

A PRESIDENTIAL RUN

If I were to run for President, my wife would say “Are you kidding?”; Perish the thought, old timer! But I am concerned about our President and way forward: a vacuum of leadership, direction, strategy when one thinks of our present leader; Arab Spring – a flowing of democracy, or undercurrent of pure, militant Islam; never-ending wars: a realization we have not won a war since WWII, here, endgame and get out; an economy and financial planning suffering indecision, enormous debt, a ship, possibly ready to sink, bankrupt potential; nuclear Iran and Pakistan, former on the brink, latter in unsteady hands; Jew/Palestinian confrontation – a search for acceptance of the former, and a state for the latter, peace and war in the balance; a carnival of nation states, China, India, perhaps others, seeking their place in the sun, economically and militarily; a homeland troubled by ‘cultural and realistic invasions’ by those who would seek hegemony over America ways and values as personified by Hispanics and Muslims... in sum to make any leader queasy and uncomfortable.

Whoa Nellie! A black, conservative Professor of Economics at George Mason University says: Despite all the problems, negatives, world look, etc. Obama will win another term!

George Will in a column called ‘The Huntsman Factor’ citing the leap into the minefield of the Republican Primary. Huntsman, a former Governor of Utah, and recent Ambassador to China in the Obama administration is considering a run. All the players are not in, and some may have self-destructed: Trump has talked himself in and out; Gingrich, irrationally seems to argue against the Ryan Medicare plan, sort of, and Romney has rationalized his medical plan for Massachusetts versus Obamacare. Huntsman has endorsed the Ryan plan as worthy of fighting the growing debt. Use of military force should be used judiciously, ala special forces, not major commitments, and know when to get out. Endgame for Iraq and Afghanistan.

For me, this President has used up his time and may go down as one of the poorest Presidents –but historians will have to answer that. My choice not selected would place two items at the forefront: reincarnate our financial structure, a market orientation, stop the slide towards government control and socialism, and speak to the world threat of pure Islam as ideology, religion, and nation the real ‘war of civilizations’. Nuclear Iran and Pakistan must be recognized as threats, the former to stop its program, the latter to control its program and population seemingly en route to militant Islam or lose economic

support. Israel and Palestine should move towards security, and recognition of each sans Hamas. The Netanyahu proposals of peace and statehood to Abbas Palestinian Authority, reiterated in our Congress should be negotiated and accepted. Hispanic and Muslim citizens should be required to be Americans first, speaking English, with no disparate action towards their biological and historic culture. Illegals must get in line for citizenship and those who cannot abide by these criterion be required to leave. In this regard, shari'a must be disallowed when in conflict with United States laws and the Constitution.

And the changing world to include the rising economic and nation status of China and India must be placed in the perspective of receiving American support but not if they are holders of American debt.

Professor Williams has reservations and suggests many will vote for Obama, blindly, selfishly and without analysis: young students, men and women; Hispanics, Muslims, democrats, liberals, union workers, academia, most Media, Blacks, minorities of all types, subsidized dependents on Government largess, single women and elderly worried about 'medicare', and independents. "He has put our country at economic risk, shows little mettle to handle strategic military/political problems, laments Williams adding, God help our great nation!"