

AMERICA IN THE SHADOW OF 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND RISE OF THE REPUBLICANS

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Abstract

Democrats and Republicans have been occupying the major part of the presidential elections in America with strong competences throughout the history. The article particularly focuses on the recent elections referring to 2016, presidential elections. In spite of some supports given to Obama due to his implemented policies such as immigration policy, the latest midterm elections substantiated the shifts in decisions of Americans. Furthermore, internal and external failures impeding President Obama and pushing him into some foreign policy changes. The article puts a couple of argumentation between Democrats and Republicans to show who possesses the preponderance for 2016.

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Introduction

Although Democratic and Republican parties are two of the most influential power in American politics, the only political parties in the United States are not composed with them. However, we must emphasize that the two parties are parties that adopted and voted by most of the American people. The White House and the US Congress have been managed and controlled by these two parties for nearly 150 years. Although the establishment of the both parties in the late 1700s, but today their known democrat and republican statuses have been taken in the 1800s. Both parties in the 20th century had significant presidents representing their own values and as a matter of fact, despite its current President Barack Obama is a member of the Democratic Party, its former president George W. Bush was a member of the Republican Party. Besides the two parties have different values, they have catered to different social, demographic, ethnic groups. A Democratic Party official Roussele said that today's Democratic Party goes after the values of the legend President Franklin Roosevelt known as the symbol of their party: " Our main constituencies are young Americans, women, blacks and Latinos. We are a participating party." Whereas the constituencies of the Republican Party consists of mostly traditional, white and conservative Christians. (1)

However, Americans are not used to staying on one of them for a long term, even though the Democrats are much more liberal and exceeding economy, the Republicans themselves historically have gained more presidencies in the White House as such.

On the way to 2016

Constitutionally, the presidency of US President Barack Obama, who is from the Democrat Party as well, will be ended in 2016. When considering the conducted various polls, the Democrats` candidate in the top is seen the former foreign minister Hillary Clinton. However, there is no consensus on a candidate as of yet in the Republican Wing (2). In a way, when they are considered that having the Republicans a great victory in the local elections and the legislature will be in control of the Republicans over the next two years, it can be said

that the Republicans will take over control in the two wings of Congress which are the House of Representatives and the Senate. This is an indication that the presidential elections in 2016 will be quite tense and competitively.

Although the last two presidential elections were won by Obama's overwhelming superiority, but as a matter of fact, the Republicans with their traditional power are overwhelmingly superior than Democrats in some regions (3). This situation and the results of local elections in 2014 with the victory of the Republicans will force Obama's Democrat party which has turned American perception in the world to positive way from hated American perception after the period of Republican George W. Bush by following peaceful strategies in foreign policy and by reducing military spending to take inevitable additional measures for 2016 president elections.

So, the question raising on keeping the implementations of President Barack Obama has done as of yet. Bluntly put, most Americans support Obama on his health care policy, positive approach to same-sex marriage, giving consent to undocumented immigrants to have a path of gaining a citizenship in America, checking backgrounds of those who want to purchase a gun, more than half prefer to ban on buying rifles and what Obama gains more support from, is to increase taxes to the wealthy with the intention of assisting to the poor. In an interview with Time magazine, Republican McConnell answered the question of being able to maintain the support that Democrats have obtained on these issues above: "Well, it will be to keep majority"

The latest Thursday` midterm elections ostensibly indicated that most Americans believe on being better off in terms of Congress under the aegis of Republicans in the following years to come. 53% of overall results referred to Republicans but 44% to Democrats (4). Does not mean a wave yet for 2016. Although the Republicans obtained an eight-point marginal advantage (49% to 41%) over Democrats in the midterm elections of 2010, abortive tea-party troops could not halt Obama to regain presidency in 2012 and the same occurred during the 1994 elections for Bill Clinton (5). However, it is ineluctable that "wingless bird" Barack Obama will possibly lose his leverage as already his party in Congress ran away from him. In actuality, Obama got started losing his reputation when he issued in the late summer that he had no strategy in terms of ISIS and a year later declared their underestimation on ISIS (6). Plus, as Obama showed little power on settling the Ebola matter and the following Republicans` speeches turned Americans into shifts (7) resulting with a couple of foreign policy alterations to save 2016 and push the tea-party troops into failure once more. For instance, Obama`s recent declaration on weakening the antagonistic relations of America with Cuba might positively keeps the Democrats ahead, but seems Americans already decided to whom has to take the presidency in 2016. The policy Obama taking is an "old policy" to occupy the young aging groups in 2016 as 62% of 18-29 year-old Americans want see no embargo against Cuba (8). However, Americans probably are no longer willing to see a "state intervention" in their prospers for 2016 which is the core value of the Democrats and endeavoring to tear a state-based system down which has been the core theory of the Democrats since 1800s. The theory of "Each person is accountable for himself or herself" has proved that it is on its way to win through in US (9). The eye-catching triumph of right-leaning side might scrape off Obama and puts his name in history of successful democrats as his presidency deserves it. Decreasing military spending, focusing more on internal economy, fiscal-policy and not intervening with no consent of a state, in a word, liberal way of Mr. President satisfied Americans. However, history got started to substantiating a couple of switches in America. Not too much power both have, it is what makes 2016 very essential for the world not just for the United States.

To sum up, after eight years presidency Barack Obama will compete with the opponents on behalf of Democrats and it is what concerns the USA a lot. The spillovers will

definitely influence not just the Pacific states but all around the world. Winning the midterm elections of The Republicans and obtaining majority in both wings of Congress will increase competitions much more between President Obama and The Congress in USA and this will cause next Presidential Elections to pass in a competitive atmosphere. As a result of this competition will be the harbinger of a new era for the USA (10).

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