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Not Clean but Honest

"**A**nd they call this muddling a democracy?" - I heard about the current elections in America from many people. - And they teach the rest of the world something else! Yes, they even elect the president by some electors, and not by direct voting!

In general, as far as "real elections" are concerned, they pass without scandals, hitch and hitch only under dictatorships.

When the task is not to choose but to "sanctify" as with holy water, the legitimacy of the eternally ruling regime. Democracy always comes - no, not naked, but in the mud - and is associated with exposure of human (candidates) vices. The German "Der Spiegel" was right in its own way, putting on the cover of the electoral issue of Trump and Clinton, smeared up to their ears in the past elections, with the signature "Future President of the USA"

The current campaign is marked by increased "pollution". Donald Trump owes a lot to WikiLeaks for the fact that on the eve of the vote, he reduced the gap with Hillary Clinton to a minimum. If the media wanted to unleash several stories about the financing of the Clintons' charitable foundation when she was secretary of state (a conflict of interest is visible) or the correspondence of Democratic Party functionaries (from a hacked server), or what actually was

on the ex-secretary's private mail server, it could have buried her election campaign for a long time.

However, almost all mass media, being themselves part of the establishment, moreover, mostly liberal, sided with Clinton.

Of the 185 daily newspapers in the United States, only five supported Trump and none of the ten leading political weeklies.

Trump is a challenge to the establishment. The challenge from deep America of rednecks ("people with red necks" - as opposed to "white collars"), which is sick of all this well-fed public, which is so cleverly able to twirl all sorts of rules on one finger that they invariably win. Also, their children win. Moreover, their friends and college classmates from the Ivy League. And the winners are those "professional dependents" who have been living on welfare for generations, but who are constantly fed by this well-fed and terribly self-satisfied successful establishment, since these people, this is how this world of manipulation and wholesale brainwashing works, is an essential part of their electoral base.

Initially, the brothers-Masons, who are also the founding fathers of the United States, designed the electoral system because a person is weak and vicious, and the "crowd", now called the electorate, is subject to temptations from which it is better to protect the system. As for the "fence" - we can do that too.

However, to understand American democracy, which, no matter how much it is disgusting, many to admit, led the country to prosperity and wealth, it is important to note that it would not work if the society did not observe *per se* certain norms of decency of civil and business behavior. And if the majority were inclined to deceive, steal, manipulate and "throw".

The institute of electors, among others, was conceived as a safety device: what if the majority chooses such a populist who will bury the system?

Then, in the most extreme case, the electors will “reject” such a candidate, namely on the 41st day after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The winner is still to be approved by the congress at a joint meeting of the chambers. Besides, electors increase the importance of states as subjects of the federation. If the president were elected by a simple majority, everything would be decided by several populous states in the east and west. And so, the candidates dash around the country and in each locality find words that are consonant with the local population or the category of voters. In this sense, federalism works.

In 22 US presidential elections, there were 179 cases in which an elector voted against the will of state voters. These are called "dishonest electors." Their fraction is negligible. However, there was a case when everything happened exactly as the founding fathers foresaw. To correct the "will of the majority".

In 1876, Democrat Samuel J. Tilden won the election, both by vote and by the elector. However, the latter did not vote for him. The "Tilden-Hayes compromise" was concluded: thanks to the voting of electors who changed the will of the majority in their states, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes became president in exchange for an end to the Reconstruction of the South policy as preventing to overcome the split during the Civil War. In many respects, and therefore, racial segregation in the South remained until the 60s of the twentieth century. It is noteworthy that the compromise was oral, but all conditions were met.

Many people do not understand how great the role of "political conscientiousness" in this institution is, which is not formally regulated by law. After all, neither at the federal level nor at the level of 21 of the 50 states, there are no laws obliging electors to vote for the winner. They can theoretically vote for another candidate or not vote at all.

The first thing that suggests itself: you can "give them money" and they will vote "as they say." But no. It doesn't work that way.

The electoral legislation of the United States at the federal level generally exists only in the most general, fundamental features. In the procedure of voting and counting of votes, the country appears in all its diversity as a federation, in some places resembling a confederation. There is no single nationwide voter list. Theoretically, it is possible to arrange an interregional "carousel" on election day, but for some reason, they do not bother with it. Although in the second half of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, when voting became massive, and not only for "Esquires", such falsifications were not practiced. There is no single bulletin either, each state has its own form. Voting machines are different, different ways of marking a candidate.

