

WATCH: How Trump Is Equipped to Fight a Revolution

Thomas Klingenstein has prepared and presented a look at the qualities and characteristics of President Donald J. Trump and why those characteristics are what America needs in 2020.

“First, I wish to make three points,” said the Claremont Institute Chairman of the Board, a conservative think tank, and a principal in the investment firm of Cohen, Klingenstein, LLC. “First, Trump is the perfect man for these times, not all times, perhaps not most times, but these times. Second, Republicans are not doing a good job explaining the stakes in this election they must explain and, this is my third point, the Democratic party, which has been taken over by its radical wing is leading a revolution that makes the coming election the most important one since the election of 1860.”

Trump 2020: A Man vs. A Movement is where Klingenstein has chosen to explore his three points, an intellectual plea to Americans to think beyond the man, Donald Trump, and to the future of the nation.

A partial transcript follows, as well as access to the full 17-minute video:

Unlike most elections, this one is much more than a contest over particular policies like health care or taxes, rather like the election of 1860. This election is a contest between two competing regimes or ways of life, two ways of life that cannot exist peacefully together. One way of life—I’ll call it the traditional American way of life—is based on individual rights, the rule of law and a shared understanding of the common good.

This way of life values hard work, self-reliance, volunteerism, patriotism and so on. In this way of life, there

are no hyphenated Americans. We are all just Americans. Colorblindness is our aspiration.

The other way of life, I call multiculturalism—others call it “identity politics” or “cultural Marxism” or “intersectionality multicultural movement,” taken over by the Democratic Party—is a revolutionary movement. I do not mean a metaphorical revolution. It’s not *like* a revolution, it *is* a revolution, an attempt to overthrow the American founding, as President Trump said in his excellent Mount Rushmore speech.

Republicans should say the same thing, Republicans everywhere, at every level and at every opportunity.

Multiculturalism conceives of society not as a community of individuals with equal rights, but as a collection of cultural identity groups defined by race, ethnicity, gender and so forth. According to the multiculturalists, all these identity groups are oppressed by white males.

Their goal is to have each identity group proportionately represented in all institutions of American society, as should be immediately clear. Achieving this proportional representation requires a never-ending redistribution of wealth and power from some groups and not just from whites to other groups. Such a massive redistribution can only be achieved by a tyrannical government, and like in all tyrannies, one where dissenters are silenced in order to achieve disproportional representation.

The Democrats require not just endless affirmative action, but genuine socialism, open borders, unrestricted trade, seizing guns, sanctuary cities and much more.

The Black Lives Matter/Democrats understand, which Republicans seem not to—that if they are to achieve their policy agenda—they must get Americans to change their values, their principles and the way they understand themselves.

They must get us to believe that national borders and colorblindness are racist, that we are not one culture but many, that the most important thing in our history—the thing around which all else pivots—is slavery. More broadly, the multiculturalists must get us to believe that we are unworthy, not just that we have sinned, which of course we have, but that we are irredeemably sinful. In the language of today: “systemically racist” and sexist, homophobic, Islamophobic, and all the other “ists” and phobias.

Simply put, multiculturalism must get us to believe that we are bad.

This suggests one way to frame the coming election as a contest between a man—Trump—who believes America is good and a man—Biden—who is controlled by a movement that believes America is bad.

I do not think it is any more complicated than that.

For the multiculturalist to change traditional values and principles, they must destroy or radically restructure the institutions that teach those values and principles. The most important of these institutions is family, but also very important [are] religion, education (which they have mostly destroyed already) and community life, replacing the latter with government bureaucrats.

It is here in these value-teaching institutions that we see the underpinnings of the revolution. This is where the real action is.

Republicans seem to be missing in action.

Republicans need to explain that Black Lives Matter (BLM) and their democratic enablers wish to destroy the traditional mother-father family. To substantiate this claim, Republicans have only to point to the BLM mission statement. The mission statement, written by avowed Marxists, also lets us know that

BLM holds transgenderism to be the burning issue of our time.

Republicans must also explain that religion, because it teaches American values, is also on the chopping block. Republicans also must make Americans see that the taking down of statues is not about removing a few Confederate generals. It's about destroying America's past, as is *The New York Times* "1619 project."

The rioters and their BLM Democrat enablers are tearing down the statues even of people like Frederick Douglass, who fought against slavery. This is not an accident. It is not collateral damage.

Frederick Douglass was a great American. He believed that America, in her soul, was not racist.

He believed in hard work and self-reliance and, because of his embrace of American values, the BLM Democrats have to get rid of him.

