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— Been Thinking About Decisions —

✓"The absence of alternatives clears the mind marvelously." —Henry Kissinger

After having acknowledged my respect for Mr. Kissinger's cognitive skills I still felt compelled to analyze that. I wish he'd said something like this, instead: "The absence of alternatives should clear the mind marvelously." The pervasive, pseudo-intellectual *never-Trumper* mindset is what initially prompted my conclusion. Here are some of the other rationale for it:

You may find it easy to choose between two options, one clearly good and the other undeniably evil. Deciding between three options – a purely evil one, a kind'a-sort'a evil one and a good one – may also be comfortable for you. Reasonably intelligent folk with benign intentions would select the good one. But the dynamics would change rather dramatically if there where a purely evil option, a kind'a-sort'a evil one and a kind'a-sort'a good one. The naive among us would experience bewilderment. Didn't somebody, somewhere once quip that the highway of life is paved with flat squirrels that couldn't make a decision? So why the bewilderment and the indecision?

One of the reasons is a timeworn cliché. There are multiple variations of it, but this is the one I'll share with you for now: "When there are just two options available to you, neither of which is ideal, don't choose either one!" Sounds almost *religious*; huh? Religious, it ain't. Intelligent, it ain't. The fact is that "No decision is, in itself, a decision." William James said that. Smart guy.

Even in matters of extreme importance, delusional folk presume to think that their passivity magically becomes a virtue. Among such important matters is the civic responsibility to be personally involved in the political process, to include voting when it's time to vote. Yes; not voting is, in itself, a vote. Given the last "three options" scenario, above, the odds would be disproportionately stacked in favor of the purely evil option or the kind'a-sort'a evil one, but never the good one. It may surprise some to discover that such thinking is not exclusive to the double-digit IQ folk among us.

✓"George Orwell said, 'There are some ideas so absurd that only an intellectual could believe them.' If one wants to discover the truth of Orwell's statement, he need only step upon most college campuses." —Walter E. Williams

Every vote counts. Delusional folk presume their passivity to be a virtue. Their rationalizing is fully irrational. They are as far removed from rational thinking as astrology is from astronomy. Many of them rationalize that because at least one U.S. political machine is known to successfully recruit deceased voters and illegal alien voters, nothing is to be gained by voting. But voting and becoming personally involved in the political process become critical when the survival of this constitutional republic is threatened by the clear and present, carcinogenic globalist initiatives.

Because "Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys," the least intelligent mindset is passivity. (quoting P. J. O'Rourke, there)

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