

Words matter.
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"Remember, remember"
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Some might suggest that it is providential rather than coincidental that Election Day, November 5th, is commemorated in England as Guy Fawkes Day. Remember, remember, the 5th of November, the gunpowder treason and plot. For England, November 5th is a cautionary day remembering when a treasonous bomber tried to blow up the British government. Sounds familiar. Come our November 5th, we in the U.S.A. will wake to decide between the destruction or preservation of the rule of law.

I have to believe the American people are far better than who Trump thinks you are.

I can tell you what I don't want to happen, but I'd rather first tell you what I want, because what I want is why I'm proud to vote for Harris, Walz, and the Democratic ticket. I hope you will too. What I want is what America needs, including MAGA voters, including exhausted Republicans.

I want, and we need, to stand with the cloud of witnesses who have endorsed the Harris/Walz ticket, persons -- nationally and locally -- whose caliber, judgment, and reputation merit respect. Just compare their quality with those who -- nationally and along Mill Street -- spread the rot of Donald's reptilian policies and violent moods.

You may disagree with what I want and what I believe we need, fine, but I doubt you disagree that we need and want thoughtful, tough-minded leaders dedicated to practical solutions based on facts, who demonstrate the discipline and willingness to listen, leaders who actually can articulate how they will seek solutions, leaders who appreciate the hard work necessary for positive governing. I don't want a man obsessed with ignorant proclamations and vile accusations. Don't you dare brag you took a bullet for Democracy. Don't you dare compare yourself to those buried at Arlington. It was another aberrant act of violence. Sounds familiar.

With cruel and sick old Donald, it's, "Idolize me or else." Ave Maria, pray for us sinners! With Harris, unlike Trump, we gain chances for pragmatic, reasoned, mature, and informed compromise and collaboration, the way government is supposed to work for the common good.

I've been writing for nearly a decade what I don't want. Who likes bullies? I don't want MAGA sharia law instituted here, our U.S. imitation of the Taliban butting into my business, policing me for what's good for me. Who really are the extremists enforcing their brand of woke-ism? I don't want Elon Musk manipulating behind the scenes. I don't want the public, who deserve better, swallowing Trump's delusional falsehoods and threats. Remember, remember the 10 Commandments? Thou shalt not bear false witness. I don't need MAGA mimicry of Goebbels. Joseph Goebbels, Adolph's chief propagandist, was a master at exploiting angry emotions: "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." When lazy, confused Trump attacks Harris, it's what he feels about himself. As said, his accusations are confession. Words matter.

I want, and we need, a President who honors our soldiers, who understands that hallowed ground is made hallowed by commitment, sacrifice, and greater love.

I want, and we need practical leadership demonstrated these recent successful years, implementing complicated foreign policy, furthering the reduction in inflation, strengthening the middle and lower economic classes, helping our children afford homes, protecting women's health care, decreasing the national debt through increased prosperity and increased fair revenue recouped from the corporations and billionaires who dodge paying their fair share.

I want, and we need, the restoration of the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act. We miss you, John Lewis.

I want, and we need, an ethical, non-compromised Supreme Court. We surely don't need Donald appointing more activists to the bench.

I want, and we need, a Congress that seeks prudent immigration laws, laws that respect those seeking admission as well as respecting the concerns of those of us receiving them.

I want, and we need, leaders who take seriously how global warming already is accelerating dire calamity. Ask North Carolina, Florida.

I want, and we need, leaders who understand that the purpose of government is to serve the people, all the people, MAGA and me. Federalism is necessary to protect civil rights rather than having rights curtailed by ideological state geography.

It's more than about policy, friends. We can debate issues. What's not debatable is the need for character, judgment, sanity so we can debate policy.

Remember, remember, the 5th of November. How will our November 5th 2024 be remembered by America?