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# DONALD KHAN

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Skip this part of the E-Book if you have no interests in personality, no one will blame you.

My name is Mustafa Ibrahim, I am 24 years old at the time of writing, I have always had an interest in writing and conveying my thoughts and opinions with the wider world, therefore this book. Although, this may come across as a cliché, I am not writing this book for money, now obviously, I won't even try to deny that I like/need money, especially at this stage of my life where I am trying to pay for university, but this is truly a passion, I have been absorbed with politics since I was 16, I was born in Lahore, Pakistan, at the age of 12, I, along with my family, moved to the United Kingdom, it was somewhat of a culture shock, I say somewhat because at 12, I had not formed many strong opinions about my country, politics or the way it was run.

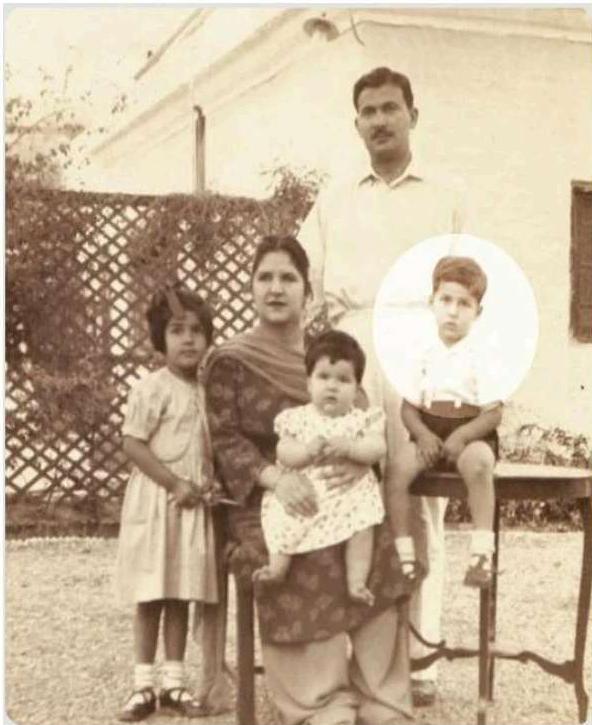
Growing up in the UK, under a conservative government, led by David Cameron, had a massive influence on me, I realized, although the execution of ideas can be argued over, the conservative ideas were good. Here, I would hope that I am not “isolating” any of my liberal readers, I have a lot of liberal friends, we have different solutions to problems that we face but we get along and enjoy camaraderie.

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## *Introduction:*

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8<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 and the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, days that changed the course of The USA and The Islamic Republic of Pakistan forever, Donald Trump and Imran Khan were elected to lead their nations respectively. There have been few men in our times as polarizing and divisive as these two, for good or for worse. Both men were ousted under dubious circumstances and both lead a base that is willing and able to go to any length for their leaders. As a student of politics and current affairs, I have followed their path to the highest office carefully and found more similarities than differences between the two. I remember clearly both of the aforementioned dates, for DJT, I remember waking up early in the morning, searching for the election result and seeing Donald Trump declared winner, for the cricketer turned politician, two years later, I was on my lunch break at my workplace, when I saw Imran Khan sitting in his chair in the House of Parliament in Islamabad, smiling as he was elected Prime Minister.



*Imran Khan with his family*



*Donald Trump with family*

Both men endured and persisted, In different ways, both were born into relative affluence, received the best education, and excelled in their chosen careers. I will be dissecting their journeys to premiership, the controversy's that ensued and by all means, how they changed the trajectory of their nations forever.

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## *Chapter 1: The Beginnings*

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### *Donald Trump*

As the good witch, Glinda, said in the Wizard of Oz, “It’s always best to start at the beginning”, so I will do just that with these men.

