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Future looks bleak under an Obama presidency

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In a commentary published in January 1992 at the time of Bill Clinton's first inaugural, I analyzed Clinton's character and personality and made some predictions about his presidency, none of which were optimistic. Unfortunately for the nation, he proved me correct in all conclusions.

Now, out of even graver concerns about the prospect of an Obama presidency, I offer this assessment and these predictions.

Obama is an elitist who worships at the altar of the human intellect. He and those like him - and they are legion in American culture today - proudly believe that the answers to mankind's greatest problems are within the grasp of those who are well educated and whose neurons and synapses perform with unusual speed and efficiency. Coupled with "progressive" ideological views, these gifts are the 21st century Western equivalent of the oracle on the mountaintop - the fountainhead of hope for the aspirations of humanity. Though notions of morality, spirituality and character may be given lip service, the attentive and perceptive can readily discern the thinly veiled outlines of prodigious egos and effusive arrogance behind the rhetoric.

But the wise - with history as their diligent and relentless teacher - know that truth is found in humility and humility only, never in pride or the conviction of man's "innate goodness" or the merits of his intellectual achievements. History is not the archive of man's virtue or his wisdom, but the ever-present blood-red warning that he who relies upon man leans upon a reed.

These truths and this archive notwithstanding, Lincoln would have to modify his observation for 21st century America to: "you can fool most of the people most of the time". And in a culture where - thanks to technology, Madison Avenue, Washington, D.C., and Hollywood - manipulation of others has risen to its zenith as an art form, the sheep-like behavior can be exploited with ease.

In and of itself this might not prove a disaster for an entire culture were it not for the fact that the Good Shepherd is ignored for the shepherd who proffers beguiling promises: "bringing us together", tax breaks for millions, an end to a war most neither understand nor directly suffer from, and relentless appeals to the materialism which dominates the American soul. Millions will follow, sacrificing principle for their own expectations of some form of self-centered gain. Some whites made a racist choice and voted not for McCain but against Obama. Many blacks made an equally racist choice and vote not for what they truly believe in as principle but for the color they share.

But Obama will not "bring us together". He will - as the leftist elitist he has clearly demonstrated himself to be - further polarize an already deeply divided society. He and his ilk will, at every opportunity, deploy legislative, judicial and

executive manifestations of "multiculturalism" and "diversity" further eroding the American creed and the cohesion of a society which once assembled around the flagpole of key core beliefs and values - a flagpole millions around the world were once attracted to not simply for economic reasons.

As part of this regime, he will appoint at least two, perhaps more, justices to the Supreme Court, thus ensuring that any prospect of turning Americans from what Pope John Paul II called the "culture of death" and ending the shame of aborticide, will itself be smothered in the cradle. Similarly, the travesty of homosexual "marriage" will be enshrined as part of the social fabric of the nation. The American Republic's remarkable and unusual freedoms, noteworthy among them the Second Amendment, will be further abridged as Obama, his advisers and his justices make decisions to relieve the American people of so many burdensome responsibilities – responsibilities these elitists will presume to tend to themselves through their laws, their decrees, and their judgments. But, no mind, the sheep have obsequiously followed their Master on the trek to the sunlit pastures he has promised of material prosperity and freedom from fear.

But what of the fear? Are America's enemies impressed with Obama? Yes - they are impressed with the opportunities he presents them. They recognize - even as he does not - the real world realities of the ultimate "hard game" that leaves bodies in its wake and terror both preceding and trailing it. He has no idea what he faces. He has no comprehension of real evil. His opponent on the other hand was unusually well versed in this regard, earning advanced degrees in just coping with the depredations of evil men. But the American people, engorging themselves on a steady diet of television, movies, marketing, media, entertainment, sports and all of the pleasures and distractions that history's wealthiest culture can bestow, understand none of this. Their comprehension - if we might even elevate it by deployment of such a word - of reality and evil is that of a pampered adolescent who somehow assumes that all of these things will be dealt with - by somebody.

Yet, none of this is really new. The historical precedents are there - just few bother to learn them. The consequences will be the same as well - and they will be inescapable.

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