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Undoubtedly, you have been informed of the unprecedented event in our nation's history—President Trump's conviction, a first for any POTUS. This news sparked numerous thoughts in my mind.

Good! That is my first thought. This conviction seals Donald Trump's presidential victory. Genuine Americans hate injustice. We hated the voter fraud in the 2020 election. It was unjust and unfair to elect an inferior to an office by cheating. Trump's popularity has been growing in the polls since he was indicted. Many Americans understand discrimination and injustice. As a result, they are turning in droves to support a man who is being mistreated by the media, the judiciary, and the political establishment. The judicial system is now armed to fight political opponents. Welcome to a banana republic.

President Trump has been through the proverbial wringer since he entered the political scene. The federal government lied about his Russian collusion. The opposition party illegally tapped his phone and spied on his campaign. The bogus congress impeached him twice but was unable to convict him of any wrongdoing. If you think about it, why did NY wait until this year to charge him with crimes and use a perjurer and a porn star as their key witnesses? If he was guilty, these crimes should have been addressed before the statute of limitations ran out and the NY legislature rewrote the law to prosecute him.

If you are a committed Democrat, you may be rejoicing in this conviction. However, all of the atrocities that happened to Mr. Trump have opened the door for the same course of action to legitimate ex-president offenders of all flavors. Biden weaponized the FBI and DOJ against his enemy. Don't be surprised when the law of sowing and reaping plays out before our eyes, and the people who have masterminded this attack on our republic receive the same in spades.

Bad! That was my second thought, for we have unquestionably lost our republic. The America we now know is not the American republic our forefathers established or many of us grew up in. Our forefathers begged us to take care of it, but we failed. Listen to these comments about keeping the republic.

- Daniel Webster: "Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster, and what has happened once in 6000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world."
- James McHenry (1753-1816), delegate to the Constitutional Convention, recorded the events of the last day of the convention, September 18, 1787. He wrote: "A lady asked Dr. Franklin Well Doctor, what have we got a republic or a monarchy – A republic replied the Doctor if you can keep it." Then McHenry added: "The Lady here alluded to was Mrs. Powel of Philada."

My third thought is that Americans have been negligent in our responsibilities. We have failed to exercise vigilant diligence in keeping the republic. We have grown lazy and feel entitled to have what America offers without putting forth any effort. Years ago, my father returned home from one of his nine-month Navy cruises. He was grateful to return to the US and called my brothers and me to him. He said, "You boys have no idea how good you have it." He was right. We had only experienced the blessings of America and did not know about the poverty and injustice he saw in other countries. We're seeing it now that we have lost the gift of our ancestors.

We got lazy, distracted, and misplaced our trust. Our politicians, for the most part, are not worthy of the trust we have given them over the years. We abdicated our due diligence and believed they knew what was best for us. Just like the American colonies of the eighteenth century, we no longer have genuine representation. Our elected (or selected) officials represent their donors, not the voters. They rig elections when we turn against them and manage to make a career out of what was originally intended to be public service. No wonder Benjamin Franklin did not want to pay our legislators!

Noah Webster was the “Father of Public Education” in America. Listen to a few of his insightful quotes:

- “When you become entitled to exercise the right of voting for public officers, let it be impressed on your mind that God commands you to choose for rulers just men who will rule in the fear of God. The preservation of a republican government depends on the faithful discharge of this duty;
- "If the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted; laws will be made not for the public good so much as for the selfish or local purposes;
- "Corrupt or incompetent men will be appointed to execute the laws; the public revenues will be squandered on unworthy men; and the rights of the citizens will be violated or disregarded.”
- "If a republican government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, it must be because the citizens neglect the divine commands, and elect bad men to make and administer the laws."

Americans have been lazy about elections. Some feel like voting is not essential to our nation. One particular group of Americans that have dropped the voting ball is Christian Americans. This group could change the nation’s course if they would get out from their televisions and vote on election days. Too, too many don’t think it’s important. Maybe it’s bad theology. Maybe it is just plain laziness. Some vote but pay little attention to the candidates. They don’t research to see how our legislators vote on the issues and vote for name recognition instead of performance with the Constitution.

Americans in general and Christian Americans in particular have been lax on the morality of the country. Church leaders refuse to preach and teach about biblical morality for fear of offending and losing nickels and noses from their churches. Instead of exposing the sinful abominations du jour, pastors and Christians remain silent, thinking they are loving by not pointing out sins. That is not love for God or our neighbors. I understand that George Barna did a survey in which he found only 2.5% of American pastors are willing to speak on current events. Challenge your pastor to speak out about the godless activities in our land; if he won’t, find one who will.

In addition, Christian Americans have been careless in their relationship with God and are playing games with Him. From pulpit to pew in most churches, the people prefer quibbling over insignificance rather than continuing steadfastly in the apostles’ teachings (Acts 2:42). Marxists have convinced us that we are a secular nation and separated from God. We are now, but we weren’t always so. Listen to these quotes:

- John Adams: "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."
- Jedidah Morse, the “Historian of the American Revolution,” stated: Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government – and all the blessings which flow from them – must fall with them.
- James Madison: “Religion [is] the basis and Foundation of Government.”
- Daniel Webster: Finally, let us not forget the religious character of our origin. Our fathers were brought hither by their high veneration for the Christian religion. They journeyed by its light, and labored in its hope. They sought to incorporate its principles with the elements of their society, and to diffuse its influence through all their institutions, civil, political, or literary.
- Patrick Henry: Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolaters should be a nation of free-men. It is when a people forget God, that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom.

We could go on, but this is enough to make our point. We are in this together. Be watchful, stay the course, and restore the American Republic UNDER GOD!

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