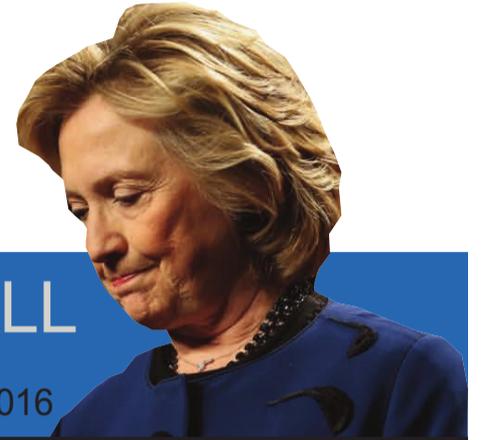




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Trump says he'll 'heal divisions'

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Trump defies odds to seize White House



By Rod Godmon

DONALD Trump vowed to 'renew the American dream' after he was elected as the 45th President of the United States this morning.

The 70-year-old Republican candidate was the surprise victor – winning key swing states including Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania to comprehensively

defeat Hillary Clinton. President-elect Trump gave a unifying speech to his supporters at Trump HQ in New York, in contrasting fashion to those he gave during the campaign trail.

He assured citizens he would be a 'President for all Americans' and would unite the nation behind him.

Mr Trump took to the stage after receiving a phone call from

Secretary Clinton. He said: "She congratulated us – it's about us – on our victory and I congratulated her and her family on a very, very hard fought campaign.

"Hillary has worked very long and every hard over a long period of time and we owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country. It is now time for America to bind the wounds of division.

"We have to get together, to all Republicans and Democrats and independents across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people."

Trump also set out an ambitious vision for time in office.

He said: "Working together we will begin the urgent task of rebuilding our nation and renewing the American dream.

"Every single American will

have the chance to reach his or her potential. The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no more.

"We are going to fix our inner cities and rebuild our highways, airports, hospitals and schools.

"We will rebuild our infrastructure, which will become, by the way, second to none. And we will put millions of our people to work as we do it."

Trump also addressed concerns from abroad about his presidency.

He said: "We will get along with all other nations willing to get along with us. I want to tell the world community that while we will always put America's interest first, we will trade fairly with everyone. We will seek common ground and not hostility."



SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP: Prime Minister Theresa May said she looked forward to working with President-elect Trump, despite her previously critical comments

Diplomatic May is cautious on Trump

By Martin Voller

Theresa May has led the UK political reaction to Donald Trump being elected the next President of the United States.

Prime Minister May, the then home secretary, was fuming last December when Trump suggested that parts of London were no-go areas calling him 'plain wrong' and urging him to show caution when discussing sensitive issues regarding terrorism.

But she struck a more diplomatic tone today.

She said: "Britain and the United States have an enduring and special relationship based on the values of freedom, democracy and enterprise.

"We are, and will remain,

strong and close partners on trade, security and defence.

"I look forward to working with President-elect Donald Trump, building on these ties to ensure the security and prosperity of our nations in the years ahead."

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn was not so welcoming, describing the result as an 'unmistakable rejection of a political establishment'.

He added: "This is a rejection of a failed economic consensus and a governing elite that has been seen not to have listened. And the public anger that has propelled Donald Trump to office has been reflected in political upheavals across the world.

"But some of Trump's answers to the big questions

facing America, and the divisive rhetoric around them, are clearly wrong."

Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson took to Twitter to congratulate President-elect Trump.

He said: "I'm looking forward to working with his administration on global stability and prosperity.

"I believe passionately in the importance of the UK-US relationship and am confident we can take it forward together."

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was subdued in her reaction.

She said: "While this is not the outcome I hoped for, it is the verdict of the American people and we must respect it. I congratulate president-elect

Trump on winning the election.

"We value our relationship with the United States and its people. The ties that bind Scotland and the US are deep and longstanding.

Mrs Sturgeon continued: "I hope the President-elect will take the opportunity to reach out to those who felt marginalized by his campaign and make clear – in deeds as well as words – that he will be a president for everyone in modern, multicultural America.

Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron said: "Liberal values of moderation, freedom, respect for the rule of law, openness and concern for one another can no longer be taken for granted."

South west London politicians react at shock White House race



Chuka Umunna, Labour MP for Streatham said: "As we all wake up to the terrible news this morning, we must not give up but realise we will have to fight even harder for the values we believe in – respect, openness, and a solidarity that cuts across races, religions and classes to bring people together."



Labour MP for Croydon North, Steve Reed, said: "President Trump, a terrifying day for the world and for everyone who values democracy and freedom."



Tom Brake didn't hold back. **Liberal Democrat MP for Carshalton & Wallington said:** "Brexit, Trump and it's been raining all night, this is the end of the world."



James Berry, Conservative MP for Kingston and Surbiton said: "I hope that President Elect Trump means what he says about bringing the USA together."



Leonie Cooper, Labour Assembly Member, Merton and Wandsworth said: "Donald Trump is a tax-dodging, lying, racist, sexual predator"



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Putin: 'I look forward to working on world problems'

By Saina Behnejad & Jackson Cole

VLADIMIR Putin has congratulated Donald Trump on his unexpected victory in the US Presidential election.

Across the globe world leaders are reacting with messages of congratulations, reservations or hopes to uphold previous deals and alliances,

Responses include those from Iranian Foreign Secretary Zarif, German Prime Minister Angela Merkel and French far-right leader Marine Le Pen.

