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Why not vote for Trump?

It seems to me that the “left” has it wrong, and the “right” has it right - in a lot of ways. I want to outline the case for voting for Trump in terms of one basic premise. That is:

- Freedom and Liberty favor Trump

And as the natural counterpoint:

- Justice favors Biden

Give me liberty or give me death¹

This is among the most famous and widely supported memes in US society. Probably very few of the people who know the saying have read the actual content, but as a meme, it could not be better suited to today.

- COVID-19 can kill you (death)
- Forcing me to do your will restricts my freedom (liberty)
- Forcing me to wear a mask, even if it kills me, is something I will not do.

That is the simple case for voting for Trump. He says, in essence, freedom.

- Freedom of speech – the Democrats want to punish people, with regulations and social shunning, for speaking in the phrases that we learned in our youth from our parents.
- Freedom of movement – the Democrats want to prevent us from sending our children to school, from school choice, from going to religious ceremonies, and on and on.
- The right to life – the Democrats want to prevent us from even the most basic right to live.

Live free or Die!



¹ Patrick Henry, Second Virginia Convention, March 23, 1775 – subsequently published in with some question about the actual origin in 1816 see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Give_me_liberty,_or_give_me_death!

With Liberty and Justice for all²

We repeat this in our citizen's "oath of office". It's the last thing we say every day before we start school, and in other ceremonies. It is our pledge of allegiance to the country. And it was apparently written by a socialist, which is why it is best for representing the position of the Democrats.

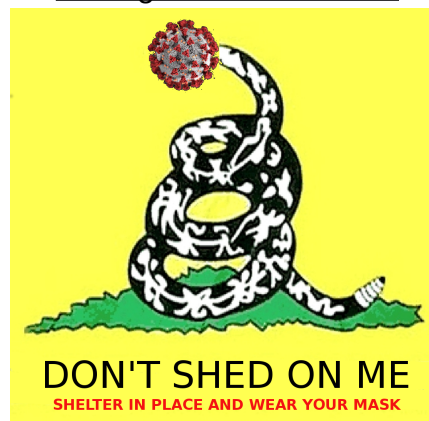
The key point the phrase makes is that we want BOTH **liberty** AND **justice**. And as a fundamental understanding, justice, in our system, demands restricting liberty to protect others.

Libertarians have the viewpoint that we should be allowed to do whatever we want, with the oft forgotten caveat that this only works if we restrict that freedom, so that when doing what we want we don't prevent others from doing what they want.

For those who commit crimes, we take their liberty away, and in some cases take their lives as well. Justice demands that we not subject each other to being killed by our actions or failure to care enough about them to not recklessly endanger others. This too is a crime.

In the context of COVID-19, failure to wear a mask and physically distance is recklessly endangering the lives of others, including your family as well as theirs.

The right to self defense



Truth, Justice, and the American Way³

The problem with voting for Trump, is that while he stands for liberty, he stands firmly against "Truth, Justice, and the American Way".

- Trump is clearly a liar who uses disinformation at every turn.
- Trump clearly does everything he can to avoid and undermine justice.
- Trump's way is very dissimilar to the American way of the past.
 - But perhaps he is the American way of the future?
 - I hope not!

² Francis Bellamy, 1892, apparently a socialist minister, and modified over many years by many others,. For details see: <https://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>

³ From Superman, ~1944. See: <https://screenrant.com/superman-truth-justice-american-way-origin/>.

Trump is an imperfect vessel – as are we all

No doubt, Trump is imperfect. He lies, he is selfish, he speaks and tweets his mind without apparent “guard rails”, he has an autocratic mindset, he openly violates the law and says so, he admires and supports dictators, lies, cheats, steals, bribes, extorts, commits adultery, is knowingly causing the deaths of many thousands (at least), and on and on. He breaks all of the 10 “commandments”, and many of them every day.

- But isn't that what Freedom is? Trump lives free!

Joe Biden is also imperfect. As he freely admits. What are his sins? They are less obvious to list because he doesn't flaunt them. But he has them. All of them? Perhaps. I don't know. Is he a “good man”? I don't know that either. I can only judge by what I observe.

Some are more equal than others⁴

We live in a stratified society. We have discrimination against and for all sorts of people. We always have had it and, sadly, likely always will. We are people. That is apparently our nature.

- Trump recognizes this and openly favors his friends and seeks to crush his enemies.
- Biden recognizes this and openly claims to seek to level the playing field.

We aren't fully certain of what/who Biden is. But by now **we know who/what Trump is.**

The message

Messaging is a key part of how we and our societies work. The Democrats have bad and uncoordinated messaging. They say things like this:

- **Black lives matter / Defund the police / etc.**

If someone would have simply changed the meme at the start, they could have owned “**all lives matter**” and “**refund the police**”. Instead they project superiority and offend everyone else unnecessarily. Now we live with “**us against them**”. Again and again, they create and then stick to a meme that separates us, and the “right” reasonably says that they are radical leftists seeking to destroy the America we love. **Divide and conquer – the Russian strategy.**

You may rationalize that this is a misinterpretation, but it's easy enough to see how and why it could and would be interpreted in the “**black lives**” are more equal than “**all lives**” context. And how is it exactly a **mis**interpretation? It's a reasonable interpretation less the context.

Conclusions

I am not a Trump supporter, and I think that justice is necessary for liberty to prosper.

I agree with many of the sentiments of many on the right regarding freedom.

If there were a reasonable candidate on the right, I might vote for them. However...

I will vote **against Trump** and for Biden, because I don't want Trump's disgusting and disgraceful disregard for all of the things I hold dear to take hold over the society we live in.

But I am **not against** everyone on the right. That's what Russia wants – divide and conquer

I am **for all of us together.**

Unite and thrive.

⁴ George Orwell, “1984”, 1949 (the publication date)