46. Government use of drones within the US

47. Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi scheme, embezzlement, etc.)

48. Sexual assault by a stranger

49. Mugging

50. Gang violence

51. Walking alone at night

52. Deep lakes and oceans

53. Air Pollution

54. Becoming seriously ill

55. Racial/hate crime

56. Police brutality

57. Abduction/kidnapping

58. Becoming the victim of a violent crim

59. Dying

60. Becoming the victim of a property crime

61. Sexual assault by someone you know

62. Whites no longer being the majority in the US

63. Murder by someone you know

64. Stalking

65. Small enclosed spaces

66. Needles

67. Computers replacing people in the workforce

68. Technology I don’t understand

69. Large volcanic eruption

70. Germs

71. Flying

72. Blood

73. Animals (dogs, rats, etc).

74. Significant other cheating on you

75. Zombies

76. Strangers

77. Ghosts

78. Clowns

79. Others talking about you behind your back

‘The 2016 survey data shows us the top fears have shifted from last year’s, which were heavily based in economic and ‘big brother’ type issues to include more health and financial fears this year,’ said Christopher Bader, PhD, professor of sociology at Chapman University, who led the team effort.

‘People often fear what they cannot control, and we find continued evidence of that in our top fears.’

The researchers also investigated belief in conspiracy theories, and participants were asked about their beliefs on nine different popular topics, including the JFK assassination, Barack Obama’s birth certificate, **alien** encounters, the moon landings, and the 9/11 attacks.

Their responses suggest the United States is rife with conspiracy theorists – and those most likely to fall within this category were employed, low-income Republicans with lower levels of education, who were likely to be Catholic or a Christian denomination, but rarely attend religious services.

‘We found clear evidence that the United States is a strongly conspiratorial society,’ said Dr Bader.

‘We see a degree of paranoia in the responses.

'Most indicative is nearly one-third of respondents believed the government is concealing information about ‘the North Dakota crash,’ a theory we asked about that – to our knowledge – we made up,' the researcher continued.

‘Conspiracy theorists tend to be more pessimistic about the near future, fearful of government, less trusting of other people in their lives and more likely to engage in actions due to their fears, such as purchasing a gun.’

STUDY REVEALS 'DISTURBING' TREND OF ISLAMOPHOBIA

The 2016 Chapman University Survey of American Fears has revealed troubling new insight on the rise of Islamophobia.

According to the researchers, nearly half of American respondents said they would not be comfortable with a Mosque being built in the neighbourhood.

Along with this, one-third reported that Muslims are more likely to engage in terrorism, and agreed that the US should put a stop to **immigration** from Muslim nations.

The researchers say these beliefs varied dramatically based on the participant’s origins within the country.

People living in urban areas were less likely to distrust Muslims or support institutionalized discrimination, they found, and men were more likely to hold anti-Muslim opinions than women.

Along with this, they found that white Americans had much higher levels of Islamophobia than non-whites, and that Republicans were far more likely to have anti-Muslim views than Democrats, while Independents fell in the middle.

‘For a nation that touts its commitment to religious liberty, the prevalence of these beliefs should be disturbing,’ said Ed Day, PhD, chair of the department of sociology at Chapman University and one of the three researchers on the survey.

According to the researcher, the results ‘show significant portions of the US population distrust Muslims and believe the nation is justified in singling out one religious tradition for increased law enforcement scrutiny.

‘Those with Islamophobic views are more likely to be rural, male, white, older, and lacking a college education. However, the survey data do not allow us to dig deeply into the sources of anti-Muslim prejudice. Regardless of the sources, the prevalence of anti-Muslim sentiment is a concern.’

Beliefs in the paranormal were also brought to light in the survey, as researchers found that more Americans now believe in supernatural phenomena than last year.

Participants were asked about a number of beliefs, including Bigfoot, psychic powers, haunted houses, and **alien** visits.

More than half of the respondents reported that they believe places can be haunted by spirits, while only 13 percent believed in the existence of Bigfoot.

Overall, however, the researchers say two-thirds of Americans believe in ‘something paranormal.’

And, those most likely to have such ideas were religious, being either Catholic, Protestant, just Christian, or a non-Catholic religion, attend church infrequently, and have a low income and low education status.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump rattled off a litany of Wikileaks revelations before a Florida crowd on Tuesday night

\* He hit his Democratic opponent on her embarrassing 'open trade and open borders' speech and railed against her campaign's criticism of Catholics

\* Teleprompter-aided speech said Clinton wants 'to end forever the American independence that our founders gave to us'

\* Trump spent more than 20 minutes detailed embarrassing bombshells hacked from Clinton's campaign chairman's email account

\* He called them 'the latest evidence of the hatred that the Clinton campaign has, really, for everyday Americans'

Donald Trump took full advantage Tuesday night of the day's document cascade released by Wikileaks, telling a Florida crowd that Hillary Clinton's campaign is full of 'so much corruption' that his administration would be obligated to launch a new criminal probe of her actions during and after her tenure at the State Department.

'We have to investigate Hillary Clinton, and we have to investigate the investigation!' he said in the seaside town of Panama City Beach.

'She was a disaster,' Trump claimed, recalling her time as a carpetbagging U.S. senator from New York.

'And she's a bad person. Remember that. She's a bad, bad person.'

More than half of Trump's 51-minute speech in an outdoor amphitheater consisted of new material, courtesy of fresh Wikileaks revelations that came from a hack attack on her campaign chairman John Podesta's private email account.

By the time a crowd estimated at 8,000 filed back to their cars, he had accused her of secretly plotting to eliminate America's national borders in favor of a single global government with control over trade and **immigration**.

'Speaking in secret to a foreign bank, again just revealed, Hillary said "My dream is a hemispheric common market with open trade and open borders",' Trump said, quoting a digest of previously undisclosed transcripts of speeches she delivered on Wall Street for an average of $225,000 each.

'Well, there goes the rest of your businesses. And there goes your country, folks,' he fumed as a helicopter buzzed overhead flashing a 'Make America Great Again' message on its underbelly.

'Behind closed doors when she thought no one was listening, she pledged to dissolve the borders of the United States of America. No borders!'

'If you don't have borders, we don't have a country,' said a suddenly sullen Trump.

Trump's speech, scrolling across a paid of teleprompters, lurched from the technical to the dramatic, touching on the mechanics of post-Haiti-earthquake Clinton Foundation relief efforts one minute, and lapsing into sweeping patriotic prose in the next.

'Wikileaks has given us a window into the secret corridors of government power,' he said, 'where we see a former secretary of state announcing her desire to end forever the American independence that our founders gave to us and wanted us to have.'

'American soldiers have fought and died to win and keep America's freedom, and now Hillary Clinton wants to surrender that freedom to these open borders, open trade, and a world government.'

Trump accused her of both pining for deeper U.S. military entanglements overseas and plotting to abandon the protection of America's geographic and cultural identity.

'We're protecting the borders of foreign countries,' he said, forecasting a new Clinton administration. 'But not our borders.'

'These Wikileaks emails confirm what those of us here today have known all along: Hillary Clinton is the vessel of a corrupt globalist establishment that's raiding our country and surrendering the sovereignty of our nation,' he said.

'This criminal government cartel doesn't recognize borders but believes in global governance, unlimited **immigration** and rule by corporations.'

Trump also stretched the bounds of what Tuesday's Wikileaks document-dump demonstrated, claiming that one email showed the U.S. Justice Department sharing confidential information with Clinton that was related to an FBI investigation into her mishandling of classified material.

'Today we learned, amazingly, that the Department of Justice fed information to the Clinton campaign about the email investigation so that the campaign could be prepared to cover up her crimes,' he boomed. 'What is going on?'

His crowd chanted 'Lock her up!' as he pledged to appoint a special prosecutor to re-investigate her.

But the leak from the DOJ described in the email actually concerned a civil lawsuit that sought to wrestle some of Clinton's emails – which contained classified information – away from the State Department she once led.

The lawsuit, one of hundreds filed to force State to obey the Freedom of Information Act, had an open court docket whose contents were widely available.

A more genuine Wikileaks bombshell that Trump recounted described preferential treatment the Clinton Foundation gave to 'Friends of Bill' – the former president's inner circle – when awarding redevelopment contracts in Haiti.

Those awards often led to a swifter current of cash back to the Clintons' family foundation, and in some cases appeared linked to lucrative speaking engagements that later flowed to Bill Clinton personally.

'The Clintons couldn't stop cashing in,' Trump charged.

'As people were dying in Haiti, Clinton insiders were separating out requests from "friends Of Bill" or "William Jefferson Clinton VIPs" so that their business interests or contracts would receive very special treatment.'

'People who were labeled "Not friends of Bill" were placed very much on the sidelines.'

'We should never forget how Bill and Hillary Clinton handled Haiti the last time out,' he said. 'To all of our friends in Haiti... your day of justice is coming, and it arrives on November 8.'

Trump also bashed the Clintons over one leaked email showing recommendations from a senior fellow at the left-wing Center for American Progress, describing conservative Roman Catholics as embracing 'severely backwards gender relations.'

Jennifer Palmieri, now Hillary Clinton's campaign communications director, agreed.

'I imagine they think it is the most socially acceptable politically conservative religion,' she responded. 'Their rich friends wouldn't understand if they became evangelicals.'

Trump played it to the hilt.

'While this is offensive, it's just the latest evidence of the hatred that the Clinton campaign has, really, for everyday Americans,' he said Tuesday night. 'And you see it. And you see so much from this Wikileaks.'

The Republican presidential nominee used a pastiche of emails released by Wikileaks to claim America's mass-media are aligned against him as 'an extension of Hillary Clinton's campaign.'

'Reporters who work for these outlets like The Washington Post or The New York Times may think of themselves as journalists,' he said, 'but they're actually just cogs in a corporate political machine.'

He cited one Wikileaks email from Podesta's account that showed a Times reporter offering Palmieri the chance to overrule him on including interview quotes in an article.

'The New York Times even gave Clinton veto power over her quotes in a major story,' he marveled.

'I've never heard of that! I'd like to have veto power when they misquote me all the time.'

And he blasted the Democratic National Committee's then-vice chair Donna Brazile – now the party's acting chairwoman – for colluding with CNN to give Clinton an unfair advantage over Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, then her intraparty rival, before a televised town hall event.

'The emails also show that Hillary was given CNN town hall questions before her big debate against Bernie Sanders. Is that possible?' he asked.

'Donna Brazile, the DNC vice-chair, emailed – "From time to time, I get questions in advance" she said. Oh, that's fair!'

Warming up the crowd for Trump, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani latched on to another Wikileaks document that recounted Clinton describing in a speech how it was helpful to embrace one position publicly while embracing the opposite view privately.

'Do you know what it means to say that you have a public and private position?' Giuliani roared. 'It means you lie! You're a liar!'

'I say one thing back there to the rich people I want to get money from, and then I say something totally different. And boy, did she do that! Time after time after time after time.'

'It is impossible to know if Hillary Clinton is telling the truth,' he claimed.

'I actually believe when I look at all these Wikileaks, we may be dealing with a pathological liar. She could possibly pass a polygraph test while she was lying. It's possible!'

Trump on Tuesday was full of his usual vim, vigor, pomp and circumstance.

'America, if I get elected,' he said at one point, will become –'

Two women near the stage shouted, 'When?'

'"When? When?" They always go, "When? when?"' Trump remarked.

'But I like to, you know, kinda leave it. You don't want to seem too egotistical.'

'You'd better make sure we win or there will be no more Trump rallies,' he joked.

'The hell with that!'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* House Speaker Paul Ryan told fellow Republicans Monday 'you all need to do what's best for you and your district'

\* The Speaker said he will no longer campaign with Republican nominee b ut he didn't rescind his endorsement

\* Trump hit back Monday saying Ryan 'should more time on balancing the budget, jobs and illegal **immigration** and not waste his time on fighting Republican nominee'

\* 'It is so nice that the shackles have been taken off me'

\* He stoked the controversy again on Tuesday with a tweet

\* He deleted the tweet, then posted it again about 40 minutes later with a typo fixed

\* Ryan made his stunning announcement that he won't campaign for Trump on conference call with fellow House Republicans Monday morning

\* The call occurred days after an 11-year old tape featuring crude comments by the nominee about women

If this was the restrained Donald Trump, establishment Republicans led by Speaker Paul Ryan are about to find out what the unshackled one is like.

In an escalating feud that highlights the internal GOP schism over Trump's candidacy, the Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump unloaded on Ryan a day after Ryan told fellow Republicans he would not campaign for his own party's nominee.

Trump blasted Ryan for for providing 'zero support' for his campaign – then hinted there was much more to come.

'It is so nice that the shackles have been taken off me and I can now fight for America the way I want to,' Trump tweeted late Tuesday morning.

He started the barrage against Ryan with an early morning tweet.

'Our very weak and ineffective leader, Paul Ryan, had a bad conference call where his members went wild at his disloyalty,' the GOP presidential candidate tweeted Tuesday, the day after Ryan distanced himself from Trump on a GOP conference call.

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'Despite winning the second debate in a landslide (every poll), it is hard to do well when Paul Ryan and others give zero support!' Trump wrote in another tweet.

Trump sent out the initial tweet Tuesday morning, then deleted it and sent it out again after correcting the spelling of the word 'despite.'

It was Trump's second shot at Ryan in as many days, after Ryan said he won't campaign for GOP presidential nominee in a stunning party split.

Trump was referencing pushback Ryan received on the call from conservative fellow-Republicans like Rep. Louis Gohmert of Texas, who urged his colleagues to stand by Trump.

Appearing on Fox News on Tuesday, Gohmert, a Texas Republican, blamed Bill Clinton for Trump's comments on the infamous 'p\*\*\*\*' tape.

'Trump has said some things that are very vile back when he was supporting people like Bill Clinton, but if you’re Bill Clinton’s big buddy, like he was at one time, you’re going to talk like Bill Clinton and I think we need to forgive him for talking like big Democrats, like Clinton and other foul-mouthed people,' Gohmert said.

'Now he is a Republican, James Dobson tells me he’s become a Christian. So look, we forgive him for the past because he’s asked for it.'

Trump, who's campaign has been marked by a series of escalating insults of opponents and establishment figures from his own party, then tweeted that, 'It is so nice that the shackles have been taken off me and I can now fight for America the way I want to.'

Ryan's response to the slew of attacks was mild.

His office said he's focused on defeating Democrats 'and all Republicans running for office should probably do the same.'

As word first broke about Ryan's decision not to campaign for Trump Monday, Ryan spokeswoman AshLee Strong told DailyMail.com: 'The speaker is going to spend the next month focused entirely on protecting our congressional majorities.

Trump responded to the news on Twitter saying: 'Paul Ryan should more time on balancing the budget, jobs and illegal **immigration** and not waste his time on fighting Republican nominee.'

Ryan has spent decades carving out a role as a budget expert and once chaired the House Budget Committee.

Trump had been set to appear with Ryan at his annual 'Fall Fest' when the explosive 'Access Hollywood' tapes emerged. He got asked not to attend, and vice presidential nominee Mike Pence later withdrew.

The clash comes as more than three dozen other elected Republicans bailed on Trump following the release of the 11-year old tape of Trump making crude comments about women before taping an appearance on a soap opera.

Ryan, who has endorsed Trump, won't even be seen with his party's nominee before the November 8th election – and will not defend him, after the candidate himself apologized for lewd comments about women captured on an 11-year old video.

Ryan himself had been considered a possible 2016 presidential candidate but deferred. Some backers even hoped he would jump in the race late to 'stop Trump.'

Ryan is still considered a possible 2020 presidential prospect – a role that could put him on a collision course with Trump forces should Trump lose the election and still seek to influence the outcome one way or another.

Former House leadership staffer Doug Heye said of Ryan's dilemma: 'He's got a conscience problem going where other Republicans are.' He told DailyMail.com: 'He's not going to completely dump him and risk a revolt... But he's not going to defend the indefensible.'

'The easy thing to do would be to just completely dump him,' he said.

Republicans held a Monday morning conference call to assess the damage done by the latest taped revelations, as polling has showed Hillary Clinton pulling away in critical swing states.

Ryan endorsed Trump after a lengthy period of contemplation where he at first said he wasn't 'ready' to back his party's nominee given prior controversial statements.

'There is no update in his position at this time,' his spokeswoman said about Ryan's apparently still-intact endorsement.

And he is not yet granting that Democrat Hillary Clinton will be the next president. 'He said explicitly on the call he is not conceding,' said Strong.

'He said he will not defend Trump or campaign with him for the next 30 days,' a person on the call said according to AFP.

Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, appeared to try to warn Ryan Monday morning in comments on CBS.

'I certainly hope Speaker Ryan keeps his word and his endorsement of Donald Trump,' Conway said.

'Speaker Ryan, of course, took to the stage in Wisconsin in his event and faced some boos from the crowd because those who were [there] expected to see Donald Trump,' she added. 'But we're happy the speaker of the House has endorsed the nominee Donald Trump.'

The Clinton campaign tweeted after the stunning news broke: ''Ryan is still endorsing Trump.'

Trump campaign spokesman Jason Miller was unfazed by the development in a tweet.

'Nothing's changed. Mr. Trump’s campaign has always been powered by a grassroots movement, not Washington.

Ryan's announcement came just hours after Trump and Clinton faced off in the second presidential debate.

Observers said Trump's performance was considerably stronger than it was in the first debate – but Trump rejected advice offered publicly by leading Republicans to steer clear of attacks on charges by women against former president Bill Clinton.

Instead, Trump brought Bill Clinton accusers Paula Jones, Kathleen Willey, and Juanita Broaddrick to a surprise press conference and invited them as his guests inside the debate.

Ryan made his announcement to fellow Republicans amid concern among their ranks that the campaign Trump is running may not only prove unsuccessful, but could imperil the GOP's Senate majority or even its House majority.

More than three dozen senators, governors, and members of Congress have said they will not vote for their party's nominee, according to a USA Today survey up until Sunday night.

Among them is 2008 GOP Senator John McCain, who is up for reelection, and said he will instead write in 'the name of some good conservative Republican who is qualified to be President.'

Ohio Senator Rob Portman, who is outperforming Trump in the critical battleground state, announced, 'While I continue to respect those who still support Donald Trump, I can no longer support him. I continue to believe our country cannot afford a Hillary. I will be voting for Mike Pence for President,' in reference to Trump's running mate.

The obvious split in the party will be on display when Ryan barnstorms the country supporting other GOP candidates not named Trump.

Ryan plans to appear in 17 states and 42 cities this month, Politico reported.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Republicans are rising in revolt against his Stone Age take on women

\* This presidential candidate is unlikely to survive these video images

\* Max Hastings' take on the closing stages of American presidential race

The horror movie that is Donald Trump was scheduled to climax on US election day, November 8. Instead, however, we seem to be previewing the outcome four weeks early.

For this monstrous presidential candidate is unlikely to survive these video images of him branding the entire female sex as his playthings, to be exploited at will.

Republicans who have acquiesced in Trump’s racism, lies, financial chicanery, economic innumeracy and crazy world-view, are finally rising in revolt against his Stone Age take on women.

The second presidential TV debate had originally been billed as a big event that might turn a close election.

But following the revelation of Trump’s misogynist remarks, it merely provided Hillary Clinton with a stage on which to share her opponent’s discomfiture with a nationwide TV audience.

The rest of us can mop our brows. Though we are not Americans, and have no votes, the character and policies of a US president influence the lives of us all.

Barack Obama has been a disappointment in the White House, an astonishingly passive leader of the free world despite his marvellous rhetoric.

Yet nobody doubts his grace, intellect and commitment to civilised values. He was never going to plunge the world into a trade war, never mind a nuclear one. Donald Trump is capable of doing so.

Those who know him best avow that he is quite as brutish, untrustworthy and reckless as he seems. Yet 13million Republicans voted for him in their party primaries, and, for months, opinion polls have shown the presidential race to be alarmingly close.

Until recent days, it seemed perfectly possible that Trump could achieve a supreme triumph for the celebrity culture, by capturing the White House on the strength of mere TV notoriety uncompromised by a single day’s experience of governing.

Now, though, despite Hillary Clinton’s unpopularity, a few minutes’ video footage seems to have handed her the presidency.

Yet it is sobering to consider that if that proves so, the US electorate will have rejected Trump not because of his lunatic policies, but merely because of his personal depravity.

Once we stop rejoicing at the man’s eclipse, it’s vital we should think hard about the electoral mood that has carried him so close to power.

Popular anger and frustration are as conspicuous in the European democracies as in the US. Voters believe the established order is failing them – that they have been betrayed by politicians.

Thus, they succumb to snake-oil salesmen who promise the earth, who hold out a prospect of wafting them back to the dreamy days when Judy Garland sang Over The Rainbow.

Among Trump’s declared supporters, 81 per cent say they believe that life in America for people like them is worse than it was 50 years ago.

Statistically, this is nonsense. Like us Europeans, they are richer, healthier, safer, longer-lived than were their parents. But people find it hard to believe as much, amid social changes they deplore.

The most obvious manifestation is **immigration**. Trump has made himself the voice of white America and its concerns over the growing influence of Latinos, blacks and Muslims.

The conventional wisdom a few years ago was that no politician of any party could prosper on a declared racist ticket. Trump has proved them wrong.

The message for every politician in the Western world is that voters insist upon a right to an honest debate about migrants and politicians must display a respect, that has hitherto been absent, for citizens’ right to decide the scale of permitted **immigration**.

Beyond raw numbers, it is scarcely surprising that they become nervous of Muslims, when Islamic extremism represents a genuine threat.

Trump also touched a nerve with his attacks on big business, and especially banks. He said it was a scandal that the people who created the 2008 financial crisis are still rich and free, and he is right.

As long as capitalism continues lavishly to reward fat-cats who fail, how can workers on stagnant incomes be blamed for their bitterness?

His appeal to isolationism also struck home. After failed wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, together with the Libyan shambles, Americans ask: why should we spend billions defending people who display no gratitude, alongside Nato allies who refuse to pay their share?

Isolationism will not go away if Trump loses next month.

Above all, the issue that boosted Trump is economic insecurity. He made himself the standard-bearer for ‘forgotten America’, the decent white lower middle-class that sees its jobs vanishing at a terrifying rate.

Trump tells people that they should blame free trade and Chinese ‘job theft’. In truth, technology and irresistible global forces are responsible, and he has no credible remedies.

I wrote from Washington back in February that one of the weirdest aspects of the Trump phenomenon is that he tapped into a national delusion that America is going down the tube, when most foreign visitors remain awed by its achievements.

Clinton and her political kin have a mountain to climb after the election: they must rebuild faith in the capacity of the system to make things better; to generate hope of new jobs, new lives, a new deal, in place of the despair that drives Trumpery.

She must strive to wean Americans off the hate that suffuses too many, especially in the southern states, and exemplified by the loathing of Obama.

Republican leaders who allowed Trump to hijack their party, deserve every smidgen of the embarrassment and indeed humiliation he has now inflicted upon them.

Since 2008, Republicans have paralysed the process of government in obedience to their own grassroots extremists, rejecting the compromises inseparable from all policy-making.

Whether the Trump shipwreck will bring them to their senses is, alas, by no means assured.

This story will not end on polling day, because the forces that enabled this pseudo-Republican to become the most despicable major party candidate in US history will still be out there.

No one can celebrate the manner of Trump’s undoing over the past few days, which merely emphasises his essential squalor.

But we in Britain, as well as every civilised American, can sleep easier through the coming month, because the nightmare of a Trump presidency is receding, if not yet quite banished.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Letterman, 69, says he felt 'flattered' and 'proud' that Hillary Clinton's campaign used his on-air exchange with Donald Trump in attack ad

\* Trump had been a frequent guest on The Late Show, and Letterman described him as 'perfect guest'

\* Letterman called out the GOP candidate for calling **immigrants** 'rapists' and mocking a disabled reporter

David Letterman pulled no punches when asked about Donald Trump, whom he lambasted as a ‘damaged human being’ who may be in need of psychiatric help.

The 69-year-old retired talk show host also revealed that he was ‘proud’ that a segment from The Late Show showing him poking fun at Trump ended up in Hillary Clinton’s attack ad, and claimed that if he still had his bully pulpit, he ‘would have gone right after’ the GOP hopeful, unlike some of his successors in late night.

Letterman, who is currently promoting the New National Geographic series Years of Living Dangerously, shared his thoughts on the presidential campaign in general, and the Republican nominee in particular, in a candid interview with the New York Times Wednesday.

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Trump had been a frequent guest on The Late Show during David Letterman’s 33 years as the program's host.

Looking back on his past encounters with the real estate mogul-turned-politician, Mr Letterman said the quintessentially New Yorker 'big blowhard billionaire' was the 'perfect guest' who could take a joke at his expense and would roll with the punches.

When Trump came on the Late Show in 2012, Letterman produced some ties and shirts that were being sold under the Donald Trump brand at Macy's stores and pointed out that they were made in Asia.

That segment would later be prominently featured in a campaign ad for Hillary Clinton, accusing Trump, whose slogan is 'Make America Great Again,' of hypocrisy for outsourcing his merchandise overseas.

According to Letterman, Trump ceased being funny in his eyes the moment he began calling **immigrants** drug dealers and rapists after launching his presidential bid.

‘And everybody swallows hard,’ Letterman said. ‘And they think, oh, well, somebody will take him aside and say, “Don, don’t do that.” But it didn't happen.’

Letterman also strongly condemned Trump for publicly mocking a disabled New York Times reporter while delivering a speech last November, saying that he believed at the time that it would be the end of his campaign.

‘Because if you can do that in a national forum, that says to me that you are a damaged human being,’ the veteran comedian explained. ‘If you can do that, and not apologize, you’re a person to be shunned.'

But that did not happen, and Trump went on to clinch the Republican nomination in July.

'The thing about Trumpy was, I think people just were amused enough about him to keep him afloat in the polls, because nobody wanted the circus to pull up and leave town,’ said Letterman of Trump’s success in the primaries.

When asked about his reaction to the Clinton TV spot showing his confrontation with Trump over his outsourced clothing line, Letterman said he was 'flattered' and 'pleased.'

'I felt like I still have a small voice in this. I thought it was good,’ he told The Times.

Several late-night hosts, most recently Jimmy Fallon, have been roundly criticized for failing to hold Trump's feet to the fire when he would appear on their shows.

In response to a question about Fallon's lighthearted on-air exchange with Trump, Letterman said if he had a show, he 'would have gone right after him.’

'I would have said something like, "Hey, nice to see you. Now, let me ask you: what gives you the right to make fun of a human who is less fortunate, physically, than you are?” And maybe that’s where it would have ended,’ said Letterman.

He then added: ‘But if you see somebody who’s not behaving like any other human you’ve known, that means something. They need an appointment with a psychiatrist. They need a diagnosis and they need a prescription.’

This was not the first time that the outspoken TV veteran discussed Trump’s candidacy in unflattering terms.

In an interview with Tom Brokaw in June, Letterman called Trump 'repugnant' and 'despicable,' but noted at the time that he was not doing anything illegal.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* On October 6, 1976 a Cuban jet - Flight 455 - was blown up by a bomb

\* It had just taken off from Bridgetown in Barbados en route to Jamaica

\* Before 9/11 it was worst act of air terrorism in the western hemisphere

\* For years it has been assumed the CIA helped those who planted the bomb

\* Cuba wants to extradite ex-CIA agent Luis Posada Carriles, 88, for his role

Forty years ago today a Douglas DC-8 aircraft trundled down the runway at Grantley Adams International Airport in Barbados and took off, climbing into a blue Caribbean sky.

As Flight 455 reached 18,000 feet, a bomb went off under an empty seat, the plane's ascent slowed and it began to bank dangerously.

Eight minutes later a second bomb went off in the toilet at the back of the plane and the plane plunged into the ocean.

Everyone on board perished.

Among them were the 73 people on board were a girl aged nine and all 24 members of Cuba's national fencing team, who had won the world championships the previous year.

It was, at the time, the worst terrorist atrocity in the western hemisphere.

But 40 years later the full truth has yet to emerge about who was to blame for the disaster.

The plane was owned by Cubana de Aviación, the state-owned airline of Fidel Castro's Cuba, and suspicions immediately turned to his political opponents and their CIA backers.

Two Venezuelan nationals, Hernán Ricardo and Freddy Lugo were later convicted of their involvement in the bombing and jailed for 20 years.

They had boarded the plane in Caracas, Venezuela, and planted the time bombs before disembarking in Barbados.

Ricardo was paid $25,000 (£20,000) for his part in the atrocity and after his release from prison he reportedly moved to Florida and worked undercover for the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

But the Venezuelans were only part of a wider plot.

Two Cuban exiles, who despised the Castro regime, are believed to have planned it.

Orlando Bosch died in 2011, aged 84, but Luis Posada Carriles, 88, is alive and well and living in the US.

Posada Carriles was a CIA agent who had taken part in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba and retained close links with anti-Castro elements in Florida.

He was jailed in Venezuela for his role in the bombing of Flight 455 but escaped from jail in 1985 and was later jailed in Panama for plotting the assassination of Fidel Castro.

Relations between the US and Cuba, which were frozen solid during the Cold War and for decades afterwards, have started thawing after President Barack Obama's historic announcement in December 2014.

Obama visited Havana earlier this year - the first by a US President in more than half a century- and last week he appointed Jeffrey DeLaurentis to be the first US ambassador to Cuba in 55 years.

But Flight 455 is one of a number of obstacles in the way of better relations.

The Cubans are demanding to know whether the CIA was involved and protesters often march through Havana with photographs of the dead.

The plane was returning to Cuba, via Barbados and Jamaica, after the Pan American Games in Caracas, where the Cuban fencing team had just won gold medals.

Also on board were five North Koreans and 11 people from Guyana, including a girl aged nine.

The airport serving the Barbadian capital, Bridgetown, had only recently been renamed after former prime minister Grantley Adams and was still known as Seawell to most pilots.

Air controllers said the pilot, Wilfredo Pérez, reported an emergency on board soon after take off: 'Seawell, Seawell! CU-455, Seawell...we have an explosion on board...we have a fire on board.'

Dalton Guiller watched the disaster from his boat off the coast of Barbados and told Venezuelan attorney Jose Pertierra: 'It didn't look right. It was too low.

'I then saw the plane rise slightly, bank to the right and crash into the water: nose and wing first.'

He said he steered his boat to the site where he saw the plane came down and he said: 'I saw suitcases, seats, and personal effects. I saw bodies, only one or two of them intact. The others were not full bodies.'

The United States has never admitted any involvement in the fate of Flight 455, let alone apologised for it.

Mr Posada Carriles - who is also wanted by Venezuela in connection with the bombing of Flight 455 - went on trial in Texas in 2011 but, after a trial lasting 13 weeks, the jury acquitted him on 11 counts of perjury and **immigration** fraud.

He had been accused of lying to **immigration** officials about how he got into the US and about his involvement in bomb attacks in Havana in 1997 in which an Italian tourist was killed.

His lawyer told a federal court judge his client admitted taking part in death squads in El Salvador and blowing up a university in Panama but said all his actions in Latin America were 'in the name of Washington'.

The State Department and the CIA have been contacted by Mail Online but have not responded to requests for interviews.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry has also not commented.

WHY US/CUBA RELATIONS COOLED DOWN AND ARE NOW WARMING UP

In March 2016 Barack Obama became the first US president to visit Cuba since Calvin Coolidge in 1928.

The US and Cuba were not on speaking terms for more than 50 years following the 1959 revolution led by Fidel Castro and Che Guevara that overthrew Western-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista.

They installed a communist government and nationalised private businesses, including ones owned and operated by U.S. citizens.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower responded with an embargo and cut off ties with the country a year later.

On April 17, 1961, President John F. Kennedy authorised a failed attempt to overthrow Castro, known as the Bay of Pigs invasion. The next year his administration expanded the embargo against Cuba to cover all areas of the economy.

Eight months later Cuba allowed the Soviets to build a missile base on the island as part of a secret accord, leading to the Cuban Missile Crisis and near nuclear war.

The 13-day stand-off involved U.S. naval ships surrounding the country until the US and the USSR came to an arrangement. The Soviets backed out of Cuba, America abandoned missile bases in Turkey and Italy.

Further sticking it to the Castro regime, President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 approved the Cuban Adjustment Act, which allowed citizens of the authoritarian country to apply for citizenship in the US if they could escape.