There has been speculation that Russia was attempting to meddle in the US election after Wikileaks released a series of leaks about Hillary Clinton.

Putin said: "Building a constructive dialogue between Moscow and Washington, based on principles of equality, mutual respect and each

other's positions, meets the interests of the peoples of our countries and of the entire international community."

German Prime Minister Angela Merkel has also reacted, making it clear where she stands on some of Trump's campaign rhetoric.

She said: "Germany and America are connected by values of democracy, freedom and respect for the law and the dignity of man, independent of origin, skin colour, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or political views."

European Council President Donald Tusk and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker also released a joint statement.

They said: "It is more important than ever to strengthen transatlantic relations.

"Only by cooperating closely can the EU and the US continue to make a difference when dealing with unprecedented challenges such as

Da'esh [ISIS], the threats to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, climate change and migration.

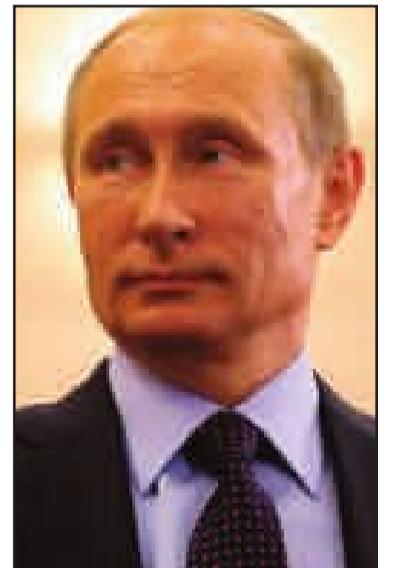
Iranian President Hassan Rouhani gave a curt response making it clear Iran intends to stand by the nuclear deal, which was reached in 2015, calling it irreversible.

He said: "The results of the US election have no effect on the policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

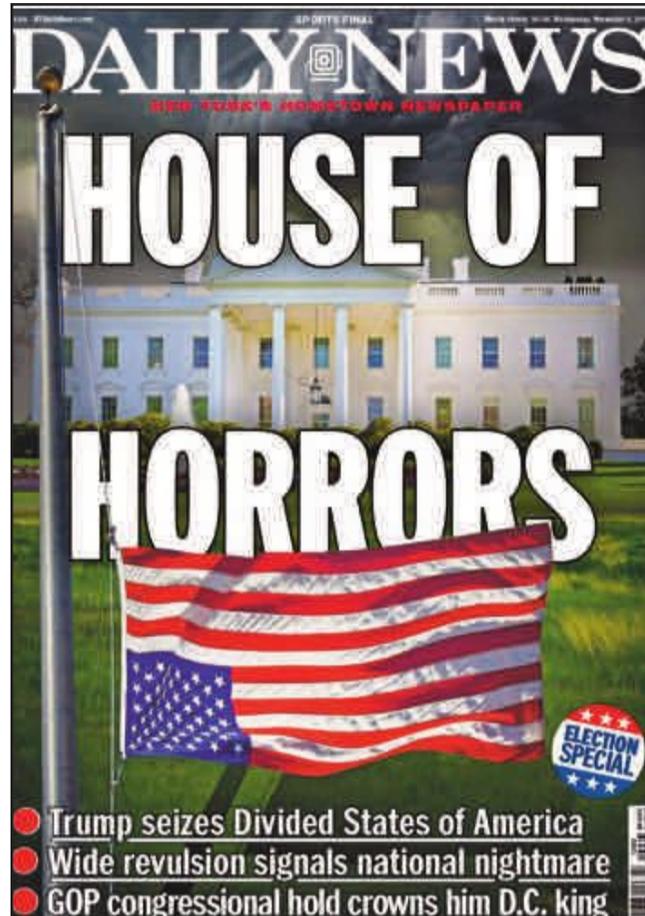
French Le Front National leader Marine Le Pen was reportedly the first to congratulate Trump, having been a supporter throughout the campaign.

Meanwhile the French Ambassador to the United States, Gerard Araud, sent an undiplomatic tweet but promptly deleted it just a few minutes later.

He wrote: "After Brexit and this election, everything is now possible. A world is collapsing before our eyes. Dizziness."



FRIEND: Russian president Vladimir Putin



Stop press! Result the media feared

Newspapers across the United States dealt with an unexpected hiatus on their front pages today as news filtered through Republican candidate Donald Trump had pulled off a stunning election upset.

Most follow a simplistic trend, defining the age-old cliché less is more.

Though uninspiring in rhetoric and formality, this minimalist ploy is striking in essence.

The Seattle Times and Miami Herald have been efficient, leading on two words: 'It's Trump' – a basic black and white approach to Trump's colourful victory.

For The New York Times and The Washington Post, however, their alliterative headline 'Trump Triumphs' holds a far more reluctant tone compared to their American counterparts.

This should not come as a surprise since neither publication shied away from endorsing Hillary Clinton earlier in the campaign – a ploy which has backfired now that Trump is taking over their front pages.

In a far more cynical appraisal of American politics, the Daily News' headline takes the Trump bacon.

Alongside a picture of the White House with an inverted American flag at half-mast, reads: 'House of Horrors'.

Perhaps the most poignant reminder of a public that voted 'to make America great again'.

Clinton and Obama try to look to future

By Meena Alexander

HILLARY Clinton insisted she will always believe in America after her sobering election defeat.