Early voting is allowed in 37 states, not all. This year, they say, an unprecedented number of more than 35 million will vote ahead of schedule. In another country (for example, Russia), such early voting figures would be a clear sign of fraud. However, even those who talk about the possibility of fraud in the United States do not sin on it as a common method of fraud.

The voter must register in advance at the polling station at the place of residence. If he is not on the list, you can vote on the "temporary ballot". Then they will check whether he had the right to do so. And whether he voted at different polling stations several times. If they get caught doing it, they will punish them. Someone will be surprised again: why, if the governor is, say, a Democrat, doesn't he play along with Clinton by "turning the counter"? For example, it is suspected that Republican Governor Jeb Bush played along with his brother George in 2000 when a recount in Florida decided the fate of the presidency. At one point, there were only 35 "controversial ballots" in question. Well, unless they can somehow "help" only in such cases. And then not explicitly, but indirectly. This does not work as a mass phenomenon.

You cannot give a command to "state employees" to help "stuff" the candidate. It won't even occur to anyone.

Now there is a lot of controversy around the procedure for identifying individuals during voting. Trump accuses the Democrats of using illegal immigrants in much the same way as in Russia. According to the opposition, the authorities use guest workers. This was massively practiced in America, too, in the second half of the nineteenth century, especially in cities with a large number of immigrants such as New York. That was a long time ago. Although individual cases of violations, like the "voting" of those who died, sometimes occur.

In general, the system "digested" it. While preserving a large share of informality, which in our country would be unambiguously perceived as a potential for "monstrous falsifications". And in America, it is not. The attitude to the act of voting was initially different since the elections took hold first at the level of church parishes and then in politics.

Today, "manipulations" by parties are often reduced to induce a larger number of "their voters" to register for voting. Therefore, Democrats are actively involved in this among minorities (80-90% blacks for Clinton) and the poor.

However, at the time of voting - and here completely incomprehensible things begin - the law requires you to present an identity card only in 34 states (while such laws have entered into force in 32 states), in the rest, it is enough to name yourself.

In about half of the 32 states mentioned, an ID without a photo is sufficient.

If there is no ID, the procedures vary by state. However, everywhere you can vote on the "temporary ballot" (for those who are not on the lists). That is, they initially trust you, and only then, they check. It is important. You can either bring the ID later, or write a receipt (under legal responsibility), or two members of the election commission will identify you, or (as in Florida) they will verify your signature with the one on the voter registration card, etc. - everywhere in different ways.

However, everywhere there is an element of "civic good faith", without which the system would not work, and everyone would only do that falsified elections and came up with new, even tougher forms of control.

Which still does not work, if there is no prevailing focus of society on honesty in this matter?

And the last thing. The "Trump uprising" against the "Washington establishment" is taking place under the slogan "All politicians lie!" Today in America, only 4–5% of citizens believe that politicians "basically" keep their campaign promises. This is not entirely true. When The New York Times conducted a 2009 poll on the credibility of Obama's promise not to raise taxes on those earning up to \$ 250,000 a year, 56% said: "don't believe." However, this majority was mistaken.

Political scientists have calculated (in particular, Francois Petry and Benoit Collette's "Measuring How Political Parties Keep Their Promises") the "average percentage" of promises by US presidents based on an analysis of campaigns over the past 50 years. It turned out 67%.

Obama has, to varying degrees, fulfilled 70% of about 500 promises. Republicans, having won a majority in both houses of Congress in 2010, have since delivered 68% of what their campaign platforms promised.

The percentage of fulfillment of promises by the authorities for other democracies is similar. For Great Britain - 82.5%, for Greece - 70%, for the Netherlands - 61%, the average for Western countries - 69.2%. That is, they lie "only" by 30.8%. And at the same time, everyone walks in the mud with their choices.

Others speak only the truth and reveal themselves to the nation all in white. Or are we simply afraid to admit to ourselves that we do not always believe them? And at the same time, are we more afraid of the "dirt" of democracy than of ourselves, free in our choice?

His only hope, almost like a miracle, was on the “Brexit effect”: when on the eve of the referendum in Britain, supporters of “stay in the EU” were ahead of their opponents by 3% but lost. The latter was “shyer” in the polls.

Trump Accused the FBI Of Falsification

(E^x)-US President Donald Trump continues to view the election as a fraudulent election that will result in no other Republican being elected. In his opinion, employees of the US Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) may be involved in this fraud.