The legislation was amended years later to say they must reach dry land in the US to stay.

In 1976 Cuban airliner Flight 455 was blown up off the coast of Barbados, with the death of 73 people. A CIA agent was allegedly involved.

In 1980 Fidel Castro allowed 125,000 Cubans to leave the island for the US in the so-called 'Mariel boatlift' (above). Many of those who went were criminals who were not wanted on the island, like the fictional Tony Montana character played by Al Pacino in Scarface.

In 1996 President Bill Clinton signed legislation specifying the embargo on the country could only be lifted when Fidel and his brother Raul were removed from power, and free and fair elections were held.

Free speech must also be honored and dissidents must be released for the embargo to be removed.

In 2006 Fidel temporarily handed over power to his brother Raul due to illness. His retirement became permanent in 2008.

Three years later, during his first term in office, President Obama began lifting restrictions on travel and remittances to the country.

The two countries resumed diplomatic relations at Obama's urging on Dec. 14, 2015.

Prior to that U.S. and Cuban officials met in secret at the Vatican just outside Rome, Italy, to discuss the terms of reengagement.

Critics of the move say the U.S. got almost nothing in return for the deal. Arrests of Castro's political opponents have risen and Cuba has not made the kids of economic reforms the U.S. is seeking.

In return for Cuba's cooperation, 53 political prisoners, including jailed USAID worker Alan Gross, who had been convicted of espionage charges, were released.

The United States likewise returned three captured Cuban intelligence operatives in the prisoner swap who were part of the Cuban Five, a group that was arrested for spying on the U.S. in 2001.

Cuba was later removed from the State Department's terrorist watch list in May of 2015.

The Obama administration believes the decades-old trade and travel ban on Cuba is fueling oppression in the island nation and wants Congress to throw it out.

Tourism to Cuba is banned but the executive branch has unilaterally relaxed many travel rules and Americans can now go there for educational purposes on their own using the honor code as of last week.

Soon commercial flights to Cuba from the United States will also be available, as well.

Congress says it will not lift the full embargo on Cuba until the conditions set during Bill Clinton's administration are met

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Amanda Sillars was taken by her father from her home in Perth at age 11

\* She said she was **alienated** from her mum and taught to think badly of her

\* Ms Sillars found out years later that her mum had tried to track her down

\* She opened up on the struggles and isolation she felt in the years after

\* Ms Sillars now runs an organisation to help other parental **alienation** cases

Amanda Sillars' life changed forever the day she was taken by her father and **alienated** from her mother.

She was just 11-years-old when her father Ian tore her away from her mother Nola at her home in Perth.

Ms Sillars said her father took her first to Sydney and then 15,000km away to the U.S. along with her brother Mark.

Her parents had separated and her father had moved to Sydney with a new girlfriend. Her brother Mark had gone up for a visit but didn't return.

'I was told he had gone on holiday,' she told Daily Mail Australia.

Then one morning there was a knock at the door from her father and Amanda's life with her mum was suddenly gone.

She has opened up on the isolation she felt after being taken away from her mother.

'My father keeps telling me how wonderful everything is and how lucky I am,' she wrote in an emotional essay.

'He repeats everything to me over and over again. I start to feel like there is something wrong with me because I don't feel lucky or happy. I feel alone and no one understands.'

She added that she was afraid to speak about her mother as she didn't want to disappoint her father.

Ms Sillars relationship with food and exercise became toxic as she tried to cope with the conflicting and painful emotions.

'I was exercising two-three hours a day, and counting calories and grams of fat constantly,' she told the Courier Mail.

For seven long years, Ms Sillars had next to no contact with her mother. It wasn't until Ms Sillars was 18 and had returned to Perth that she saw her mother again.

It was a startling and awkward reunion - the last time she has seen her mother she barely reached her shoulders.

'She is now much shorter than me as I have grown up into a woman. She is frail, her chest and face flushed red,' she details in her essay.

'She looks alcohol ravaged but greets me with a sad smile and a soft hug.'

It was during the reunion Ms Sillars discovered her mother had spent years trying to track down her, but her father had obstructed her at every turn.

'My mum spends the next 15 minutes telling me the great lengths she went to in trying to make contact and hiring investigators to find me,' she wrote.

'She said she sent gifts to the schools that I never received and money in birthday cards. I never saw any of them.'

After parting ways, Ms Sillars attempted to contact her mother again and again, but there was no answer at the number she provided.

One day the phone was disconnected entirely.

Then when she was 19, Ms Sillars received the devastating news that her mother had committed suicide - something she attributes to the behaviour of her father.

'He treated her like she should be punished,' she wrote.

'He did everything he could to emotionally, financially and socially destroy her. And he was successful.'

Ms Sillars now runs Eeny Meeny Miney Mo - an organisation that helps others caught up in cases of parental **alienation** where children are taught to hate the parent they once loved without a valid reason.

She hopes her work with Eeny Meeny Miney Mo will raise awareness and bring about change to children and their loving parents.

'I also run a support group online that has 770 mums and dads also experiencing **alienation** from their children,' she told Daily Mail Australia.

'They [children] are taught to hate the parent they once loved. These children become suppressed, often end up with eating disorders, drug problems, depression and complex trauma.'

She is also working with the University of Tasmania conducting research and working towards having parental **alienation** recognised as domestic violence towards the child and **alienated** parent.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**What do celebs care about?

A whole range of different things according to a new PSA, but they all agree on one: Americans should vote.

The Vote Your Future campaign has released a star-crammed video featuring dozens of famous faces revealing which issues concern them most, and pleading with citizens to make their voice heard come next month's election.

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Leonardo DiCaprio, Kendall Jenner, Robert De Niro, Zendaya, Eva Longoria and Bella Thorne are just some of the names making the plea.

While the three minute clip edits together brief glimpses of each, the Vote Your Future channel contains dozens more clips less than a minute each, of each celeb stating their case.

The videos are non partisan and do not mention either candidate - Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton - by name or party; in fact many of the featured stars urge voters to go to the polls, even if they disagree with them.

However it is not hard to decipher which candidates each celeb is backing... and they are heavily in favour of one in particular.

Among the videos, none are as emotionally charged as a tearful Wilmer Valderrama, who is pushing for **immigration** law reform.

'My community comes here, waves the flag like nobody else — in unity,' he says, welling up.

'In my Latino community, respect is all we want. We take the jobs that people assume don't exist. And somehow we are taking those jobs from people?

'So it's important we get our respect back. It's important we pay tribute to the may generations of **immigrants** who come here and sacrifice everything just to give their kids the education that they never had.'

While he doesn't state who he will be voting for, it is unlikely to be the one who intends building a wall.

Scrubs star Donald Faison is another who gets visibly emotional, as he appeals for racial inequality.

'My kids are brown. There's a possibility that because of the colour of their skin, they're not gonna live past 25... especially my sons,' he said.

Olivia Wilde - who was heavily pregnant when recording - pushed for reproductive rights.

'This election cycle I'm thinking a lot about reproductive rights; everyone's right to plan when they want to have a family. And it's on my mind because I'm literally about to have a baby... like, in a minute,' she said, showing off her huge bump.

'To be able to decide exactly how and when and why and where I want to have a baby, and I believe that is a basic human right.'

An incredulous Bella Thorne meanwhile appealed for common sense gun laws.

'You can't drink, you can't smoke a cigarette, but you can go buy an assault rifle? I'm sorry, what do you need an assault rifle for at 18 years old?' she asked.

'I understand the right to bear arms and to protect your family. To have a handgun in your own home, yes I can understand that. But there's no reason that anyone all over the world can just buy any freaking gun they want.'

Instead of pushing a particular issue, Kate Hudson just asked for a president who can communicate.

First and foremost I think in a president I'm looking for a real communicator who can explain to people why we need to make different choices,' she claimed. 'And when they talk about implementing change in our country that I can see the steps and follow the steps as to how they could possibly get that done. And I think that gets people more involved in the change.

'That all starts and ends with communication. And I'm going to vote for the one that communicates the best.'

Kendall Jenner called on her fellow millennials to put someone in charge who wants to do good.

'We the millennials, not just you, me included, all of us. We have so much power, we're the biggest generation there is. And I think that we should take that power and really use it. To make a change in the world, to make a change in something that you believe in, you have to get out there and vote,' she said.

'I think someone that genuinely wants to do good is going to have to run our country. If youre with me, then vote. If you're not with me... vote.'

Zendaya meanwhile urged people to remember the price paid for your right to vote.

'There was a time when women couldn't vote. There was a time when black people couldn't vote. There was a time when black people weren't even considered human beings. You have to remember that. And you have to remember how much blood and sweat and tears and marching and strength went into allowing you to vote,' she said.

'There's probably a reason they did that, and it probably means that's its something that you should be doing.'

Leonardo DiCaprio perhaps came the closest to attacking one of the candidates without using any names.

'I can't imaging having a political leader that doesn't listen to the scientific community,' he said. 'Over 97 per cent of the scientific community is in complete agreeance that we are contributing to climate change.

'To deny that means that you are not a part of the modern world. You don't believe in modern science, or facts. We can't argue it any more. We dont have enough time.'

The series also includes appeals from Julia Roberts, Edward Norton, Emma Stone, Rami Malek, Kathy Griffin, Samuel L. Jackson, Sarah Hyland, Hannah Hart, Alyx Weiss, David Schwimmer, Jonah Hill, Dean Winters, Harvey Keitel, Martin Sheen, Ben Schnetzer, Mayim Bialik, Alyssa Milano, Kelly Oxford, Anne Hathaway, Milo Ventimiglia, Karla Souza, Bobby Cannavale, Megan Boone, Rajiv Dhall, Ricky Dillon, Miranda Cosgrove, Beanie Feldstein, Rose McGowan, John Slattery, Michelle Monaghan, Ken Jeong and Moby.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* CBS News' Elaine Quijano moderated the 2016 vice presidential debate in Farmville, Virginia on Tuesday

\* She is accused of bias for cutting off Republican Mike Pence on a Hillary Clinton attack over her email scandal

\* Quijano also interrupted 'significant exchanges' between Pence and Democrat Tim Kaine

\* She also appeared to support Kaine during his criticism of Donald Trump when she answered back to him saying 'right' in agreement

\* In addition, Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, accused Kaine on Twitter of sexism for 'ignoring' Quijano's questions

Vice presidential debate moderator Elaine Quijano is being accused of bias for cutting off Republican Mike Pence during an attack on Hillary Clinton's email scandal, as Trump's campaign calls Democrat Tim Kaine 'sexist' for ignoring questions presented to him her.

Quijano, who is a New York-based CBS News correspondent and a second-generation Filipino-American, is the first Asian-American journalist to moderate a national debate.

The 42-year-old sat behind the desk Tuesday evening to moderate the debate between Kaine and Pence in Farmville, Virginia.

Quijano criticized Pence for failing to answer questions, as he was unable to speak without interruptions from Kaine during much of the debate.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, also accused Kaine on Twitter of sexism for 'ignoring' Quijano's questions.

Quijano, who is originally from Chicago, seemingly overstepped her role of moderator when she pressed the Indiana governor about whether illegal **immigrants**would be 'forcibly removed' under Trump's plan as president.

'Governor, how would these millions of undocumented **immigrants** leave? Would they forcibly be removed?' she asked.

In addition, Quijano appeared to support Kaine during his criticism of the billionaire real estate mogul when she answered back to him saying 'right' in agreement.

Kaine said: 'This is important, Elaine. When a guy running for president will not support the troops, not support veterans, not support teachers…'

'Right,' Quijano, who attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, responded back to Kaine before he could even finish his remark.

However, Kaine also overran Quijano in the debate and took control by speaking over her and Pence.

She later stopped Pence before his discussion of the Clinton Foundation was over despite Kaine having plenty of time to defend the charity and attack the Trump Foundation.

Political commentator David Axelrod took to Twitter and said that Quijano was 'intent' on 'running through her questions, even when significant exchanges' were happening.

He also wrote: '@TimKaine is interrupting more than @Mike\_Pence, which I don't think is serving him well. Scoring more on positives.'

Conway, who said she appreciated that Pence was 'very tough, but very polite' during the debate, accused Kaine on Twitter of sexism for 'ignoring' Quijano's questions.

'How many times has @TimKaine ignored and interrupted the female moderator tonight? #sexist,' Conway tweeted Tuesday night.

A New York Times reporter, Nick Confessore, then asked Conway in a tweet: 'Is it sexist when Kaine interrupts Pence constantly or just what debaters do to win debates?'

Conway replied to Confessore by declaring Kaine's debate strategy 'unsuccessful'.

'Actually, it's just unsuccessful. Hillary must be none too pleased her husband and her running mate are stepping all over her message,' she replied back to Confessore.

Conway called Kaine out for 'flipflopping' over whether former president Bill Clinton should have resigned over the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

She linked back to an article that pointed out Kaine said in 2002 he thought the president should have resigned.

In another tweet, Conway took aim at Kaine replying to questions with 'buzzwords.'

'Sure hope Time Kaine gets a prize each time must-say buzzwords spill from his mouth even tho (sic) they bear no relation whatsoever to the question,' she wrote.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Matt Washauer lives with his family in West Hartford, Connecticut; put up the display on Saturday

\* Their Halloween decorations this year take jabs at some of Donald Trump's campaign promises

\* Main event is an eight-foot wall like the one Trump wants to build on the US border with Mexico

\* Display has dummy of Trump perched on top of his tower and Hillary Clinton riding a donkey

A political history teacher is teaching his neighborhood a lesson with his election-themed Halloween display.

Matt Warshauer and his family live in West Hartford, Connecticut. Their Halloween decorations, which they installed on Saturday, give a spooky account of what the world could look like if Donald Trump were president.

The display's main event is an eight-foot wall, a reference to Trump's campaign promise to build a wall on the border between Mexico and the United States.

Also included are Hillary Clinton riding a donkey, the Democratic party's symbol, and Bernie Sanders - in jail.

The former presidential candidate is represented behind bars, with a sign that reads: 'jailed by the DNC'.

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The Democratic National Committee apologized to Sanders in July after leaked emails showed staffers had derided his campaign during the primaries.

In the display, Trump is raising his fists in the air and seems to be screaming, perched on top of the Trump tower above the wall.

'Is the system so broken we need to elect a madman,' a sign reads below an armed guard.

Skeletons who appear to strand in as **immigrants** hold signs marked: 'not a criminal', 'work ethic', 'hope' and 'we were all **immigrants**'.

Another sign states: ''Crooker' vs crooked and crazy'.

Warshauer was bothered by Trump's proposal to build a wall on the south border.

'It's something that disturbs me because I believe that we're a nation that gets other nations to tear down walls, not put them up,' he told NBC.

He wanted his display to include both main parties.

'I'm making my statement about what I think of Donald Trump,' Warshauer told Fox 61. 'It's not just Trump, it's the Democratic party as well.'

Warshauer has a history of building Halloween displays with a political message. His past themes include the Vietnam War and the Civil War.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Bill Gates has topped the Forbes 400 list of the richest Americans for the 23rd consecutive year with a net worth of $81billion

\* Donald Trump meanwhile dropped 35 spots to 156 after losing $800million over the past year

\* His net worth of $3.7billion puts him behind 14 **immigrants** on the list

\* **Immigrants** make up over 10 per cent of the list, with Russian-born Segey Brin of Google having the greatest wealth with $37.5billion

\* Marck Zuckerberg is at number four with a net worth of $55.5billion, and one of 14 people under 40 on the list

\* The youngest person to make the list is Evan Spiegel of Snapchat, who is 26 and has a net worth of $2.2billion

The annual Forbes 400 ranking of the richest Americas is out, and for the 23rd consecutive year it is very, very good to be Bill Gates.

The Microsoft founder's already massive wealth increased by $5billion over the past year, giving him a net worth of $81billion and putting him well ahead of runner-up Jeff Bezos.

The Amazon founder worked his way into the second spot for the first time this year with $67billion, enough to narrowly edge out Warren Buffet of Berkshire Hathaway, who was down one spot with $65.5billion.

Also notable are the 14 people under the age of 40 who made their way onto this year's list, with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg leading the pack at number four with a net worth of $55.5 billion after making over $15billion in the last year.

It was not however a great year for Donald Trump, who dropped to 156 on the list after losing $800million.

Trump fell 35 spots from last year, and is now behind 14 **immigrants** on the list with his net worth of $3.7billion.

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The 14 Americans under the age of 40 is largely split between heirs to fortunes that now work for their family company and individuals in the technology field.

In addition to Zuckerberg there is fellow Facebooker Dustin Moskowitz ($10.4billion); Airbnb founders Nathan Blecharczyk, Brian Chesky and Joe Gebbia (all with $3.3billion); wireless-product maker and Memphis Grizzlies owner Robert Pera ($3.2billion); Facebook alum Sean Parker ($2.4billion); Evan Spiegel of Snapchat ($2.1billion); and Bobby Murphy of Snapchat ($1.8billion)

AMERICA'S 20 RICHEST PEOPLE

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2. Jeff Bezos, Amazon ($67billion)

3. Warren Buffet, Berkshire Hathaway (65.5billion)

4. Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook ($55.5billion)

5. Larry Ellison, Oracle ($49.3billion)

6. Michael Bloomberg, Bloomberg ($45.5billion)

7. Charles Koch, Koch Industries ($42billion)

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9. Larry Page, Google ($38.5billion)

10. Sergey Brin, Google ($37.5billion)

11. Jim Walton, Walmart ($35.6billion)

12. S. Robson Walton, Walmart ($35.5billion)

13. Alice Walton, Walmart ($35.4billion)

14. Sheldon Adelson, Las Vegas Sands ($32billion)

15. Steve Ballmer, Microsoft ($27.5billion)

16. Jacqueline Mars, Mars Inc. ($27billion)

16. John Mars, Mars Inc. ($27billion)

18. Phil Knight, Nike ($25.5billion)

19. George Soros, Soros Fund Management ($24.9billion)

20. Michael Dell, Dell ($20billion)

Spiegel, who is just 26, is the youngest person to make this year's list. he is also engaged to supermodel Miranda Kerr.

The heirs to a family fortune include Lukas Walton of Walmart ($11.2billion); Scott Duncan of the pipeline firm Enterprise Products Partners ($5.2billion); brothers Alejandro and Andres Santo Domingo who inherited their Colombian father's beer company SABMiller ($4.8billion); and their nephew Julio Mario Santo Domingo III ($2.4billion).

Meanwhile, more than 10 per cent of the list is made up of **immigrants**, with the Russian-born Segey Brin of Google the wealthiest of them all with $37.5billion.

The rest of the top five include hedge funder George Soros who was born in Hungary ($24.9billion); Len Blavatnik who **immigrated** to the United States from the Ukraine for college ($11.2billion); Thomas Petterfy, who after fleeing Hungary arrived in the United States with nothing more than a suitcase and went on to pioneer electronic trading ($12.6billion); and Mr. Space X himself Elon Musk, who was born in South Africa ($11.6billion).

The Australian-born Murdoch clan finished just outside of the top five with $11.1billion, with most of that fortune coming from their stake in 21st Century Fox and News Corporation.

The Murdochs are also not self-made billionaires like the men above them on the list, with Rupert having inherited his first newspaper from his father as a young man.

To make this year's list an individual had to have a net worth of at least $1.7billion, meaning that 153 American billionaires did not even make the list.

Among those who dropped off from last year were Jack Dorsey of Twitter and the embattled Elizabeth Holmes, whose once promising blood testing company Theranos.

Holmes' net worth was put at $4.5billion in the 2015 list, but earlier this year Forbes very publicly announced that they now believe her to be worth nothing after a close examination of her company found numerous problems with the abilities of her blood-testing system.

It was also a good year for women on the list, with 57 being included this year, up for 51 one year ago.

Among the notable names are Steve Jobs' widow Laurene ($17.7billion) and television titan Oprah Winfrey ($2.8billion)

Other self-made woman ranking high on the list are Diane Hendricks ($3.8billion), who co-founded the roofing company ABC Supply in 1982; Doris Fisher ($2.6billion) who co-founded retail giant the Gap back in 1969; Johnelle Hunt ($2.3billion) who in 1961 co- founded the trucking company J.B. Hunt Transport Services; eBay's Meg Whitman ($2.3billion); and Judy Faulkner ($2.2billion), the founder of Epic Systems, which stores medical records.

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Other notable names on this year's list include IAC Chairman Barry Diller ($2.7billion); director Steven Spielberg ($3.7billion); former presidential hopeful Ross Perot ($4billion); New Engalnd Patriots owner Robert Kraft ($5.1billion); Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones ($5.2billion);and designer Ralph Lauren ($5.9billion).

There are also a few individuals on the list who seemed in danger of losing some of their personal fortunes in recent years due to personal matters including Donald Sterling ($3.4billion); Sumner Redstone ($4.7billion); and Harold Hamm ($13.1billion).

Hamm, the CEO of Continental Resources, cut a check for $975million in January of last year to settle his divorce with wife Sue Ann Arnell.

There are also 70 bachelors or bachelorettes on this year's list, but only 14 who have never been married in their life.

Those 14 individuals are also all men, and include notable names such as PayPal's Peter Thiel, who is openly gay ($2.7billion); both Brian Chesky and Joe Gebbia of Airbnb ($3.3billion); Ubiquiti Networks, Inc. founder Robert Pera ($3.2billion); and Bobby Murphy of Snapchat ($1.8billion).

Heirs Scott Duncan ($5.2billion) and Julio Mario Santo Domingo III ($2.4billion) have also never been married and are single.

Russ Weiner, the creator of Rockstar energy drinks is also single, and worth $4billion according to the Forbes list.

The wealthiest bachelor of them all however is another openly gay man, David Geffen. The Dreamworks co-founder said to be worth $6.7billion.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Pope Francis has not endorsed any of the candidates running for president

\* He held a controversial meeting with Bernie Sanders in Rome in April

\* The pontiff has been involved in several spats with GOP's Donald Trump

\* However, he is also deeply opposed to Hillary Clinton 's abortion stance

Pope Francis has urged almost 70million Catholics in the United States to study and pray and 'choose with your conscience' when considering who to vote for in November.

The pontiff was questioned by journalists following a visit to Azerbaijan. In a diplomatic answer, Pope Francis failed to endorse any particular candidate, although he has serious problems with both the Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

During a visit to Mexico earlier this year, the Pope described Trump's plans to build a wall along the border as 'un-Christian'.

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However, Pope Francis also has serious problems with Clinton's support for abortion.

Pope Francis said: 'You have asked me a question that describes a difficult choice because, according to you, there are difficulties with one and difficulties with the other.'

Pope Francis did not identify either of the main candidates by name.

When pressed about Trump's anti-**immigrant** rhetoric and Clinton's support for abortion, he replied: 'During political campaigns, I never say a word. The people are sovereign. I would only say, study the proposals well, pray and choose with your conscience.'

Instead of addressing the issue directly, Pope Francis described a 'fictional situation' of a country which is deeply divided.

He said: 'When in any country there are two, three or four candidates who don't satisfy everyone, it means that perhaps the political life of that country has become too politicized and that it does not have much political culture.

'People say "I'm from this party" or "I'm from that party", but effectively, they don't have clear thoughts about the basics, about proposals.'

Despite his refusal to engage in party politics, Pope Francis has been a vocal critic of the continuing use of the death penalty in the United States.

In July, he met with the mother of an Argentine man who has spent the past two decades on death row.

Victor Hugo Saldano entered the US illegally in the early 1990s and was convicted in 1995 of shooting a man.

His mother Lidia Guerrero admitted her son was guilty of the crime but had been driven insane by spending so long on death row.

Pope Francis has said the death penalty is 'morally unjustified'.

In April, Pope Francis met with US Vice President Joe Biden to discuss healthcare research.

Pope Francis used his speech to attack a profit-driven model. He said: 'Research, whether in academia and industry, requires unwavering attention to moral issues if it is to be an instrument which safeguards human life and the dignity of the person.'

President Obama has sought the assistance of the papal good offices on the issue of climate change as well as efforts to re-establish relations with Cuba.

The Vatican used Cardinal Jaime Ortega, Archbishop of Havana to negotiate with Fidel Castro's regime about the release of political prisoners.

Later, he helped with secret talks between the United States and Cuba which led to a detente between the two nations in December 2014.

In April, Pope Francis met with Bernie Sanders at his residence in Rome, when Sanders was addressing a conference at the Vatican on social justice.

The pontiff said: 'When I came down, I greeted him, I shook his hand and nothing more. This is called good manners and it is not getting involved in politics. If anyone thinks that greeting someone is getting involved in politics, I recommend that he look for a psychiatrist.'

Mathew Schmalz, professor of religious studies at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts said: 'I think we're looking at the impact of the Francis era, where there are different points of contact and different aspects of the Catholic tradition are emphasized. Many prominent Catholic intellectuals have been swayed toward the Republicans in the last few decades. This is a jolt.'

Recent presidential elections have seen intensifying confrontations between church leaders and candidates.

In 2004, Cardinal Raymond Burke, then the St Louis archbishop, caused an uproar when said he would deny Communion to Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, a Catholic who supports abortion rights.

Some bishops followed suit by telling Catholic politicians who support abortion rights not to present themselves for the sacrament.

In 2007, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a new version of their presidential-year guidance for Catholic voters that highlighted a range of issues, but said opposition to abortion should be Catholics' greatest concern.

The bishops re-issued the guide for 2016 with only limited revisions, but several bishops individually have also been highlighting issues such as climate change, **immigration** and poverty.

Former US ambassador to the Vatican Francis Rooney said: 'The pope's a soft-power player.

'His impact around the world comes from moral suasion and influence. I think the pope has got such a strong moral voice that when he weighs in on **immigration**, I think it makes more people think about it.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Stunning pictures reveal the diversity of the **immigrants** arriving in America in the early 20th century

\* Augustus Sherman, who worked as the chief registry clerk on Ellis Island, captured the photographs

\* He took shots of a Hindu boy, a Romanian piper and two children from Lapland wearing traditional dress

\* Ellis Island was the gateway for 12million **immigrants** starting a new life in America between 1892 and 1954

From a Romanian piper in a sheepskin cloak to two children from Lapland wearing traditional dress, these incredible pictures reveal the diversity of the people arriving in America in the early 20th century.

The fascinating pictures were taken by Augustus Sherman, who worked as the chief registry clerk on Ellis Island - the gateway in New York City for 12million **immigrants** passing through to start a new life in America between 1892 and 1954.

The photographs have now been brought to life and expertly colourized by Tom Marshall from PhotograFix.

'These photos were taken over one hundred years ago now, and what a colourful place the world was, and still is,' Mr Marshall said. 'For me, these photos hint at America's history as a melting pot of all creeds, colours and nationalities.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* The tadpole-shaped illumination was caught on livestream before it cut off

\* Stills from the footage show a strange blue object hovering in atmosphere

\* UFO hunter who uploaded images insisted light was not a camera glitch

A strange blue light seen hovering in the Earth's orbit has been seized upon by UFO-hunters as evidence of **alien** life.

The tadpole-shaped illumination, which was caught in NASA's livestream from the International Space Station, was seen flying close to the camera before it cut off.

Stills from the footage, taken on September 30, show the peculiar light gleaming in the atmosphere.

The prolific UFO hunter who uploaded the video onto YouTube insisted the light was not caused by the reflection of the sun on the camera lens.

Streetcap1 wrote: 'Unidentified Object is brighter on the left side due to the light from the sun, so not lens flare.

'NASA cut the camera feed so quickly even though this was very distant, but I still managed to get a couple of frames to enlarge.'

Scott Waring, a UFO specialist, said although it appears distant, the light was not very far away from the space station.

He wrote on UFO Sightings Daily: 'This blue-glowing UFO was seen near the space station yesterday by Streetcap1 of YouTube.

'It appears far away, but it is not. It is actually very close to the space station, but higher up so it appears distant.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump has defended comments where he called Mexicans 'rapists'

\* Trump said his views are 'pretty mainstream' in a new deposition video

\* The Republican nominee is suing two celebrity chefs who he claims backed out of leases to open restaurants in his new hotel in Washington

\* 'I’ve tapped into something... I’ve tapped into illegal **immigration**,' he said

Donald Trump has claimed his offensive remarks about Mexican people, some of whom he called 'rapists' and 'criminals', are 'pretty mainstream'.

The Republican nominee attacked Mexican people during a press conference announcing his run for president in June 2015.

'They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people,' Trump said at the time about people crossing the border into the US.

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A new video, published by the New York Post, the Republican nominee suggests he has not softened his view, and instead said they are backed by other people.

'I’ve tapped into something... I’ve tapped into illegal **immigration**,' Trump said during a deposition in a suit he launched against celebrity chefs José André and Geoffrey Zakarian, who the Trump brand says terminated leases they had to open restaurants in the new Washington DC hotel.

'But, you know, when you get more votes than anybody in the history of the party, history of the party by far, more than Ronald Reagan, more than Richard Nixon, more than Dwight D. Eisenhower, who won the Second World War, you know, that’s pretty mainstream, when you think about it.'

In the deposition, which lasted almost two hours, Trump went on to talk about how his presidential run has had a ‘very positive impact’ on his business, claiming a Palm Beach, Florida, hotel has had a record year on the back of it.

‘I don’t know exactly… I would say more positive than anything else,’ he added.

‘Maybe it’s the success of the campaign, I mean people have said there has never been anything like this.'

He also spoke about delays to the completion of the hotel, saying its opening was pushed back from 'the end of 2015' to 'late 2016' because they 'went more up-scale'.

'We went a lot more complicated… it takes a little bit more time. I always viewed it as a 2016,' he said.

The comments about the opening being pushed back appeared to contradict something he said at the hotel on a recent campaign stop.

During a press conference at the hotel this month, where Trump appeared to put an end to the 'birther' conspiracy that President Obama was not born in America, Trump said: 'Nice hotel... under budget and ahead of schedule, isn't that nice.'

He also revealed he wears glasses during the video that emerged on Friday.

When asked to read a document, Trump said he would struggle to without them.

'I am at a disadvantage, I didn’t bring my glasses, this is such small writing,' he said.

The Trump International Hotel had a soft opening this month and is expected to open completely before the end of the year.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Republican Donald Trump go asked to name his favorite world leader on NECN cable news

\* Libertarian candidate had fielded the same question Wednesday but couldn't name a single leader – only to have running mate William Weld bail him out by mentioning Germany's Angela Merkel

\* Asked the same question, Trump named Merkel, calling her a 'great world leader'

\* 'I was always a Merkel person'

\* He has criticized Merkel mercilessly on the campaign trail for taking in thousands of Syrian refugees

\* He said Clinton would be the 'next Angela Merkel'

\* Still said he was 'very disappointed' in her **immigration** policy

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump sounded like he was strongly against German President Angela Merkel before he said he was for her.

Trump got asked on NECN cable Friday to name his favorite world leader – and inexplicably came up with Merkel, a leader he has slammed on the campaign trail and used as cudgel to warn of the dangers posed by Hillary Clinton.

Asked to pick a favorite leader, Trump didn't take long to reach for the leader who has topped lists of the world's most powerful women.

'Well, I think Merkel is a really great world leader, but I was very disappointed that when she — this move with the whole thing on **immigration**,' Trump told the station.

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'I think it's a big problem and really, you know, to look at what she's done in the last year and a half. I was always a Merkel person. I thought really fantastic. But I think she made a very tragic mistake a year and a half ago,' he said.

Last month, Trump didn't sound like such a Merkel fan.

'Hillary Clinton is running to be America's Angela Merkel, and we've seen how much crime and how many problems that's caused the German people,' the candidate said.

Also advertising her membership in the Merkel fan club was Hillary Clinton, who yesterday also named her as her top leader.

'Oh, let me think. No, look, I like a lot of the world leaders. One of my favorites is Angela Merkel, because I think she's been an extraordinary strong leader during difficult times in Europe which has obvious implications for the rest of the world, most particularly our country,' she said.

'I've known her for a long time, she and I have known each other back into the 1990s. I've spent a lot of time with her and I hope that I'll have the opportunity to work with her in the future,' Clinton said.

One reason Trump might have reached for is Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whom he met with this weekend at Trump Tower in New York.