The former First Lady won the popular vote but was left crushed as arch-rival Donald Trump claimed a convincing victory in the arcane electoral college that governs US elections.

Clinton and Trump have engaged in arguably the nastiest campaign in memory but the one-time Senator and Secretary of State insisted she wanted to support the new President and look to the future.

Clinton took to the podium to roaring applause from 'a very rowdy group' and started with a profession of her thanks and love for her supporters.

"Last night I congratulated Donald Trump and offered to work with him on behalf of our country," she said.

"This is not the outcome we wanted or worked so hard for and I'm sorry we did not win this election for the values we share or the vision we have for our country.

"We have seen that our nation is more deeply divided than we thought, but I still believe in America and I always will.

"Being your candidate has been one of the greatest honours of my

life. I know how disappointed you feel because I feel it too, and so do tens of millions of Americans who invested in this campaign.

"This is painful and it will be for a long time. Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and a chance to lead.



"Our responsibility as citizens is to keep doing our part to build that better, stronger, fairer America we seek, and I know you will."

Clinton also expressed her feelings of love and gratitude for her family and staff.

She said: "My love for you means more than I can ever express, you criss-crossed this country on our behalf and lifted me up when I needed it most.

"To all the women, and especially young women, who put their faith in this campaign and me, I want you to know that nothing has made me

prouder than to be your champion.

"I know we have still not shattered that highest and hardest glass ceiling but some day, someone will and hopefully sooner than we might think.

"To all the little girls who are watching this, never doubt that you are valuable and powerful and deserving of every chance in the world to pursue and achieve your own dreams.

"We are stronger together and we will go forward together, and you should never, ever regret fighting for that."

Clinton's defeat was also heavily felt by Barack Obama, who now looks likely to see many of his initiatives undone by Trump, who will visit the White House on Wednesday to discuss the transition before his formal inauguration in January.

The new and outgoing President are not on speaking terms and have regularly clashed, with Trump at the forefront of the birther movement, which questioned whether Obama had been born in the United States.

"I know everybody had a long night. I did as well," said Obama, who admitted he and the Oval Office's new occupant had rarely seen eye-to-eye.

"I had a chance to talk to President-elect Trump to congratulate him on winning the election. We are now all rooting for his success."



STRONG: Hillary Clinton puts a brave face on her disappointment as she speaks with supporters in new York on Wednesday



ALL OKAY: Eric Trump shared this image on social media as results went his father's way

Palin now wants to hook up with Britain

By Rob Godmon

LEADING Republicans and Donald Trump's campaign manager have reacted with delight to his shock electoral triumph.

Sarah Palin, running mate of 2008 nominee John McCain, compared the surprise victory with that of the Leave campaigners in the UK's EU referendum.

"See, Great Britain?" she said. "See how we're hooking up now? We're going rogue and saying, we're going to take back control of our governance."

"We're going to be able to say no, we don't want this globalism. We can't be telling other countries, other nations how to sweep their porches, if we can't sweep our own yet."

Trump-Pence campaign manager Kellyanne Conway claimed the result unveiled a silent majority of Trump voters who had helped sweep him into power.

She tweeted: "Things that were true: undercover Trump vote; @mike_pence for VP; Hillary's floor

& ceiling r same; rally crowds matter; we expanded the map."

She also agreed with a tweet from USA Today journalist Paul Singer alleging double standards: "Stunned that Hillary Clinton did not concede. If Donald Trump pulled that, people would go bananas."

Indiana Governor Mike Pence, who will now become Vice President, said as he introduced Trump for his victory speech: "This is a historic night."

"The American people have spoken, and the American people have now elected their new champion."

"America has elected a new president. It is almost hard for me to express the honour that I and my family feel, that we will have the privilege to serve as your Vice President of the United States of America."

To chants of 'USA' from a jubilant crowd, Pence said: "I come to this moment deeply humbled, and grateful to God for his amazing grace. I am grateful to my family."

"I am deeply grateful to the American people for placing their confidence in this team and giving us

this opportunity to serve. I'm mostly grateful to our President-elect, whose leadership and vision will make America great again."

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, not always an avid supporter of Donald Trump during the campaign despite being Republican, congratulated Trump on his 'big night', and called his victory 'A repudiation of the status quo of failed liberal progressive policies'.

Republican Senator Lindsey Graham, who did not vote for Trump, credited the down ballot Republican candidates for bringing Trump to victory, though did congratulate the President-elect, calling his triumph a 'stunning victory' that defied the odds.

He said: "I'm proud of and want to congratulate my Senate colleagues, particularly those in swing states who ran incredible races that helped President-elect Trump achieve his victory. "We now have a country to run."

Bookies are caught cold by Trump

THE bookies didn't see it coming.

After the lewd Donald Trump tapes were released, Paddy Power decided the presidential race was a foregone conclusion and it would pay out without delay on bets for Hillary Clinton to win.

Editors of popular political predictions site fivethirtyeight.com also pegged Clinton as heavy favourite, with up to 78% chance of victory. Other predictions sites had her chances of winning at 99% and - when first polls closed - Clinton was 10-1 on with bookies.

Trump's chances were as low as 20%. By the end of decision night, the roles had completely flipped - Trump was up to 81% chance of winning and Clinton had slumped to 17%.

Even Nate Silver, a statistics guru who made the perfect call for the 2012 US presidential election, just yesterday predicted Trump had only a 29% chance of winning.