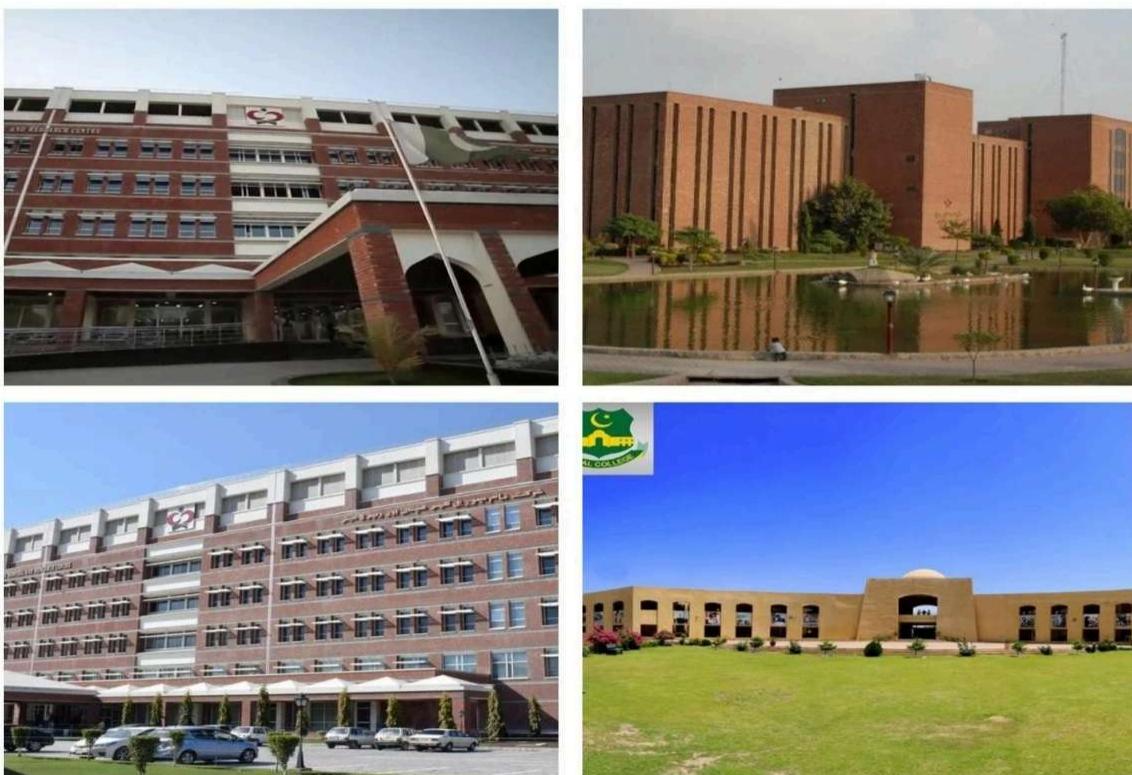
Donald Trump was born a day and 52 years after my own birthday, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1946, in Queens, New York City to a wealthy real estate developer and businessman, Fred Trump, and a Scottish immigrant to The United States, Mary Anne MacLeod. The Don attended and graduated from the Wharton School of Business with a Bachelor’s degree in 1968, three years later, in 1971 he took over his father’s real estate empire, taking it to new heights, he expanded the company to building and renovating skyscrapers, casinos and his favorite, golf courses. For the majority of his career, Trump has been a real estate developer, a big one.



Clockwise: Trump International Hotel – Toronto, Trump World Tower – New York City, Trump Tower – New York City, Trump Tower – Manila, Trump Tower – Sunny Isles Beach, Trump SoHo, New York City, Trump International Hotel – New York City, Trump Towers – Istanbul, Trump Ocean Club – Panama City

### Imran Khan

Imran Khan, similar but not quite, was born in an affluent family in Lahore, Pakistan, 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1952, he studied first at Cathedral School in Lahore then at the finest college in Pakistan and among the best in Asia, Atchison College, after Atchison, Khan was shipped off to England where he studied at the Royal Worcester Grammar School, naturally, like many young Pakistani boys, he had a fondness for cricket, in 1972, he enrolled at Keble College, Oxford where he read Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Khan was a part of the University of Oxford's Blues Cricket team during the 1973-75 season. Imran Khan would go on to win the 1996 cricket world cup, defeating his ex-colonial masters, England, in the final, talk about poetic justice.



Clockwise: Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital built by Imran Khan – Karachi, Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital – Lahore, Naim University – Mianwali, Shaukat Khanum Cancer Hospital - Peshawar

Before Donald Trump and Imran Khan ever got into politics, it is fair to say that the mainstream media (MSN) of their respective nations loved them, dearly. Imran Khan was a heartthrob of millions of Pakistani women (and many men), he was and remains the only true global celebrity that reached superstar status that Pakistan has produced, from politicians to celebrities to journalists and the common man, he was a hero, all women wanted him and all men wanted to be him, same can be said for Donald Trump, before his exuberant entry into politics, he was loved

by the Hollywood elite along with the media, from Oprah to Larry King, he was the guest of honor on all shows.

It is a stark reminder of how manipulative MSN can be, if you are not looking at the right places, Nawaz Sharif, the ex-prime minister and now an adversary to Imran Khan, invited the latter to join his party and his government! Because he understood the popularity and acceptance that the cricketer among the people of Pakistan, The liberal elites in the US kept Donald Trump close, and politicians like the Clinton Family considered him a friend



Pakistan had been a two-party state for the majority of its history, that was until Imran Khan decided to change it, he initiated his PTI (Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf) [Movement for Justice Party Pakistan], at first, it seemed as if for once, Imran Khan had failed at what he set out to achieve. Less than a whole year after it was founded, the PTI contested its first election, in 1997, Imran Khan contested the election from seven different constituencies across Pakistan, losing all seven, But he persisted, In the next election, he won a resounding ONE seat, his own, and the PTI secured a mammoth 0.8% of the popular vote, But again, he persisted, determined as ever.