All the praise for Merkel comes after her Christian Democratic Union suffered a major electoral defeat at home.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Shimon Peres died on Tuesday in a hospital near Tel Aviv at the age of 93 after recently suffering a stroke

\* Statesman worked to establish the State of Israel from its birth in 1948

\* Peres occupied nearly every key position in Israeli government in a career spanning across seven decades

\* A state funeral will be held in Jerusalem on Friday and Israel said Bill and Hillary Clinton would attend - her campaign says that's not true

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Hillary Clinton will not attend the funeral of former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Her husband, former U.S. President Bill Clinton will pay his respects to Peres on Friday at a state funeral in Jerusalem.

Hillary Clinton will not accompany him, said Jennifer Palmieri, communications director to the presidential nominee.

The Israeli government had said both Clintons would be at the funeral Friday, but Democratic White House contender's campaign said that is not the case. Palmieri said the former first lady was never going.

Clinton has an event Friday in Des Moines, Iowa, and is considering a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina, on Sunday. Bill Clinton was to embark on a two-day bus tour on Friday in Florida to promote his wife's candidacy that her campaign has cancelled.

A Quinnipiac University poll posted before Monday's debate had Clinton and her Republican opponent Donald Trump in a dead heat, with the former secretary of state ahead by one.

World leaders are set to pay their respects to 'man of peace' Shimon Peres, the Israeli Nobel laureate, former prime minister, and president, in Jerusalem on Friday.

Mr. Peres died on Tuesday in a hospital near Tel Aviv at the age of 93.

The elder statesman had been in declining health in recent weeks after suffering a stroke that left him unconscious and relying on a breathing tube.

A former aide to Peres says his body will lie in state at the Knesset, or Israeli parliament, on Thursday before a state funeral at the country's national cemetery in Jerusalem on Friday.

Yona Bartal, his former aide, told Israel's Channel 10 TV that the plans were in line with Peres' wishes.

Israel's Foreign Ministry says a long list of world leaders will attend the funeral.

Spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon said Wednesday that President Barack Obama , Bill and Hillary Clinton , Prince Charles and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau were all expected.

The government official said many other VIPs are also planning to attend.

The Clintons said in a joint statement that they have 'lost a true and treasured friend.'

Israel has lost a leader 'who championed its security, prosperity and limitless possibilities from its birth to his last day on earth,' the former president and first lady said.

Bill Clinton called Peres a 'genius with a big heart who used his gifts to imagine a future of reconciliation not conflict, economic and social empowerment not anger and frustration, and a nation, a region, and a world enhanced by caring and sharing, not torn asunder by the illusions of permanent dominance and perfect truth.

'His critics called him a dreamer,' Clinton said. 'That he was - a lucid, eloquent dreamer until the very end. Thank goodness.'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has convened a special session of his governing Cabinet to mark the death of Peres.

Netanyahu said he 'never stopped trying to reach to peace and believing in peace.

'His hand was always extended to a historic compromise with our neighbors, and even if this compromise tarried, he taught us never to give in to despair, but to cling to hope.

Netanyahu, Peres' longtime political rival, admitted that the two 'had differences of opinion' but said their relations strengthened with time. Peres served as president during Netanyahu's previous term as prime minister.

Doctors had hoped that Peres would be able to recover from his stroke, but his condition continued to deteriorate over the weekend.

Hospital officials told family members that there was nothing they could do for him.

His son, Chemi, made the announcement of his death to reporters gathered at the hospital where Peres has been treated for the past two weeks.

'Today with deep sorrow we bid farewell to our beloved father, the 9th president of Israel,' he said.

'Our father's legacy has always been to look to tomorrow. We were privileged to be part of his private family, but today we sense that the entire nation of Israel and the global community share this great loss. We share this pain together.'

Peres was best known as the statesman who along with Yitzhak Rabin agreed to recognize Israel's longtime enemy, the Palestine Liberation Organization, as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians and embark on a process of negotiations for peace.

For their efforts, Rabin, Peres, and PLO chief Yasser Arafat were awarded the Nobel Prize.

After Rabin's assassination in 1995 at the hands of right-wing Jewish extremists opposed to territorial concessions to the Palestinians, Peres once again became prime minister.

But he was unable to continue Rabin's work due to his slim election loss to the hawkish Benjamin Netanyahu .

Peres' passing marks the end of an era in Israel's history, as the last of the country's founding generation leaves the stage.

Tributes from dignitaries came pouring in as news of Peres' passing spread.

U.S. President Barack Obama , who forged a close relationship with Peres, released a statement on Tuesday mourning his passing.

TRIBUTES POUR IN FOR SHIMON PERES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

President Barack Obama : 'A light has gone out, but the hope he gave us will burn forever. Shimon Peres was a soldier for Israel, for the Jewish people, for justice, for peace, and for the belief that we can be true to our best selves - to the very end of our time on Earth, and in the legacy that we leave to others. For the gift of his friendship and the example of his leadership, todah rabah, Shimon.'

Former President Bill Clinton and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton : 'With the passing of Shimon Peres, Israel has lost a leader who championed its security, prosperity, and limitless possibilities from its birth to his last day on earth. The Middle East has lost a fervent advocate for peace and reconciliation and for a future where all the children of Abraham build a better tomorrow together. And Hillary and I have lost a true and treasured friend.

'I'll never forget how happy he was 23 years ago when he signed the Oslo Accords on the White House lawn, heralding a more hopeful era in Israeli-Palestinian relations. He was a genius with a big heart who used his gifts to imagine a future of reconciliation not conflict, economic and social empowerment not anger and frustration, and a nation, a region, and a world enhanced by caring and sharing, not torn asunder by the illusions of permanent dominance and perfect truth. His critics called him a dreamer. That he was - a lucid, eloquent dreamer until the very end. Thank goodness. Let those of us who loved him and love his nation keep his dream alive.'

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Former President George H. W. Bush: 'Barbara and I join Shimon Peres' countless admirers around the world in saluting his singular life of service - to the universal cause of freedom, to the timeless cause of Israel, to the noblest cause of peace. By his unyielding determination and principle, Shimon Peres time and again helped guide his beloved country through the crucible of mortal challenge. But it was by his innate humanity, his decency, that Shimon inspired the world over and helped pave a path to peace broad enough that future generations will walk it one day, side-by side.'

Former President George W. Bush: 'Laura and I join the people of Israel and those around the world in mourning the death of Shimon Peres. As a young man, he worked for his country's independence. For the rest of his life, he led it with a deep and abiding concern for his people and a commitment to freedom and peace. The Bush family will miss Shimon Peres and his grace, dignity, and optimism.'

He was a voice of reason who also happened to have the sensibility of a poet.thoughtful and soft-spoken, but his words echoed loudly around the world. I adored Shimon.and I'm so grateful that I was able to spend some time with him over the years, and sing for him at his 90th birthday celebration in Israel. Thank god his spirit, his wisdom, and his ideals will live forever.'

U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan: 'The world has lost a true legend and statesman. Shimon Peres was a gift to the country he helped establish and lead, and a persistent voice for the cause of peace. President Peres' countless contributions to the world earned him the Nobel Peace Prize, Congressional Gold Medal, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. While we join the State of Israel and people around the globe in mourning his death, we also give thanks for his incredible life.'

'Shimon Peres' story was the story of modern Israel - a saga of daring, dynamism and wisdom. With all of his heart, this farmer, fighter, author, Nobel Peace Prize winner, prime minister and president worked to guide his nation into a secure and confident future. I valued his friendship. He was an intellectual resource who personified the unbreakable bond between the United States and Israel.'House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi :

'There are few people who we share this world with who change the course of human history, not just through their role in human events, but because they expand our moral imagination and force us to expect more of ourselves,' Obama wrote.

'My friend Shimon was one of those people.'

Obama calls Peres 'the essence of Israel itself,' noting Peres had fought for Israel's independence, worked its land and served Israel in virtually every government position.

The U.S. leader said that with the death of Peres, 'a light has gone out, but the hope he gave us will burn forever.'

'Tonight, Michelle and I join people across Israel, the United States and around the world in honoring the extraordinary life of our dear friend Shimon Peres - a founding father of the State of Israel and a statesman whose commitment to Israel's security and pursuit of peace was rooted in his own unshakeable moral foundation and unflagging optimism.'

'I will always be grateful that I was able to call Shimon my friend,' Obama wrote.

WHAT WERE SHIMON PERES' CAREER HIGHLIGHTS?

In an unprecedented seven-decade political career, Shimon Peres has filled nearly every position in Israeli public life.

—Shimon Perski is born on Aug. 2, 1923 in Vishneva, then part of Poland. He moves to pre-state Palestine in 1934 with his immediate family and later enters politics where he becomes a protégé of Israel's founding father David Ben-Gurion.

—In 1952, at age 29, he becomes the youngest person ever to serve as director-general of Israel's Defense Ministry . There he is credited with arming Israel's military almost from scratch and creating what is widely believed to be a nuclear arsenal.

—In 1959, Peres is first elected to the Knesset, Israel's parliament, serving almost uninterrupted until 2007. He is appointed deputy defense minister.

—In 1969, he is appointed minister of **immigrant** absorption, the first in a long line of Cabinet position to follow.

—In 1977, he suffers defeat while running for prime minister, losing to Menachem Begin, whose Likud party rises to power for the first time.

—In 1984, he finally becomes prime minister after tying with Likud's Yitzhak Shamir and agreeing to share the job in a rotation. As prime minister, he disentangles Israeli troops from Lebanon and rescues the economy from triple-digit inflation.

— In 1992, he becomes foreign minister in the Labor party-led government, serving under his longtime rival Yitzhak Rabin. Together they work to forge the first peace accord with the Palestinians and a peace accord with Jordan. In 1994, they share the Nobel Peace Prize with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

—In 1995, after Rabin is assassinated by a Jewish ultranationalist opposed to Israel's peace moves, Peres became acting prime minister. Just six months later he is defeated by Benjamin Netanyahu in elections.

—In 2007, he is elected president, a largely ceremonial role but one that earns him the kind of national admiration that eluded him throughout his lengthy career.

—In 2014, Peres completes his presidential term, remaining active at his peace center until suffering a debilitating stroke on Sept. 13.

Former US President George H.W. Bush hailed Peres for his 'unyielding determination and principle' which 'helped guide his beloved country through the crucible of mortal challenge.'

'But it was by his innate humanity, his decency, that Shimon inspired the world over and helped pave a path to peace broad enough that future generations will walk it one day, side-by side,' the elder Bush said.

GOP Senator Ted Cruz of Texas released a statement honoring Peres for his 'exceptional service to the Jewish state' and his 'enduring friendship with the United States.'

'My thoughts and prayers are with his family and our close ally Israel. May his memory be a blessing.'

'Shimon Peres was, above all, a man of peace,' tweeted Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau . 'My deepest condolences to his loved ones and to the people of Israel on his passing.'

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin says he is cutting short an official visit to Ukraine to attend the funeral on Friday.

Rivlin is in Ukraine for a commemoration of the 1941 Babi Yar massacre, in which more than 100,000 Jews and others were killed by Nazi officers in a ravine on the outskirts of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev during World War II.

Rivlin said in a statement Wednesday: 'A short distance from where I am visiting in Ukraine, in the city of Vishnyeva, Belarus, was born Szymon Perski, who grew to be a young man with great dreams.'

Peres later **immigrated** to pre-state Israel and changed his last name.

Rivlin said: 'Shimon made us look far into the future, and we loved him. We loved him because he made us dare to imagine not what was once here, nor what is now, but what could be.'

Rivlin succeeded Peres as president in 2014.

The Palestinian militant group Hamas expressed happiness at the death of Peres.

A spokesman for the group, Sami Abu Zuhri, tells The Associated Press Wednesday, 'the Palestinian people are very happy at the passing of this criminal who caused their blood to shed.'

He added: 'Shimon Peres was the last remaining Israeli official who founded the occupation, and his death is the end of a phase in the history of this occupation and the beginning of a new phase of weakness.'

Hamas is sworn to the destruction of Israel. In 2007, it routed forces loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas and took over the Gaza Strip.

There was no immediate comment from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who supports the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Just before he fell ill, Peres recorded a message on Facebook in Hebrew urging Israelis to buy domestically manufactured products.

'I want all of you to buy Israeli products that are made in Israel,' the former president said. 'Not just because it's more patriotic to do so, but because it's better.'

A protege of Israel's founding father David Ben-Gurion, he led the Defense Ministry in his 20s and spearheaded the development of Israel's nuclear program.

He was first elected to parliament in 1959 and later held every major Cabinet post - including defense, finance and foreign affairs - and served three brief stints as prime minister.

His key role in the first Israeli-Palestinian peace accord earned him a Nobel Peace Prize and revered status as Israel's then most recognizable figure abroad.

And yet, for much of his political career he could not parlay his international prestige into success in Israeli politics, where he was branded by many as both a utopian dreamer and political schemer.

His well-tailored, necktied appearance and swept-back gray hair seemed to separate him from his more informal countrymen.

He suffered a string of electoral defeats: competing in five general elections seeking the prime minister's spot, he lost four and tied one.

He finally secured the public adoration that had long eluded him when he has chosen by parliament to a seven-year term as Israel's ceremonial president in 2007, taking the role of elder statesman.

Peres was celebrated by doves and vilified by hawks for advocating far-reaching Israeli compromises for peace even before he negotiated the first interim accord with the Palestinians in 1993 that set into motion a partition plan that gave them limited self-rule.

That was followed by a peace accord with neighboring Jordan. But after a fateful six-month period in 1995-96 that included Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, a spate of Palestinian suicide bombings and Peres' own election loss to the more conservative Benjamin Netanyahu , the prospects for peace began to evaporate.

Relegated to the political wilderness, he created his non-governmental Peres Center for Peace that raised funds for cooperation and development projects involving Israel, the Palestinians and Arab nations.

He returned to it at age 91 when he completed his term as president.

Shimon Perski was born on Aug. 2, 1923, in Vishneva, then part of Poland. He moved to pre-state Palestine in 1934 with his immediate family.

Her grandfather and other relatives stayed behind and perished in the Holocaust. Rising quickly through Labor Party ranks, he became a top aide to Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister and a man Peres once called 'the greatest Jew of our time.'

At 29, he was the youngest person to serve as director of Israel's Defense Ministry , and is credited with arming Israel's military almost from scratch.

Yet throughout his political career, he suffered from the fact that he never wore an army uniform or fought in a war.

Of his 10 books, several amplified his vision of a 'new Middle East' where there was peaceful economic and cultural cooperation among all the nations of the region.

Despite continued waves of violence that pushed the Israeli political map to the right, the concept of a Palestinian state next to Israel became mainstream Israeli policy many years after Peres advocated it.

Shunted aside during the 1999 election campaign, won by party colleague Ehud Barak, Peres rejected advice to retire, assuming the newly created and loosely defined Cabinet post of Minister for Regional Cooperation.

In 2000, Peres absorbed another resounding political slap, losing an election in the parliament for the largely ceremonial post of president to Likud Party backbencher Moshe Katsav, who was later convicted and imprisoned for rape.

Even so, Peres refused to quit. In 2001, at age 77, he took the post of foreign minister in the government of national unity set up by Ariel Sharon, serving for 20 months before Labor withdrew from the coalition.

Then he followed Sharon into a new party, Kadima, serving as vice-premier under Sharon and his successor, Ehud Olmert, before assuming the presidency.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Sen. Lindsey Graham - who's not supporting either presidential candidate - thought Donald Trump 's debate performance was lacking

\* The Republican from South Carolina said he believed Trump 'missed a lot of opportunities' during Monday night's debate

\* Graham, who ran for president this cycle, believes Trump is still wrong on **immigration** and Russia

\* The senator relented that Trump has successfully tapped into some anger, but 'you really have to articulate the alternative to the status quo'

Sen. Lindsey Graham, who ran for the GOP nomination earlier this year, had some thoughts on how his party's nominee could improve when Donald Trump sees Hillary Clinton in the second presidential debate.

'The only advice I would give him and he can take it for what it's worth: prepare better,' Graham told an audience in D.C. today on hand for the annual Washington Ideas Forum.

The South Carolina Republican, who previously went on record to say he's not voting for Trump nor Clinton, has now put himself in a position to play pundit and he used his time onstage to explain the strengths and weaknesses of the two major party candidates.

But first, as he started a Q&A with Bloomberg's Margaret Carlson, he told a joke.

'I have the sniffles and I'm not using cocaine. I promise you,' Graham said.

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At Monday night's presidential debate Trump was audibly sniffing – a microphone malfunction he said.

Democrat Howard Dean, a medical doctor by trade, and others, blamed it on cocaine.

At first, Graham, who once said choosing between Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz was 'like being shot or poisoned,' was fairly diplomatic about the Republican's debate performance.

'I thought Donald had good moments, but he missed a lot of opportunities,' Graham said.

Graham said he understood why he, and more than a dozen other Republican politicians, lost to Trump in the GOP primaries.

'Well here's the deal he beat me and everybody else and he's tapping into something that people really feel out there,' the senator said.

'Hillary doesn't quite understand why people are so mad,' he added.

But while Trump has 'tapped into some anger,' Graham said, adding that 'he's got good instincts,' the South Carolinian explained that 'you really have to articulate the alternative to the status quo.'

The longtime pol pointed to two issues where he believed Trump's path forward was the wrong one: **immigration** and the country's relationship with Russia.

Carlson reminded Graham, who's pro-**immigration** reform, of comments he made where he suggested Republicans would never win the White House again, unless they did something on **immigration**.

'We're testing that premise,' Graham laughed, alluding to Trump's hard-line approach and calls for a border fence on the country's Southern border.

Graham noted the 'death spiral' the GOP saw from 2004 to 2012 in support from Latino voters, with President George W. Bush receiving 44 percent of the vote, to the 27 percent that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney obtained.

'I had this novel idea, why don't you ask the Hispanics why they don't like us,' Graham said. What he discovered was that Hispanic voters thought Republicans were 'pretty hateful when it comes to **immigration**.'

'I'm not going to vote for somebody who is going to deport my grandmother,' Graham said quoting those that he spoke with, adding that many of them said 'we have a lot of values in common' with Republicans.

'So our response to our problems in 2012 goes from self-deportation to forced-deportation,' he said. 'Well see if that's the right way,' he added, making clear he thought it wasn't.

Graham also repeatedly brought up Trump's esteem for Russian leader Vladimir Putin, with the senator noting he's personally in the camp that view Russia as a 'menace.'

'He thinks Putin is a guy he can do business with,' Graham said of the current Republican nominee. 'All I'm saying is Putin has an agenda that is in conflict with ours,' Graham continued, ticking off issues like Putin's moves to destabilize NATO and the European Union, to his decision to forcefully gobble up Crimea from Ukraine.

'Russia's really up to no good and when you understand that you're really on your way to understanding that they have a pair of twos, we have a full house, and at the end of the day the worst thing we can do is view Putin as a force of stability and someone we can do business with,' Graham said.

Putting his pundit cap back on, the senior senator from South Carolina thought that Clinton – despite Trump's various troubles – still might struggle earning a win.

'Her problem is that she's going to have to up her games in terms of trust and to understand that people are mad and embrace the fact that she understands people are mad,' Graham said. 'Until she does that, I think she'll have a hard time getting over the top.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Arcan Cetin, 20, was arrested near his Washington home on Saturday

\* He allegedly killed five people at the Cascade Mall in Burlington, on Friday

\* Cetin is facing five counts of first-degree murder for alleged mall shooting

\* A neighbor described him as 'creepy' and said she kept a taser by her door

\* Former classmate also described him as vulgar and disrespectful

\* Family identified victims Beatrice Dotson, 95, and daughter Belinda Galde

\* Father-of-two Chuck Eagan, Macy's makeup artist Shayla Martin also killed

\* Sarai Lara, 16, was the youngest victim and was also a cancer survivor

The suspect in the Washington state mall shooting was so 'creepy, rude and obnoxious', according to his neighbor, that she kept a Taser by her front door out of fear.

Arcan Cetin, 20, an **immigrant** originally from Adana, Turkey, was arrested near his Oak Harbor home on Saturday after he allegedly killed five people in Macy's Burlington's Cascade Mall.

He is facing five counts of first-degree murder. He will be arraigned on Monday.

Amber Cathey, 21, lived in an apartment next to Cetin for the past three months and said she was so frightened by him that she complained to apartment management.

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She said she kept a stun gun handy out of fear of Cetin.

Cathey said she blocked him on Snapchat after he sent her a photo of his crotch.

'He was really creepy, rude and obnoxious,' Cathey said.

She said she would try to avoid him by walking the long way around to her apartment if she saw his car in the parking lot.

The two were in high school together as well, and Cathey said he acted the same way then.

Another high school classmate, who spoke to DailyMail.com, said she remembers lewd behavior from Cetin.

Uhlaine Finnigan, 19, of Washington, said Cetin sat at her table during her junior year of high school.

'He would grab or slap girls butts regardless of the blatant lack of consensual agreement. With girls of all grades. He was rude, stubborn, and sexist,' Finnigan said.

Like Cathey, Finnigan said she steered clear of him and she couldn't recall many girls who would interact with him.

'He wasn't good at speaking to others, regardless of who was nice to him he'd always be off and rude. He didn't seem to have friends.

'I didn't think he'd take it as far as mass murder but I knew he was trouble. Especially when it came to women,' Finnigan told DailyMail.com.

She said she doesn't believe growing up in Turkey had anything to do with the attack, but that she thinks something is off with Cetin.

'I don't believe his culture has anything to do with him I just think he's a messed up person.

He's been a time bomb waiting to go off. This was an attack on women,' Finnigan added.

Austin Hendrix, 19, told the Seattle Times that Cetin's behavior also caused him to not be friends with the 20-year-old.

'In high school he started harassing kids and not being a nice person, so I disassociated with him.

'He would grope women in high school and middle school,' Hendrix said.

As investigators tried to piece together information on Cetin, a picture emerged of a troubled young man.

Court records show more than a half-dozen criminal cases in Island County alone since 2013.

Court records show Cetin faced three domestic violence charges for assaulting his stepfather, The Seattle Times reported.

Cetin was struggling with emotional or mental health issues, according to court records. Prosecutors and a defense team were trying to get him help, the Times reported.

The newspaper said Cetin also was arrested on drunken driving charges.

It gave no details on when the arrests took place or how the cases may have been resolved.

In the assault case, Cetin was told by a judge last December that he was not to possess a gun, the newspaper reported.

However, the stepfather urged the judge not to impose a no-contact order, saying his stepson was 'going through a hard time'.

As more details emerged from Cetin's past, so did the identities of the five victims of the Cascade Mall shooting.

They are 95-year-old Beatrice Dotson, her daughter Belinda Galde, Chuck Eagan, Shayla Martin and 16-year-old cancer survivor Sarai Lara.

At a press conference on Saturday evening after Cetin's arrest, police refused to 'rule out or rule in' terrorism.

Authorities said he was apprehended by police 30 miles from the scene of the crime in a 'zombie-like state' on Saturday evening.

Cetin allegedly took the three legally purchased guns from his father before heading to Macy's, where his ex-girlfriend once worked, according to KING 5 News.

His ex-girlfriend quit several months ago and was not at the mall at the time of the shooting.

There have been unconfirmed reports the suspect shouted a woman's name multiple times just moments before opening fire, according to FOX-Q13.

Cetin reportedly opened fire for one minute before he laid down a rifle, a.22 Ruger, on the counter and walked away.

Old pictures posted to Cetin's MySpace page show him holding what appears to be a rifle and another appears to show a revolver.

According to his Facebook, Cetin lives in Oak Harbor, Washington, but is originally from Adana, Turkey.

Washington State Patrol Sgt. Mark Francis said Sunday morning that authorities were searching an apartment tied to Cetin as well as searching his vehicle.

Francis said authorities don't yet know who is on the apartment lease or how long Cetin may have lived there.

Police said original reports claiming the shooting suspect was Hispanic were based on initial witness statements.

During a press conference on Saturday night, officials confirmed that along with having Cetin in custody, they also had his rifle.

Lieutenant Mike Hawley of the Island County Sheriff's office said after tips from the community, he heard a report over the scanner that the suspect had been spotted.

He drove to the Oak Harbor area and spotted Cetin, who he immediately recognized as the suspect in the shooting.

'I literally hit my brakes, did a quick turn, I jumped out,' Hawley said. 'He just froze.'

Hawley said Cetin was silent and almost 'zombie-like' but completely complied with orders and was taken into custody without issue.

Lieutenant Chris Cammock of the Mount Vernon Police Department said one of the things that helped connect Cetin to the shooting was his vehicle, which was seen on surveillance footage.

He did not explain in detail how the vehicle led them to Cetin, but said after receiving tips the car was able to link the suspect to the shooting.

Officials said they are not willing to rule in or out terrorism because the investigation is too new.

Cetin, who **immigrated** to the US from Turkey, is a legal permanent resident, authorities said.

He had been arrested once before in the county for assault, Hawley said.

Cetin's criminal record includes three domestic violence charges, according to the Seattle Times.

Skagit County court records identified the victim as his stepfather, who pleaded with a judge not to impose a no-contact order because Cetin was 'going through a hard time'.

The stepfather told the court he wouldn't able to help Cetin if the order was put in place.

Classmates who knew Cetin at Oak Harbor High School claimed he was known for harassing people.

'He would grope women in high school and middle school,' said Austin Hendrix, who graduated with Cetin in 2015.

'[He] wasn't afraid to say something offensive or vulgar. I disassociated with him.'

Finnigan also told the New York Times that Cetin was 'sexist' and would often slap or grab the butts of his female peers.

As the mystery around Cetin's true motives for the shooting continues to unravel, the community is mourning the mothers, fathers, and daughters he killed.

Sarai Lara, 16, was a cancer survivor who battled the disease as a young child.

She attended Mount Vernon High School and had just entered her sophomore year.

He mother, Evangelina, said she was shopping with Sarai and her younger daughter when they split up to go into different stores.

Sarai went to Macy's looking for pants, her mother said.

As news spread through the mall of the shooting, Evangelina desperately tried to get to her daughter but was blocked from entering the store.

Seven hours later it was confirmed that Sarai, who had just applied for a job at Denny's to support her family, was among the victims.

Shayla Martin, 52, was working behind the makeup counter at the Macy's cosmestics department when she was killed.

Her sister Karen Van Horn told the Seattle Times: 'We're really having a tough time right now.'

'She was so sweet. She was just very independent. She wanted to make her own way. She didn't want to rely on anyone else,' Van Horn told the Seattle Times.

Chuck Eagan, a father of two daughters, had been at the mall with his wife when shots at the mall rang out.

Eagan and his wife began to run but she fell down. He was shot when he stopped to try and help her.

He died early Saturday from his injuries at a local hospital. A Boeing employee, Eagan was just about to retire.

Belinda Galde, 64, and her 95-year-old mother Beatrice Dotson were both killed in the cosmetics section, according to King 5.

The Snohomish County District Court released a statement identifying Galde as an employee with the court since 1989.

Galde was an 'amazingly kind and caring individual' who helped thousands of probationers find a better way to live, the statement read.

During a press conference on Saturday morning, authorities said the man believed to be Cetin was seen entering the mall without a gun about 10 minutes before he opened fire in Macy's at 7pm on Friday.

At the press conference, Mayor Steve Sexton described the suspect as a 'son of a b\*\*\*h'.

'Our community comes together in times of tragedy,' Sexton said.

'Our support goes with them (law enforcement), to help them... bring the son of a b\*\*\*h who did this to our community to justice.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Authorities have arrested suspect in the Seattle shooting that left five dead

\* Suspect is Turkish, from Adana, Turkey, not Hispanic as reported by Police

\* Four women and one man have been confirmed dead in the shooting

\* Cetin allegedly opened fire inside Cascade Mall at about 7:30pm Friday

\* FBI said terrorism was not suspected in the shooting, but motive unclear

\* A source told KING 5 News Cetin's ex-girlfriend worked in the Macy's

\* A witness says he saw a rifle on the counter of the store after gunman fled

\* Two of his female victims have been identified since the Friday shooting

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\* Another victim was 52-year-old make-up artist Shayla Martin

The suspect in the Washington state mall shooting was apprehended by police 30 miles from the scene of the crime in a 'zombie-like state' on Saturday evening.

Arcan Cetin, 20, an **immigrant** originally from Adana, Turkey, was arrested near his Oak Harbor home almost 24 hours after he allegedly opened fire in the make-up department of Macy's in Burlington's Cascade Mall, killing four women and one man.

At a press conference on Saturday evening after Cetin's arrest, police refused to 'rule out or rule in' terrorism.

KING 5 News reported that Cetin took three legally purchased guns from his father and drove to Macy's where his ex-girlfriend once worked and started shooting before dumping the weapons and escaping on foot.

His ex-girlfriend quit several months ago, according to KING 5 News and was not at the mall at the time of the shooting.

There have been unconfirmed reports the suspect shouted a woman's name multiple times just moments before opening fire, according to FOX-Q13.

The arrest comes as two of victims of the attack were identified as Sarai Lara, 16, and Shayla Martin, 52.

Police said he has not been formally charged with a crime yet.

Cetin took the three legally purchased guns from his father and went to the Macy's at Cascade Mall in Burlington, Washinton, where his ex-girlfriend once worked, according to KING 5 News.

Pictures posted to Cetin's MySpace page show him holding what appears to be a rifle and another appears to show a revolver.

Washington State Patrol announced the capture of Cetin on their Twitter account around 10.16pm EST.

According to his Facebook, Cetin lives in Oak Harbor, Washington, but is originally from Adana, Turkey.

He is not Hispanic, as police originally reported.

A former classmate of Cetin, Uhlaine Finnigan, 19, of Washington, spoke exclusively to DailyMail.com about her memories of the suspect.

'I didn't think he'd take it as far as mass murder but I knew he was trouble,' Finnigan said.

Finnigan said she was headed to Cascade Mall that night, but at the last minute decided not to go.

'We did just get back from the Bellingham Mall, so that could be some of our influence.

'Knowing my friends and I we would of been at Macy's, too,' she said.

The 19-year-old described Cetin as a loner who appeared troubled to her.

During a press conference on Saturday night, officials confirmed that along with having Cetin in custody, they also had his rifle.

Lieutenant Mike Hawley of the Island County Sheriff's office said after tips from the community, he heard a report over the scanner that the suspect had been spotted.

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Officials also said they are not willing to rule in or out terrorism because the investigation is too new.

As his capture was announced, two of his victims' identities were revealed.

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Sarai went to Macy's looking for pants, her mother said.

As news spread through the mall of the shooting Evangelina desperately tried to get to her daughter but was blocked from entering the store.

Seven hours later it was confirmed that Sarai was among the victims.

Another victim is believed to be 52-year-old Shayla Martin.

Martin, of Mount Vernon, Washington, worked as a make-up artist. Her sister Karen Van Horn told the Seattle Times: 'We’re really having a tough time right now.'

Van Horn said police hadn't confirmed her sister was among the dead but that a witness told them she had been killed during the shooting.

'She was so sweet. She was just very independent. She wanted to make her own way. She didn’t want to rely on anyone else,' Van Horn told the Seattle Times.

Along with Sarai Lara and Shayla Martin, two more women and one man are confirmed dead after the shooting at the Cascade Mall in Burlington, about 65 miles north of Seattle, the Washington State Patrol said.

Cetin allegedly walked into Macy's and opened fire in the the makeup department of the store about 7pm local time.

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Officials released stills from video surveillance of a young-looking suspect holding what appears to be a rifle.

In two of them the man can be seen appearing to not have anything in his hands, while other images show him carrying something - which could be the rifle.

The mall had been evacuated by 8.30pm local time and emergency medical personnel were cleared to enter and attend to any injuries.

The station also reported that a nearby high school football game and neighboring businesses were evacuated as a precaution.

Police received calls around 6.58pm local time that shots were fired at the mall, Trooper Rick Johnson told CNN.

Gov. Jay Inslee said tragedy has struck in Washington state in Burlington.

'Trudi and I send our condolences to the families of the victims and prayers for anyone injured,' Inslee said.

'We urge residents to heed all safety and detour warnings.

'Stay close to your friends and loved ones as we await more information and, hopefully, news of the suspect's capture.'

Video from the scene showed a heavy police force swarming the mall on Friday evening.

Streets surrounding the mall and access roads to entrances to the facility had been closed off by police.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives said Friday night it was deploying to Burlington, Washington.

The FBI also said it is assisting local authorities in the investigation into the deadly mall shooting.

