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So now we find out the Obama Dept. of Justice, and the Obama FBI were corrupted to the point of illegal surveillance of the Trump campaign and transition using false documents, the infamous fake dossier, to get a FISA warrant. People should be sent to prison. Including the top officials of the Obama administration DOJ and FBI.  
—Newton Cook

*... THEN you can't have your government until you let me import people who will vote Democrat. So there!*

*Expenditures*

Been reading the back and forth about our government and would offer that our form of government is broke. We have 25% extremist on the right and left who are the loudest and not flexible. Our government was built those many years ago based on our national tendency to listen and be flexible to other viewpoint. Those days are gone. The 50% of Americans left out in the mid-stream are just dangling in the wind and offered poor alternatives when it is election time. We went through 8 years of Obama without a budget, not all his fault. He inherited a mess, and not all GW Bush's fault either. The collapse of 2008 resulted in a collapse of our financial system and a lot of that falls in the lap of our government. And those profiting did nothing to help American workers but stuffed it all in their pockets, a lot of those dollars being essentially stolen. And few of them went to jail. We had no budget those many years because neither side wanted a budget. A budget in 2008 (and following years) would have required a huge decrease in national spending, only making the collapse more critical. With no budget, we go into a Continuing Resolution state where we can spend as much in the current budget year as we spent the previous year. Thus the national debt continued to spiral. We had the Federal Reserve buying billions in property debt that we could not even think about selling to China or others who typically buy our bonds. The combination of the budget and propping up of the dollar with the Federal Reserve "investment" (which was done with money they did not have but was just put on the books) artificially held down interest rates for over 8 years. That graph that Don Pickett posted would not have looked anything like that if the Federal Reserve had stayed out of the game and we had passed budgets. Not criticizing, because there were no good choices. Truth is that both parties are to blame. This current budget issue debated today is sickening. When the Democrats were in control, the Republicans were getting on TV and pointing the same silly fingers at them that the Democrats are now pointing back at them. The Republicans just need to pass a motion that removes the 60-vote requirement in the Senate and then the controlling party can truly control the direction of the government and they then can be held much more, if not fully, accountable for the government's accomplishment. Is that good for America? Not really, but this stalemate situation is worse. The American people have to elect candidates who will work for the good of all and not special interests. But the truth is that politics is all about the almighty dollar and it permeates our entire political system, top to bottom. ---Jeff Barwick, Clewiston

*TR's leadership was in keeping robber barons from self-destructive greed. DJT is creating barons. FDR bought time. Balances all*

*Facebook founder Zuckerberg screens for trustworthiness*

Most users are too emotional, entertainment-seeking, or uneducated to be scrutinizing for trustworthiness. Election Night '16 were examples of alarming untrustworthiness that indicated great shifts in the unprofessional standards in handling news. Why those shifts occurred, what money and ownerships had changed hands, were questions beyond the scope of the average person. Trustworthiness is not that hard to point out, as President Trump just showed with his own list of the works of news-media. Line them up with two columns under each name, one for claims and the other for outcomes after time passed. Rate them by how close their perceptions correspond to realities.

Professional journalists work with real sources for accomplishments of excellence that they see contributing to the health of our institutions regenerating our values, law, education, health, freedom of speech, etc.

When instead they're working deliberately for money or power, we call that corruption.

Zuckerberg can have none of the requisite experience, and his Harvard preparation contributed nothing enabling such choices to be understood. He has a long life to lead and very little of it under his belt.

Julian Assange and John W. Dean are among the few qualified who appreciate the requisite self-reliance, integrity, peaceful persistence needed to get to trustworthiness in the written word.

*Cost of pestilence*

Sewers, water inspection and treatment, expertise in chemistry and biology have to be entrusted to high-paid management not local politicians reading lousy journalism. Costs a lot. Universal and widespread addition to cost of living.

Guarding against a pestilential environment deserves top priority, far more than offering a cheap cost of living. Do it now while business is brisk rather than, like Connecticut, taxing the hell out of people who've fallen into economic doldrums, then emigrate leaving behind unpayable burdens requiring further tax hikes.

*If we obviously can't save Florida Bay using the present incomplete system of water supply, prune the bay into stasis*

I suggest we put the Whole Florida Bay on a strict 1/4 allowance of water with a controlled die down of everything on a standby basis until supplies for the full-sized version are in service, rather than risk temporary danger to the more delicate and valuable estuary life. In a decade, flood the place back to normal complements of food and water. It would be easier to hold back the oceans of the world than to ever convince the selfish two-legged Martin county mollusks from choosing to dump and squirt onto the dry land septic tanks with its direct route to those "Don't Swim, Pestilence Containing undiscovered Bacteria" signs that adorn their luxurious waterfront real estate.

We're going to have to try some drastic balancing acts in the coming century if we, as incorrigibly filthy people, are going to keep everything alive and ashore that's going ashore.

*Liberals make the mistake of asking immigrants what they want.*

*Nobody should care. Fair treatment is all.*

*Let's end this*

It would be of enormous benefit were President Trump, by calling their bluff now, to put an end to efforts by the dregs of the Democratic Party, which has ceased to exist as a political force, to appeal with desperate generosity toward offshore voters-to-be. Democrats who believe they can legitimately stake everything on making voters of future immigrants, in as many numbers as possible, need to depart so Dems will find legitimate ways to rebuild confidence in their party. The answer is not to give illegals special treatment priority over citizens.

Corporations that own news-media are apparently using the Democratic office holders like props on a sound stage.

The party is devoid of leaders, funds, ideas, it's powerless.

If there were a party platform today it would have one plank, dictated from executive suites: "Corporation executives will share national political power."

Whatever the party stood for when I was a Democrat, which was most of my life, is gone. It's junk.

Darker shadows appear every day there's a deeper awareness of how Obama and his blacks-run administration played with my country like a toy, dissolved its character, strength and quality, never knowing where the money went and who was wire-tapping whom.

**Tim Russert was the last newsman, haven't watched since it's been clear they could care less about their own untrustworthiness.**

**Don Shivers: Russert left you with a feeling he worked with a strong sense of ethics and integrity...can you believe William and Mary is going to provide Comey with an opportunity to teach a course on ethics! Crazy...you can't make this stuff up.**



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