Mr Silver predicted easy victories for Clinton in the key swing states Pennsylvania and Florida, which would have most likely tipped the election in her favour.

But she lost both - and ultimately the election.

"I'm not sure if I'm joking or not," tweeted Silver.

Challenges ahead with own party

By Josh Kitto

DONALD Trump is President-elect of the United States.

When inaugurated on January 20th 2017, it will be his first experience of political office.

He has never had to compromise on policies - though often U-turning. But even a Republican-controlled Congress could cause the Trump administration trouble.

Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House, was anxious to not actively campaign for Trump.

Many of Trump's biggest supporters such as Fox News presenter Sean Hannity have called for Ryan's ousting.

Speaker Ryan will have to meet Trump on some of his pledges. Where are the likeliest areas of cooperation and friction?

Immigration

Trump has famously pledged to build a wall along the border with Mexico and to make them pay for it.

Mexican President Nieto has said this will not happen. But Trump could ask congressional Republicans to fork up more money - namely for his plans to triple the number of border guards.

Many Republicans have advocat-

ed a path to US citizenship for undocumented workers in order to expand their appeal to Latino and Asian voters.

This will be a non-starter under Trump. But Ryan may hold back from fully funding a border wall - particularly if it faces legal challenges.

Trump will likely use his executive powers in this area, such as suspending Obama's programme permitting work visas for undocumented youth and increased screenings on Syrian refugees.

Economy/Trade

Trump has unsettled many pro-free trade Republicans like Ryan by pledging to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement. He has threatened unilateral withdrawal if Canada and Mexico do not offer a better deal.

Ryan could cause the President-elect difficulties if he withdraws from free trade agreements or tries to slap 35-45% tariffs on products like steel.

Trump has pledged to pour investment into the industrial Midwest, saying tax credits could help target \$1trn on bridges, highways and infrastructure.

Ryan is sceptical of a large spending programme, but to get a deal on tax cuts he may have to

compromise with Trump on infrastructure spending.

Obamacare

The Republicans' main ambition will be to overturn Obamacare, President Obama's prime legislative achievement.

Trump has pledged to honour this. However, Mr Trump has praised some elements of Obamacare, such as the ban on denying insurance to people with pre-existing conditions.

Both Ryan and Trump are in a tricky position. Trump still needs to assuage the concerns of Republicans who worry he is not a true believer. But he also cannot afford to alienate his working-class base by increasing their healthcare costs.

He may have to sign legislation to cut some elements of Obamacare to keep Ryan and others on side.

Trump's success has partly been based on his image as an outsider who can break through Washington paralysis.

During President Obama's eight years, congressional Republicans were seen as uncooperative and unwilling to work with him.

Now the President is someone who has never governed and won't pivot, Republican sclerosis could harm them in the 2018 elections if Trump cannot meet expectations.



WHAT'S NEXT? Speaker Paul Ryan, third in the line of Presidential succession, could face an uncertain future after his criticisms of Donald Trump

He came in like a wrecking ball and no-one expected it



COMMENT
By Costas Mourselas

“The forgotten men and women of our country, will be forgotten no longer.” These are the words of the soon to be leader of the free world, Donald J Trump. The man that perpetuated a conspiracy theory about Obama’s birth five years ago, has won the confidence of the American voter in an earth-shattering victory.

It might be tempting to dismiss this as a triumph of racists and islamophobes, that white supremacists have crawled out of the wood work in astonishing numbers to propel the brash millionaire to victory. But as you might expect, there’s more to the victory than meets the eye.

In order for a candidate as controversial and divisive as Mr Trump to win the White House, he needed to tap into emotions that run far deeper than most people may realise. In this case, it was a white-hot pent-up anger at an establishment that has absolutely failed the white working class in a big way.

The crash in 2008 accelerated a process that started in the 80s. In 2012, pre-tax incomes of the top 1% rose by a whopping 20%, reinforcing the position of an elite class that already owns more wealth collectively than the bottom 90%.

In the same vein, the real incomes of said 90% dropped by 6% between 2012 and 2015.

Experts love to talk about the astonishing recovery of the US post recession. And to a certain extent, they’re right.

The US defied every expectation and grew faster in a shorter period of time than any other Western economy. But all this success came at the expense of your average Joe.

The well-educated Americans working as executives in leading manufacturing and energy companies as well as the tech giants in Silicon Valley have pushed the economy forward.

But the fast pace of globalisation has left many behind.

And in some ways it may seem that Trump’s message is more progressive than Hillary’s. The hated experts scoffed at the economic message of the Brexiters and Trump.

All the evidence does suggest that free trade guaranteed by



WINNING FEELING: President-elect Donald Trump prepares to address his supporters alongside members of his family in New York

North America Free Trade Agreement and the European single market promotes economic growth, lowers prices and brings prosperity.

But with the boon of a dynamic economy comes a relentless rate of change that many industries and families simply can’t keep up with. Multinationals moved to Mexico and took their factories with them.

Trump alleges that NAFTA devastated the US auto industry, with 350,000 jobs lost since 1994. And while this is a huge oversimplification of the matter, there is no doubt that increased competition from Mexican blue collar workers has resulted in catastrophic wage compression for less educated Americans.

The very same ‘forgotten men and women’ who turned out in massive numbers for Trump in Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania.

The question of international trade has been largely ignored by democrats and liberals alike, dismissing it as a non-issue, to their peril.

Economic growth and flourishing trade is all good and well, but the whole point of these indicators is to determine the welfare of the many.