An employee at a restaurant near the deadly mall shooting said they 'immediately locked the doors' when they heard of the mayhem unfolding on Friday night.

Stephanie Bose, an assistant general manager at Johnny Carino's Italian restaurant near Cascade Mall in Burlington, Washington, told The Associated Press her restaurant is just outside the Macy's.

A boyfriend of one of Bose's employees came into the restaurant after trying to go to the mall.

She said he saw people screaming and police blocking the door with assault rifles.

'He was trying to go to the mall and people were screaming,' she said. 'It was frantic.'

She said he could see police at the doors with assault rifles and said they were no longer guarding the doors as of 9.30pm local time.

The Cascade Mall is an enclosed shopping mall in Burlington, Washington that opened in 1990, according to the mall's website.

It features J.C. Penney, TJ Maxx, and Macy's stores, among other stores, restaurants and a movie theater.

The shooting comes less than a week after a man stabbed nine people at a mall in central Minnesota before being shot dead.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Newly revealed U.S. Citizenship and **Immigration** Services memo reveals a push to move up swearing in of new citizens before the elections

\* 'It's the end of the year crunch time, so let's get crunchy!'

\* 'As many' cases as possible

\* Two GOP senators call instead for 'putting on the brakes

An internal Obama administration memo reveals a push by an **immigration** field office to swear in as many new citizens as possible because of election year concerns.

An explosive memo from a U.S. Citizenship and **Immigration** Services field office head last summer urges an all-hands-on deck approach 'due to the election year.'

To keep the new citizens – and potential new voters – moving through the line, an unnamed government official was encouraged 'to take advantage of the OT if you can,' meaning overtime, in order to get processing done using overtime hours.

'It's the end of the year crunch time, so let's get crunchy!' wrote one official in the emails, which were obtained by Wisconsin senator Ron Johnson and reported by Fox News.

According to one memo involving a Houston **immigration** office obtained by Johnson, 'The Field Office due to the election year needs to process as many of their N-400 cases as possible between now and FY 2016.

Johnson chairs the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The urgency of the memos belie the usual reputations for government inefficiency.

'If you have cases in this category or other pending, you are encouraged to take advantage of the OT if you can,' it says.

'This will be an opportunity to move your pending naturalization cases. If you have not volunteered for OT, please consider and let me know if you are interested.'

To keep things moving, the unnamed official noted special Saturday hours.

'To assist with that the Field Office will be open on Saturday, July 23 between the hours of 6:30am and 2:30pm for overtime (no interviews). Also, the office will be open on Saturday, July 30 for officers who volunteered for overtime interviews 6:30am and 2:00pm and to officers to work N-14 and Reverification cases,' according to the email.

Johnson and Iowa Senator Charles Grassley wrote the Homeland Security Department questioning its practices in the run-up to the elections. Grassley chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee.

'Your department seems intent on approving as many naturalization cases as quickly as possible at a time when it should instead be putting on the brakes and reviewing past adjudications,' they wrote.

The two chairmen point to an explosive inspector generals report that revealed 858 naturalized citizens from 'special interest' countries of concern gained status despite deportation orders against them under another name.

'Please explain what you are doing or will do to reassure adjudicators that naturalization applications should not be rushed for inappropriate political reasons,' the chairmen wrote.

In one June 21 email, which Fox identifies as having been sent to the chief of a Houston **immigration** field office, an official noted on the plea for sign-ups: 'I couldn't have said it better!'

'It's the end of the year crunch time, so let's get crunchy! Go Team Houston! Thanks for all your hard work!'

A Texas Lyceum poll in mid-September had Donald Trump leading Hillary Clinton by just 7 points.

To cast a vote, new citizens still need to register to vote in their states.

A customs and **immigration** official told the network in a statement, 'USCIS’s goal is to process applications for naturalization within five to seven months, regardless of external events such as elections,' said the official.

'USCIS anticipated that there would be a spike in applications this year, as we usually see in an election year, but the increase in N-400 applications has exceeded expectations. USCIS has detailed staff to offices experiencing increased workloads and has authorized overtime for many offices,' the official added.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Ted Cruz stunned the Republican commentariat on Friday by endorsing Donald Trump for president

\* The two men feuded endlessly this summer as Cruz and his loyalists tried to derail Trump's nomination

\* Cruz was jeered and booed in July when he refused to endorse Trump at the Republican convention, telling delegates to 'vote your conscience'

\* Trump said two days later that he wouldn't accept Cruz's endorsement if he offered one

\* But on Friday the two men buried the hatchet, with Trump saying he was 'greatly honored' and calling Cruz 'a tough and brilliant opponent'

Ted Cruz finally jumped aboard the Trump train on Friday, stunning conservative stalwarts by encouraging Republicans to vote for the GOP nominee he feuded with for months and once called a 'pathological liar.'

'After many months of careful consideration, of prayer and searching my own conscience, I have decided that on Election Day, I will vote for the Republican nominee, Donald Trump,' Cruz wrote on Facebook.

'I've made this decision for two reasons. First, last year, I promised to support the Republican nominee. And I intend to keep my word,' he explained.

His decision came as Trump and Clinton appear locked in a statistical dead heat in polls, and a mounting confidence within the Republican's circle that he could win - and jitters in Hillary Clinton's camp over her evaporating lead.

Cruz went out of his way to pin his decision firmly on anti-Clinton sentiment - but said that Trump's list of potential Supreme Court nominees was what swayed him.

'Second, even though I have had areas of significant disagreement with our nominee, by any measure Hillary Clinton is wholly unacceptable – that's why I have always been #NeverHillary.'

I am greatly honored by the endorsement of Senator Cruz. We have fought the battle and he was a tough and brilliant opponent. I look forward to working with him for many years to come in order to make America great again. DONALD J. TRUMP

Trump responded with a statement minutes later that was far more gracious than what he was saying and tweeting months earlier.

'I am greatly honored by the endorsement of Senator Cruz,' he said Friday. 'We have fought the battle and he was a tough and brilliant opponent. I look forward to working with him for many years to come in order to make America great again.'

Cruz's decision was prompted by Trump's release of an expanded list of potential Supreme Court nominees – including his best friend, Utah Sen. Mike Lee.

Although Lee quickly said he's not interested in serving on the high court, the move was seen as an olive branch to Cruzworld.

Trump told DailyMail.com in May that he wouldn't put Cruz himself on the Supreme Court, citing his 'temperament.'

That came two months before Cruz stunned the Republican National Convention by refusing to endorse him in a prime-time speech.

'Please, don't stay home in November. Stand, and speak, and vote your conscience,' Cruz said then, drawing jeers and boos. vote for candidates up and down the ticket whom you trust to defend our freedom and to be faithful to the Constitution.'

Two days later at a campaign event in Ohio, Trump said he was putting Cruz in the rear-view mirror.

'I don't want his endorsement. If he gives it, I will not accept it, just so you understand. I will not accept it,' he said then.

On Friday Cruz laid out a laundry list of reasons he's changed his mind.

Cruz was also heartened by Trump's public backing of an Internet freedom measure he promoted in the Senate.

'If Clinton wins, we know – with 100% certainty – that she would deliver on her left-wing promises, with devastating results for our country,' Cruz wrote on Friday. 'My conscience tells me I must do whatever I can to stop that.'

'We also have seen, over the past few weeks and months, a Trump campaign focusing more and more on freedom – including emphasizing school choice and the power of economic growth to lift African-Americans and Hispanics to prosperity.'

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After breaking down his policy-based decisions, Cruz wrote: 'Our country is in crisis. Hillary Clinton is manifestly unfit to be president, and her policies would harm millions of Americans. And Donald Trump is the only thing standing in her way.'

His lines in the sand included Supreme Court nominations' a bid to scrap the Obamacare law; Trump's vow to stop the Obama administration's 'war on coal and relentless efforts to crush the oil and gas industry'; his promise to replace America's **immigration** policy with something less friendly to illegal **immigrants**; a renewed focus on fighting 'radical Islamic terrorism'; and his Internet pet project that would block the U.S. from ceding control over the global network's architecture and systems.

The road to the White House for Trump was pock-marked with slings and arrows in a Cruz feud that seemed destined never to end.

Cruz boiled over on the day of the Indiana primary after enduring a series of attacks from Trump.

'I'm going to do something I haven't done for the entire campaign, for those of you all who have traveled with me, all across the country,' Cruz said in a stunning press conference.

'I'm going to tell you what I really think of Donald Trump.'

He then proceeded to unload on his rival, with whom he had enjoyed a kind of a truce early in the campaign that some observers called a 'bromance.'

'This man is a pathological liar,' Cruz said.

'He doesn't know the difference between truth and lies. He lies practically every word that comes out of his mouth. And he had a pattern that I think is straight out of a psychology textbook.'

CRUZ VS. TRUMP: THEIR GREATEST HITS

Donald Trump and Ted Cruz exchanged zingers and insults for the first half of 2016, including these one-liners that have now been set aside with Cruz's endorsement

TED CRUZ ON DONALD TRUMP:

\* 'This man is a pathological liar'

\* 'A narcissist at a level I don't think this country has ever seen'

\* 'Donald, you are a sniveling coward – and leave Heidi the hell alone'

\* 'The man is utterly amoral'

DONALD TRUMP ON TED CRUZ:

\* 'I don't want his endorsement.'

\* 'It's dishonorable. Not a nice thing to do.' (on Cruz failing to support him)

\* 'Straight out of the hills of Canada' (about the senator's birthplace in Calgary)

\* 'Ted Cruz is worse than a puppet. He's a Trojan horse, used by the party bosses attempting to steal the nomination.'

\* 'A picture is worth a thousand words' (in a retweet of an unflattering picture of Cruz's wife Heidi)

\* 'He was with Lee Harvey Oswald prior to Oswald's being, you know, shot.' (about Cruz's father Rafael

He continued: 'His response is to accuse everybody else of lying. He accuses everybody on that debate stage of lying, and it's simply a mindless yell. Whatever he does, he accuses everyone else of doing.'

'The man cannot tell the truth, but he combines it with being a narcissist. A narcissist at a level I don't think this country has ever seen.'

'Donald Trump is such a narcissist that Barack Obama looks at him and goes, 'Dude, what's your problem?'

Cruz kept going. 'Everything in Donald's world is about Donald. And he combines being a pathological liar, and I say pathological because I actually think Donald – if you hooked him up to a lie-detector pass, he could say one thing in the morning, one thing at noon, and one thing in the evening, all contradictory, and he'd pass the lie-detector test each time. Whatever lie he's telling, at that minute he believes it, but the man is utterly a moron.'

Among many personal hits that set Cruz off was a tweet Trump retweeted containing an unflattering picture of Cruz's wife, Heidi, next to Trump's model wife Melania.

'A picture is worth a thousand words' read the caption.

At first Trump refused to apologize but he later called it a mistake. 'If I had to do it again, I wouldn't have sent it,' he said later.

After an anti-Trump super PAC created a web ad using old nude photos of Melania Trump, the candidate went after Cruz, who had no apparent connection, on Twitter.

'Lyin' Ted Cruz just used a picture of Melania from a G.Q. shoot in his ad. Be careful, Lyin' Ted, or I will spill the beans on your wife!' Trump wrote in March.

Cruz's defiance at the July convention in Cleveland, Ohio may have settled a score but it complicated his political future.

Members of his own Texas delegation yelled out in fury at him when he spoke to supporters the day after his stunning convention speech.

Cruz is up for re-election in 2018, and faced the prospect of having aggravated Trump's numerous supporters.

Former Texas governor Rick Perry, a Trump supporter, has been mentioned as a possible primary challenger, along with Texas Rep. Michael McCaul.

Trump spoke highly of Perry at a closed fundraiser last month, although his words got out.

'I'll tell you what. I've been hearing a lot about that and I don't know if he wants to do it, but boy will he do well,' Trump said. 'People love him in Texas and he was one great governor.'

Cruz also is already reported to be putting the building blocks in place for a possible 2020 presidential campaign if Clinton wins in November – a task that may have been too heavy a lift if millions of Trump's supporters saw him as antagonistic.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Hillary Clinton earns 45 per cent of the vote to Donald Trump's 39 per cent, according to the new McClatchy-Marist poll released Friday

\* But while 53 per cent believe Trump has the stamina to be president, just 39 per cent said the same of Clinton

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\* But she loses to Trump on honesty and trustworthiness

Hillary Clinton is riding a six-point lead over Donald Trump, a poll showed Friday, but most voters don't think she has the stamina to hold the White House.

Clinton earns 45 per cent of the vote to Trump's 39 per cent, according to a new McClatchy-Marist poll on Friday. Libertarian Gary Johnson gets 10 per cent and Green candidate Jill Stein 4 per cent.

And while 53 per cent of those surveyed believed that Trump has the stamina to be president, just 39 per cent said the same of Clinton. The finding means that even those who will vote for her do not believe in her stamina.

The Democrat took three days off the campaign trail last week after she came down with pneumonia.

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The debates will run as follows:

September 26: First presidential debate at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York

October 4: Vice presidential debate at Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia

October 9: Second presidential debate at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri

October 19: Third and final presidential debate at University of Nevada in Las Vegas

Each debate will be broadcast live on ABC, CBS, C-SPAN, FOX and NBC, as well as all cable news channels including CNN, Fox News and MSNBC among others.

All the major news networks will offer a free live stream as will YouTube and Twitter. Live stream links will be posted the day of the debate.

All debates will run from 9:00-10:30 p.m. Eastern Time (8pm – 9:30pm CT, 7pm – 8:30pm MT, 6pm – 7:30pm PT)

Source: CPD[http://www.debates.org/index.php?page=2016debates], Election Central[http://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2016-debate-schedule/2016-presidential-debate-schedule/]

It is not unusual for candidates to get ill amid a punishing campaign schedule which also puts them in close contact with thousands of people. But her team took two days to reveal the diagnosis, and only did so after she collapsed hurrying away from New York's 9/11 memorial ceremony.

That lack of clarity appears to have cost her in terms of how voters rate her stamins.

She wins votes based on who they think is most competent on handling issues like terrorism, **immigration** and job creation. But she loses to Trump on honesty and trustworthiness.

'If there's an Achilles heel in her armor, honest and trustworthy is where that shows up the most,' said Lee Miringoff, the director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion in New York.

Trump has been battling scandals of his own. The Washington Post reported Tuesday that Trump used $258,000 in Trump Foundation charity contributions that benefited his business interests.

Both candidates remain unpopular among voters: just 40 per cent have a favorable opinion of Clinton, and 37 per cent of her Republican rival, according to the McClatchy-Marist poll.

And despite Trump's appeal to African-American voters - 'What have you got to lose?' he asked Tuesday, speaking to a nearly all-white audience - Clinton leads him 93 to 3 per cent among that demographic.

A Thursday Associated Press/Gfk poll also showed Clinton with a six point lead, at 41 per cent to Trump's 35 among likely voters. Johnson earned 7 per cent and Jill Stein 2 per cent.

The candidates will go head-to-head in the first presidential debate on Monday. Clinton has holed up to prepare and is using a stand-in for Trump, while the businessman is being coached by disgraced Fox News boss Roger Ailes.

With the polls swinging wildly between the presidential hopefuls, both will have everything to play for in what remains an unpredictable race.

Although the McClatchy-Marist survey showed Clinton with a healthy lead, a separate Rasmussen on Thursday showed her lagging Trump by five points.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Sandra Langlois, 42, is a resident of Albertville, Alabama, where the demographic has changed significantly due to **immigration**

\* She says she is still unemployed because she has told prospective bosses she doesn't speak Spanish

\* 30 per cent of the population of the town of Albertville is Hispanic

\* A CNN poll shows that working class whites feel that **immigrants** have negatively impacted their job prospects

\* Survey finds that working class whites in the South are more likely to support deporting illegal **immigrants**

A white middle class Alabama woman says she has been rejected by prospective employers because she doesn't speak Spanish.

Sandra Langlois, a native of Albertville, Alabama, told CNN the changing demographics brought on by illegal **immigration** has left working class whites like herself struggling to find gainful employment.

Langlois, a 42-year-old woman who as a child **immigrated** to the United States legally from Germany, said: 'It's kind of, really, discrimination. If you're not here legally, then you need to go ahead and go back home... They need to come over here the right way. Don't sneak over. Don't stay here.'

The influx of **immigrants** - both legal and illegal - has made it harder for native-born Americans who don't speak Spanish to find jobs in areas of the country that have grown more ethnically diverse in recent years.

Albertville is a town that reflects the demographic changes that are having a major economic impact in wide swaths of the country.

Its population numbers 21,462 – with 30 per cent of those Hispanic. Nearly 3,800 locals were born outside the US.

Though Albertville is known as the home of the Mueller Company, the fire hydrant-manufacturing giant, it is also the place where poultry processing plants have come in and hired a labor force made up predominantly of **immigrants**.

Locals like Langlois say the large **immigrant** population has made it harder for those here legally to find work.

'It's just not fair,' she says. 'It's like they're getting special treatment.'

Others, however, say that the **immigrants** have bolstered the economy because they are willing to do jobs that native whites will not do.

'There's plenty of jobs,' says an Albertville resident, Ronnie Wise. 'You've just got to want to do it.'

Wise, who is himself unemployed, told CNN that the local economy benefits from a large **immigrant** population.

'A lot of people don't want to [work in certain jobs], and they (**immigrants**) will. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't have any chicken plants here.'

CNN cited a poll which said that 27 per cent of working class whites believe that their families have been negatively impacted by illegal **immigrants** taking jobs in their communities.

Of that number, 80 per cent want the government to deport them.

The poll numbers indicate that the sentiment is even stronger in the South, where the changes in population make-up are most acutely felt.

The survey cited by CNN shows that almost half of working class whites (47 per cent) see **immigrants** as a burden. The number of white college graduates who feel the same way drops to 20 per cent.

'There's no place [in Albertville] to really be away from them anymore,' said one local, Joe Lusk, a 59-year-old fence company owner.

White working class angst over economic woes and **immigration** is fueling the popularity of Donald Trump's candidacy for president.

Trump is expected to easily win Alabama and other Southern states where anxiety over illegal **immigration** is highest.

Nonetheless, it appears that the illegal **immigrant** population in the US is holding steady. In some states, it might even be dropping.

A new survey by the Pew Research Center indicates that the number of illegal **immigrants** in Georgia has dropped, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The survey found that overall in the US, the number of illegal **immigrants** in the country since the Great Recession has held steady, while the number of undocumented aliens from Mexico has dropped, The Wall Street Journal has reported.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Fast food giant fired 70 staff members from accounting in order to give those jobs to guest workers here on H-1B visas

\* Move is part of trend of outsourcing jobs in mainstream sectors of the economy besides Silicon Valley

\* Company says that the move is intended to save costs

\* Trump has expressed support for doing away with H-1B visas in order to protect American jobs

\* Clinton has said she supports granting residency status to foreigners who complete STEM degrees in US colleges

McDonald's has laid off 70 native-born employees from Ohio and filled their positions with contracted workers who entered the country on H-1B visas.

A spokesperson for McDonald's told Breitbart that the company decided to lay off the 70 Americans in order to save costs.

'To deliver $500 million in savings, the vast majority by the end of 2017, we are restructuring many aspects of our business, including an accounting function,' the spokesperson, Terri Hickey, said.

What is most striking about the news, is that the fast food chain is outsourcing jobs that are considered 'mainstream white-collar positions' like accounting.

The significance of this development is that American companies are increasingly turning to cheaper labor from foreign countries in order to man positions in all corners of the economy, and not just hi-tech and software firms.

'[This] is not just a Silicon Valley thing anymore, it is happening all over' the US, Steve Camarota, head of research at the Center for **Immigration** Studies, told Breitbart.

There are now over 800,000 'guest workers' in the US who have been hired to do 'white-collar temporary jobs.' Of them, 650,000 are here on an H-1B multi-year visa.

The Ohio layoffs could bode ill for other sectors of the economy – like accounting, healthcare, and design jobs - since the jobs being outsourced are those that have been filled by Americans who have completed accredited business schools and are professionally trained.

Foreigners, particularly from India, have come to the US and have been hired as professors, lecturers, doctors, therapists, scientists, and researchers.

Since the 1980s, **immigrants** - both legal and illegal - have found work in blue collar positions that were once occupied by Americans.

Now, companies are sponsoring the arrival of new **immigrants** in order to perform 'professional white-collar jobs.'

The issue has become a hot-button topic in this election campaign, and it is thought to be a particularly sensitive matter for supporters of Republican nominee Donald Trump.

In March, Trump vowed that if elected president he would end the H-1B visa program.

'I know the H-1B very well,' Trump said. 'We shouldn't have it, it's very, very bad for workers.'

'It's unfair to our workers and we should end it.'

His Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, has not been as clear with regards to the visa program, though she has come out in support of granting permanent residency to foreign students who earn advanced STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) degrees in the US.

Clinton's plan was proposed on her official campaign website.

'Far too often, we require talented persons from other countries who are trained in US universities to return home, rather than stay in here and continue to contribute to our economy,' the Clinton campaign says.

'As part of a comprehensive **immigration** solution, Hillary would "staple" a green card to STEM masters and PhDs from accredited institutions - enabling international students who complete degrees in these fields to move to green card status.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* This week, a Westchester County, New York judge referred a divorce case to law enforcement for possible criminal charges

\* In the midst of Michael Cunningham and DKNY Swarovski's divorce, it was revealed that the mother tried to kill one of their two children

\* The murder attempt allegedly happened when Swarovski took off to Colorado and didn't want the 'extra baggage' of a second child

\* So she attempted to strangle her eight-year-old son so she could vanish with her five-year-old daughter

\* All of this was revealed in a 2014 therapy session with the children

\* That same year, Mr Cunningham filed for divorce from his wife after 10 years of marriage

\* Swarovski told her husband that she was from Italy, but in reality she was a Mexican **immigrant** who changed her name to DKNY Swarovski

A 41-year-old Wall Street entrepreneur from upscale Rye, New York claims his wife hoodwinked him for 10 years, leading him to believe she grew up an Italian orphan when she was really a Mexican **immigrant**.

While Michael Cunningham thought it was strange that his wife legally changed her name to DKNY Swarovski, he says he never suspected that she would have lied to him about her heritage.

Meanwhile, the 41-year-old former stay-at-home mom could face attempted murder charges for allegedly trying to strangle their eight-year-old son.

Details of Swarovski's shady background and her reported violence towards her children was revealed in divorce papers this week, as a judge in Westchester County, New York referred the custody case to law enforcement for possible criminal charges.

In an interview with the New York Post, Mr Cunningham described an idyllic life the couple and their two children led in Rye before they started arguing about parenting.

In 2014, Mr Cunningham filed for divorce when his wife refused to let his friends and family have a role in their son's and daughter's lives.

That year, Swarovski absconded to Colorado where she allegedly attempted to strangle their eight-year-old son with headphone wires.

According to court documents, the mother said she wanted to kill her son so she could run away with their five year-old daughter 'without the extra baggage'.

She allegedly told her son 'it will only hurt for a minute'. Meanwhile, the boy's little sister was shoved into a bathroom so she wouldn't interfere.

For some reason though, Swarovski is said to have stopped and let the boy live, and even tried to cover up his scars with make-up. She later returned to New York with the kids when she was threatened with arrest.

The details of her alleged dark plot to kill her son were later revealed in a therapy session with the two children.

Mr Cunningham was in the therapy session when the revelations were made and recalls his son breaking down as he remembered the scarring attack.

'He’s apologizing to me and I said, "What’s wrong?" and he said, "Mom tried to kill me and it wasn’t an accident she put a cord around my neck,"' Mr Cunningham recalled.

In her ruling this week, Westchester Judge Linda Christopher awarded Mr Cunningham full custody of his children, and referred the case to law enforcement so that they may investigate attempted murder and child abuse charges.

'This case is unlike even the most horrendous cases of abuse and neglect that Family Court judges must preside over,' Christopher wrote in her decision. 'Attempting to kill one’s own child in a calculated, coldblooded manner is a rarity.'

Also revealed in the couple's divorce was the fact that Swarovski lied about her Italian heritage.

The couple apparently met in New York and married in Las Vegas in 2004, and though Mr Cunningham found his wife's name strange he never questioned her story that she grew up as an orphan in Milan, Italy.

In reality, she grew up in Mexico in a household with 10 siblings and left for the U.S. at the age of 19. Two years after moving to Colorado, she changed her name to DKNY Swarovski.

'We went to Italy, we met people who were supposed to be her previous employees, previous friends, they all spoke Italian to each other. She was meticulous. She left no stone unturned,' Mr Cunningham said.

When reached by the Post, Swarovksi said denied the claims that she ever harmed her kids, saying her ex-husband has 'brainwashed' their children.

It appears that the Denver DA's office will lead the investigation, since the alleged attempted murder happened in Colorado.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Michael Sandford, from Surrey, is being held in a high security prison

\* He grabbed officer's gun at a Trump rally in Las Vegas in June

\* Admitted being illegal **alien** with a firearm and disrupting public function

\* Will get up to 27 months in jail after taking a plea bargain

\* His mother Lynne has been to visit him in prison and said he's 'not coping'

\* Michael has severe OCD, anxiety, depression and previously anorexia

A British man accused of trying to shoot Donald Trump was reportedly having a psychotic episode at the time and describes the whole incident as 'a blur'.

Autistic 20-year-old, Michael Sandford, from Surrey, says he has no memory of trying to gun down the presidential candidate after grabbing a policeman's gun at a rally in Las Vegas on June 18.

He pleaded guilty to being an illegal **alien** in possession of a firearm and disrupting an official function at a court in Nevada last week.

Since his arrest, Michael has been held at a high security prison in the Nevada desert and his mother, Lynne, has been campaigning for the right to see him.

Earlier this month she flew out to America and was granted a meeting with her son.

He had been living in America for 18 months prior to the incident but had lost touch with home, and had a 'delusional psychotic episode' at the time of the attack, Lynne said.

She added: 'He has no memory of what happened, just describing it as a blur.

'He is now on various medications and feeling a substantial improvement, however when he realized what he had done he was horrified and very remorseful.'

She admitted Michael, who has severe OCD, anxiety, depression and previously anorexia, is 'not coping' in prison, and she has reiterated her hope that he can be sent home for treatment.

Lynne added: 'He gets ten minutes a day exercise in an outdoor cage, but due to the searing heat, that is about all you could manage anyway.

'His cell is so small he can stretch both arms out and touch both walls, and it is only as long as the bed.'

Lynne said seeing him in jail 'was an emotional rollercoaster, very bittersweet'.

'The joy of seeing him again after so long, but the sorrow and heartache of witnessing him in that setting - where no parent ever wants to see their child.

'I was separated from Michael by a dense mesh screen. He was in leg irons.

'I'd traveled over 5,000 miles to see my son but had to make do with putting our hands to the mesh at the same place, but all I could feel was cold metal.

'However after a time I felt the warmth from his hand. At the end, I was allowed a few minutes alone with him, and we both hugged the mesh screen simultaneously and he felt one of my tears come through the mesh,' she said.

Over the next two days Michael's sister and grandmother accompanied his mother to the prison, but they were only allowed to see him via video screen.

Michael, who grew up in Dorking, Surrey, is due to be sentenced on December 13, having signed a plea bargain to reduce his jail time.

He will then be moved to another prison at which point his mother hopes to start legal proceedings to have him extradited home.

The family has set up a fundraising page to help pay for the ongoing legal battle and Lynne said the response in Dorking has been exceptional.

She said: 'I have had many letters from people who remember him fondly, and hold him in the highest regard and realise how completely out of character this is for him.

'All remark how genuinely polite, caring, courteous and kind he was - along with his whacky sense of humour.

'I will keep fighting for his return.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Hillary Clinton spoke about the bomb attacks in New York in New Jersey from the airport in White Plains

\* She warned the nation can't 'undermine' its values in pursuit of terrorists

\* 'Let us remember there are millions and millions of naturalized citizens in America from all over the world'

\* Cautions that Donald Trump's rhetoric has been 'seized on' by terrorists

\* Defends refugees and invoked Sept. 11th: 'These were not refugees who got into airplanes and attacked our city and our country'

\* The FBI announced Monday it was seeking a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Afghanistan in connection with the bombings

\* Earlier Monday, Republican Donald Trump called for profiling and warned **immigrants** are a dangerous 'Trojan Horse' and 'cancer from within'

\* Trump camp calls Clinton remarks 'disgusting' and calls it a 'treason' attack

Hillary Clinton defended naturalized U.S. citizens and urged the nation not to 'turn on each other' after the FBI announced it was seeking a New Jersey man born in Afghanistan in connection with the bomb attacks in New York and New Jersey.

The Democratic presidential candidate said Trump's rhetoric has been 'seized on by the terrorists' in their recruitment.

'We know that a lot of the rhetoric we've heard from Donald Trump has been seized on by terrorists,' Clinton said. 'We're going after the bad guys and we're going to get them but we're not going to go after an entire religion,' she added.

The Trump campaign fired back immediately on what it called Clinton's 'disgusting attempt to distract from ISIS failures.'

'Hillary Clinton's comments today accusing Mr. Trump of treason are not only beyond the pale, it's also an attempt to distract from her horrible record on ISIS. If Clinton really wants to find the real cause of ISIS, she needs to take a long, hard look in the mirror,' fumed Trump communications advisor Stephen Miller.

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A spokesman for Clinton said Trump's campaign 'can call it whatever they want' - their campaign 'will continue to call it out as Donald Trump continues his reckless campaign.'

Clinton national press secretary Brian Fallon said in a statement rebutting Miller that Trump has 'made dangerous and irresponsible statements that experts say play directly into the hands of ISIS and its perverse ideology.

'We know from independent analysis by counterterrorism experts with years of experience that ISIS supporters want him to win and that his rhetoric has been used for recruitment,' Fallon said. 'We can't have someone in the Oval Office who can so easily play into the hands of terrorists.'

Clinton stressed in her remarks that millions of Muslims and naturalized citizens were 'law-abiding' people, just hours after Republican Donald Trump warned of the threat posed by **immigrants** from war-torn countries 'pouring into our country' and said **immigrants** were 'plotting' while predicting more attacks.

'We chose resolve not fear. We will not turn on each other or undermine our values. We'll stand together because we are stronger together in the face of this threat and every other challenge,' Clinton said, invoking her campaign theme while standing inside an airport hanger outside her campaign plane.

Taking a few brief questions after her statement, Clinton was immediately asked about the latest developments in the investigation into the bombing that injured 29 in Manhattan. A police hunt has begun for 28-year-old Ahmad Khan Rahami, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Afghanistan in connection with the bombing.

'It is true that a suspect of interest has been identified, and we need to do everything we can to support law enforcement as they track him down to to determine what role if any he played in these events,' Clinton said, using measured language of the legal system.

She then pivoted to defend **immigrants**, referencing a policy clash with Trump that has been central to the campaign.

'But let us remember there are millions and millions of naturalized citizens in America from all over the world. There are millions of law-abiding peaceful Muslim Americans. This is the kind of challenge that law enforcement can be and is prepared to address, namely going after anyone who would threaten the United States.'

'Let us be vigilant but not afraid. We have faced threats before,' Clinton said.

She referenced the Sept. 11th attacks, carried out mostly by foreign visitors traveling on short-term visas. 'Let's remember what happened on 9/11. These were not refugees who got into airplanes and attacked our city and our country,' she said.

'So lets not get diverted and distracted by the kind of campaign rhetoric we hear coming from the other side. This is a serious challenge. We are well equipped to meet it. And we can do so in keeping with smart law enforcement, good intelligence and in concert with our values.'

Just hours earlier, Trump said 'weak' U.S. policies, including **immigration** from war-torn Syria, were to blame for the terror threat.

'Yeah because we've been weak. Our country's been week. We're letting people in by the thousands and tens of thousands,' Trump told Fox and Friends.

'They can't be properly vetted. There's no way,' he said.

'They're bringing in many cases vicious cancer from within. This is something that's going to be so tough. And you know they stay together so nobody knows what's happening. They're plotting,' he said.

Trump blamed Clinton and President Barack Obama for creating an environment in which lone wolf terrorists could operate later on Monday.

'Today, Hillary Clinton showed again that she will say anything - and blame anyone - to shift attention away from the weakness she showed as Secretary of State,' he said in a statement. 'The Obama-Clinton doctrine of not taking ISIS seriously enough has emboldened terrorists all over the world.'

