

The Joe Biden VP Race and Racism in the Party

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{The horrid events in Minneapolis including the riots and various accusations against the Democrats that dominate the state have managed to put Amy Klobuchar's inevitable selection for VP on the back burner, and some say it is torpedoed for good. I have not fully subscribed to this as the election is still six months away and her selection will be done after this episode of violence is forgotten by the public. Thus, this essay stands until further notice. – j.c.d. 5-31-2020}

As many of you know I handicapped the race for the Presidential nominee, giving the thumbs up for Biden largely because he was the “next man up” and the bankers made it clear that early socialist front-runner Bernie Sanders and the competitive faux-socialist Elizabeth Warren were unacceptable candidates. This meant that there would be no money forthcoming. And while Bernie and Liz could do their own fund-raising the lack of the big money meant no money for the down- ballot candidates.

Bloomberg largely set the stage to stop the socialists by entering the race with a message to stay in the middle of the road. Once it was certain that Biden was the pick, the money would begin to flow starting with Bloomberg money.

To the observers on the right, Biden is the worst possible candidate and cannot beat Trump. He's too damned old.

The polls say otherwise, and the media has done an excellent job of hiding all of Biden's flaws from the public. And if nothing else the down ballot money will flow. There are sincere Democrats that think they can win the White House the House and the Senate.

But now we are at an impasse for the VP pick. My earliest pick targeted Lujan Grisham, the fiery governor of New Mexico that nobody has ever heard of. She's a perfect candidate, being a woman, a Latino and an indigenous people. Nobody has such creds. The buzz for her never got off the ground and while she is on my list she is number three behind the obvious leader Amy Klobuchar followed by Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Behind these three are a long list of wannabees including the ambitious longshot Stacy Abrams and Kamala Harris, neither of which have a prayer. Putting on my former “born and raised a Democrat” hat, I can assure you that the Democrat strategists will not allow a black woman to be on the ticket. What we are witnessing is just insincere play-acting regarding these two to make the party appear inclusive.

There are two reasons for not picking a black woman. First, it is assumed (by Biden himself and most of the party) that the black vote will not break ranks and will end up voting Democrat as usual. This is despite all the professional outliers saying otherwise. Thus, a black woman VP pick may or may not increase the turnout. In fact, it may hurt

the turnout, especially amongst white Democrat women who were supporters of Hillary.

The Democrat party has an inherent racist bent not unlike the one in the Republican Party. White Democrat women wanted the first female President to be Hillary Clinton. They will not be pleased by a black woman becoming the first female President before a white woman gets the job, period. This attitude may hurt Grisham for the same reason.

And the strategists and the public see Joe Biden as a guy on his last legs who may not last out his term giving the Presidency to the VP. So the public is pretty much voting for the VP as the next President.

This narrows down the field to Klobuchar and Whitmer. Others are mentioned now and again, but these two are the list toppers.

The odds-on front runner is Klobuchar because she can claim she is next in line even before the bankers eliminated Warren and Sanders.

Whitmer just got here and the only reason to pick her would be to anger Trump.

Klobuchar is the smartest woman in the field with a stunning Senate record for getting things done. Her flaws are an apparent shaky nervousness that she constantly exhibits and a reputation for being mean and a bad boss. These flaws can be easily covered up as Hillary has a similar workplace reputation and the media just glossed it over. Hillary never had the shakes while public speaking, though.

Unless Biden reneges on his promise that the VP pick will be a woman, Klobuchar is the only logical pick within the ranks of the party. And knowing that the party sticks to a rigidity that would disallow some screwball pick such as Ginni Rometty of IBM or some such business woman, Klobuchar has to be the one.

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