

Optimism, Deported by Trump

Wall building. Sexist remarks. Political incorrectness.

This is Donald Trump, and only the beginning. It only gets worse.

Despotic rule. Nuclear war. Widespread racism.

Luckily, Trump's campaign is a self-destructive one. There's his broken history with six major separations, both monetary (four bankruptcies) and familial (two divorces). His forceful and impractical intentions of enforcing flawed nuclear weapon policy and racial discrimination. His empty excuses of rigged polls and blaming of Hillary and Obama for crimes imagined. As *Time* magazine put it, he is now in "Total Meltdown." The nation is leaning away from the hot-headed populist leader for the more moderate Hillary.

But in a recent article titled "Trump to Voters: If You Want Chaos, Vote For Me" by Stephen Hayes, the real concern to Americans is emphasized. "Trump's biggest challenge since winning the Republican nomination was to [make major reforms] without imperiling the system itself," said Hayes. *Imperiling*. Endangering the political system, a dynamic structure much greater than himself. During the election process and the presidency itself, society and entertainment will distract from the main impact Trump's leadership will have: not his current problem-solving, but his *legacy*. Hayes suggests Trump's malignity in his closing statement: "Trump is making sure that his damage to the Republican party lasts a lot longer than he's been associated with it." It is the precedent of Trump's rude embellishments and that he is setting, in all its ugly glory, that will long outlast Trump.

Scrutinized by hundreds of millions of his subjects and checked by the government, the President will undoubtedly stay true to his goals. But as the presidency becomes senescent with unpopularity, what is left is a broken system dribbling black blood from bruises, with ideals and practices having to be approved and renewed by the next leader. It's a mess, and it's the reason why people fumble and blame during the elections and why the candidates are so invective of each other.

Rather than the presidency itself, this anarchy of change and clean-up is the most feared. However, Americans ought to be looking in a more positive direction.

Consider a bothersome fly. The insect buzzes like the drone of presidential policies. When the time comes, the bug is swatted; the presidency ends. But as it dies, there's the process of moving it—legs haphazardly dangling, bodily organs convulsing, ruined wings twitching—to the trash. This messy cleanup, the reluctant withdrawal from power—and not the death itself—is the least appealing. But the fly is already dead, the danger and annoyance over, a brighter future on the way.

But for the presidential candidates to keep true to their word is something quite disastrous. Right now, their ideas are amorphous and their plans vague. It is necessary for practice, not theory, to figure out exactly what will work for the people: how effective will building a wall *really* be? The experimentation, the beta-testing of new policies will lead to unpopularity, a swat and a death.

Of course, this is not always the case—Democrats and Republicans have supported their party leaders, and many have noted the decline in unemployment and the extraction of soldiers in recent years. But there is an overwhelming consensus on the mistakes of past presidents. The popular trickle-down economics' \$2.9 trillion debt increase with Reagan. The broken promise of no new taxes by H. W. Bush. The Lewinsky Scandal with B. Clinton. The Iraq and Afghanistan Wars with Bush Jr.. The rise of terrorist groups in the Middle East under incumbent President Obama. Now the election resembles more a battle of lesser evils than that of greater benefits. It is a sad state of affairs.

We Americans are always in a hurry, stuck in the present; the future is ahead of us, yet it shouldn't elude us. Legacy is a perspective of the future. We can only view the candidates as impartially and rationally as possible in order to lessen the societal fears of chaos and decline.

Trump's campaign slogan, "Let's Make America Great Again," is all a matter of perspective. Trends point towards mistakes and broken promises, but America is the land of hope and freedom.

It is okay to admit it, Mr. Trump: America is great already.