Clinton says extremists want Trump to win because he will pursue policies that will make it easier for them to mobilize.

The Republican said Monday radicals are 'hoping and praying that Hillary Clinton becomes President so that they can continue their savagery and murder.'

'I will bring an end to these senseless acts of violence,' he pledged. Would-be terrorists 'will be stopped. We will not look the other way.'

As the latest terror threat showed the prospect of roiling the race, and at a minimum shaping the first presidential debate next week, Clinton called herself 'the only candidate in this race who has been part of the hard decisions to take terrorists off the battlefield.'

'We know that a lot of the rhetoric we've heard from Donald Trump has been seized on by terrorists,' Clinton said, 'in particular ISIS, because they are looking to make this into a war against Islam rather than a war against jihadists and violent terrorists, people who number in maybe the tens of thousands, not the tens of millions.'

'They want to use that to recruit more fighters to their cause by turning it into a religious conflict,' Clinton said.

Continuing she stated, 'We know that Donald Trump's comments have been used online for recruitment of terrorists. We've heard that from former CIA director Michael Hayden, who made it a very clear point when he said Donald Trump is being used as a recruiting sergeant for the terrorists.

'We also know from the former head of our counterterrorism center Matt Olsen that the kinds of rhetoric and language that Mr. Trump has used is giving aid and comfort to our adversaries,' Clinton continued.

Hayden, the former CIA and NSA director told Al Jazeera in March, 'You don't have to be president for that kind of statement from someone so prominent in the American political system to have already made Americans less safe.' He responded in the affirmative when asked whether that made Trump a recruiting sergeant for ISIS.

Clinton vowed tough tactics, saying, 'This threat is real, but so is our resolve. Americans will not cower.

'We will defeat the evil, twisted ideology of the terrorists,' she said and stressed cooperation with law enforcement. 'It is crucial that we continue to build up trust between law enforcement and Muslim American communities.'

The Democratic presidential candidate and former New York senator offered her 'full support' for law enforcement officials and said she's spoken to New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, as well as Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton.

Clinton said, ‘This threat is real, but so is our resolve. Americans will not cower. We will prevail. We will defend our country and we will defeat the evil twisted ideology of the terrorists.’

The former secretary of state again pushed for an intelligence surge with the United States’ allies to help identity terrorist threats and more cooperation between the US government and Silicon Valley.

On the ground, she advocated for an accelerated air campaign, more support for Kurdish forces and ‘intense diplomatic efforts’ to resolve the conflict in Syria.

‘Working closely with our allies and our partners to keep us safe must be the top priority for our next commander in chief,’ she said.

Clinton said she would talk about the global fight against ISIS in her bilateral meetings tonight with world leaders who are in town for the United Nations General Assembly,

She and Trump will meet separately with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi today. Clinton will also hold court with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump spoke to a crowd in Florida about the New York and New Jersey bombing suspect on Monday

\* Trump told the crowd suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami will likely receive 'room service' as he is treated for gunshot wounds following his capture

\* GOP presidential candidate also said Rahami would be treated by 'some of the best doctors in the world' and represented by 'an outstanding lawyer'

\* Rahami, who is a U.S. citizen, has the right to due process under the Fifth Amendment

\* Other Republicans asked the Obama administration to classify Rahami as an enemy combatant, which would remove his constitutional rights

\* Later on Monday, Trump's campaign said the Republican nominee told Egypt's president that he has 'high regard for peace-loving Muslims'

\* On Tuesday NY Governor Andrew Cuomo said that all citizens - Rahami included - were innocent until proven guilty

Donald Trump spoke to a crowd in Florida on Monday telling them that under U.S. law, bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami would receive 'amazing' care while hospitalized.

Trump claimed that Rahami would even 'get room service' while he is treated for gunshot wounds, which he received on Monday while being taken into custody.

He also lambasted the fact Rahami, an American citizen, will be represented by a lawyer when he is tried on attempted murder charges.

'Now we will give him amazing hospitalization. He will be taken care of by some of the best doctors in the world,' Trump said in Fort Myers, Florida.

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Trump continued by saying Rahami 'will be given a fully modern and updated hospital room, and he'll probably even have room service, knowing the way our country is.

'On top of that, he will be represented by an outstanding lawyer.'

Because Rahami is a U.S. citizen, he is afforded his constitutional right to due process as stated and guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment.

Rahami faces five counts of attempted murder of a law enforcement officer and two gun charges, authorities said Monday afternoon. Bail has been set at $5.2 million and he remains in hospital.

Federal charges in the bombings have yet to be filed.

The 28-year-old was arrested around 11am on Monday, after a bar owner in Linden, New Jersey, found him passed out in the waterproofed lobby entrance to his business and called 911.

When police arrived on the scene, Rahami is said to have brandished a weapon and started shooting at the cops.

Officers shot Rahami in the right shoulder and leg, and he was taken from the scene in an ambulance, handcuffed to a stretcher.

Police released Rahami's picture Monday morning, saying he was wanted for questioning in connection to the Saturday bombings in New York City and Seaside Park, New Jersey, as well as the foiled bombing of the Elizabeth, New Jersey train station on Sunday.

Law enforcement say it was fingerprints left behind on an unexploded pressure cooker bomb in Manhattan that led them to him.

Twenty-nine people were injured when another bomb placed a few blocks away was detonated Saturday night.

'His case will go through the various court systems for years. And in the end, people will forget, and his punishment won't be what it once would have been,' Trump said. 'What a sad situation.'

South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham echoed Trump's sentiments and asked the Obama administration to suspend Rahami's constitutional rights.

If labeled an enemy combatant, Rahami would lose his rights to a lawyer.

However, on Tuesday New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said all American citizens - Rahami included - should be regarded as innocent until proven guilty and allowed a fair trial.

I understand the anger that Donald Trump is feeling,' he told CNN. But, he continued, 'this is America, this is our system, and you are innocent until proven guilty and you have a right to counsel.

'And that is the Constitution of the United States of America. And that is what makes us who we are. That's what makes us special.

If that right is given up, he said, 'then you have defeated yourself. That is the code of democracy and freedom. That is what (terrorists) resent about us. So don't lose your soul in the process.

'Because that is the soul of America.'

He concluded by saying that he was an attorney general and assistant district attorney. 'Maybe the government is wrong. It's possible. So you give him a trial.'

'Whatever happens after, that's not who we are,' he concluded.

And on Monday Senator Elizabeth Warren bemoaned Trump's attitude to MSNBC.

'This is what we fight for. We fight for our Constitution. We fight for our basic humanity.

'And Donald Trump says "Let's throw all that out the window and let's do the maximum amount of fearmongering, let's do the maximum amount of turn each other against each other."

'That's what Donald Trump wants,' she said, 'because for Donald Trump it's all politics, all the time. And that's why he can't be President of the United States.'

Later Monday, Trump's campaign said the Republican nominee told Egypt's president that he has 'high regard for peace-loving Muslims.'

Trump met Monday night with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi at the United Nations General Assembly.

Trump promised El-Sissi that, were he to be elected, the United States would be 'a loyal friend' to Egypt, according to a readout of the meeting provided by the Republican's campaign.

He also said they shared a 'common enemy' when fighting 'radical Islamic terrorism.'

The summary of the meeting makes no mention of whether Trump discussed his plan to temporarily ban Muslim **immigrants** from entering the United States.

Trump has also proposed banning **immigration** from countries affected by terrorism. It is not clear if Egypt is included on that list.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**Donald Trump’s a monster.

A vile, hideous, bigoted, nasty, ignorant, deluded, psychotic, ruthless, preposterous, demented buffoon on a collision course to steal the White House and destroy the planet.

Oh, and he’s a sexist, racist, homophobic, misogynist pig too, and every other word ending in ‘–ist’ you can think of for that matter.

Actually he’s even worse than that; in fact, Trump’s the new Hitler – a man who, you may recall, ordered the slaughter of six million Jews.

I know all this because I’ve been reading those exact descriptions about Trump for weeks in the US media, from a whole phalanx of intelligent, experienced journalists, broadcasters, politicians and pundits.

All of them sounding increasingly like Dr Frankenstein in their desperation to try to put this ‘disgusting’ political creature they helped create, nurture and flourish firmly back in his reality TV box.

Yet despite this unprecedented bombardment of mainstream abuse, Trump’s poll numbers keep rising and his chances of becoming President keep increasing.

The reason, to me, is obvious: tens of millions of Americans just don’t agree with that withering verdict.

They think Trump’s a fiery, flamboyant, super-rich, shoot-from-the-hip buccaneer on a mission to make America great again.

They agree with him about illegal **immigration**, about big Government corruption, about Wall Street greed, about ‘crooked’ Hillary Clinton and most pertinently, about the threat of Islamic terrorism.

They see Trump as standing up for them, the little guys, especially the working class little guys, against the Establishment that’s conspiring to ruin their lives.

To them, he’s a towering, unbelievably self-confident fusion of Robin Hood and Friar Tuck who has decided ‘enough is enough’ and wants to reclaim the American dream from those who’ve abused it and take it back to the way it was, to what it was meant to be.

They like the way he talks, struts and fights.

So the more the media whack him, the more they root for their guy.

Especially when he whacks the media back with even greater ferocity.

All this came to a head over the past week with the two terrorist attacks by radicalised Muslims in Minnesota and New York.

This was a perfect storm for both Trump-haters and Trump-lovers.

The former knew he would benefit politically from the incidents, because they were of the exact type he has been vociferously warning about for the past year.

The latter shared his outrage at the indiscriminate attacks on fellow Americans and the apparent impotence of President Obama in doing anything to stop them.

Hillary Clinton, as she normally does, tried to be all calm and collected.

This is not a war against Islam, she insisted. We can’t blame all Muslims for what’s happened, she declared.

She’s right, it’s not and we can’t.

But what neither she nor Obama offers the American people is any kind of plan to combat such attacks.

They talk of how awful it all is, but studiously avoid advocating any real action for fear of upsetting or offending people.

The President doesn’t even like using the phrase ‘Islamic terrorism’, which is utterly absurd given that’s plainly what it is.

In the face of such apparently weak, insipid, mealy-mouthed and frankly meaningless rhetoric, it’s hardly surprising that Trump emerges as a non-PC, no-nonsense voice of reason to many Americans.

His anger is THEIR anger.

It’s real.

I’ve been down to places like Florida and Texas recently and heard with my own ears many people ranting about the abject failure of their government to tackle ISIS.

In Trump, they see someone at least prepared to say the unsayable, even if it ruffles a few feathers.

Ahmad Khan Rahami, the New Jersey and New York pipe and pressure cooker bomber, is the perfect illustration of what Trump has been talking about.

His family came to the US as asylum seekers in the 1990s, when he was seven years old.

In recent years, Rahami made ‘multiple’ visits to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Authorities told CNN that he spent a whole year, between 203 and 2014, in the Pakistan city of Quetta, a hotbed of Islamic extremism.

A friend revealed the shocking change in him after these trips.

‘He left to go to Afghanistan,’ said Flee Jones, ‘and two years ago he came back, popped up again and was real religious. It was shocking. I’m trying to understand what made him like this.’

It’s not hard to work out the likely answer: Rahami was radicalised by jihadis.

He then brought his new radicalised views back to America where they festered inside his rage-filled mind until he finally erupted in an orgy of violence.

His story, and his method of attack, bear a striking resemblance to the Russian-born Tsarnaev brothers who terrorised the Boston marathon.

The case of the Minnesota terrorist, Dahir Ahmed Adan, is less clear.

We know he was a 22-year-old student who randomly stabbed ten people in a shopping mall, making ‘some reference to Allah’ and asking at least one victim whether they were Muslim before knifing them.

ISIS gleefully claimed responsibility, as they will for any attack of this nature where there’s even a suggestion of allegiance to or inspiration from their barbarous group.

Who knows what his exact connection might have been? But the FBI seem pretty firmly of the belief Adan was radicalised too.

How many more of these potential killers are out there, ready to strike in the name of their warped view of Islam? We don’t know, nobody does.

That’s the problem.

And that’s why Donald Trump is damn right to keep shouting about it, even if some of his comments are unpalatable.

At least he seems to understand the gravity of the situation and is coming up with plans to try to deal with it.

This week, it emerged the Obama administration wrongly granted citizenship to over 800 **immigrants** awaiting deportation from ‘countries of concern’ because the Department of Homeland Security didn’t have their fingerprints on file.

The Washington and media elite seems more intent on mocking, belittling and abusing Trump himself than on such staggering and dangerous incompetence.

They need to realise he’s not the real enemy here, and that when it comes to Islamic terror, Trump’s been proven absolutely, horribly right.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Dahir Ahmed Adan moved to the US from Somalia aged 3 months

\* Adan stabbed ten people during Saturday's knife attack in Minnesota

\* Law enforcement source said Adan asked people if they were Muslim

\* ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack through their news agency

The family of an ISIS knifeman who was shot dead by an off duty police officer after stabbing ten people in a Minnesota mall described him as 'the most assimilated guy in the neighborhood'.

Somali born Dahir Ahmed Adan told his family he was going out to pick up a new iPhone, but instead put on a security guard uniform and attacked random strangers in the mall.

The 22-year-old attacker armed himself with a kitchen knife before making his way to the mall.

During Saturday's frenzied attack, Adan wounded ten people before he was shot dead by an off-duty officer.

Friends have described him as an honor student in high school who worked part time as a security guard.

Abdul Kulane, a community advocate for St Cloud's Somali community said: 'We have a thirst for answers. What was his motivation? What happened?'

Authorities have released little information about Adan but say they are investigating the attacks as a potential act of terrorism. An ISIS-run news agency claimed the attacker was a 'soldier' for the group.

One victim, Ryan Schliep, told WCCO-TV that Adan 'just walked right at me' before quickly stabbing Schliep in the head.

'He looked just blank in the eyes like he wasn't even there,' Schliep said.

Jama Alimad, a Somali community advocate and friend of the family, told the Star Tribune that Adan was more into sports than religion, describing him as 'the most assimilated kid in the neighborhood'.

'He was an A student. He was a tutor. He was employed,' Alimad told the newspaper.

A spokesman for the family, Abdi Wahid Osman, read from a statement expressing condolences for the injured and anyone else who was impacted.

'As we mourn the death of our son, Dahir Adan, who was very dear to us, we are in deep shock as everyone else is in the state of Minnesota,' the statement said.

Adan had been recently worked part-time by the security firm Securitas, and he was assigned for a few months to an Electrolux factory near the mall, Electrolux spokeswoman Eloise Hale said. A statement from Securitas said he resigned from the company in June.

A spokesman for St. Cloud State University confirmed Adan was a student majoring in information systems, but hasn't been enrolled since the spring semester.

St. Cloud Police Chief Blair Anderson said the attacker began stabbing people right after entering the mall. The victims included eight men, one woman and a 15-year-old girl.

Anderson also said the attack appeared to be the work of one person and there was no sign the attacker was radicalized or communicated with any terrorist group.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Rick Thornton said the attack is being investigated as a 'potential act of terrorism'.

Authorities were digging into Adan's background and possible motives, looking at social media accounts and electronic devices and talking to his associates, Thornton said.

Haji Yusuf, who is part of UniteCloud, a local group founded to tackle racial and ethnic tension in the city, said he spoke with Adan's parents and was told Adan went to the mall to pick up an iPhone. Yusuf said Adan seemed happy when left the home, and that was the last time his parents saw him.

A person at the T-Mobile store where Yusuf said Adan had gone declined to comment or take a message for his supervisor.

If the stabbings are ultimately deemed a terrorist act, it would be the first carried out by a Somali on US soil.

President Barack Obama said the stabbings had no apparent connection to weekend bombings in New York and New Jersey.

Minnesota has the nation's largest Somali population, an estimated 57,000 people. Both Anderson and Governor Mark Dayton warned against a possible backlash due to the stabbings, especially in St. Cloud, where Somalis in the 65,000-resident city about 65 miles northwest of Minneapolis have spoken about mistreatment in the past.

Yusuf said: 'It's going to be tough times. We know it's going to be a long winter for this community.'

Yusuf, community director for the social tolerance group UniteCloud, has been working with Adan's family.

Yusuf told WCCO-TV that Adan had gone to Crossroads Center to get a new phone and 'was very happy' upon leaving home.

He says Adan's family doesn't know what happened.

A person who answered the phone at the T-Mobile store where Yusuf said Adan had ordered the phone declined to comment or take a message for his supervisor, according to the Associated Press.

Police also identified a tenth stabbing victim on Monday.

St. Cloud police say that while they were reviewing security footage as part of their investigation into Saturday's stabbing at Crossroads Center mall, they found another man had been hurt.

Due to the nature of his injuries, the 21-year-old man did not tell police or initially seek medical attention.

The other nine victims have all been released from the hospital.

The attack ended when the suspect was shot and killed by an off-duty police officer.

Federal investigators say they're looking at the attack as a potential act of terrorism.

Adan was said to be a 'soldier of the Islamic state', according to an ISIS-linked news agency.

A black and white photo from Adan's Facebook and reported by local media put a face to the name for the first time since Saturday night's attack.

Adan **immigrated** to the United States from Africa, according to his father, and is of Somali descent.

His father, Ahmed Adan, said Adan was born in Mombasa, Kenya, but did not say where the family **immigrated** from.

He said they have lived in the United States for approximately 15 years and Adan was beginning his third year as a student at St. Cloud State University.

Adan's father claimed no ties to ISIS or terrorism. Ahmed Adan's apartment, where his son lived with him, was raided by police on Sunday, according to the Star Tribune.

ISIS-linked Amaq agency, which follows a pattern of ISIS-related media, claimed the attack was the doing of the terrorist group.

Independent media groups in the United States were unable to verify the claims.

After reports of Adan being of Somali descent began to disseminate, the Somali and Muslim communities held press conferences expressing their sorrow for the victims.

Mohamoud Mohamed, a spokesman for the Central Minnesota Islamic Center in St. Cloud, said the community in Minnesota had 'no connection' to ISIS.

'We are the victims of those terrorist groups. Islam is peace... I pray for the victims,' he said.

The St. Cloud area is home to one of the state's largest Muslim **immigrant** populations and tensions have flared in the past.

'This has been a dark day; it is a day we will never forget.

'Let us unite as one Minnesota... Please let's spread love instead of hate. ISIS does not represent us. It does not represent Islam, and it does not represent Somalis,' community member Lul Hersi said.

The state has been federally investigated in the past for having communities with ties to ISIS recruitment.

According to CNN, earlier this year nine Somali-Minnesotans were convicted or pleaded guilty in a plot to travel to Syria and join ISIS.

In previous years, a group of men left to join Al-Shabaab, a group which seeks to turn Somali into an Islamist state, CNN reported.

'We still don't have anything substantive that would suggest anything more than what we know already, which is this was a lone attacker and right now, we're trying to get to the bottom of his motivations,' St. Cloud Police Chief William Blair Anderson told CNN.

The FBI has labeled the attack a 'potential act of terrorism'.

If Saturday's stabbings are ultimately deemed a terrorist act, it would be the first carried out by a Somali on US soil, said Karen Greenburg, director of the Center on National Security at Fordham University School of Law.

The victims included seven men, one woman and a 15-year-old girl.

Witness and police claim Adan made a reference to Allah and asked at least one person if they were Muslim before attacking nine people in Crossroads Mall on Saturday at 8pm.

Adan allegedly had three previous encounters with police but most were minor traffic violations and none resulted in arrest.

A hero cop shot Adan dead after he injured nine people during the knife attack.

Off-duty policeman Jason Falconer opened fire at Adan, killing him.

St Cloud Police Chief Blair Anderson said Falconer, a part-time officer in the nearby city of Avon who also owns a firearms training company, shot and killed the attacker five minutes after authorities received the first 911 call.

Falconer opened fire, but the attacker, who lunged at him with a knife, got up three more times, the police chief said.

'He clearly prevented additional injuries and potential loss of life,' Anderson said.

Falconer, who was praised for being 'at the right time and place,' specializes in training law enforcement and personal security guards, according to his company website Tactical Advantage.

Abdul Kulane credited Dahir with being a good student who worked part time as a security guard, the St Cloud Times reported.

Kulane also told the newspaper Dahir was last seen around 6pm when he said he was going to buy an iPhone from the mall.

He added: 'The entire community are shocked by this incident...We would like to offer our sympathies to those affected, their families and the entire St. Cloud community.

'He was helpful to his family and as far as we know, he never had a violent history, as far as his family and the community can remember. He was a friendly and active community member.

'As far as the incident goes, we don't know what happened. All the information circulating in the media are speculations. It could involve a fight that led to this incident. It could be anything,' he said.

St Cloud Police Chief Blair Anderson said the lone assailant, who was dressed in a 'private security uniform', entered Crossroads mall around 8pm last night.

'That individual made some references to Allah and we confirmed that he asked at least one person if they were Muslim before assaulting them,' he added.

Authorities have no reason to believe anyone else was involved in the attack.

Three people remain in the hospital, with one victim suffering from life-threatening injuries, Mayor Dave Kleis said.

Employees and shoppers were released after the mall was put on lockdown. It will remain closed on Sunday while the investigation continues with the help of the FBI.

Authorities said the attack was not related to two separate explosions reported in New York City and the Jersey Shore on Saturday.

Sydney Weires told the St Cloud Times she saw a security guard sprinting and yelling, 'Call the cops! Call the cops!,' after a loud scream broke out in the mall.

She later saw one man with the back of his shirt drenched in blood, while another man who was bleeding from the face screamed: 'Get the f\*\*\* out!', Weires told the local paper.

Danny Carranza grabbed his children from the play area near Macy's when he saw others running, the St Cloud Times reported.

He made it out of the mall right after gunshots broke out, but his wife remained inside for several hours while the mall was on lockdown.

Harley Exsted, who was traveling from Isle, Minnesota with Tama Exted, said: 'All of a sudden I heard 'pop, pop, pop'.

'I thought someone tipped over a shelf. All of a sudden these people started running. I just saw everybody running our way.'

The couple were unharmed and said they helped another woman who was running from the scene to her car.

Ashley Bayne was in the mall and told WCCO : 'I went closer to the mall entrance by J.C. Penney's and I was looking at some jeans and all the sudden people were just running in chaos.

'They were screaming, 'Someone's stabbing people in the mall,' and people were just really frantic and were running.'

She recalled to the news outlet: 'When I got in my car to get out people were speeding out of there.

'By the time I left my coworker had texted me saying they had all gone into lockdown in the mall.

'There were no notifications in the mall at all, it was just people running and screaming.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump blamed Hillary Clinton for the rise of ISIS

\* Spoke in a packed arena near Fort Myers, Florida

\* Took full political advantage of the weekend's terror attacks while praising law enforcement

\* Trump also called for treating Islamic radicals as foreign combatants instead of giving them the benefits of America's criminal justice system

Donald Trump on Monday linked Hillary Clinton with the weekend's attacks in New York, New Jersey and Minnesota, saying that a second Clinton presidency would make the U.S. less safe because of weak **immigration** policies and a soft-on-terror posture.

Speaking to a bursting-at-the-seams crowd of more than 8,000 at the Germaine Arena near Fort Myers, Florida, he took full political advantage of the bombings and knife attacks, saying they took place because the nation's Democratic leaders are flaccid and complacent.

Clinton 'very much caused the problem, when you think about it,' Trump said. 'Her weakness and her ineffectiveness caused the problem. And now she wants to be president? I don't think so.'

He urged the U.S. Congress also to pass laws that would allow the American justice system to treat Islamic radicals with foreign roots as military enemy combatants – exempting them from civil trials and Constitutional due process.

'We must have speedy trials, and we must deliver a harsh and very just punishment to these people,' he said, lamenting that the suspect will be given expert medical care and a good lawyer.

Trump also said the U.S. should green-light interrogation methods designed 'to get information before it's no longer timely.'

Although he didn't say the word on his audience's mind, one man shouted it.

'Waterboard!' he yelled.

'Congress should pass measures to ensure that foreign enemy combatants are treated as such,' Trump said of what he called 'this monster of evil' rooted in a radicalized form of Islam.

Terrorist attacks on 9/11, in San Bernardino and Orlando, and now in Minnesota, New York and New Jersey, he said, 'were made possible because of our extremely open **immigration** system.'

'We have seen how failures to screen who is entering the United States, puts all of our citizens – everyone in this room – in danger.'

'My opponent has the most open-borders policy of anyone ever to seek the presidency,' Trump claimed of Clinton.

And he highlighted the backlog of foreign nationals whose countries of origin have refused to accept their deportation.

Trump has proposed voiding all **immigration** visas from those nations until they accept the return of their citizens.

'As secretary of state she allowed thousands of criminal aliens to be released into our communities because their home countries refused to take them back,' he siad of Clinton.

'They didn't want them!... and she did nothing about it.'

Trump has pressed the case for months that the Obama administration has indiscriminately processed visas and work permits, filling nation-by-nation quotas without vetting individuals for their ability to assimilate into American culture.

'Hillary Clinton refuses to consider an applicant's worldview, and thus their likelihood of being recruited into the terror cause,' he said.

'We have to make sure we are only admitting people into our country who love our country.... and we want them to love our people.'

Trump said there are more than 1 million pending deportation orders against people in the country illegally.

The Associated Press reported Monday, in addition, that the Obama administration mistakenly granted full citizenship to 858 people who were among them.

'These are people who were supposed to be deported. And they were given full citizenship! They made a mistake. This is unacceptable,' Trump said.

The Republican nominee also returned to his attack on Clinton and Obama for refusing to engage in a rhetorical war of words on genocidal 'radical Islamic terrorists' who 'oppress women, gays, children and nonbelievers.'

'What is Hillary Clinton's suggestion? That we should censor our vocabulary?' he asked.

'Anyone who cannot name our enemy is not fit to lead this country.'

Trump pledged that if he runs the White House, the U.S. will fight ISIS not just with convention weapons, but also with 'financial warfare, cyber warfare and ideological warfare.'

'We have to beat them at their own game... youth is going for their version, not our version,' he said.

'We want to defeat our enemies, and then we want to get back to rebuilding our country.'

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich introduced Trump, mocking Clinton for complaining that Trump's hard-line approach to illegal **immigration** is among the reasons Islamists have exacted vengeance on the U.S.

'She decided the problem wasn't Islamic supremacists, the problem wasn't ISIS, the problem wasn't international terrorists that want to destroy out civilization... She said the cause is clear: It's Donald Trump!'

'Donald Trump apparently, magically, in 1979 without realizing it, launched the terrorist war,' Gingrich snarked. 'In 1979 he wasn't even in business in Manhattan yet. But he was so precocious as a young man, so filled with talent, that apparently all of this was due to him!'

'Now do you know how deranged you'd have to be to say this with a straight face?'

Noting the size of his crowd on a Monday afternoon, Trump predicted he would carry Florida in November 'by a lot.'

'We do expect to win Florida. I really expect it. It's going to happen,' he boasted.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* GOP presidential candidate warns **immigrants** are 'plotting' attacks here and 'stay together'

\* Says attacks will happen 'perhaps more and more all over the country'

\* Warns 'thousands of people are pouring into our country'

\* Says local police are 'afraid to do anything about it'

\* References New York bomb: 'I knew this was going to happen'

\* Trump spoke after a bomb exploded in Chelsea and another unexploded device was discovered in Manhattan, while authorities raided a site in New Jersey

\* Says campaign against ISIS is too 'gentle' and there is a need to 'hit them much harder over there'

\* Says rival Hillary Clinton 'wants hundreds of thousands of people to pour into this country and we have no idea who they are'

\* Claims authorities won't approach someone with a 'massive bomb on his back' because of concerns about profiling

Republican Donald Trump is warning of a spike in terror attacks after a bomb placed under a dumpster in Chelsea exploded over the weekend, and is placing blame for the attack squarely on **immigrants** he called a 'vicious' threat.

'They’re here. We’re letting tens of thousands of people flow into this country,' Trump said Monday morning.

'They’re bringing in many cases vicious cancer from within. This is something that’s going to be so tough. And you know they stay together so nobody really knows who it is, what’s happening. They’re plotting. This has been going on for so long everybody knows it,' Trump said.

Trump spoke just as the media announced authorities were looking for 28-year-old Ahmad Khan Rahami, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Afghanistan in connection with the bombing.

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Asked about the bombing, which governor Andrew Cuomo has said isn't linked to international terrorism although he said Monday may have a 'foreign connection,' the candidate placed the blame squarely on dangerous **immigrants**, as well as his rivals.

'Well it’s a mess and it’s a shame. We’re going to have to be very tough. I think maybe we’re going to be seeing a big change over the last couple of days,' Trump told 'Fox and Friends' in a call-in appearance.

'I think this is something that maybe will happen perhaps more and more all over the country,' Trump predicted.

'This is only going to get worse. This isn't going to get better,' he warned.

Trump linked the bombing, which authorities continued to pursue with what ABC reported was a police raid in New Jersey Monday morning, with American weakness and with policies that allow migration from the Middle East.

'Yeah because we’ve been weak. Our country’s been week. We’re letting people in by the thousands and tens of thousands,' Trump said.

'They can’t be properly vetted. There’s no way,' said Trump, who during his campaign has called for a temporary ban on Muslims but in a recent policy speech described a plan that would bar **immigration** from countries linked to terrorism until they could be properly vetted.

Trump immediately turned to the rise of ISIS.

'If we would have taken them out, we wouldn’t have it. They’re very strong. They’re in 28 countries right now,' he said. 'This was started by Hillary Clinton and her policies and Obama, when they got out of Iraq. This is what happened. This is a remnant of it. And it’s much more than a remnant,' Trump said.

He said of the U.S. strategy overseas, which has included deployment of air power from an international coalition fighting in Iraq and Syria, 'We’re not knocking them. We’re hitting them once in a while. We’re being very gentle about it.'

'We’re not winning the war. They’re winning the war.'

Trump got pressed repeatedly by his normally non-confrontational hosts to more carefully define what he meant his policy would be by getting 'tough' with ISIS.

'These are sick, evil people that want to destroy this country,' Trump said. 'The way we coddle them and the way we’re afraid to say anything and we’re afraid to say what the problem is and who they are and they don't want to say radical Islam,they don’t want to talk about radical Islam.'

Pressed again about what he meant, Trump responded: 'We’re going to have to hit them much harder over there.'

'You have to stop 'em from coming into the country,' Trump said.

Trump got pressed a third time during the interview about what he would do. Trump said, 'We’re gonna have to do something extremely tough over there.'

'Like what?' asked host Steve Doocy. 'Like knock the hell out of them,' Trump said.

Trump tweeted on Sunday, 'Under the leadership of Obama & Clinton, Americans have experienced more attacks at home than victories abroad. Time to change the playbook!'

Referencing the weekend attack in a Minnesota mall, Trump said: 'The guy in Minnesota is going around screaming his famous words and knifing people and slashing people, viciously slashing people. Just crazy. How they came into the country in the first place is beyond belief. They’re here.'

Trump issued a call for 'profiling,' which he said happened in Israel but doesn't occur here.

'You have to stop them from coming into the country,' Trump said.

He repeated his claim that **immigrants** could be a 'Trojan Horse.'

'They’re bringing in many cases vicious cancer from within. This is something that’s going to be so tough. And you know they stay together so nobody knows what’s happening. They’re plotting.'

Trump also responded to criticism that he announced that the attack was a bombing before law enforcement had revealed exactly what happened during the weekend explosion that caused terror in the streets but luckily only injuries and no fatalities.

'I was criticized for calling it correctly. What I said was exactly correct. I should be a newscaster because I called it before the news,' Trump said.

Trump accused rival Hillary Clinton of endangering the country with her own policy of allowing refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria to migrate here.

'Hillary Clinton wants to allow hundreds of thousands of these same people – they have such hatred and sickness in their hearts.. and she wants to allow hundreds of them,' Trump said. 'She wants more of them to come in.'

He continued: 'She’s trying to prove that she’s more liberal than Bernie sanders, okay? She wants hundreds of thousands of people to pour into this country and we have no idea who they are.'

During his remarks about profiling, Trump pointed to Israel, but contrasted tactics to how local police operate. 'Our local police, they know who a lot of people are – they’re afraid to do anything about it,' he said. 'They don’t want to be accused of profiling.'

Trump added: 'Do we have a choice? Look what’s going on.'