They must also get rid of Abraham Lincoln, for it is he who best explains what we should aspire to, and it is he who is our best defender of the American founding.

In one sense, this election is a referendum on the founding—whether America was founded in 1619, as the BLM Democrats contend, or in 1776, as Lincoln and, until recently, all Americans believed.

Republicans must make more of the political correctness and cancel culture, which as we have seen so vividly of late brutally punishes apostates. Who does Twitter think it is, censoring an American president?

Republicans simply cannot stand for that, and Republicans must explain as I earlier explained, that the multiculturalists are trying to get us to believe that we are systemically racist so we will surrender to their policy agenda.

This, too, must not be allowed to stand.

The American people need to hear what they know in their hearts: they are not racists. Republicans should stand up and say, no, America is not racist—period.

If Americans are systemically anything, it is a systemic commitment to freedom and equal rights for all. Perhaps, most importantly, Republicans must say over and over that America is “incredible,” to use President Trump’s adjective of choice. They must remind the American people that, as a friend of mine is fond of saying, America has brought more freedom and more prosperity to more people than any country in the history of mankind. Most Americans know this but, this too, they need to hear from their leaders in order to make the case that the Democrats are leading a revolution.

Republicans must delegitimize Black Lives Matter, the organization, of course, not the sentiment.

To BLM and their Democratic enablers, Republicans must say, “absolutely, Black lives matter.” They just don’t matter to you. You don’t care about Mr. Floyd, the Black businesses you have destroyed, the Blacks who are getting killed because you have forced the police to back off. You are here for destruction, not Black lives, not any lives.

After delegitimizing Black Lives Matter, the next step for Republicans is to tie BLM’s revolutionary agenda around the necks of Democrats.

The BLM wing of the Democratic Party has captured the entire party. Some of the Democrats may not agree with all of the BLM agenda, but they go along, so they might as well agree.

Joe Biden is one of the go-along Democrats. So do not expect all Democrats to sing the BLM tune. Even so, most will kneel before them. Listen to Biden. On one occasion, Biden said “Let’s be clear. Transgender equality is the civil rights

issue of our time." A year ago, Biden may not have even known what transgenderism is.

He does not seem to know it, but he has been radicalized. Biden now regularly talks about systemic racism. On one occasion Biden said, "though without evidence there is absolutely systemic racism in law enforcement but it's not just law enforcement." He continued, "It's across the board: It's in housing, it's an education, it's in everything we do."

He is wrong on every count, but if indeed he believes that racism is in everything we do, that it is systemic, then he believes, whether he admits it or not, that the system must be overturned. Biden does not realize it but he is calling for the overthrow of the American way of life. I presume that is not his intent, but when the words he is reading off his BLM teleprompter get translated into policy, that will be the consequence: the destruction of the American way of life. Biden demurs, "There is nothing to fear from Biden," says Biden. "Do I look like a radical socialist with a soft spot for rioters?" No he does not. But what he does look like is a sap. Republicans must make it clear that these are the Biden riots.

This brings me to my last point: Trump.

I know President Trump has many faults. I myself sometimes cringe listening to him. Sometimes he is his own worst enemy; he is a braggart, often misinformed, petty, sometimes even vengeful and more.

And yet we are very lucky to have him. I am almost prepared to say that having him is providential. How else to explain that we find ourselves with this most unusual, most un-presidential man who has just the attributes most needed for this moment?

At any other time he might well have been a bad president. But in these times, these revolutionary times, he is the best president we could have had. He has the indispensable

attribute of a leader: courage. As a leader must, he goes where others are afraid to go. And he has common sense, which means he generally wants to go to the right place.

Above all else and above anyone else, Trump is committed to America. He is unreservedly, unquestionably pro-America. He feels no guilt for America's past, he makes no apologies, he concedes nothing. These may not always be the attributes one wants in the president, but in this day of woke guilt, they are the most essential things.

And Trump has unlimited confidence in America. In this time of national doubt, this, too, is just what the doctor ordered. He thinks our culture is incredible, and that's the way he wants to keep it. Trump not only thinks America is incredible, he knows we are in a fight for our lives. And despite what one hears ad nauseum from the Democrats, Trump is perhaps among the least racist presidents we have ever had. Trump is not defending the white way of life; he is defending the American way of life: a colorblind way of life, which is open to anyone willing to embrace it.

If we want to save our country, then we should support him unequivocally. I am. I think this election is that important and I think Trump is that good. I hope you agree. Remember Trump versus Biden is the choice between a man who believes America is good, and a man who is controlled by a movement which believes America is bad. {eo}