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“Be A Responsible Voter”

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We have exactly 31 days before you, the American voter, will be going to the polls and marking your ballot for our country's next President. What an enormous responsibility for anyone to have... but what an absolutely wonderful right it is. Unfortunately, too many of us will not think it important enough to make the effort to get to the polls. “Well, it was raining and I didn't want to get my new suit (new hairdo) messed up;” “I just didn't want to get out in all that traffic... my vote doesn't matter that much anyway;” “I didn't like either of the candidates so I really don't care who gets in... they're all a bunch of liars.” “I just didn't have time to get there.” Have you ever used any of the above excuses to avoid casting your vote in any election?

Folks, this could be the most important election this country has had over the last couple of centuries. The person you put into office with your vote, or the one you allow to win with the lack of your vote, will determine just what kind of changes will take place in our governmental systems. Understand... regardless of all the negatives being thrown at, and by, both candidates, and regardless of who wins the election, there will be great changes in Washington. The people are demanding them and the people will get them. But, also, understand some of those changes suggested by one candidate will be devastating to a way life that we've grown up with, and will take our country into a period of non-voluntary wealth distribution bringing us dangerously close to a pure Socialistic State.

However, changes by the other candidate will help recapture many of the positive, morally based ideals the country used to have and was known for, but that have gradually disappeared behind a curtain of political correctness and accusations of intolerance. Think, as you put the pencil to the ballot, the type of Federal judges who have taken away one Constitutional right after another by legislating law from the bench rather than interpreting the law in place. Obama has said he will fill our Federal courts and the Supreme Court with more of those type judges.

His criteria to pick a Supreme Court Justice is not that the person knows the Constitution and will interpret it correctly but, **“We need somebody who's got the heart, the empathy, to recognize what it's like to be a young teenage mom. The empathy to understand what it's like to be poor, or African-American, or gay, or disabled, or old. And that's the criteria by which I'm going to be selecting my judges.”** If he is elected Obama will probably nominate at least 3 new Supreme Court judges during his tenure. This one area of Obama's Presidency could negatively change the social and economic fabric of our country even more than the enormous tax increases proposed by him.

While empathy is proper in many situations, it should not be the prime criteria to determine a Judge's ability to interpret and hand down Constitutional decisions that affect us all. John McCain has pledged to appoint Supreme Court judges along the lines of Scalia, Roberts and Alito... those who will try to interpret the Constitution as our forefathers intended it to be.

Folks, please make every effort to get out to vote and remind all your friends to do so as well. Our country's future rests on the back of the one you elect, please make sure it's the correct back.

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