'We're allowing these people to come into our country and destroy our country and make it unsafe for people. We're allowing these people to come in,' Trump said.

'We don't want to do any profiling,' he claimed. 'If somebody looks like he's got a massive bomb on his back, we won't go up to that person... because, if he looks like he comes from that part of the world, we're not allowed to profile. Give me a break.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Incident occurred at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Canada

\* Matt Linder was wearing the controversial Trump cap on campus

\* Another student, Zoe Slusar, demanded he remove the hat

\* She said the slogan represented 'hate language'

A student at a Canadian college has been accused of using 'hate language' on campus by wearing a pro-Donald Trump hat.

The classic red 'Make America Great Again' hats - the slogan for the billionaire's presidential campaign - have become a point of contention for many in the lead-up to the election, and the situation at Mount Royal University in Calgary was no different.

Captured on video, the male student, Matt Linder, was approached by another student, Zoe Slusar, and told to remove the hat, which she described was a symbol of hate.

'You're not allowed to share hate language at a university,' Slusar shouted.

Slusar continued: 'Make America Great Again means make America all for white people, no **immigrants**, no people of different sexual orientations.'

'You've got to take the hat off or I am going to write the president of the University. It's not allowed. It's hate language on campus.'

In the video, Linder is seen shaking his head and disagreeing with Slusar. He repeats numerous times that, despite what Slusar is saying, Trump is not against **immigrants**, but illegal **immigrants**, Heatstreet reported.

The clip has gone viral this week, fueling a debate as to whether Linder was allowed to wear the hat on a college campus.

The footage finishes with another student, a male, grabbing the hat from Linder's head and walking away.

Following the incident, and as the video spread, Slusar took to Facebook to say she is 'saddened' at the way people have reacted to what she did.

'Wearing a hat in support of a movement grown on the seeds of racism, bigotry and exclusion of diversity (sexual and cultural) could make some people afraid,' she wrote.

'People came out of the woodwork around us to support the hat, and after insulting me, they began filming my 'crazy' behavior at asking him to not wear the hat on campus.'

However, Slusar stands by her choice to confront Linder.

'I do want to state that I stand by my belief that every space, but especially university spaces, should be made to make everyone feel SAFE,' she wrote.

Melanie Rogers, a spokeswoman for Mount Royal University, would not specifically comment on the incident when contacted by the Calgary Herald.

'Mount Royal University respects individuals who exercise their constitutionally-protected right to freedom of expression, as long as it is peaceful and respectful,' Rogers told the newspaper.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Kenneth Boss fired five of the 41 bullets that were shot at Amadou Diallo, a Guinean **immigrant**, 16 years ago

\* In a case that sparked a national uproar over police brutality, Boss and three others were acquitted

\* A jury agreed that the shooting was a tragic mistake caused by officers' mistaken assumption that Diallo was holding a gun

\* Boss, who now serves in the Aviation Unit, was honored by his union for helping to rescue a couple that was stranded in a boat on Jamaica Bay

In 1999, Kenneth Boss was one of four police officers who shot and killed an unarmed black **immigrant** who was holding a wallet that was mistaken for a gun in the Bronx.

Now, he is being honored as one of New York City's top cops for bravely rescuing stranded boaters in Jamaica Bay earlier this year.

According to the New York Post, Boss was announced as one of eight recipients of the 'Sergeant of the Year' award handed out annually by his union, the Sergeants Benevolent Association.

Boss shot five of the 41 bullets that were fired at 22-year-old street vendor Amadou Diallo 16 years ago as they were patrolling the streets just after midnight in the Soundview section of the Bronx.

According to the New York Daily News, Boss remains the only officer from the Diallo tragedy to remain on the force.

Sean Carroll, who initially shouted to his colleagues that Diallo had a gun, leading to the barrage of bullets, retired from policing in 2005.

The other two officers, Richard Murphy and Edward McMellon, joined the Fire Department of New York.

All four officers were acquitted of second-degree murder.

The four plain-clothes police officers approached Diallo after mistaking him for a rapist who was thought to be armed.

After they identified themselves, Diallo ran towards his apartment building, where visibility was poor because the porch light was not working.

He pulled out his wallet but the cops thought it was a gun and opened fire on the innocent man.

A total of 41 shots were fired, with 19 hitting Diallo, killing him almost instantly.

All four of the officers were acquitted of second-degree murder after a jury found that they were within their rights to shoot him dead with the information they had at the time.

The case caused uproar across America at the time as critics accused the NYPD of racial profiling and targeting black men.

Boss was consigned to desk duty and denied permission to carry a gun until 2012, when the department finally relented after lengthy battles in state and federal court.

Last year, he was promoted to sergeant after passing the required promotion test.

This past May, Boss, who was transferred to the NYPD Aviation Unit, rappelled down a rope from a helicopter as it hovered over two stranded boaters in Jamaica Bay.

'Two police helicopters arrived, but were not able to land,' SBA President Ed Mullins told a luncheon announcing the awards.

'Sgt. Boss, who besides being a police officer had served our country as a United States Marine reservist in Iraq, rappelled from the helicopter, attached the couple to a hoist, and delivered them to safety.'

Diallo's mother, Kadiatou Diallo, told the Daily News that she was at peace with the tragic loss of her son – so much so that she would not rule out one day meeting Boss face to face.

'I don't know how or when, but I think it will come,' she told the Daily News.

'I'm at peace. He is out there doing something as a police officer. This is good.'

The grief-stricken mother said she would tell the sergeant what kind of person her son was.

'The first thing I would do is talk to him about who Amadou was,' she said.

'If he ever met him, he would have known there was no way Amadou could ever harm him or anyone else.'

'For the rest of his life, whatever else [Boss] does, he'll be remembered as one of the officers involved with Amadou,' she said.

'I pray for healing. I wish for him to move on in a constructive way, to do good, and that is what he is doing.'

Mullins praised Diallo as 'kind' and lamented that Boss 'has been put under a spotlight for many, many years.'

'Unlike every other American, he was tried and acquitted, and in this country, when that happens you are set to go free,' Mullins said. 'He's never really been set to go free.

'He will be judged one day by a higher authority and not by us,' the union head added. 'We would rather look ahead than behind.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Obama said, 'That's true, good point.' He knocked on the wooden podium before him and said, 'Shouldn't have mentioned the **aliens**'

\* POTUS was the warm-up act for Hillary Clinton on Thursday night at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's gala

\* They spoke backstage before her speech for about 15 minutes, her campaign said and the White House confirmed

President Barack Obama joked tonight at a gala that the only crises his administration hasn't faced in the last eight years are an 'asteroid or **aliens**.'

To which an audience member told him, 'Don't jinx us.'

'That's true, good point,' the president said, laughing. He knocked on the wooden podium before him and said, 'Shouldn't have mentioned the **aliens**.'

Obama was the warm-up act for Hillary Clinton on Thursday night at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's gala.

The pair spoke backstage for about 15 minutes before her speech, Clinton's campaign said Thursday evening. The White House confirmed the conversation. Neither said what was discussed.

Recounting his successes as president in the speech, Obama said, 'By so many measures, our country is stronger and more prosperous than it was when we started this journey together.

'Now, none of this was easy,' he added. 'There were some tough years in there. You had fiscal showdowns and government shutdowns, and pandemics and oil spills, and pirates. Ya'll remember the pirates?'

He added, 'I mean, the only thing we haven't had to deal with is, like, the asteroid or **aliens**.'

The country 'overcame' all those setbacks, though, Obama said.

'We overcame all that, and most of all, we proved that change doesn’t happen overnight, it doesn't happen in one term, it doesn't happen even over the course of one presidency, but change is possible. Progress is possible.'

The U.S. president offered that there's more to be done, particularly when it comes to immigration.

He called for a 'comprehensive solution' that upholds the nation's traditions and also its laws.

'But if we’re truly going to fix this broken system, then we're going to have to push back against bluster and falsehoods and promises of higher walls,' he stated.

Obama made no direct references to his possible successors, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, while commenting on both in the abstract.

Hitting Trump and his followers, the president said, the talk around those issues 'has cut deeper than in years past.'

'It’s a little more personal. It's a little meaner, a little uglier,' he said. 'And folks are betting that if they can drive us far enough apart, and if they can put down enough of us because of where we come from or what we look like or what religion we practice, then that may pay off at the polls.'

'But I'm telling you that's a bet they’re going to lose,' he said.

It's true that their 'ugliness and anger and vitriol' may 'carry the day in the short term,' he conceded. But if opposing forces 'ban together,' Obama said, they can deliver enough votes to bring about progress.

'But it's going to take all of us,' he told them. 'This is not something that a President can do alone. It's not something the next President will be able to do alone either, no matter how tough she is.'

Clinton candidly took on Trump as she addressed gala attendees.

'This man wants to be our next president? When will he stop this ugliness, this bigotry?' she asked.

Trump has 'tried to reset himself and his campaign many times,' Clinton contended. 'This is the best that he can do, this is who he is.'

'So we need to decide who we are. If we just sigh and shake our head and accept this, then what does it tell our kids about who we are?' she asked.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Mexicans are calling for the border wall to keep out Guatemalans, Salvadorans and Hondurans fleeing violence

\* They complain 'hordes' of **immigrants** are flooding the country on the way to the US - who then deport them back to Mexico

\* Mexican newspaper El Mañana published article: 'Yes to the Border Wall … but in Mexico's South'

\* 'Trump's idea of a border wall is a good one but it should be on the southern border with Central America,' the El Mañana board wrote

It seems Mexico agrees with Donald Trump's plans to build a wall to keep out illegal **immigrants** - but only on its southern border with Central America.

Mexicans are calling for the border wall to keep out Guatemalans, Salvadorans and Hondurans fleeing violence in their own countries.

They complain 'hordes' of **immigrants** pass through on their way to the United States -who are then simply deported back to Mexico rather than their home countries by the US.

Central American migrants are left stuck in border cities with Mexican officials unable to afford to send them back to their own countries, according to an article by one of the largest newspapers in the border state of Tamaulipas, El Mañana, titled: 'Yes to the Border Wall … but in Mexico's South.'

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The real estate mogul sparked international outrage last year when he unveiled his idea for a giant wall on the US border with Mexico - which he claimed Mexico would pay for.

But while Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto has mocked Trump's plans, many Mexicans praised the concept of a border wall.

'Trump's idea of a border wall is a good one but it should be on the southern border with Central America in order to stop the flow of Central Americans from entering both countries,' the El Mañana board wrote in July.

The paper also called for proper **immigration** checkpoints on the southern border.

El Mañana even criticized Hillary Clinton for failing to raise the issue of border security.

The newspaper says that many illegal **immigrants** turn to crime as shelters can often only provide a few days of food and bedding.

'Many of these migrants when they are unable to find an honest way of life turn to robberies, kidnappings, extortion, and in the worst cases join the ranks of organized crime,' El Mañana's piece claimed.

The UN estimates 400,000 Central Americans cross illegally into Mexico each year.

As many as half are fleeing violence and gangs in their home countries yet most **immigrants** are eventually deported back home. Mexico deported 175,000 Central Americans last year - a 68 per cent increase from 2014.

That was the same year that the Central American refugee crisis hit headlines when thousands of migrant children arrived without their families at the US border.

The US has sent $75million for equipment and training to Mexico to help with the crackdown on **immigrants**, according to the Times.

One Honduran migrant, Rosa - whose husband, mother, sister, brother-in-law and two nephews were murdered in her homeland - fled with her two teenage sons earlier this year, Financial Times reports.

'Mexico has become a wall for migrants,' said Sister Magdalena Silva, co-ordinator of Cafemin- a privately run shelter for refugees in Mexico City. 'The current policy is to arrest migrants to stop them from getting to the US border.'

She left Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, with her teenage sons in January 2016 after gangs tried to recruit her 14-year-old.

'We know when a gang targets someone, they don't leave them alone and they follow through on their threats,' she said.

Rosa and her sons turned themselves over to authorities when they arrived in Mexico and were channeled into asylum procedures.

The family were shipped to a detention center in Mexico City where they were held in custody, in separate cell blocks for three months, before receiving the devastating news that their application for for asylum had been turned down.

Eventually they were allowed out of the detention center and sent to a refugee center.

But after their application was rejected, and her sons witnessed a woman lying in her own blood just a few blocks from the center, she decided to go north to the US.

The family turned themselves in once again a the US border to ask for asylum and Rosa and the 14-year-old have been released to live with a family in Baltimore to await the decision. Her 19-year-old son is still in detention.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump's wife entered the U.S. for the first time in 1996 and continuously had legal status before she became a citizen

\* Revelation from **immigration** lawyer Michael Wilde followed a review of Melania Trump's **immigration** documents going back 20 years

\* News reporters had claimed that she worked as a model illegally in the U.S. in 1995, something Wilde says is 'impossible'

\* Mrs. Trump tweeted the letter and said it established her **immigration** history 'with 100% certainty'

Melania Trump has never broken U.S. **immigration** law and entered the country legally, according a letter she released Wednesday morning from an **immigration** lawyer.

Allegations that Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's wife worked illegally as a model in 1995 are false, attorney Michael Wilde wrote.

'It has been suggested by various media outlets that in 1995 Mrs. Trump illegally worked as a model in the United States while on a visitor visa,' his letter recalls.

'Following a review of her relevant **immigration** paperwork, I can unequivocally state that these allegations are not supported by the record, and are therefore completely without merit.'

'Mrs. Trump never worked in the United States in 1995 because she was never in the United States in 1995,' he wrote.

Mrs. Trump tweeted images of the letter Wednesday morning along with a message reading: 'I am pleased to enclose a letter from my **immigration** attorney which states that, with 100% certainty, I correctly went through the legal process when arriving in the USA.'

The potential future U.S. first lady attracted unwanted attention this summer when the New York Post published nude pictures of her.

The newspaper wrote that the racy images came from 'a two-day photo shoot in Manhattan in 1995, when Melania Knauss, as she was called, was 25 years old and modeling under the name "Melania K".'

But Wilde concluded that 'such reports are not supported by the facts.'

'Because Mrs. Trump did not enter the United States until August 27, 1996, the allegation that she participated in a photo shoot in 1995 is not only untrue, it is impossible. In reality, through an interview with Mrs. Trump, we ascertained that the photo shoot in question did not occur until after she was admitted to the United States in H-1B visa status in October 1996.'

Like the letter Donald Trump released in December 2015 from his personal physician, Wednesday's **immigration** letter did not come with supporting documents.

But it does include a detailed history of her contacts with America's **immigration** system.

She first entered the United States was on August 27, 1996, Wilde wrote, 'pursuant to a B-1/B-2 visitor visa.'

'Shortly thereafter, on October 18, 1996, the U.S. Embassy in Slovenia issued Mrs. Trump her first H-1B visa, a category which authorizes employment as a model in the United States.

'Mrs. Trump was thereafter consistently issued H-1B visas, five in total, between October 1996 and 2001, at which point she became a lawful permanent resident, or "green card" holder.'

Wilde added that she 'did not receive her green card through marriage.'

'Rather, in 2000, Mrs. Trump self-sponsored herself for a green card as a model of "extraordinary ability," and on March 19, 2001, she was admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident.'

'Based on this timeline, Mrs. Trump became eligible for citizenship in 2006, after five years of continuous permanent residence,' he said.

During an August 9 campaign rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Trump said he and his wife would host a press conference to walk reporters through her **immigration** history.

'They said my wife Melania might have come in illegally. Can you believe that one?' he asked a crowd of thousands.

'Let me tell you one thing: She has got it so documented, so she's going to have a little news conference over the next couple of weeks.'

It's not clear whether that press conference will still happen.

The letter from Wilde supports a message Melania tweeted on August 4

'In recent days there has been a lot of inaccurate reporting and misinformation concerning my **immigration** status back in 1996,' the Slovenian-born model wrote then.

'Let me set the record straight: I have at all times been in full compliance with the **immigration** laws of this country. Period. Any allegation to the contrary is simply untrue. In July 2006, I proudly became a U.S. citizen. Over the past 20 years, I have been fortunate to live, work and raise a family in this great nation and I share my husband's love for our country.'

Melania Trump **immigration** letter uploaded by DailyMail.com on Scribd

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Michael Steven Sandford, 20, grabbed officer's gun at Trump rally in June

\* Sandford then told officers he planned to kill him and would later try again

\* Admitted being illegal **alien** with a firearm and disrupting public function

\* Will get up to 27 months, but could have got 20 years if convicted at trial

The British man who grabbed a police officer's gun at a Donald Trump rally has pleaded guilty to federal charges that could see him jailed for two years in the US.

Michael Steven Sandford pleaded guilty to being an illegal **alien** in possession of a firearm and disrupting an official function, which could have carried a 20-year sentence if he was convicted at trial.

'I tried to take a gun from a policeman to shoot someone with, and I'm pleading guilty,' Sandford told the judge at the US District Court in Las Vegas.

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Sandford, 20, was arrested on June 18 after grabbing for the gun in a 1.500-seat venue at Treasure Island hotel-casino, Las Vegas. He did not get the gun, and no shots were fired before he was arrested.

Sanford entered his pleas after his mother, Lynne Sandford, and a lawyer arrived from London and met with him in custody last week.

Sentencing guidelines call for 18 to 27 months in prison for the offenses, after credit for time served, accepting responsibility for the crime and avoiding trial, which had been set to start October 3. Under the plea deal, Sandford won't be able to appeal.

Family attorney Saimo Chahal said a psychiatrist she enlisted to review the case determined that Sandford was delusional at the time of the attempted attack.

Sandford also suffers seizures, obsession-compulsion, anxiety and autism spectrum disorders, Chahal said.

He added: 'Michael was not in control at the time of the events and needs help. He is desperate to return to the UK to be near his family as he has no ties with the USA.'

His mother, 42. said: 'I gathered it was a formality, because he did indeed sign the plea agreement whilst I was out there.

'So I was advised it would go to court so that the judge could accept it, but that it would be very rare if he didn't.'

She said her son had been 'pondering' over signing a plea agreement for some time.

'The upshot of it is that there is no certainty. Even though he has signed the plea agreement, which should be the best option, it won't necessarily happen that way,' she added.

'The judge at sentencing can either agree with what is in the plea bargain or he can totally overthrow that and impose a punishment of his own.'

Court documents say Sandford acknowledged asking the police officer at the event if he could get Trump's autograph then lungin for the officer's 9mm handgun with both hands.

It wasn't clear if Trump recognized a threat before officers escorted Sandford out of the auditorium.

Sandford later told a federal agent that he drove from California to Las Vegas with a plan to kill Trump, and that he rented a 9mm pistol and fired 20 shots at a paper target at a Las Vegas gun range the day before, according to court documents.

Sandford told the agent it was the first time he had ever fired a gun.

He also said he expected he would be killed during the assassination attempt, but that if he wasn't, he would make another attempt on Trump's life at a rally in Phoenix, court documents state.

The plea agreement acknowledges Sandford had been in the US illegally for almost 10 months at the time of his arrest.

As a result of his plea, 'It is almost certain that he will be permanently removed... and will not be able to return to the United States at any time in the future,' the document said.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Republican nominee says Clinton would grant citizenship to illegal **immigrants** if she is elected

\* Trump says 'people will flow across the border' and settle in Texas and Florida, making it difficult for Republicans to win those states

\* Clinton has pledged to provide 'path to citizenship' for illegal **immigrants** during her first 100 days in office

\* Latest polls show Clinton holding on to a slim lead over Trump nationally

If Donald Trump fails to win the election this November, the Republicans can forget about ever returning one of their own to the Oval Office since Hillary Clinton would grant wholesale citizenship to illegal **immigrants**, the outspoken candidate said on Friday.

In an interview with evangelical Christian journalist David Brody, Trump said that Clinton's proposed **immigration** reforms make this a critical election for the GOP.

'This will be the last election that the Republicans have a chance of winning,' Trump told an evangelical audience in Washington, D.C., on Friday.

'You're going to have people flowing across the border, you're going to have illegal **immigrants** coming in and they're going to be legalized and they're going to be able to vote and once that all happens you can forget it.'

Clinton has vowed that if elected, she 'intends to introduce comprehensive **immigration** reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship within her first 100 days in office.'

A Clinton presidency would pave the way for irreversibly altering the demographics of key states like Florida and Texas, meaning that the Democrats would hold a clear advantage in electoral college votes.

Trump says that the pathway to citizenship for illegal **immigrants** combined with the prospect of a 'super liberal' Supreme Court could change the political calculus in this country to the benefit of Democrats.

'I think this will be the last election that the Republicans have a chance of winning because you're going to have people flowing across the border,' he says.

'You're going to have illegal **immigrants** coming in and they're going to be legalized and they're going to be able to vote and once that all happens you can forget it.'

'You're not going to have one Republican vote. And it's already a hard number.'

'Already the path is much more difficult for the Republicans. You just have to look at the [electoral college] maps.'

According to RealClearPolitics, Clinton maintains a slim edge over Trump in the latest polls.

Trump is fighting to sway rebellious Republicans who have vowed not to support him in the election.

The lack of enthusiasm for Trump's candidacy among GOP voters explains some surprising numbers in the polls, with some showing that Texas and Mississippi - two states traditionally considered a shoe-in for Republicans - is up for grabs this November.

The Washington Post is reporting that Clinton holds an advantage in the electoral college vote - 244 to 126 for Trump - if the elections were held today.

Clinton needs just 26 more electoral college votes to clinch the presidency.

The US Department of Homeland Security estimates that there are between 11 and 12 million illegal aliens in the country.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* US customs officer Jose Luis Cota, 50, arrested Wednesday in San Diego

\* FBI agents also detained two people accused of smuggling **immigrants**

\* Cota let them smuggle people at San Ysidro Port of Entry, authorities said

\* Received cash and sexual favors in exchange, according to prosecution

A US customs and border protection officer let undocumented **immigrants** enter the United States in exchange for sexual favors and cash bribes, authorities said.

Customs officer Jose Luis Cota, 50, works at the San Ysidro Port Of Entry in San Diego, California. He was arrested Wednesday along with two co-defendants.

Cota let Miriam Juarez-Herrera and Gilberto Aguilar-Martinez, both 31, smuggle people four times since November 2015, according to the prosecution.

The most recent occurrence was this Wednesday, the FBI said Thursday in a statement.

Records showed that 'large sums of cash' appeared into Cota's bank accounts after each time, according to the FBI.

Payments between November and March came to $9,200, $9,500 and $5,740 according to the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Juarez-Herrera, who is charged with smuggling people into the country illegally, told FBI agents she had bribed Cota with cash and sexual favors in exchange for his turning a blind eye, authorities said.

Cota admitted that he received sexual favors from Juarez-Herrera in exchange for unlawfully admitting her and other **immigrants** into the United States, the complaint reads.

He has been placed on unpaid leave, a spokesman told the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Aguilar-Martinez is accused of assisting the smuggling operation.

FBI agents arrested all three Wednesday in San Diego. They are now part of a six-count federal complaint.

Cota, Juarez-Herrera and Aguilar-Martinez appeared before a judge on Wednesday. They will remain held until their detention hearings next week.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Arianna Quan, 23, was crowned Miss Michigan in June and is now vying to be Miss America

\* She has faced an onslaught of cruel words from people online who have called her 'ugly'

\* Though she said it 'hit her in the face' at first, she's gotten over it and thinks people are entitled to their opinions

\* However, she wishes people would get past her looks to focus on what she has to say and her accomplishments

The young woman who wins the Miss America pageant is generally expected to have incredible grace and poise — and this year's contestant from Michigan has proven that she has those attributes in spades.

Arianna Quan, 23, is in the running for the Miss America crown after becoming Miss Michigan in June. But since then, the Beijing-born title holder has faced an onslaught of nasty criticism and comments about her looks from people on the internet who claim she's too 'ugly' for the role.

While the nasty words must be horrible to hear, though, Arianna has handled them like a total pro, using her own unfortunate experience as a teaching moment for those who'll listen.

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The first Asian-American ever to be crowned Miss Michigan, Arianna emigrated to the US when she was six and became a naturalized citizen at 14.

Winning the highest pageant title in her state is a huge accomplishment for the student, who is currently studying transportation design at Detroit's College for Creative Studies.

Sadly, however, not everyone is happy for her. Since she won, people living mostly in Mainland China have taken to the internet to insult her and disparage her looks.

According to Shanghaiist, they've written such awful things as, 'Is this competition for picking the ugliest person?', 'She's ruining the reputation of Chinese people', and, condescendingly, 'Oh. She's probably very beautiful on the inside.'

'She's 23?! Why does she look like she's 43?' wrote another.

In America, people attacked her for her for speaking out about **immigration** and the importance of embracing diversity, mocking her for her beliefs.

Many people would crumble under such cruel words — but Arianna is taking the high road, doing an impressive job of seeing the upside.

'All this negativity came out, especially about my appearance and how I'm apparently unfit to represent the Chinese population because I'm "ugly,"' she told People.

'Obviously when you see it at first, it kind of hits you in the face,' she said in another interview with M Live. 'Because, I understand what the political climate is, I understand what people are saying, but to have those things said about you directly, and to see it right in front of you, it catches you off guard a little bit.

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'But I'm OK now,' she added with a laugh. 'I got over it.'

Incredibly gracious, she went on to say: 'They just expressed their opinions, which is absolutely OK.'

In fact, the thing she found most upsetting about the discussion around her looks is not that people called her 'ugly' — but that they were focusing on her looks above all else.

'I think I have some pretty important things to talk about, like getting people to vote, about this upcoming election, about diversity and **immigration** reform. Those are things I want to focus on during my year of service,' she said. 'Not about my appearance.

'You can think I'm ugly, and that's fine, but I want to talk about things that are important too.'

She also pointed out that Miss Michigan and Miss America are, at the end of the day, scholarship programs — and she doesn't think anyone should ever be considered 'so ugly enough to ever receive scholarship money, or to have a voice in the community.'

'My goal is to just drive the conversation in an important direction, because there are so many things we have to discuss about **immigration** and diversity in this country right now,' she told People.

'[Winning] would mean being able to represent a population of people in this country that are underrepresented right now: the **immigrant** population, the first-generation American population, Asian-Americans,' she added.

'I think it would mean exponentially more to them than it would to me.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Nicodemo Coria-Gonzales charged with sexual assault and kidnapping

\* Previous charges that got him deported include driving while intoxicated

\* He was arrested in August when woman said he tried to set her on fire

\* Currently being held with no bond on an **immigration** detainer

A man accused of serial rape has been deported from the US five times, authorities revealed today.

Nicodemo Coria-Gonzales admitted picking up prostitutes in Austin, Texas before beating them in a fit of rage.

The Mexican allegedly sexually abused a string of women after illegally entering the US and was arrested in August after a woman told police he tried to set her on fire.

Currently being held with no bond on an **immigration** detainer, he faces six charges including aggravated sexual assault and kidnapping.

U.S. **Immigration** and Customs Enforcement said Coria-Gonzales was previously convicted of three charges of driving while intoxicated and was deported to Mexico each time but kept returning.

'He's a determined son of a gun, but at some point the dance is over and so, unfortunately, the dance is going to be over for him and he's going to be in jail,' Esparza said.

Coria-Gonzalez has admitted taking six different women to a place he called his 'garden.'

There he would have sex with them and beat them, his arrest affidavit says.

The woman who claims he tried to set her on fire told police she asked him to let her out of the car because she had an 'uneasy feeling'.

But he refused to let her out and poured gasoline on her feet, she said, before she managed to escape.

Coria-Gonzalez is also accused of sexually assaulting a 68-year-old woman after offering to give her a ride on July 23, according to KVUE-TV.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Oscar Ernesto Delgado-Perez, 28, was arrested on Thursday for the death of Cristian Antonio Villagran-Morales

\* On June 16, Vanesa Alvarado, 19, lured the victim to a park in Gaitherburg, Maryland, with the suggestion of a sexual encounter, according to police

\* Alvarado, and Juan Gutierrez-Vasquez, 16, told police the victim was a rival gang member after they were arrested on July 1

\* The murder suspects are associated with the notorious MS-13 gang

\* Police disputed this, saying the victim, a hardworking man who picked up landscaping jobs, was targeted to boost MS-13's reputation

\* Fourth suspect Jose Coreas Ventura is still wanted on first-degree murder

A man who was arrested on Thursday for the brutal murder of an 18-year-old had been deported to El Salvador twice in five months, authorities said.

Oscar Ernesto Delgado-Perez, 28, is one of four MS-13 gang associates involved in the death of Cristian Antonio Villagran-Morales, who was lured to a park in Gaitherburg, Maryland before he was stabbed more than 40 times, police said.

Delgado-Perez was deported in October 2014 and February 2015, the Washington Post reported, although the details of how he returned to the US remain unclear.

On Thursday, Police arrested Delgado-Perez for first-degree murder at a Red Roof Inn less than four miles away from the scene of the crime.

If he is convicted in Maryland, he will serve his full sentence before his third deportation, Sarah Rodriguez of the US **Immigration** and Customs Enforcement told the Washington Post.

Vanesa Alvarado, 19, had been texting Villagran-Morales, who appeared in Martin King Park on June 16 anticipating a sexual encounter, police said.

Police said she was in on the murder plot as a 'known associate of MS-13', an international gang founded in Los Angeles, California, with factions throughout the US as well as Central America.

MS-13 members approached the two in the park and asked Villagran-Morales if he wanted to smoke marijuana before he was stabbed more than 40 times, the Washington Post reported.

After they were both arrested on July 1, Alvarado and 16-year-old Juan Gutierrez-Vasquez admitted their involvement to the Montgomery County Police, saying the victim was a rival gang member.

But police said Villagran-Morales was a 'hardworking guy' who picked up landscaping jobs and was likely targeted by the MS-13 to boost their reputation.

His friends to the Washington Post he worked hard to send money back to his father in Guatemala.

The fourth suspect, 20-year-old Jose Coreas Ventura, is still wanted on first-degree murder. Police said he should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts should call 301-279-8000 or 1-866-411-TIPS.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* The four Tong Wars started in 1900 and raged on for 25 years in New York

\* There were men armed with hatchets executing their rivals and open warfare on the streets of Chinatown

\* In Tong Wars: The Untold Story of Vice, Money and Murder in New York's Chinatown Scott D Seligman gives a history of the gang-torn area

\* The On Leong Tong and the Hip Sing Tong, its bitter rival, kicked off the first war as they accused one another of criminality in the press

\* The Tongs flourished in the late 1800s as New York became more popular for Chinese **immigrants**, who had previously migrated to California

It was the bloody conflict that was omitted from the Martin Scorsese movie 'Gangs of New York'.

But the Tong Wars were as brutal as any that were dramatized in the Oscar-winning film, according to a new book.

The four Tong Wars raged on and off more than 25 years and left dozens of people dead as bodies piled up in Chinatown in Manhattan.

During the tit-for-tat killings, one of the Tongs - the Chinese word for gang - was tortured to death with meat cleavers by murderers who cut his nose off.

In another incident, gang members were shot dead and two civilians were killed during a mass execution at a theater.

And in another event, a 22-year-old white missionary was caught up in the mayhem when she was strangled by her lover in Chinatown.

The Tong Wars saw men armed with hatchets executing their rivals and open warfare on the streets of New York that corrupt police were powerless to prevent.

According to Tong Wars: The Untold Story of Vice, Money and Murder in New York's Chinatown, by Scott D Seligman, the gangsters wore pinstripe suits, fedora hats and had their collars pulled up.

Their weapons of choice included a six-shot derringer and the meat cleaver.

Seligman tells for the first time how the gangs of Chinatown were as brutal as their more famous Italian or Irish counterparts.

The Tongs flourished in the late 1800s as New York became more popular for Chinese **immigrants**, who had previously migrated to California.

In 1870, however, California enacted laws preventing them from working on public projects and authorizing cities to relocate them outside of their boundaries.

But not even the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which banned further **immigration** from Chinese laborers for ten years and banned those in the United States from obtaining citizenship discouraged more from coming.

Chinatown developed in an area south of Canal Street in Manhattan in a neighborhood that until then had been occupied by Irish **immigrants**.

The Chinese lived in cramped apartments where landlords had built extra floors into high ceilinged rooms to cram in an extra set of beds.

In 1875 the New York state census recorded only 157 Chinese people in the the city. In reality, however, there were were much more, and by 1880 the New York Times estimated the real number to be at 4,500.