It has become increasingly

clear over the coming months that these indicators simply do not reflect a reality that many Americans recognise.

Trump also tapped into another issue troubling millions of disenfranchised Americans – political correctness and all that comes with it.

In recent years, mainstream American culture has been largely taken over by public figures that espouse constant, thumping messages of progressivism. Feminism, gender politics and word policing. The black lives matter movement. The no-platforming of speakers in the country’s most esteemed institutions of learning.

Many of these progressive ideas have been force-fed to Americans by prolific hosts like John Oliver, Jimmy Kimmel, media organisations like NBC, ABC, CNN and Hollywood powerhouse actors.

While a lot of this ideology isn’t inherently flawed, it’s the arrogance with which it has been advocated that has infuriated many less educated Americans.

Many have gone on to join the alt-right, a nationalist pro-western internet based group which opposes what it sees as an oppressive and all encompassing

progressive bias at the core of mainstream media.

The culmination of this disdainful sentiment came during Hillary’s ‘deplorable’s speech.’ In one fell swoop she put herself squarely on the side of the American cultural establishment, distancing herself from the disenfranchised Americans she badly needed to propel her to the White House.

A huge demographic shift has also concerned conservative leaning Americans, many of whom have become increasingly suspicious of Muslim immigration. According to figures by the US Census Bureau, whites will become a minority in America by 2045, accentuating the fear that ‘true’ Americans are losing control of their own destiny.

Feeding back into this disenfranchisement is the insistence of the American cultural mainstream that immigration is not to be feared but welcomed.

Once again, points to the contrary are scornfully dismissed as bigotry.

The so called fly-over states in middle America were expected to vote Trump, and they did so in big numbers.

The rust belt states, known for suffering at the hands of free trade

and globalisation, responded relatively well to Obama’s message of hope, tempting some of them to his side in 2008 and 2012.

However, Trump’s pledge to bring back American industry, impose tariffs on China and crucially, to make America great again, played a big part in winning back Iowa, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Hillary’s message of social progressivism and clean energy failed to appeal to the once great heartlands of industry.

And ultimately, just like with Brexit, the issue that won the election was control. Control over America’s borders. Control over America’s top-heavy economy. Control over the country’s cultural and political discourse which to many, seems to have been hijacked by a progressive metropolitan elite.

And crucially it was a message of hope, not negativity as some suggest.

He promised to help America start winning again. To make it unequivocally the greatest nation in the world, as it had once been.

To bring back the America that people think they remember.

Clinton was too much like a politico says politico

By Saina Behnejad & George Cairns

HILLARY Clinton acts too much like a politician, according to Simple Politics founder Tatton Spiller.

That may well have cost her the election.

As results poured in and Clinton began to trail, the once enthusiastic crowd in The Social’s US election watch party became increasingly subdued.

Eventually the pro-Hillary audience at the Little Portland Street bar did not even have the energy to boo when Donald Trump or Nigel Farage appeared on screen.

Mr Spiller’s take on the election was simple – people don’t want to talk about policy, they vote for a candidate they can relate to.

He said: “People look with a nostalgic eye to the way things used to be even if things never were in fact that way, and they want it back.

“Trump’s strapline ‘Make America great again’, who doesn’t want to live in a country that’s great?”

But Mr Spiller added he did not see a correlation between Trump’s famous slogan and his policy ideas.

He said populist rhetoric like Trump’s offered a vision of a national identity that appeals to some voters.

Listing some of Trump’s most controversial plans – banning Muslims from entering the US, building a wall on the Mexican border and repealing Obamacare, he pointed out how well-known these ideas are.

He said: “It’s almost like we know more of Trump’s policies, when Clinton’s supposed to be this great statesperson.”

He thinks Clinton didn’t talk about policy for fear of turning off voters who dislike politicians.

Kathryn Grant, southeast region director of The Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus, a non-partisan organisation that fights pro-gun legislation on university campuses, worries Trump’s victory will mean no way forward for the gun violence prevention movement.

Speaking before Trump’s victory was known, Ms Grant said: “I think people are feeling very very anxious, this election has been unprecedented.”

As the atmosphere at The Social grew more grim, 22-year-old Sam Shaw, of Massachusetts, stared at the large screen while wringing his hands.

He said: “I’ve lost my faith in the American electorate.

“The polls, these people were meant to tell me what was going to happen.

“Obviously something went wrong.”

Welcome to Trumpland

Donald Trump, 70

The President-elect of the United States and soon-to-be most powerful man in the world kept his family close throughout his campaign. The thrice-married billionaire tycoon's victory has marked a shocking rejection of the liberal establishment, and the staunch support of his somewhat unorthodox family has helped him create a family man image that resonated with millions.

Barron William Trump, 10

The only child of Melania and Donald Trump is fluent in Slovene and surprised Larry King in 2010 by speaking English with a slight accent. Dubbed mini-Donald by the media because of his penchant for suits and ties, he also enjoys a spot of golf with his dad at their estate in Palm Beach.

Melania Trump, 46

The Slovenian model, who will be the first foreign-born First Lady since 1825. Being fluent in five languages she will no doubt be a great diplomatic asset, but she has vowed to be a traditional FLOTUS – perhaps somewhat undermined by her infamous shoot in which she posed naked except for a pair of handcuffs on her husband's private jet.

Jared Kushner, 35

The husband of Ivanka and father to their three children is a property magnate and owner of the New York Observer. One of the top advisers on the Trump campaign, he was credited as the architect of the president-elect's digital media presence and de facto campaign manager.

