

A Foreign Perspective on U.S. Politics

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The first thing that a foreigner notices when he moves to the United States is how, every four years, people break their very own routines and turn on their televisions for the ritual carousel of the presidential primary elections.

American politics is certainly an extremely interesting and quite amusing part of the local culture, but we have to admit that this year, the situation in the Republican party is almost disastrous.

Just a little bit of information: The Chief Executive of the nation and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces has very few requirements: he must be a natural born American citizen, at least 35 years old, and spent at least fourteen years living within the nation. Therefore, because of these few requirements, the list of the major parties' candidates is varied, with some results that nobody would have ever predicted.

The lead candidate in the GOP party is Mr. Donald Trump, a successful businessman with an impressive record of four bankruptcies during his business career. He has no political experience but an obscenely large net worth that allows him to say whatever he wants, without any Super-Pac control, making all of the American citizens who usually don't vote move from their chairs, giving the people a utopistic view of America that is constitutionally impossible! His flagship is a hypothetical one-hundred foot tall wall paid by our Mexican neighbors. Donald Trump may want to build a wall across the U.S. southern border to keep Mexican migrants out, but don't expect Mexico to pay for it, former President Felipe Calderon told CNBC. The successful businessman is winning in all the red states, because well, he himself is a shade of red.

As Mr. Trump is seen as a threat for the political stability of the United States, his election would be extremely satisfying for the Italian people. You may ask yourself why: the answer is that, after countless years, 60 million Italians could finally drop the Olympic torch of political silliness given to us by the infamous Ex-Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, and finally pass it to our conquerors, but this is a story for another day.

Following in an unstable second place is Senator Ted Cruz, a conservative, evangelical pro-life/pro-gun candidate, who ironically didn't even win the evangelical vote in a conservative red state with 33 percent evangelicals. He is most known for filibustering in the Senate floor for 21 hours, most of which he spent reading books to his daughters, who I really think would have rather seen the bill passed.

In third place is the Florida senator with a clear absenteeism problem: Marco Rubio. He is the youngest candidate who, for a small period of time, gained support as the best compromise in a really bad situation, even if he had some horrible debate performances and a political resumé close to nonexistent.

The last noteworthy candidate is John Kasich; no one really knows what his political project is because, well, who is John Kasich? The Ohio Governor is only known for his promise of

reuniting Pink Floyd in the case of his winning, which is also the only reason why he is being mentioned.

Already forgotten is Doctor Ben Carson; his SNL stand-in has talked more than him on national television. We have to admit that with his usual readiness, he saw his campaign changing direction from leading candidate to Santorum's desk mate at the GOP debate and he dropped out with perfect timing. Well, maybe not. At least he has been pro-life, regarding the wallets of his contributors. Many people, after he endorsed Trump, are probably thinking that a neurosurgeon should be able to recognize someone without a functioning brain.

A special mention is owed to Jeb! Bush, who, after spending over 150 million dollars in political ads and small marine turtle figurines to give during his rallies, dropped out before Super Tuesday. Kasich and Rubio will take the majority of his supporters. I agree that another Bush wouldn't be the smartest choice ever made, but his political project was accurate enough and precise. Please clap.

The actual situation is not one of the brightest. If Donald Trump gets the GOP nomination, it is reasonably assumed that the Democrats will win in a landslide in November, and if the New York native businessman doesn't get the nomination, he will most likely run an independent campaign, considering the actual momentum and number of hardcore supporters he has. In both cases, not many Democratic votes will go to either the GOP or Trump, leading the DNC nominee to a fairly easy win.

Dear GOP, did you lose a bet?