By that time there were an estimated 300 Chinese laundries in the city with many other Chinese working in restaurants, cigar makers and other skilled trades.

But there was also a criminal element who ran the illicit gambling parlors and opium dens, writes Seligman, a former congressional legislative assistant who is fluent in Mandarin.

The most powerful Chinese **immigrant** at the time was Tom Lee, who Seligman calls a 'a crafty man with no small levels of ambition' who came to America when he was 14 having been born in Guangzhou.

He was sent to New York by the Six Companies, San Francisco Chinatown's supreme governing body, a fraternal organization in the United States was an umbrella group of different agencies.

Such agencies were referred to by the name 'Tong', meaning chamber. Another word for them was 'triad', which is more commonly used today.

With the authority of the Six Companies, Tom Lee was effectively put in charge of the Chinese community in New York in the 1870s.

He was a social climber and realized the value of connections outside his community, especially at City Hall and the police department.

Tom Lee courted them with gifts, and in September 1881, he arranged a picnic on Staten Island for 50 Chinese residents and a handful of invited - and influential - guests.

He became known as the 'Mayor of Mott Street' and was the most important figure in the Chinese community.

in 1880 Tom Lee founded his new organization, the Loon Yee Tong, whose name translates as 'Chamber United in Friendship', a mixture of trade union, fraternity and advocacy group, that served as a sort of Chinese Masonic lodge.

The initiation ritual involved suspending a sword over a recruit's head as he recited 36 oaths of allegiance. His finger was pricked and a drop of blood was put into some wine which was drunk by all in the room to symbolize brotherhood.

'Loyalty and obedience were valued above all else,' Seligman writes.

By 1884 Tom Lee was thought to be running 16 gambling establishments in Little China, the precursor to Chinatown; Gamblers paid $8 per table per week with a third going to him and the rest given to the police.

Lee also made money from using his police contacts to keep cops away from opium dens or giving the owners a warning they were about to be raided.

He was also not afraid to have rivals killed if it suited him.

As Seligman writes, it was Tom Lee's other gang, the On Leong Tong, and the Hip Sing Tong, its bitter rival, that would cause the first of the Tong Wars.

The Hip Sing Tong started in San Francisco and translates as 'Chamber United in Victory'.

The organization made a fortune from smuggling people into the US for $200 a time and were also known as the 'Highbinders'.

One report from the time said they were a 'famous secret society of thugs and murderers...who haunt the dirty basements'.

While Tom Lee had always paid some of his earnings from gambling to the police and politicians, the Hip Sing Tong kept it all for themselves and were far more mercenary.

As Seligman puts it: 'The On Leongs were selling protection from the police. The Hip Sings were selling protection from themselves.'

The Hip Sings were led by Young Mock Duck, who claimed to have been born in San Francisco in 1879 but there were no records to back this up.

Seligman writes that he looked 'slim and delicate, almost girlish in demeanor' but his appearance belied how he had the 'spirit of a tiger'.

In the years to come Mock Duck achieved almost mythical status and children in Chinatown came to believe that he had supernatural powers like being able to see around corners, deflect bullets from his skin and read people's minds.

During the 1980s the On Leongs and the Hip Sings fought a PR war with both sides accusing the other of criminality through newspaper reports planted with friendly journalists.

The violence properly began on August 12, 1900, in the hallway of a tenement at 9 Pell Street when four On Leong gunmen ambushed a Hip Sing laundryman who was in Chinatown for his usual Sunday visit.

The killer, Sin Cue, and three others were arrested and soon after police learned that the plan had been to kill four Hip Sings, but the others had escaped.

The Hip Sings responded by putting a $3,000 bounty on Tom Lee's head.

Tom Lee told a friend: 'They are after me now', adding: 'Some day I go like that', with a snap of his fingers.

The Hip Sings finally got their revenge when Sin Cue visited Pell Street that September with his friend Ah Fee.

They were ambushed by six armed Hip Sings who threw pepper in their faces and beat them with an iron bar.

During the carnage the Hip Sings, including Mock Duck and henchman Sue Sing, fired a gun and a stray bullet hit a female passer by and slightly injured her two children.

Ah Fee was shot twice and died of his injuries.

Mock Duck and the four other Hip Sings were put on trial but before the case began Sin Cue, the man who would have been the prosecution's key witness, died after his home was set on fire, causing him to leap off the balcony to his death.

The blaze was started when a pan of cooking oil was left on a burner in a restaurant below - and looked extremely suspicious.

Mock Duck's first trial resulted in a hung jury but a white witness revealed they had been given a note saying that if they gave evidence they would 'die to-day'.

It read: 'Pepper in your eyes and bullet in your heart. You no go alive...best thing you die so you make no more witness for Chinese.'

The note was signed, 'One, Two, Three', which appears to have been a Tong-related code.

Mock Duck would appear before judges dozens of times after this but on each occasion the police could never make the charges stick

In November 1904 he survived an assassination attempt when he was shot twice as he came up some steps from the basement of 18 Pell Street.

Mock Duck's assailant, an On Leong called Lee Sing, calmly walked toward him from over the road and opened fire at close range.

The second bullet grazed him and the first lodged in his stomach having bounced off his belt, a deflection which saved his life.

Police later learned that there had been a secret meeting of the On Leong Tong in which lots were drawn to see who would kill Mock Duck.

By this stage the press began to call the fight a 'Tong War' for the first time.

The New York World newspaper said it was 'quite as deadly as the Italian Mafia or the Black Hand'.

Later that month, after Mock Duck was released from hospital, the two Tongs exchanged gunfire in what the New York Sun called a 'regular highbinder six-shooter war dance on the Bowery'.

Police recovered battle gear from the Hip Sings which included four coats of armor including one vest made of steel rings woven together which was resistant to bullets - which caused deep alarm among law enforcement.

Innocent bystander John Baldwin, a white man who was drinking at a saloon on the Bowery was shot and died of his injuries.

This sparked an unprecedented level of attention from the city and police, so both Tongs turned to means other than violence to disrupt the other.

Over Christmas two On Leongs posed as out of town laundrymen and lured 15 Hip Sings to a gambling den - then reported them to the police.

When the officers arrived the On Leongs pulled an iron ring which opened a trap door in the floor, sending all the Hip Sings plunging into two feet of water below.

The cops eventually got in and arrested them all.

In January 1905 the next body fell - this time another Hip Sing.

Huie Fong was ambushed on Mott Street by a man who blasted three shots at him from close range.

According to a newspaper report, a police detective who was two doors away rushed to the scene and found Huie Fong 'flapping like a landed trout' which blood gushing from the two holes in his chest.

Soon after the On Leongs declared that for every time one of their properties was raided based on a tip from the Hip Sings 'there would be another dead Hip Sing'.

The Hip Sings responded by putting up red signs reminding people of the $3,000 bounty on Tom Lee's head.

The On Leongs retaliated by crushing the skull of Ching Gon, a Hip Sing who had moved out of Chinatown. He died of his injuries.

The Hip Sings' response was to shoot dead Lee Yu, a senior On Leong and one of Tom Lee's cousins.

Seligman writes that this left the Hip Sings 'jubilant' as they thought they finally had the better of their rivals.

What proved to be a 'watershed' moment in the war was the massacre at the Chinese Theater on Doyers Street.

The slaughter was shocking because it happened on what was considered neutral ground where On Leongs and Hip Sings could go and enjoy a play without the fear of violence.

On August 6, 1905, several Hip Sing men entered the theater during a performance of a Cantonese drama called 'The King's Daughter' and threw firecrackers on stage, causing the actors to flee.

During the chaos they opened fire and executed four On Leongs in a hail of more than 100 bullets that shattered windows and split benches.

Two civilians also died, showing that Chinatown was not safe for outsiders, including whites.

There were two who did it get away, though. The first was Sing Dock, who was known as the 'Scientific Killer' due to his forensic approach to murder. The other was Yee Toy, known as 'Girl Face' for his effeminate features.

The On Leongs did not even wait a week before seeking revenge and set upon Hop Lee, a laundryman who was a Hip Sing and friend of Mock Duck, with a meat cleaver.

Seligman writes: 'Hop had been asleep, police said later said, when five On Leongs forced his door, dragged him from his bed and stretched him out.

'They might have killed him with one blow but instead chose torture. The man wielding the cleaver delivered repeated blows to his body and his head. And in an act of pitiless savagery, he severed Hop Lee's nose from his face'.

Hop Lee lived long enough to identify two of his attackers.

As Seligman points out, New Yorkers had lived through gang wars before and knew one when they saw it.

The national press also took note and that theater massacre sparked endless features about how New York was in the midst of a crime wave.

Also among those becoming anxious was Shah Kai-Fu, the Chinese consul general in the US, who paid a call to the New York District Attorney to ask him to stop the warfare.

During the coroner's inquest into the Chinese Theater massacre, Mock Duck gave evidence and claimed that he was nowhere near the property on the night.

Witnesses said they saw him there - he was arrested but posted bail and no charges were eventually brought.

A ceasefire signed in 1906 by both Tongs lasted three years until the most high-profile murder of all happened.

In 1909 the killing of Elsie Sigel, a 22-year-old white missionary, stopped most whites from going to Chinatown and once again changed how the city saw the Tong Wars.

Sigel was the granddaughter of a Civil War hero and was strangled with a curtain cord and dumped in a trunk above a chop suey restaurant.

Her decaying remains were found a week later.

The murder was said to be a crime of passion reportedly committed by a Chinese waiter called Leon Ling, with whom she had been having an affair against her parents' wishes - he was never apprehended.

That year, as Chinatown business struggled with 70 per cent less visitors than before, the conflict among the Tongs escalated over the murder of Bow Kum, a 21-year-old Chinese woman.

She was found in her bed having been slashed across her torso and gored twice in her heart with a 7-inch hunting knife.

She had fled enslavement in San Francisco to Lau Tong, a known murderer who was in the Four Brothers, another gang.

When Lau Tong heard she was in New York he confronted Chin Lem, an On Leong laundryman and her new lover, but he refused to pay $3,000 for her and would not hand her back. The details of the crime remain unsolved.

Seligman says that the killing led to an 'out-and-out war' between the Four Brothers and the On Leongs that broke out in September 1909 when a Four Brothers laundryman was shot outside the On Leong head office.

During the carnage two Four Brothers men in their 70s were shot dead in a room on Pell Street.

Next to die was Ah Hoon, a comic and an On Leong supporter who had in the past mocked the Hip Sings.

He was gunned down despite having a police escort as he feared for his life.

The killers waited until he was home and shot him as he left his front door to wash himself at the washstand across the hall.

The violence lasted until 1911 and saw The Hip Sing aligned with the Four Brothers to take down the On Leongs, their old adversary.

A raid of an opium den on Seventh Avenue led officers to find letters that revealed a massive opium ring throughout major cities, which led the FBI to investigate.

The Third Tong War erupted in 1912, and by 1913 many of the gambling and opium dens were shut down, but that was not the end of the Tong Wars.

A fourth in 1925 when Chin Jack Lem, a senior On Leong, defected to the Hip Sings.

Shortly after a Hip Sing laundryman was shot dead in Brooklyn and in the days after there were similar reports of violence in Chinese communities in Pittsburgh, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit and Milwaukee.

In New York, a 30-year-old On Leong and a 64-year-old On Leong were butchered; the latter had nearly been decapitated and his body was covered with 14 slash marks.

Fearing a return to the bloodshed of the early 20th Century Joab Banton, the New York County District Attorney, called in the federal government to start an unprecedented crackdown on Chinese **immigrants**.

During raids carried out over the next week or so, they arrested anyone who looked Chinese with little regard for their rights.

The crackdown worked and finally brought an end to the Tong Wars.

As Seligman writes: 'No other **immigrant** group had ever been targeted the way the authorities were going after the Chinese.

'Italian and Irish émigrés had fought their share of brutal gang wars, but nobody had ever rounded them up for wholesale expulsion.

'Yet this time, the government was acting as if the only way to bring peace to Chinatown were to get rid of its Chinese, through whatever means necessary.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Poll from George Washington Univ. has Clinton edging Trump by 2 points

\* CNN poll had the results flipped yesterday but still a 2-point contest

\* Both leads are within the polls' margins of error

\* Just 43 per cent of likely voters have a positive view of Hillary, but Trump fares even worse with 38 per cent

\* One-quarter of voters say they'll either cross over to the other party this year or vote for a third-party candidate

The latest entrant into the weekly parade of presidential polls shows Hillary Clinton with a 2-point edge over Donald Trump, making the race a statistical dead heat.

The George Washington University's 'Battleground' poll sampled 1,000 likely voters and put the Democratic former secretary of state ahead of the real estate titan by a 42-40 margin.

The more established CNN/ORC poll also found just 2 percentage points separate the two main White House contenders – but with Trump, not Clinton, in the lead.

In Wednesday's GWU poll, Clinton's lead is likely related to her slight advantage on the question of likeability.

Just 43 per cent of voters said they have a favorable view of the Democratic nominee, but her Republican rival did even worse with 38 per cent.

Despite those dismal numbers, most voters told pollsters that they expect other voters to cast their ballots in favor of a candidate – not 'against' his or her opponent.

In another unusual finding, 'dysfunction in government' emerged as the second most important issue to the GWU poll's respondents, behind only the economy.

It outpolled jobs, 'foreign threats,' health care, illegal **immigration**, social security, the federal budget deficit and taxes, in that order.

Most other polls show foreign terrorism and national security in the second slot behind jobs and economic concerns.

Michael Cornfield, research director and associate professor at the GWU political management school, suggested Trump may have added support hidden in that 'government dysfunction' category, since he has blamed an ineffective federal government for his favorite whipping-boy, illegal **immigration**.

'From a rhetorical perspective, Mr. Trump has tied **immigration** to the economy, government dysfunction, terrorism and more,' Cornfield said.

'That issue linkage helps explain how he prevailed over Republican rivals who campaigned more on the economy as a stand-alone issue and how he has gained recently on Clinton.'

Trump could have another edge as a political outsider since 66 per cent of voters said the United States is 'on the wrong track.;

Trump has sought to tie Clinton to the Obama administration, which she served as secretary of state for four years.

The GWU poll also identified what, if accurate, would be a new high water mark this year in measuring the number of U.S. voters who say they'll buck their party line and either switch sides or pick a third-party candidate.

Either 24 or 26 per cent said that was either 'very' or 'somewhat' likely, depending on how the question was asked.

In addition, despite the poll sampling only self-described 'likely' voters, one out of eight respondents said they might not vote after all.

Fifty-nine per cent said they will 'reluctantly vote for the candidate of the party [they] usually support.'

Clinton bested Trump in voters' estimations of who would best handle health care, taxes, the economy, jobs, foreign affairs and 'fighting for the middle class.'

Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who helped run the poll, opined in a statement that '[d]espite close numbers, Hillary Clinton is poised to win by dominating the issue dimensions of governing, caring, temperament and being for the middle class.'

But on character questions, voters picked Trump as the candidate who 'say[s] what they believe.' He and Clinton tied on leadership qualities.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump campaigned in Virginia Beach and brought up new FBI revelations about Clinton emails

\* 'How about the acid wash of the emails?'

\* FBI report revealed a server company staffer used BleachBit software to scrub data

\* Trump imitated a hammering motion when referring to an aide who banged out-of-use blackberries

\* Mentioned Clinton's 13 mobile devices since 2009

\* Spoke in military town

\* Said a 'small percentage' of **immigrants** could do great damage to U.S.

\* Says Russian President Putin 'laughs' at Clinton

\* 'We have to knock out ISIS'

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump hammered the latest revelations about the Clinton email scandal – including that a private company worker destroyed Clinton emails using special software after revelations that Clinton was maintaining a private server.

Appearing in Virginia Beach, where he tailored his appeal to veterans and military members, Trump brought up the 13 mobile devices Clinton was revealed to have maintained – as well as the recent disclosure from FBI interviews that an aide destroyed devices with a hammer when they went out of use.

'Thirteen phones, iPhones, whatever – they were just banging the heck out of them,' Trump told a crowd of several hundred in a performing arts center.

'How about the acid wash of the emails? How about the 33,ooo missing emails that were acid washed, they're acid washed. Rudy was telling me nobody does it because it's such an expensive process,' he said, referencing former New York mayor and advisor Rudy Giuliani.

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Trump was referring to the statement in FBI documents that shed new details on the destruction of emails that had been on Clinton's private server.

Then he joked: 'These emails had to do with the wedding. I give that five and the other thing was the yoga classes.' The line was a reference to an early Clinton campaign statement that the deleted emails were personal in nature.

'This is a very sad time, I'm telling you, for justice in this country,' Trump said.

On Friday, it was revealed that a Platte River Networks employee suffered an 'Oh sh\*\*' moment after failing to follow through on a December directive to destroy archived emails following media reports about Clinton's server. The employee told the FBI they 'deleted the Clinton archive mailbox from the PRN server and used BleachBit to delete' exported files, according to the FBI report.

As part of the document dump, it was revealed an FBI agent's notes that an employee destroyed Clinton's blackberry devices and other mobile phones that went out of use by 'breaking them in half or hitting them with a hammer.'

On Monday, the Associated Press reported that Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah was asking a federal prosector to probe whether Clinton was involved with the deletion of emails by the Denver-based firm.

Those emails are in fact different from the 33,000 emails Clinton's own attorney's handed over to the State Department after it was revealed she used her own private system and not a government account.

Then Trump teed off on the timing of the latest document dump – on the Friday that kicked off Labor Day weekend.The interview takes place on July Fourth weekend with no taping no tape recorder no nothing.

'How about I guess it was July 4th weekend,' he said, referencing Clinton's weekend FBI interview. 'With no taping, no tape recorder no nothing.'

'And then the information that they wanted was released on Friday before labor Day weekend, Friday afternoon, so everyone's away.'

'This is a very very sad situation that's going on here. I've never seen it like this. We're like a Third World country. Never seen anything like it. But on November 8th, we will cure this problem,' Trump promised.

Trump also spoke about foreign policy, the military, and veterans. The event was set up like a 'town hall,' but the man doing the interviewing was Lt. General Mike Flynn, who Trump considered as his running mate.

'We have to knock out ISIS. We have to knock 'em out good,' Trump said.

The candidate said Russian President Vladimir Putin 'laughs' at Hillary Clinton.

'Putin looks at her and he laughs. Putin looks at Hillary Clinton and he smiles. Boy would he like to see her. That would be easy. Every decision she's made has been a loser.'

On Monday, Clinton once again went after Trump for a series of favorable comments about Putin.

Trump also spoke about his **immigration** plans, saying a 'small percentage' of **immigrants** were bad but that it wasn't an acceptable risk.

'We all have big hearts we just can't let these people into our country until we find out what's going on,' Trump said.

'We're allowing people to come here and we don't know – do they turn on us? Are a small percentage of them bad? Because if a small percent is bad that's not acceptable. We can't take the risk. Just a small percentage could do such damage,' said.

'By the way, you have illegal **immigrants**, I hate to say this in this room … you have illegal **immigrants** that she wants and he wants treated better than veterans,' Trump told the crowd.

Trump returned to the 'ransom' payment the U.S. made just as Iranian-held captives were released.

'Who ever heard of $400 million in cash – different denominations, different countries … who even has the power to authorize something like this?' Trump asked.

He said the Obama administration had 'created what will be a world power' in Iran.

Asked about whether he favored 'regime change' in Syria, Trump returned to the subject of the deal negotiated by the Obama administration and international powers over Iran's nuclear program.

'Four years ago they were dying, they were gasping for air. All we had to do is let them sit for a while, double up your sanctions,' he said about the already-sanctioned regime.

'They didn't have anything going. And now they're a power,' Trump said.

Trump hailed a new CNN poll that has him leading Clinton.

'I know that for a fact because people that didn't call me yesterday, they're calling me today – it's the way life works.'

He told the military-heavy crowd: 'The females veterans have been like the forgotten people.'

'We are going to do procedures that they've never done. We are going to help the female veterans. They have not been helped … they've been left behind,' he said.

Trump spoke in Virginia Beach, a military town that one speaker, Major General Bert Mizusawa, called the 'most lethal and powerful' assemblage of military forces in the world.

It is center of military power on the East Coast, and includes the naval station at Norfolk, Naval Air Station Oceana, Fort Eustis, Langley Air Force Base, plus critical command facilities and special operations.

After the interview with Flynn, Trump met with military spouses, mostly wives.

Earlier Tuesday, the Trump campaign released the names of 88 retired military figures who endorsed the candidate.

Mizusawa, a bronze star recipient who advises Trump hailed the leader as 'a thoughtful careful and exceptionally perceptive individual who understands the dangers of the world and is willing to do what is necessary to defeat them.'

He also brought up Clinton's email scandal and said the nation needed 'a strong, faithful and energetic leader in the White House' – following repeated questioning by Trump of Clinton's stamina.

The Sandler performing arts venue in Virginia Beach was packed with dozens of veterans, as well as military family members.

Trump was backed during the conversation by a group of military veterans and family members. He trumpeted the release of a letter from 88 retired generals and other military members.

'These are our fighting generals, and there's actually a lot more to come,' Trump said.

The letter states: 'The 2016 election affords the American people an urgently needed opportunity to make a long overdue course correction in our national security posture and policy.'

'As retired senior leaders of America's military, we believe that such a change can only be made by someone who has not been deeply involved with, and substantially responsible for, the hollowing out of our military and the burgeoning threats facing our country around the world,' the generals and admirals write.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* He said she didn't 'have the energy' to visit Mexico and Louisiana like him

\* Trump also said she didn't have 'stamina' to 'bring jobs back' to America

\* Remarks came same day Clinton had a coughing fit - she blamed 'allergies'

\* Trump made the remarks in a press conference aboard his plane

Donald Trump blasted Hillary Clinton Monday for allegedly being too tired to campaign properly.

His remarks came during a pair of dueling Labor Day press conferences that he and Clinton held simultaneously on their separate private jets.

'She didn’t have energy to go to Louisiana and she didn’t have the energy to go to Mexico,' Trump said, when asked about last Wednesday's controversial visit to the Central American country.

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He continued: 'She should have gone to Louisiana and she should have gone to Mexico. She still hasn’t gone to Louisiana and she didn’t have energy or drive to Mexico.'

Trump was referring to both last Wednesday's meeting with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and his visit to flood-stricken Louisiana in mid-August.

He told press after the Nieto meeting that he hadn't discussed his plan to make Mexico pay for a wall separating it from the US - something Hillary Clinton criticized him for Monday.

Clinton's supposed lack of energy came up again when Trump was asked about his message to her for Labor Day.

'Bring back jobs, which she can’t,' he said. 'She doesn’t have clue. Number one she doesn’t have a clue, number two she doesn’t have the energy to bring them back.

'She doesn’t have the energy or stamina to bring them back.'

Clinton has been fighting rumors that she is badly ill, and battled a persistent cough during her speech in Ohio, which later flared up before reporters on the plane.

She reminded them: One thing you know from my doctor's letter is I have seasonal allergies.'

Trump was also asked about his stance on **immigration**, which he said hadn't changed; that America has 'gotta stop the drugs, we gotta stop criminality, get rid of the bad (**immigrants**), and a lot of them are bad.'

And last Wednesday he unequivocally said that all 11million of the USA's undocumented **immigrants** would be made to leave the country.

But when pressed by ABC after Monday's flight, Trump seemed less certain about whether all undocumented **immigrants** would be deported.

When asked whether some might be able to stay, Trump said: 'It could be, but what’s going to happen is if you’re going to be a citizen, you’re going to leave and you're going to have to come back.'

And if they don't want to become citizens, he said, 'they have to make a determination what happens when the border is secure.'

'So you’re open to them staying here undocumented?' Trump was asked.

'I’m going to make a decision, or somebody will,' he replied, 'Whether it’s me or somebody else because by that time we’ll have a secure border, we’ll have a wall.'

During the press event, Trump also accused the NAFTA bill, spearheaded by George HW Bush but signed in by Bill Clinton, of destroying 'the manufacturing and jobs in this country,' and complained about Hillary Clinton's support of the TPP.

Despite his remarks on **immigration**, Trump said he was making a conscious pivot in his campaign towards focusing on job creation, which he assured the reporters he's 'going to be best at.'

'Everybody knows where I stand on **immigration** now; I am so about jobs,' he said. 'I see what’s happening in Pennsylvania, I see what’s happening in Ohio and they are getting so wiped out.'

In an interview with ABC Monday, Clinton said that she would not visit Mexico prior to election day, saying she would rather focus on the US.

'I'm going to continue to focus on what we're doing to create jobs here at home, what we're doing to make sure Americans have the best possible opportunities in the future,' she said.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Trump told reporters aboard his campaign plane on Monday that nothing bar a 'natural disaster' would stop him from taking part in the debates

\* He previously objected to the presidential debates, complaining the dates overlapped with NFL games

\* The Republican then said he would wait until the moderators were announced to confirm his attendance

\* Now he says he will attend and 'respects' and 'likes' the moderators chosen

\* He also revealed he won't be preparing with mock debates but will simply prep for it like every other debate

Donald Trump has confirmed he now plans to attend all three presidential debates - after announcing earlier this summer he may not attend.

The Republican presidential candidate told reporters aboard his campaign plane on Monday that nothing bar a 'natural disaster' would stop him from taking part in the debates.

'I look forward to the debates,' he said. 'I think it is an important element of what we're doing. I think you have an obligation to do the debates. I did them with the other, I guess 11 debates.'

Trump had previously objected to the presidential debates, complaining that the dates overlapped with NFL games - and claimed the Clinton campaign was trying to 'rig the debates.'

He then said he would not commit himself until he knew who the moderators would be - warning that certain individuals would be 'unacceptable.'

But on Monday he appeared to agree with the choice of moderators saying he liked the ones who had been announced.

This fall's moderators include NBC's Lester Holt, CNN's Anderson Cooper, ABC's Martha Raddatz, Fox News' Chris Wallace and CBSN's Elaine Quijano.

'I respect the moderators,' he added.

While Trump has agreed to take part in the debates, he admitted he had not prepared for them in the traditional way - saying he did not plan to do mock debates.

'I'm preparing for it like I prepared for the other debates. I've seen people do so much prep work that when they got out there they can't speak,' he said.

'Obviously, I did well in the debates according to the polls, the online polls, that they did right after the debate.'

Trump attended all the Republican primary debates except for January - where he skipped the Fox News debate blaming concerns about Megyn Kelly.

He also discussed his **immigration** speech last week where he pledged that there would be 'no amnesty' for illegal **immigrants**.

The real estate mogul said that 'no one will be immune or exempt from enforcement' under his administration and anyone in the United States illegally would have 'one route and only one route: to return home and apply for re-entry.'

Trump had faced criticism over the hard-line stance which critics claimed could break up families.

But he claimed that the majority of the crowd loved his speech.

'Some people totally loved it... Other people thought it was terrible.

'We had a very big crowd. It was unbelievably supportive and enthusiastic and I think led to people saying "Gee whiz I was tough", because the crowd so strong about it.

'The speech there were 60% loved it. Some people thought the tone was bad. It was very interesting because I had something where Clinton made the same speech years ago. I didn't know that it was one this morning.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* President told CNN's Fareed Zakaria that 'we have to be pretty hard about saying no' to Trump's 'intolerance'

\* 'I think that America will do that this time as well,' he said

\* Zakaria is staunchly anti-Trump and called him a 'bulls\*\*\* artist' on live TV a month ago

\* Obama recalled 'Know Nothings,' an anti-**immigrant** party from the 19th Century, as a comparison to what some see as Trump's nativism

President Barack Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday that American voters will say 'no' to Donald Trump in the November election, in part because of anti-**immigrant** sentiments that recall a 19th Century nativist political party nicknamed the 'Know Nothings.'

Trump has embraced a hard-line policy against illegal **immigration** but has said he favors the legal entry of **immigrants** with job skills needed in U.S. industry.

Still, Obama blasted the Republican presidential nominee for promoting 'intolerance' and government policies 'that are contrary to our values, banning certain classes of people because of who they are or what they look like, what faith they practice.'

'We have to be pretty hard about saying no to that,' the president said. 'And I think that America will do that this time as well.'

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Trump last year advocated a total ban on Muslims entering the United States, in reaction to a series of deadly Islamist terror attacks around the world.

Since then he has amended that proposal to focus on nation-specific **immigration** bans on terror-rife countries where it's impossible to vet incoming people.

Zakaria is among the most strident anti-Trump political hosts on cable television. During one broadcast last month he branded the GOP nominee 'a bulls\*\*\* artist' on live TV.

He asked Obama about 'the support that Donald Trump has' and 'where it comes from,' referring to white middle-class Americans 'who seem to have the most suspicion about you.'

Obama replied that there's a historical trend in America of citizens becoming less enthusiastic about new **immigration** the longer they are in the United States.

'Once they're included in what they consider to be "the real America," he said, they begin 'worrying about outsiders contaminating, polluting, messing up a good thing.'

'That's not new,' he said. 'That dates back to, you know, the beginning of this country.'

Obama said the U.S. 'benefits' from **immigrants** in the long-term, despite a history of 'bumps' in the road, 'whether it's the Know Nothings or, know, other spasms of anti-**immigrant** sentiment directed at the Irish or southern Europeans as opposed to Northern Europeans, or the Chinese – or today, Latinos or Muslims.'

The 'Know Nothings' were a mid-19th Century Protestants-only political movement housed in The American Party. It promised to 'purify' American politics by slowing down or ending a wave of Irish Catholics coming into the United States.

Its nickname grew out of the movement's secretive nature. Leaders instructed members to say 'I know nothing' when asked about their involvement.

In America, Obama said Sunday, 'your patriotism and how American you are is not the color of your skin, your last name, your faith, but rather your adherence to a creed, your belief in certain principles and values.'

'And I don't expect that that's going to change simply because Mr. Trump has gotten a little more attention than usual.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Rudy Giuliani has clarified Trump's stance on illegal **immigration** to CNN

\* Said he wants to prevent more migration and deport criminals as a priority

\* Trump will then decide the fate of other illegal **immigrants** case-by-case

\* Giuliani said it is unlikely that families will be broken up in the process

Trump supporter Rudy Giuliani has said the billionaire is not planning mass deportations of illegal **immigrants** despite his hardline rhetoric in Arizona this week.

Giuliani said Trump's 10-point **immigration** plan is primarily aimed at weeding out those who commit additional crimes, not those who are simply living here illegally.

He told Jake Tapper on CNN : 'He would find it very, very difficult to throw out a family that has been here for 15 years and they have three children, two of whom are citizens. That is not the kind of America he wants.'

The former New York Mayor said that was the intended message of Trump's speech in Arizona, though admitted it may have 'got lost to some extent in the emotion of the moment.'

Giuliani said the first priority of a Trump administration would be to build a border wall to stop **immigrants** crossing into this country.

The next would be to end protection schemes such as catch-and-release and withdrawing money from so-called 'sanctuary cities' that harbor illegal migrants.

This, he said, would remove most of the 'criminal illegal **immigrants**' - only after they are gone would Trump decide what to do with those who remain.

Giuliani added: 'Then and only then can we look at this in a very rational way in which we can look at all the options and be open to all the options.'

Asked whether Trump would aim to keep families together, he added: 'I would say that would be one of the things that would be pretty clear.

'It's going to depend on the person. Some of these people could have been on welfare for the last 30 years, or taking benefits, or cheating and maybe some of them have to be thrown out, but not necessarily all of them.'

Trump had pledged during the primaries to deport all 11million illegal migrants living in the US, but he has since walked back on that rhetoric.

On Thursday, the day after his speech in Arizona, Trump told radio host Laura Ingraham that there will be 'a softening' of policies as things move forward.

He said: 'Look, we do it in a very humane way, and we're going to see with the people that are in the country.

'Obviously I want to get the gang members out, the drug peddlers out, I want to get the drug dealers out.

'We've got a lot of people in this country that you can't have, and those people we'll get out.

'And then we're going to make a decision at a later date once everything is stabilized. I think you're going to see there's really quite a bit of softening.'

Ben Carson, another Trump supporter and aide, was also out defending the billionaire's **immigration** policy on Sunday.

Carson pointed out that Trump's policies are being condemned by Democrats despite being almost identical to those put forward in Bill Clinton's 1995 State of the Union address which was widely praised.