Ivanka Trump, 34

A successful model, designer and author, Trump's eldest daughter with first wife Ivana is also an executive vice president to the Trump Organisation. Although she is arguably the most popular member of the new first family she has no greater fan than her father, who said in 2006 that if she wasn't his daughter he would be dating her.

Tiffany Trump, 23

Trump's daughter from his second marriage to Marla Marples is the most elusive of the troupe. The former Vogue intern has avoided too much political involvement which may have had some impact on her father's affections, as he told Fox News earlier this week that he was proud of all of his children, but Tiffany 'to a lesser extent'.

Vanessa Haydon, 38

The bag designer and former model is married to Donald Jr and mother to his five children. She has been on the campaign trail with her husband and, like her step-mother-in-law, calls herself a full-time mum.

Kai Madison Trump, 9

The eldest child of Donald Jr and Vanessa Haydon ups the cute-factor on Team Trump by a mile. Her ninth birthday attracted global media attention after her parent's hired out a New York ice cream parlour.

Donald Trump Jr, 38

Another top dog in the family business and chip off the old block, Donald Jr has done his father the service of making a few gaffes of his own throughout the presidential race. Sharing his wisdom on the Syrian refugee crisis, he tweeted: "If I had a bowl of Skittles and

Eric Trump, 32

Owner of Trump Winery and a campaign fixture, Eric broke the law on Election Day by posting a picture of a ballot on Twitter. He's a fan of big-game hunting trips to Africa and posing with dead bears, yet he married horse rider and animal lover Lara Yunaska at his father's estate two years ago



Words by Meena Alexander

Obama sees his legacy tarnished by poll failure

By Josh Kitto

PRESIDENT Barack Obama will meet his successor Donald Trump tomorrow – a man who led a campaign to force Obama to publish his birth certificate.

Both men rode to the White House on a wave of support for change. In most other regards, Obama's influence could not be more different from that of Trump.

"I wake up every morning in a house that was built by slaves," said Michelle Obama in a speech earlier this year.

The US is still ridden with racial tensions, seen with the Black Lives Matter protests over police shootings of unarmed black people.

Yet the 2008 election of the first black President in a nation scarred by slavery and apartheid with 53% remains remarkable.

Obama's open style became a source of criticism for many of his own supporters.

Despite his idealistic campaign, left-wing Democrats said he was too focused on gaining the support of

Republicans for legislation, who rarely gave support. His most substantial legacy, the Affordable Care Act (popularly referred to as Obamacare), was seen by many in his party as compromised.

Instead of a publicly-funded healthcare service for all Americans, the legislation was a mix of regulations and subsidies for private health insurance.

It was, nonetheless, significant as a century of Presidents had failed to pass substantial healthcare legislation.

The left of his party has been particularly critical of his failure to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility in Cuba.

But perhaps his most significant foreign policy legacy is not in Libya or Syria, but in Cuba itself.

True to his promise of being willing to talk to political enemies with no preconditions, Obama started to unravel the United States' five decade-long embargo on Cuba.

The embargo had almost no international support, but no US administration had dared to alter it since 1961.

These two achievements speak to Obama's often painstaking negotiation style, criticised by some as too slow.

Whether the deal with Iran on nuclear power or with China on the Paris climate accords, he presented himself as a truly global American President.

But much of the disappointment in him was fuelled by the political gridlock in Washington.

Obama had been elected in 2008 on a platform to renegotiate trade deals – securing white working-class support in states like Iowa and Ohio.

Trump on the right, and Bernie Sanders on the left, were there to capitalise on his failure to deliver this in 2016.

Only a brash non-politician like Trump was trusted to smash it open. He could quickly undo much of the legislation passed under Obama.

Following Obama's election in 2008, many proclaimed the Democrats would be the dominant party for decades to come.

After Mr Trump's election, that legacy may well unravel.

Brixton actor fears a Muslim backlash

By Marina Thomas & Rob Guest

A MUSLIM actor is fearful for himself and his family after Donald Trump was elected as the 45th President of the United States this morning.

Assad Zamam, 26, from Brixton, believes Trump could cause serious harm after previously calling for a 'total and complete shutdown of Muslims' entering the country.

The actor conceded his chance to visit America is now gone after Trump was sensationally elected ahead of Hillary Clinton, after winning the key swing states of Florida, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mr Zamam said: "I think the reaction from a lot of people like me will be in fear.

"I'd be worried about myself, family and friends on how it can impact them even though it's in America.

"It's the most powerful country in the world and it's a platform that's higher than anyone else.

"It means my chance to go to America is gone

because my family is Muslim He says he'll shutdown all Muslims to America.

"If that happened, which I doubt it will, it's a scary thought, not just for people of so many different cultures in this country, but around the world."

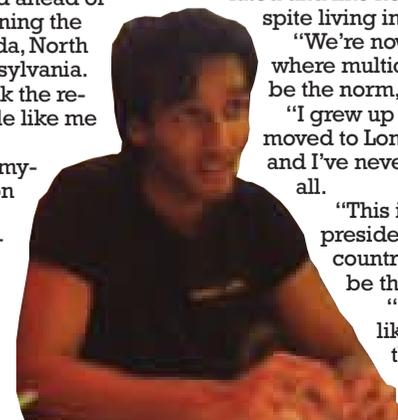
The Republican called for an all-out ban of Muslims entering America following the San Bernardino shooting that killed 14 people and left 22 seriously injured in December 2015.