He was famously quoted “The voters that will vote for me are still under the age of 18 (legal age for casting the vote in Pakistan), let them grow up and we will win the election”. How right he was.

Imran Khan and Donald Trump both had never held any political office before achieving the premierships of their countries, they were both populist, nationalist, and conservative leaders, The reader may notice the use of the past tense, “were”, which is due to the fact that both leaders

have left the highest office, one was voted out, under extraordinary circumstances, the other was forced out and extra-extraordinary circumstances, which will be discussed a bit later.

Looking at Imran Khan, it was obvious from his cricketing days that he wanted the people of Pakistan to have a sense of pride in their identity, usually in the sub-continent, it is a tradition to follow the ways of the west, copying western values, clothes, food, music, language and more, Imran Khan wanted to put an end to this quagmire, he was almost always seen in the traditional Pakistani dress, the shalwar kameez, rather than a 3 piece suit like most politicians of the time, he spoke in favor of the national language, Urdu. It said that Imran Khan's father, Ikramullah Niazi, once went to the Gymkhana Cricket Club in Lahore for dinner, when the waiter approached him and started speaking in English, Ikramullah reprimanded him, severely, so it is clear where Imran gets his nationalism and love for country from.

Donald Trump started his movement as an alternative to the corrupt political class, he was very successful in conveying his message to the populace, the elites, of course, do not like outsiders, they don't appreciate being challenged and they have this sense of entitlement, where only they can be the rulers while the citizens of the country are a bunch of good-for-nothing "deplorables", Donald Trump gave a voice to the "forgotten men and women" of America and proclaimed in his inauguration speech that the "forgotten men and women of this country will be forgotten no more".

To a large extent, both of the leaders share similar values, Imran Khan is fighting the corrupt, elite "mafias" in Pakistan that have ruled the nation for decades, while Donald Trump is fighting the same corrupt and wretched status quo, as well as the mainstream media, with one exception.

Imran Khan failed to achieve a clear majority in the 2018 elections, which left him resorting to smaller political parties in order to form a government, Imran later remarked that if he could go back in time, he would never ever make that mistake again, he would instead choose to sit in the opposition, rather than joining hands with these parties who did not share his vision for the country.

Donald Trump failed to win the popular vote but won the electoral college, thus gaining the presidents office, although he failed to get re-elected, he did not leave without a fight.

The events of January 6<sup>th</sup> were ugly, it benefited no one, especially not Donald Trump, but the way in which the mainstream media had turned this unfortunate occurrence into the beginning of World War 3 or "The Death of Democracy" was abhorrent, it showed clearly the utter disdain that the media has for Donald Trump and his supporters.

Imran Khan's ouster was not uneventful either, it was mired with conspiracies and a host of extraordinary events, a foreign interference, a domestic plot and a mixture of both, all charges were brought by the public and the followers of Imran Khan. A vote of no confidence was initiated against his government, with the help of the USA, according to Khan, but let's track back for a bit, what caused it all? And what Imran claims, is it plausible or possible?

Imran Khan when asked in an interview, if he would allow the USA to use the military bases in Pakistan in order to conduct cross border anti-terrorism operations, famously said “ABSOLUTELY NOT”, the people of Pakistan loved it, they had finally gotten a leader that with a backbone, who could stand up against the USA, look them in the eye and say “NO”, but, the USA of course, would not have liked it, this was a major deterrence in their efforts of policing the world.

This was, in my opinion, where the demise of Khan started, The United States of America does not appreciate leaders of the third world telling them where to go, Imran Khan did and he paid the price.

Donald Trump, always put America first and rightly so. His whole narrative was “America First”, “Make America Great Again”, he made the NATO members pay up their fair share, he increased American exports, brought companies and jobs back to the USA, Imposed taxes on China which benefited the American economy.

We can clearly see a theme between the two men, they have revolutionized their countries, in my opinion, for the better.

Before Imran Khan, corruption in Pakistan was not an issue, a certain major political leader even said so! Imran Khan gave the nation, specially the youth, a wake up call, it was their country, they were the ones paying tax not the ones at the top, not the political elite class that believes Pakistan is a kingdom and they are the monarchs, Imran Khan made it clear that he had every intention of decimating the class divide in Pakistan, which runs much deeper than it does in the USA, there are English medium and Urdu medium schools, English for the rich and Urdu for the poor, the jobs in the civil service or mostly reserved for foreign graduates or local students that have received education from institutions that a poor man just cannot afford.