Carson pointed out: '[Clinton] said "illegal aliens" are creating a lot of problems for us and we're going to put a lot more border patrol people on, and secure our borders, and we're not going to have people able to work who come in illegally, and we're going to cut off their welfare benefits and we're going to deport people in record numbers.

'You know, he says basically the same thing, but when he says it, "Wow!" Great standing ovation. "This is a great president!"

'When Trump says it, it's "hate speech." What hypocrisy. What incredible hypocrisy.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Nixon administration allegedly worked to have John Lennon deported

\* They feared Lennon's influence with young voters who opposed the war

\* Lennon and wife Yoko Ono felt they were followed and being watched

\* Lennon even had his visa revoked and begged for an extension to stay

\* Eventually he won his appeal and was allowed to remain in New York City

John Lennon was nearly deported by the U.S. government as it attempted to make the legendary Beatles front-man's life a living hell, a new book has revealed.

Lawyer Leon Wildes, whose book ' John Lennon vs. The U.S.A. ' was released last month, said he had never seen 'the government so determined to remove anyone from the United States'.

The book written by Wildes, who represented Lennon during an **immigration** case, explains the Nixon administration's battle to deport Lennon purportedly for an old conviction in the UK for possessing hashish.

But behind the facade of wanting to deport Lennon on the 1968 drug conviction, was the reality that the government feared the musicians influence on young voters in the 1972 election.

Lennon had tremendous sway with 18- to 20-year-old voters, just after the election age had been lowered.

Federal agents with the FBI feared Lennon was heading the to Republican National Convention in Miami that year and warned the he and wife Yoko Ono would be arrested for 'interstate travel in the furtherance of conspiracy to incite a riot' if they tried to attend.

It is still unclear to this day if Lennon and Ono ever had plans to attend the RNC but they were politically active.

The couple moved from London to the Greenwich Village on a temporary visa after Lennon's drug arrest.

They attended a rally for MC5 band manager John Sinclair, who was serving ten years in prison for selling two marijuana joints.

Lennon performed the song 'John Sinclair' for a crowd of 15,000 people and urged them to stay involved.

Sinclair, who had served two years, was released by the end of that week.

And it was this kind of influence that frightened the government.

Sinclair was involved in the White Panther Party and 'obtain(ed) guns and dynamite, (to) blow up the CIA office in Ann Arbor and la(id) plans for guerrilla actions in northern Michigan', according to Wildes.

In light of this, anxious South Carolina senator Strom Thurmond warned US Attorney General John Mitchell, who oversaw the **Immigration** and Naturalization Service that Lennon's new ally could be dangerous.

Days later Lennon's visa was revoked citing Lennon's previous drug conviction.

Wildes then became Lennon's **immigration** attorney.

Lennon told Wildes: 'Everything in our world — we’re artists, you know — now comes up in the USA.

'It’s like the time of the Impressionist artists, when everything took place in Paris, or in early Rome. It’s all here now.

'This is where it’s at, and we’d love to be here. We just understand that it can’t be arranged.'

After researching the statute regarding **immigration** and marijuana Wildes concluded two thing: That the U.S. could exclude people who have been convicted of narcotic drug or marijuana possession and that hashish was not either.

Wildes then requested a six-month extension for the couple's visa but was given only one month.

Sol Marks, the INS district director for New York, told Wildes: 'These people will never get another extension... Leon, tell them to get out!'

Wildes said after that point 'the Nixon administration made life intolerable for John Lennon and Yoko Ono'.

'Alleged phone repairmen came to "check" the Lennons’ telephone but left promptly when ID was requested

'Two men, stationed just across Bank Street, seemed to be fixing a bike interminably. When John and Yoko got into an automobile, the same two men appeared in a car behind them, making certain the Lennons knew they were being followed,' Wildes wrote.

Lennon began mimicking a woman's voice when he called Wildes in fear the phones were tapped.

The four-year investigation began to tear away at Ono and Lennon's marriage.

Lennon spent 18 drunken months in Los Angeles during this period.

Finally, Lennon was given permission to be a permanent resident and Ono by that time had already won the same status, too.

Nixon had left office and Lennon was free to live in his beloved New York City.

'Throughout his fight to stay in the United States, he felt most welcomed by New Yorkers.

'Lennon’s four-year battle to remain in our country is testimony to his faith in this American dream,' Wildes writes.

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**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Carson recalled Clinton's 1995 State of the Union speech, some of which sounded like a briefing book on Donald Trump's 2016 **immigration** policies

\* 'He says basically the same thing, but when he says it, "Wow!" Great standing ovation. "This is a great president!"' Carson complained

\* 'When Trump says it, it's "hate speech",' he said on Fox News Sunday

\* Bill Clinton earned sustained applause for saying in 1995 that his government aimed to 'secure our borders 'and deport 'twice as many criminal **aliens** as ever before'

\* The late Democratic Rep. Barbara Jordan's **immigration** commission formed the basis for much of what Bill Clinton said

Donald Trump campaign has found an unlikely ally in its quest to legitimize a hard-line position on illegal **immigration**: vintage Bill Clinton, 26 years ago.

Dr. Ben Carson, a Trump supporter, said Sunday on 'Fox News Sunday' that the former president outlined in his widely praised 1995 'State of the Union' address a series of policies that are a near carbon copy of Trump's current proposals.

DailyMail.com's review of the speech transcript from more than two decades ago backs Carson up.

'Go back and look at the 1995 "State of the Union" address by Bill Clinton and see what he said,' Carson told host Chris Wallace on Sunday, complaining that Trump's version of the same policies has been met with condemnation while Clinton was hailed as a visionary.

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The former president 'said "illegal **aliens**" are creating a lot of problems for us and we're going to put a lot more border patrol people on, and secure our borders, and we're not going to have people able to work who come in illegally, and we're going to cut off their welfare benefits and we're going to deport people in record numbers,' Carson recalled.

'You know, he says basically the same thing, but when he says it, "Wow!" Great standing ovation. "This is a great president!" When Trump says it, it's "hate speech." What hypocrisy. What incredible hypocrisy.'

The usually calm Carson appeared unusually animated as he made the comparison.

Bill Clinton indeed earned sustained applause – and a standing salute from then-Vice President Al Gore – for saying in 1995 that his government aimed to 'secure our borders,' deport 'twice as many criminal **aliens** as ever before' and cut off the magnets that draw illegal **immigrants** to the U.S. 'by cracking down on illegal hiring [and] by barring welfare benefits to illegal **aliens**.'

The speech also included a pledge 'to speed the deportation of illegal **aliens** who are arrested for crimes,' a major part of Trump's current platform.

Wednesday in Phoenix, Trump promised : 'They're going out. They're going out fast.'

'We will terminate the Obama administration's deadly – and it is deadly – non-enforcement policies that allow thousands of criminal **aliens** to freely roam our streets, walk around, do whatever they want to do,' Trump said.

He also pledged to 'turn off the jobs and benefits magnet.'

Clinton in 1995 cited the late Democratic Congresswoman Barbara Jordan's Commission on **Immigration** Reform, some of which reads like talking points from Trump's speech.

'Deportation is crucial. Credibility in **immigration** policy can be summed up in one sentence: Those who should get in, get in; those who should be kept out, are kept out; and those who should not be here will be required to leave,' the commission's final report read.

'The top priorities for detention and removal, of course, are criminal **aliens**. But for the system to be credible, people actually have to be deported at the end of the process.'

Jordan died late in 1995, but not before delivering a speech about her commission's findings that sounded equally Trumpian in its defense of keeping unskilled **immigrant** workers at the back of the line for entry.

'The commission finds no national interest in continuing to import lesser-skilled and unskilled workers to compete in the most vulnerable parts of our labor force,' Jordan said.

'Many American workers do not have adequate job prospects. We should make their task easier to find employment, not harder.'

A Trump spokeswoman did not respond Sunday to a question about whether the campaign would begin hammering Hillary Clinton for her husband's Trumpian policy ideas.

BILL CLINTON'S TRUMP-ESQUE 1995 'STATE OF THE UNION'

President Bill Clinton's 1995 'State of the Union' address to Congress included a section that seems to mirror what Donald Trump is saying about illegal **immigration** in 2016:

'All Americans, not only in the states most heavily affected but in every place in this country, are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal **aliens** entering our country. The jobs they hold might otherwise be held by citizens or legal **immigrants**. The public service they use impose burdens on our taxpayers.

'That's why our administration has moved aggressively to secure our borders more by hiring a record number of new border guards, by deporting twice as many criminal **aliens** as ever before, by cracking down on illegal hiring, by barring welfare benefits to illegal **aliens**.

'In the budget I will present to you, we will try to do more to speed the deportation of illegal **aliens** who are arrested for crimes, to better identify illegal **aliens** in the workplace as recommended by the commission headed by former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan.

'We are a nation of **immigrants**. But we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of **immigrants** to permit the kind of abuse of our **immigration** laws we have seen in recent years, and we must do more to stop it.'

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Mexican President Pena Nieto has toughened up his stance on Trump

\* Speaking to young voters on Thursday, he called him 'a real threat'

\* The comment came hours after activists branded him a 'humiliation' for not taking a tougher line while meeting with the Republican

\* Nieto defended the meet, saying the harder decision would be to refuse

\* Trump has also ramped up his rhetoric, claiming Mexico will pay for his wall, despite earlier saying the issue 'wasn't discussed'

President Pena Nieto has branded Donald Trump's policies 'a real threat' to Mexico as he ramps up rhetoric against the Republican a day after the pair met for talks.

While Nieto and Trump struck a conciliatory tone at a joint press conference yesterday, both have since gone on the attack.

Nieto in particular has sought to toughen his stance after the meeting was dubbed a 'national humiliation' and he was branded a 'traitor' by protesters saying he should have forced Trump to apologize for his comments on Mexican **immigrants**.

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Speaking to young people during a late-night town hall on Thursday, Nieto defended the meeting, saying it was a tough decision, but one he felt it necessary to take.

He said the easier path would have been to 'cross my arms' and do nothing in response to Trump's 'affronts, insults and humiliations.'

Nieto added that he believes it necessary to open a 'space for dialogue' to stress the importance of the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

He said: 'What is a fact is that in the face of candidate Trump's postures and positions, which clearly represent a threat to the future of Mexico, it was necessary to talk.

'It was necessary to make him feel and know why Mexico does not accept his positions.'

But Nieto's detractors accuse him of failing to make Mexico's anger heard over remarks in which Trump called **immigrants** 'rapists and murderers'.

Demonstrators are also enraged by the fact that he did not push back on Trump's policy to build a wall along the southern US border.

During a joint press conference Trump also claimed that the pair had not discussed who would pay for the wall - before later insisting that Mexico would foot the bill 'even if they don't know it yet.'

Nieto has since said that the first thing he told Trump during the meeting was that Mexico would not pay for the wall.

However, many have questioned why the President, who speaks good English, did not correct Trump at the time despite being stood just feet away.

Former Mexican President Vicente Fox, Nieto's predecessor who previously said 'there is no f\*\*\*ing way' Mexico will pay for the wall, has branded Nieto a 'traitor'.

He told CNN's New Day: 'I think it's nothing more than a political stunt. Trump is using Mexico, is using President Peña to boost his sinking poll numbers.

'I think that President Peña is taking an enormous political risk by hosting Trump. If he's perceived as going soft on Trump it will hurt him greatly.

'He will even be considered like a traitor.'

Meanwhile Trump delivered a blistering **immigration** speech in Arizona on Wednesday night in which he vowed to make Mexico pay for the wall.

Referring to the Mexican government, he said: 'They're great people, great leaders, but they're going to pay for the wall.'

'On day one, we will begin working on an impenetrable, physical, tall, powerful, beautiful southern wall,' Trump boasted.

He pledged to employ technologies to harden the barrier, including 'above and below ground sensors' along with 'towers, aerial surveillance and manpower.'

This, he said, would 'supplement the wall, find and dislocate tunnels and keep out criminal cartels.'

Trump said that after meeting with Nieto, he trusts 'Mexico will work with us. I really believe it.'

'They will work with us, they really will. They want to solve this problem with us,' he said of the drugs, guns, money and illegal **immigrants** who cross the border.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump's uncompromising illegal-**immigration** speech on Wednesday has turned off some members of his National Hispanic Advisory Council

\* At least two of the group's 30 initial members have walked away and a third is 'inclined' to leave

\* Rumors swirled on Thursday that as many as 15 members could be on their way out

\* Trump's policies, announced in Phoenix, include an uncompromising demand that illegal **immigrants** leave the U.S. and apply for readmission before they could be considered legal residents

Donald Trump's outreach to Hispanic-American voters took a hit on Thursday as two prominent members of his National Hispanic Advisory Council quit the group and a third called it a 'scam.'

Rumors swirled around Twitter by mid-afternoon that as many as 15 of the council's 30 members could leave.

Following a fiery speech Wednesday night spelling out an aggressive illegal-**immigration** policy, some Latinos who had advised Trump came to the conclusion that he wasn't listening.

Jacob Monty, a Houston attorney who was a member of Trump's Hispanic affinity group, resigned his position after the speech.

Houston-based computer consulting CEO Massey Villarreal said he's on his way out.

Waco, Texas pastor Ramino Pena said he would have to reconsider his support.

And Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles president Alfonso Aguilar told Politico he's 'inclined' to walk away.

Monty said he had been 'a strong supporter of Donald Trump when I believed he was going to address the **immigration** problem realistically and compassionately.'

He wrote on Facebook that that Wednesday's speech in Phoenix showed he 'rejected that... and so I must reject him.'

'He must want to lose,' Monty added. 'He can do that without me.'

Trump senior communications adviser Jason Miller said in a statement that 'Mr. Trump has been consistent in advocating for an end to illegal **immigration** and he will continue to reach out and work with voters from all communities to defeat Crooked Hillary Clinton this fall.'

But Villarreal told NBC Latino he was ready to dump Trump.

'As a compassionate conservative, I am disappointed with the **immigration** speech,' he said.

Villareal, like other establishment Republicans, now finds himself a man without a political country in the run-up to Nov. 8.

He added that he 'cannot with any conscience support Hillary [Clinton].'

Pena sent a scathing email to Trump and Republican party leaders, saying 'Trump lost the election' by backing a plan to deport millions of people in the United States illegally.

'The "National Hispanic Advisory Council" seems to be simply for optics,' he wrote, "and I do not have the time or energy for a scam".'

Pena said he owed his 'national audience' an explanation for supporting Trump in the first place, suggesting that his flock was hoping for a more lenient approach to dealing with illegal **immigrants** who have not committed additional crimes in the U.S.

'We decided to make a big U-turn to see if we could make him change,' said Aguilar, according to Politico.

'We thought we were moving in the right direction... we're disappointed. We feel misled.'

Trump hosted an August 20 meeting of his Hispanic council at Trump Tower and followed up with a statesmanlike visit to Mexico, topped off by a thoughtful-sounding joint appearance with the country's president.

But hours later he was back to business, spelling out an uncompromising 10-point plan to rid the country of 'criminal aliens,' and force border-jumpers and visa abusers to leave before they could be considered for any legal status.

A president Trump, among other things, would erect an impenetrable border wall between the U.S. and Mexico, and require U.S. businesses to screen job applicants for legal status before hiring them.

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Mexican president Enrique Peña Nieto has come under fire from his countrymen for meeting with Donald Trump.

Protesters staged demonstrations saying he should have pushed back on the Republican candidate's **immigration** rhetoric, which includes getting Mexico to pay for a 2,000-mile wall to divide the two countries.

As confusion swirls over who would foot the bill for the wall, Peña Nieto was heavily criticized for meeting with Trump on Wednesday, with politicians calling it a national humiliation.

While some denounced his silence as Trump repeated his promise to build a border wall in southernmost U.S, others were upset Peña Nieto did not demand an apology for calling Mexican migrants rapists and criminals.

'This is an insult and a betrayal,' said artist Arturo Meade as he joined a protest against Wednesday's meeting in Mexico City.

'What can this meeting bring us except surrealism in all its splendor?'

Televisa news anchor Carlos Loret de Mola tweeted: 'The humiliation is now complete.'

Tony Payan, director of the Mexico Center at Rice University's Baker Institute said: 'Pena Nieto did not even take a really strong stand and talk to Mr Trump directly to his face and tell him exactly why his stances are not acceptable to Mexicans.

'He sounded tepid and too soft. He essentially rolled over and allowed Mr Trump to get away with his own goals without getting anything in return.'

Peña Nieto did say that Mexicans felt 'aggrieved' and had disagreements with Trump, but some felt that it was not enough.

Javier Urbano Reyes, a professor in the department of International Studies at the Iberoamerican University in Mexico City, said he thought Trump gained a little with the meeting but Mexico's president lost a lot.

'Without a doubt, my perception is that it is going to make it even worse, even stronger the drop in approval,' he said, referring to Peña Nieto's near 20 percent approval rating, according to recent polls.

Peña Nieto and Trump appeared to disagree about what was said in the meeting.

Standing next to Peña Nieto, Trump said the topic of who would pay for the wall would be discussed later, but the Mexican president said nothing about issue.

Later Wednesday night, in a speech on **immigration** in Phoenix, Arizona, Trump made building the wall the featured element of his **immigration** plan.

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On Tuesday, former Mexican President Vicente Fox was aghast at the news that President Enrique Peña Nieto planned to meet with Republican nominee Donald Trump in Mexico.

'I think it's nothing more than a political stunt. Trump is using Mexico, is using President Peña to boost his sinking poll numbers,' Fox said on CNN's 'New Day.'

'I think that President Peña is taking an enormous political risk by hosting Trump. If he's perceived as going soft on Trump it will hurt him greatly.'

'He will even be considered like a traitor,' the ex-president suggested, noting that Mexicans don't like to be offended.

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Unearthly footage appears to show two UFO's hovering near the International Space Station - convincing many that life in outer space does indeed exist.

The clip, believed to be taken from a live NASA stream, was uploaded to YouTube by Streetcap1 and has been pored over by multiple UFO enthusiasts.

It appears to show two flashing lights travelling around a progress capsule – which are used to supply the International Space Station.

UFO expert Scott Waring is certain the video proves that **aliens** are using the craft to monitor the space station.

'The first UFO is smaller… which tells me it's father away than the second larger UFO,' he explains.

Some enthusiasts believe NASA has tried to cover up the UFO discovery by editing the footage as the lights seems to disappear behind a black wall during its journey rather than continuing off the screen.

One YouTube user commented: 'It almost looks like a giant spaceship is passing by but the rest of it is being blocked by some kind of invisible wall perhaps using some kind of software.

'Notice the coloured squares around the ISS, just like what has been found in various Apollo pictures as if the rest of the picture has been covered up.'

Another viewer added: 'Something is blocking that pic, to the left and top! NASA don't want you to see!'

A third replied: 'The reason why NASA is ending the live ISS feed is because they can't censor enough of what is showing up without making the truth obvious in and of itself, so they are closing the public feed off entirely.'

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Earlier this week, Giuliani criticized Beyonce for her performance at the VMAs, where she depicted cops killing black people.

'I ran the largest and best police department in the world, the New York City Police Department,' Giuliani noted this morning on Fox & Friends. 'And I saved more black lives than any of those people you saw on stage by reducing crime and particularly homicide by 75 per cent.'

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A defiant Donald Trump told a giant swell of fans Wednesday night in Phoenix that he will build his famed border wall, and reiterated that Mexico will foot the bill.

'We will build a great wall along the southern border. And Mexico will pay for the wall. One hundred percent,' Trump said.

'They don't know it yet, but they're going to pay for it.'

Trump met Wednesday afternoon with Mexican president Enrique Peña Nieto, and praised him in Phoenix as 'wonderful.' But he held firm on sending Mexico City a bill for the wall's construction.

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'They're great people, great leaders, but they're going to pay for the wall.'

'On day one, we will begin working on an impenetrable, physical, tall, powerful, beautiful southern wall,' Trump boasted.

He pledged to employ technologies to harden the barrier, including 'above and below ground sensors' along with 'towers, aerial surveillance and manpower.'

This, he said, would 'supplement the wall, find and dislocate tunnels and keep out criminal cartels.'

Trump said that after meeting with Nieto, he trusts 'Mexico will work with us. I really believe it.'

'They will work with us, they really will. They want to solve this problem with us,' he said of the drugs, guns, money and illegal **immigrants** who cross the border every day.

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Trump's campaign released a statement in response to Nieto's tweet, insisting it was 'unsurprising' Nieto and Trump had 'different views' on the issue – but not addressing the embarrassment of being called a liar on the world stage.

Jason Miller, Trump's senior communications adviser, called the Mexico meeting 'the first part of the discussion and a relationship builder between Mr.Trump and President Pena Nieto.'

'It was not a negotiation, and that would have been inappropriate. It is unsurprising that they would hold two different views on the issue, and we look forward to continuing the conversation.'

Nieto spokesman Eduardo Sanchez told Reuters that his boss had said 'that Mexico, as he has said on several occasions... will not pay for that wall.'

Hillary Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta mocked Trump over Nieto's tweeted protest.

'It turns out Trump didn't just choke, he got beat in the room and lied about it,' Podesta said in a statement.

'Donald Trump has made his outlandish policy of forcing Mexico to pay for his giant wall the centerpiece of his campaign. But at the first opportunity to make good on his offensive campaign promises, Trump choked.'

Trump earlier stated he and Nieto had agreed the United States had a right to build a wall along the border with their southern neighbor – something Nieto never disputed.

'Having a secure border is a sovereign right and mutually beneficial,' Trump told reporters in Mexico City, listing the second of what he called 'five shared goals.'

'We recognize and respect the right of either country to build a physical barrier or wall on any of its borders to stop the illegal movement of people, drugs and weapons.'

'Cooperation toward achieving this shared objective – and it will be shared – of safety for all citizens, is paramount for both the United States and to Mexico,' Trump said.

In taking only a few questions from journalists, Trump boasted that Nieto agrees the idea of an impenetrable border wall – long the hallmark of his unconventional candidacy for the White House – is in the best interest of both nations.

'We want what's good for the United States and the president wants what's good for Mexico,' Trump said.

'We both realized from the beginning that it's good for both of us, better for both of us.'

Initially it was reported that the two men did not discuss whether Mexico would pay for the wall's construction, as feature of Trump's plan that he has insisted he can deliver.

'We didn't discuss that. Who pays for the wall? We didn't discuss,' Trump said.

Nieto did not directly address the question of a border wall, but let Trump articulate the 'five shared goals' without him – including 'ending illegal **immigration**' and 'dismantling drug cartels' and 'improving' the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Mexican president did smooth the waters between Trump and Mexico's citizens, however.

'Mexicans have felt offended by what has been said,' Nieto declared, referring to some of Trump's heated rhetoric.

'But I am certain that his genuine interest is in building a relationship that will provide our mutual societies improved well-being.'

The two men spoke against a backdrop that featured a Mexican flag but no American flag, an nod to the fact that Trump does not represent the United States and is only a candidate for the presidency.

WHAT TRUMP HAS SAID ABOUT THE WALL IN THE PAST

TRUMP SAID GETTING MEXICO TO PAY FOR THE WALL WOULD BE 'EASY'

Trump Campaign Rally, Fredericksburg, Virginia, August 20, 2016

'We're going to build the wall and Mexico is going to pay for the wall, believe me, one hundred percent. Believe me.

'That'll be very easy. That will be very, very easy. Politicians think we're joking, we don't joke. We don't joke. This is a movement. This is a movement, and movements don't joke.

'Believe me. It's getting worse now as thousands of recent border crossers are being relocated to the State of Virginia, and you don't know who they are, you don't know where they come from.'

LA Times, August 22, 2016

Trump assured the crowd that he would seal the southern border, a plan that is popular among his overwhelmingly white loyalists but offensive to many Latinos and Asians whose votes he needs in Colorado, Nevada and Florida.

'Don't worry. We're going to build the wall,' he said. 'That wall will go up so fast, your head will spin. And you'll say, 'You know, he meant it.' And you know what else I mean? Mexico is going to pay for the wall.'

TRUMP WAS WILLING TO START A TRADE WAR WITH MEXICO OVER PAYING FOR THE WALL

Primary debate - Houston, Texas, February 2, 2016

CNN host Wolf Blitzer: 'If the -- if the Mexicans don't pay for the wall, will you start a trade war with Mexico?'

Trump: 'Well, you know, I don't mind trade wars when we're losing $58 billion a year, you want to know the truth. We're losing so much. We're losing so much with Mexico and China -- with China, we're losing $500 billion a year.

'And then people say, 'don't we want to trade?' I don't mind trading, but I don't want to lose $500 billion. I don't want to lose $58 billion.'

MSNBC Town Hall, Green Bay, Wisconsin, March 30, 2016

Trump: 'We have a trade deficit with Mexico, $58 billion a year. The wall is going to cost approximately $10 billion. Believe me, they will pay in one form or another--'

MSNBC host Chris Matthews: 'If not -- or else what?... So we cut off Japan, we cut off -- this is the -- this is your strategy in every case. We could walk, no more trade with Mexico.'

Trump: 'You have to always-- Oh, absolutely.'

Matthews: 'No more troops in Europe.'

Trump: 'And by the way, when I say no more trade, once you -- once they know that you are really willing to go that extra length, there will always be trade, but we'll make good deals. We're making the worst trade deals.'

Matthews: 'Yeah, but the bottom line is always we walk.'

Trump: 'You have to be able to walk, yes. It's unlikely that you'll have to, but you have to be able to walk.'

TRUMP HAS SUGGESTED TENSIONS WITH MEXICO OVER PAYING FOR THE WALL COULD BECOME PHYSICAL

Morning Joe, MSNBC, March 9, 2016

Co-host Bob Woodward (journalist for the Washington Post): 'If they (Mexico) say no, would you be willing to go to war to make sure we get the money to pay for this wall?'

Trump: 'Trust me, Bob, when I rejuvenate our military, Mexico's not going to be playing with us with war, that I can tell you. Mexico isn't playing with us with war. Look, I have great relationships with the Mexican people.

'Look, you can see I'm winning every single poll in these primaries when they go out, when the polls come back with Hispanics.

'I have thousands of Hispanics that work for me and tens of thousands that have worked for me over the years.'

(Source: Hillary for America and various reports)

But in most other respects Nieto treated him as an equal, acknowledging that the North American Free Trade Agreement – Trump's secondary beef with Mexico – could benefit from renegotiation.

'As partners we have to work together in order to avoid the loss of jobs from our region,' Nieto said. 'However, this does not mean that the North American Free Trade Agreement can't be improved to the benefit of both parties. It is an agreement that was signed over 22 years ago.'

Trump landed in Mexico City just a few hours earlier for the unusual bilateral meeting with Nieto – his first sit-down with a foreign leader since he launched his campaign last year.

Only a handful of protesters turned up downtown near the presidential palace in advance of the historic meeting. And only a small contingent of foreign reporters and photographers were there to see it.

Trump's campaign left the traveling press corps in Phoenix, where they arrived late Tuesday night in advance of a promised landmark speech Wednesday evening on the hot-button topic of **immigration**.

Even a press pool reporter from DailyMail.com, designated to travel with the candidate for the trip, was not granted access to accompany the campaign.

The press charter plane was available, according to a person with knowledge of the aircraft's operations, but the campaign decided not to clear it for flight.

Trump risked a backlash from Nieto after he returns to the U.S. Nieto had previously compared Trump's political rise to the early public enthusiasm shown for murderous dictators Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

But the Republican presidential nominee caught only respect from the Mexican leader, and enjoyed a formal setting usually only aforded to heads of state.

The high-risk-high-reward gambit will be closely watched by Hispanic American voters who are looking for signs that Trump is softening his threats to deport millions of people in the country illegally.

With Trump's regular cadre of Trump reporters stranded two time zones away, the arrival of Trump's aircraft wasn't caught on camera.

The Associated Press was only able to confirm the plane's touchdown from an airport source who wasn't authorized to speak on the record.

And still photographs from wire services, showing a helicopter believed to be carrying Trump, known to Secret Service agents by the code name 'Mogul,' carried a disclaimer that they 'allegedly' showed Trump in the air.

Hillary Clinton attacked Trump Wednesday morning in a speech to the American Legion convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, a meeting Trump will address Thursday.

'Dropping in on our neighbors for a few hours and then flying home again,' Clinton claimed, won't make up for 'a year of insults and insinuations.'

Nieto on Friday invited both Trump and Clinton to visit. The Clinton campaign has shown no sign of following Trump's lead and accepting.

**NEW\_DOCUMENT\_HERE**\* Donald Trump outlined a comprehensive **immigration** policy Wednesday

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\* Trump told his audience that Hillary Clinton could be on the deportation list since she has also evaded justice by skating on her email scandal

It may be time to deport Hillary Clinton, a half-joking Donald Trump told a teeming mass of Arizonans on Wednesday night, and he's just the man for the job.

Trump pledged to create 'a special deportation task force' within the existing **Immigration** and Customs Enforcement agency if he becomes president, and said he would use it to eject the most violent felons who are in the United States illegally.

He compared Clinton's success at avoiding criminal charges with the legal-limbo status of nearly 2 million illegal **immigrants** accused of additional crimes, suggesting that his Democratic rival has yet to be held responsible for her classified email scandal.

'Within ICE I am going to create a new special deportation task force,' Trump said during a wide-ranging Phoenix speech codifying his **immigration** policies.

The force, he said, would be 'focused on identifying and quickly removing the most dangerous criminal illegal **immigrants** in America who have evaded justice – just like Hillary Clinton has evaded justice, okay?'

'Maybe they'll be able to deport her.'

Trump criticized the Obama administration for practicing a 'catch and release... non-enforcement policy' that he said 'allows thousands of criminal **aliens** to walk around freely [and] roam our streets' instead of sending them back to their home countries.

Instead, he proposed, the U.S. should return to an Eisenhower-era policy of repatriating illegal **immigrants** in large numbers.

'We will take them great distances,' he said, 'but we will take them to the countries they came from.'

And a President Trump would have 'zero tolerance for criminal **aliens**,' he promised. 'Zero. Zero.'

'We will begin moving them out on day one. As soon as I take office. Day one,' he said.

'The crime will stop. They're going to be gone. It will be over. They're going out.'

He said if he wins the White House he will 'issue detainers for illegal **immigrants** who are arrested for any crime whatsoever, and they will be placed into immediate removal proceedings.'

The Obama administration has notably cooperated with more than 340 American counties and municipalities that have declared themselves 'sanctuaries' for illegal **immigrants**.

Instead of notifying ICE when they arrest an illegal **immigrant**, or release one from custody, those jurisdictions allow them to post bail or enter the parole system – where many disappear and some re-offend.

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Trump said one major plank of his **immigration** plan would 'block funding for sanctuary cities... that have resulted in so many needless deaths.'

'Cities that refuse to assist federal authorities will not receive federal dollars,' he pledged.

Trump flew to Arizona from Mexico City on Wednesday afternoon following a landmark bilateral meeting with Mexican President Enrique Nieto.

The event elevated the Republican to a statesmanlike level, appearing alongside a head of state for the first time in his campaign.

But controversy followed him back to America after he told reporters that the pair 'didn't discuss' who would pay for the U.S.-Mexico border wall Trump has made the cornerstone of his White House bid.

Nieto tweeted hours later that '[f]rom the start of the conversation, I made it clear Mexico will not pay for that wall.'

His spokesman Eduardo Sánchez later clarified that when Nieto raised the issue, Trump didn't respond.

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Maricopa County, Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio, famed for his tough-on-crime 'tent city' jails and his strict application of **immigration** laws, warmed up Trump's crowd Wednesday night in Phoenix.

'I'm sure he probably made a few deals in Mexico City,' Arpaio told a crush of thousands inside the Phoenix Convention Center.

'But he's not going to give away the United States of America. He's going to stick to his guns.'

Arpaio suggested that Trump could pay for the wall by diverting money that Washington sends to Mexico each year.

'You take away their foreign aid and you build the wall. It's very simple,' he said.

Rudy Giuliani, the former new York City mayor, surprised Trump's crowd by putting on a white baseball cap with an altered campaign message reading: 'Make Mexico Great Again Also.'

Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions wore it for a few minutes when his turn came at the podium.

Both men were with Trump in Mexico City.

Giuliani said Wednesday night that he had witnessed 'history being made – Donald Trump's courageous trip.'

'Hillary Clinton doesn't seem to be able to find time to do it,' he mocked.

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