During his campaign to become president, Trump defamed a number of groups which left Mr Zamam feeling isolated and like he didn't belong despite living in multicultural world.

"We're now living in 2016 where multiculturalism should be the norm," said Mr Zamam.

"I grew up in Newcastle and moved to London four years ago and I've never felt separated at all.

"This is a candidate for presidency in America, a country where it should be the same as the UK. "It makes me feel like I'm another and that I'm not welcome or that I'm dangerous."



And if you didn't like Trump, just wait till you meet his number 2

By Liam Dobson

IF anything were to happen to Donald Trump, the presidency of the United States would be inherited by Mike Pence.

But how much do we actually know about the 57-year-old Vice President-elect?

He has not always been Trump's biggest fan. Four days before the primary, Pence endorsed Ted Cruz.

He has been in public office since 2000, with 12 years in the House of Representatives and three as Indiana governor.

He was reportedly chosen by Trump due to his strong connections with the Republican party, but in fact he was raised a Democrat.

Pence idolised President John F Kennedy to the point that he still owns a box of Kennedy memorabilia.

He publicly opposed Trump's proposed ban on Muslim's entering the US, labelling it 'offensive and

unconstitutional', though he does want strict rules on immigration. A devout Evangelical Christian, he has criticised sex education in schools and is staunchly opposed to abortion.

He has actively opposed homosexual men being able to enlist in the army.

His most infamous and controversial political act came last year with his signing of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in Indiana.

The law extended legal protection to businesses in the state who did not want to participate in same-sex weddings, citing their religious beliefs as justification.

Opponents argued this sanctioned discrimination and Pence was forced to sign an amendment after a week of protests by LGBT activists.

He claims climate change is a myth that is not driven by human actions and has previously opposed tobacco regulation, arguing that it does not kill, despite research having linked it to lung cancer.

Pence lives in his native Indiana with his wife Karen, three children, two cats and two dogs.

A lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs, the Vice President-elect is celebrating a second historic victory in the space of a week after they won their first World Series for 108 years.

VEEP: Mike Pence is viewed as a pair of safe political hands by the Republican party. An experienced politician to temper Donald Trump's maverick streak

Last chapter for USA's power couple



FUTURE: Bill and Hillary Clinton, aged 70 and 69, are likely to step away from public life for the first time in 40 years

By Nick Tyrrell

WHILE the election of Donald Trump ushers in a new era in American politics, it also marks the gutting of one of the nation's most formidable political dynasties.

The Clintons have been a fixture of national politics for more than two decades, with their ups and downs well-documented.

Their unique position in American life meant that Hillary Clinton was always going to come in to this year's campaign with considerable baggage.

Scandal has followed the couple throughout their years in the public eye, with loss and recovery frequently cited as a central theme to the Clinton story.

Bill Clinton, when accused of extramarital affairs, was written off

in the New Hampshire primary, only to surge to a surprise second in the contest and later secure the Democratic presidential nomination. The feat earned him the nickname 'The Comeback Kid'.

"Never count him out, because always, he will find his way back," said David Maraniss, Bill's biographer.

Hillary, for her part, resurrected her political ambitions in the face of a humiliating defeat to Barack Obama in the 2008 Democratic Primary.

She would then serve as his secretary of state, shaping American foreign policy at a time when the country's role in the world was evolving.

The result of the election, which is likely to bring an end to Bill and Hillary's years in public office,

have delivered a brutal rebuke to the couple.

The Clintons are, to some extent, victims of the current political environment.

Establishment politicians have been under siege and the Clintons, presiding over a political machine honed over many years, are seen to embody it.

But they also bear responsibility for their political demise.

Bill's affair with Monica Lewinsky hobbled his presidency while Hillary's use of a private email server haunted her campaign and reinforced the attitudes many Americans had toward her.

The consequences will be borne out over months.

While the course of Trump's presidency is unknown, there is no doubt that policy areas shaped by Hillary in her years in public

office are now under threat.

Healthcare, education, trade and women's rights all face radical changes in a Trump administration, and it will undoubtedly be painful for the Clintons to see their legacy put under such pressure.

The ramifications could also be personal, with Trump refusing to rule out future investigations.

But the incredibly bitter element of this loss may well be that it denies her the opportunity to convert her position in America today into a unique place in the country's history.

Hillary will likely not be the first female president of the United States.

Her wish to shatter what she called the highest, hardest glass ceiling will now be left to a different woman.

Soundbites from the scorched earth campaign

"Grab them by the pussy...you can do anything." - Donald Trump

Preparing for a cameo appearance on Days of Our Lives, Trump was recorded having an extensive, explicit conversation with TV host Billy Bush.

"[ISIS are] going to people showing videos of Donald Trump insulting Islam and Muslims in order to recruit more radical jihadists." - Hillary Clinton

Accusing someone of being the face of ISIS recruitment is a bold move.

In the wake of Trump's suggestion to close America to Muslims, Clinton claimed that Trump's rhetoric was being used by Islamic extremists to inspire more radicals to join their cause. The allegations, reinforced by other members of Clinton's campaign - including communications director Jennifer Palmieri - remain unsubstantiated.

"If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you. [sic] Would you take a handful? That's our Syrian refugee problem." - Donald Trump Jr.

