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YES, a GOOD Day!!

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Wow!! This is the WORST day of Donald Trump's life, but it is a Hallelujah moment for US [Yes, us and the U.S.]. On this day, the key results are FINALLY clear for BOTH the 2020 federal election and Trump's efforts to reject them!!

1) All of the individual state elections have been called by the major news organizations. The results: Biden/Harris have won a) the popular vote by more than 5 million votes and b) the electoral vote by 306 to 232.

2) Trump's multi-state legal challenges to the elections have been quickly rejected in the courts – to date with 19 cases lost versus 1 minor case won!!

3) The major conservative law firms that have been filing the election fraud claims in the Trump court challenges have withdrawn from participating in any further proceedings!! Why? Because they are aware that their attorneys risk losing their standing in court and being fined for bringing “frivolous” law suits. Trump's continuing challenges to the various state elections have now come down to being overseen by Rudy Giuliani, who has devolved into a conspiracy promoting laughing stock, even unaware of what stage he is on!

4) The final blow: the Republican legislative leaders in the four “swing” states where Trump's lawyers have been filing their “fraudulent election” claims have all indicated first that no evidence of fraud has occurred in their state elections and second that they will not seek to shift the selection of their state's electors from the vote of their citizens to a vote of their Republican dominated state legislatures in an effort to flip their state's electoral vote from Biden to Trump. So, the option has been eliminated by key Republican “state leaders” for the “Trumpets” to corrupt the election results of the otherwise inexplicable Electoral College. And that means there is really nothing to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court – the final potential move in the autocratic Trump takeover plan.

5) Even Trump's MAGA Million March on Washington fizzled with only about three thousand supporters showing up. Trump did not even offer his minions at this event one of his rambling “poor me,” “stolen election” speeches – opting instead to wave from inside his limousine on his way to yet another post election round of golf.

So, the facts are in and Trump's excuses for continuing election fraud/irregularities challenges have been exposed as lacking in any merit. At this point the only question is whether Trump will continue to promote his election

conspiracy theories and to stir up “insurrection” among his militia oriented followers. However unwarranted, this situation is likely since the post presidency scenario for Trump as a private citizen is loaded with severe potential negatives – including prosecution, conviction, and imprisonment for multiple New York State crimes from tax evasion to the laundering of billions of dollars for Russian oligarchs.

For Trump, the worst possible result has occurred in this election: he is the world's BIGGEST LOSER having failed at the highest and most visible level. This is the result he cannot abide as it undermines his basic need to be seen as the penultimate success - the epitome of a winner. So, Trump's loss is not just political. It also threatens his manufactured image of himself as a “star” upon which his entire sense of self-worth rests. And, perhaps most importantly, his loss removes the Presidential shield of protection exposing him to prosecution and the complete collapse of his financial “empire.” Trump cannot “give up.” Literally, his entire world is at stake! He has mentioned at rallies that he might “have to leave the country” if his “subjects” do not reelect him. Indeed, to avoid prosecution, he and his family may need to flee to a country with no extradition treaty with the United States. Nazi riddled Paraguay would seem a good choice, if that pariah nation will shelter him once his assets – and those of his corporations – have been seized to pay his billion dollar debts and all of the enormous forthcoming fines and penalties [imposed “in absentia”]!!

The final phase in the 2020 elections will be the results of the two special elections in Georgia for the U.S. Senate in January, 2021 – with huge ramifications. Two more Democratic senators would bring the Senate under Democratic control which would push Mitch McConnell and the Trump complicit Republicans in the Senate to the side to join their minority compatriots in the House of Representatives. With full control of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government, Democrats would be in the position to pass and implement a much needed progressive political, economic, ecological, and judicial agenda!

Post Trump, We Americans – and Most of the World – Can Breathe Again!

At least for now, we seem to have retained the essentials of our democracy. And with the inauguration of Biden-Harris in January, 2021, we have an opportunity to begin the process of reclaiming a credible, responsible, and even exemplary position for our country within the international community of nations!!

All of This Angst is Just Another Reminder that in the BIG Picture  
Civilization Itself Remains Merely an Opening Experiment