Direct from the President-elect's eldest son's Twitter, here is a comparison between Syrian refugees and rainbow candy. Not only controversial and crass, the tweet was also

plagiarised almost word for word from an earlier tweet by former Republican Congressman Joe Walsh.

"They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists." - Donald Trump

Trump's opinions on Mexican immigrants are well documented. This quote, from his presidential announcement speech, lit a fire that has burned for the 16 months since.

As it happens, this was just a sign of things to come from the Trump campaign.

"ISIS is honouring President Obama, He is the founder of ISIS. [...] And I would say the co-founder would be crooked Hillary Clinton." - Donald Trump

A year on Trump had turned his attention from immigration to foreign policy. In 2004, when ISIS was founded, Obama was focusing on his campaign to become senator for Illinois. Quite the year for the outgoing president...

"You can put half of Trump supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables." - Hillary Clinton

Clinton's campaign was, generally, less inflammatory than her counterpart's. This was a rare slip, or perhaps a moment of honesty.

Research by Rob Middleton



LAUGHS ON US: Donald Trump impersonator Simon Jay (centre) with reporters Harry Howes and Chris Reidy (l-r)

How we laughed at Trump comic but jokes were on us

By Harry Howes & Chris Reidy

"OF COURSE you'd get the Indian to take it!" the Donald Trump impersonator screamed across the King's Head pub, as a group crowded in to take a photo.

Doughnut munching, Diet Cola guzzling, Nazi saluting, penis exposing and woman grabbing.

Simon Jay has watched a lot of Donald Trump. Perhaps too much.

Dressed in his classic navy suit, with a ridiculous tan as red as the Republican tie hanging from his neck and a shining smile as white as the dubious powder splattered across his lapel, he welcomed people into the theatre with all the confidence and bravado of the man himself.

How we laughed, little did we know that the joke would be on us as the results started to roll in a few hours later.

The finger to thumb hand gesture and constant repetition of the last words of sentences made it spooky, hilarious and often awkward, especially for the many Americans in attendance.

The election night special of this one-man show gave an enlightening insight into the potential future of a Trump-led America.

Jay combined verbatim quotes with exaggerated misogyny to express his utter disapproval of the presidential bid in an hour-long improvised routine.

“The audience laughed along as ‘Trump’ enjoyed his ‘victory party’. Little did we know that a few hours later, as the results started to roll in, that the joke was on us.”

Nobody had come for a lesson in politics but at times it felt like the Islington audience was being given a warning and Jay was more than happy to hammer the Americans and overtly sexualise the women in the audience to reiterate his point.

The Trump parody proudly danced into what he described as his ‘victory party’, commencing with the opening of congratulations cards from ‘friends’ Nigel Farage and Vladimir Putin, the latter he hilariously claimed several times to have had lunch with before but had never met.

The audience were treated to live updates of the election from ‘Harvey St Clare’, Trump’s ‘BBC journalist’ assistant, who was greeted with genuine gasps and cries upon informing the crowd that Trump had won Ohio.

Alas, Harvey actually meant that Trump had sold more cookies

than Hillary Clinton in a fictitious Ohio bakery and the show went on, leaving behind one Californian who had to take a moment to compose himself.

But - a few hours later - Trump actually won Ohio, a state that has supported every President of the United States for the past 56 years.

A grilling Q&A session took place with an audience growing in hostility, in

which Trump defended sexual assault claims and attempted to justify comments about wanting to date his daughter.

“It’s not a wall, okay, it’s a freedom divider!” he cried, shortly before performing a high-pitched impression of his wife ‘Malaria’.

Jay briefly broke character to mischievously remind the crowd that ‘Trumpageddon’ had sold out at Edinburgh, before concluding with a personal reflection.

He dramatically fell down in the middle of the stage, crying to the heavens that he did not want the presidency, as Simon Jay parted ways with Donald Trump and admitted that although he started the act before Trump was ever the Republican candidate, he never thought it would go this far.

Never thought Trump would go this far ... he was not alone.

Simon Jay in Trumpageddon, King’s Head Theatre
★★★★



Lukewarm Clinton support at London party

By Amanda Coakley



HILLARY Clinton is the lesser of two evils said Belushi’s customers in London Bridge as they enjoyed their election night party on Tuesday.

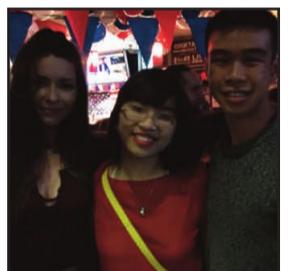
The American-themed bar hosted a Trump v Clinton event, where there was overwhelming, if muted, support for the Democrat.

Kristin Graham, a 32-year-old management consultant from Pittsburgh, said she doesn’t support either candidate in the 45th presidential election.

As an immigrant and a woman she said she couldn’t support Donald Trump so had no choice but to vote for Clinton.

The discussion among the crowd at Belushi’s did not delve into quantifiable fiscal policies, immigration or strategies to tackle climate change.

Instead, the partying politics nuts paraded around in Trump and Clinton masks and enjoyed a traditional game of beer pong.



But PhD candidate Andrew Ehrhardt from New Orleans spoke of the struggle he faced coming to terms with members of this family voting Trump.

He said: “A lot of my family members are Trump supporters, right, which is honestly a hard thing to, to really deal with.”

Mr Ehrhardt added that more people in Louisiana are voting to protect their own economic and social interests rather than voting on moral grounds.

“It’s difficult because you start to see sides of family, friends, and your community that you never thought existed,” he said.