“My opinion will not change in six months - there has been massive fraud,” the head of state said in an interview with Fox News. “What were the FBI and the Justice Department [doing]? I don't know, maybe they were involved. ”

“Why allow people to get away with everything? This is incredible,” he added.

He is confident that "if the Republicans allowed this to happen, you will never again see another Republican elected in this country at the level of the Senate, House of Representatives or President."

Trump once again stressed that "this election was rigged; the media do not even want to write about it." Speaking about the US Department of Justice and the FBI, Trump said, "they are missing" and "cannot say where they are."

According to the US President, these departments did not act in connection with the statements of the Republicans about election fraud.

"It's incomprehensible. One would think that if you are an employee of the FBI, US Department of Justice, then this is the most important thing to watch out for. Where are they? I don't see anything [any action]," Trump said.

Also, on Fox News, he added that neither the Justice Department nor the FBI has taken any action after lengthy proceedings in connection with the surveillance of his campaign headquarters during the previous presidential race in the country.

At the beginning of November 2020, a general election was held in the United States, in which voters were asked to vote not only for the president (the main candidates are Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden) but also for members of Congress.

Biden won the victory, according to the leading American media. The Democrat's team is already preparing to assume power.

Republicans, immediately after the vote, said violations were committed in many states. Trump's headquarters said it has a large amount of evidence, which it has applied to the courts.

"We are trying to pass on evidence, but the judges are not willing to let us do it," Trump said.

As an example, the head of the White House cited the story of an American woman who came to a polling station, where it turned out that she had already been voted for. "A lot of people have found themselves in the same situation. It has reached a level that no one expected. There are many different stories [about electoral violations]," he said.

GOP observers were barred from counting the votes, Trump said, while "Democrats were allowed to enter the premises."

“Suddenly new bulletins came in. We have photographs and evidence that new ballots entered the counting rooms. This has never happened in history,” he is sure.

Trump believes the abuses began because of the mail-order vote. Nevertheless, the headquarters of the still incumbent US president will continue to work on disclosing and proving election violations.

“I intend to use 125% of my energy to do this. The judges must hear these cases, the Supreme Court must make a really big decision,” he said in an interview with an American TV channel.

According to Trump, his attitude has not changed in six months. “There is significant deception, voting by mail is a disaster,” Trump continued.

“They said about us that we would lose seats in the House of Representatives, but we did not lose a single one and received many other seats <...> We won the elections in the Senate, the House of Representatives,” he added, noting that in this case, his loss is statistically impossible.

How Trump Is Fighting for Power in The United States

Two days earlier, Trump had said he would leave the White House if a majority of the electorate formally cast votes for his rival, Joe Biden. The head of state assured that he would transfer power to his opponent if he proves that he legally won the elections.

That is, the decision to begin the process of transferring power by the General Affairs Administration (GSA) to Democratic candidate Joe Biden does not mean that US President Donald Trump agreed with the results of the last election. The head of the White House himself wrote about this on Twitter on November 23.

“What does the GSA grant to pre-work with Democrats have to do with the continuation of our various court cases concerning what will be remembered as the most corrupt election in the history of American politics? We are moving at full speed,” Trump said.

CNN previously reported that GSA had informed Biden of its readiness to launch the procedure for transferring power to him in the country.

According to US law, it is the head of the GSA who must issue an official opinion on who became the president-elect.

The current American leader, in turn, advised GSA head Emily W. Murphy and members of his administration to "do what is necessary" regarding the initial procedures related to the transfer of powers. In fact, in this way the Republican ordered to begin the process of transferring power to Biden.

Johannes Abraham, chief executive of the Democratic presidential nominee for the transfer of power, said the process would begin with discussions on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and national security interests.

He also announced plans to get a full picture of "the Trump administration's attempts to devastate government agencies."

At the same time, Abraham did not specify what this wording means.

According to Andrew Bates, a spokesman for Biden's headquarters, the Democrat already intends to make several appointments to key posts in the administration if he wins. According to his plans, the post of Secretary of State may be taken by Antony Blinken, the presidential adviser for national security - Jake Sullivan, the special envoy for climate - John Kerry, the head of the Department of Homeland Security - Alejandro Mayorkas, the US ambassador to the UN - Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

The day before, The Washington Post reported that influential Republican experts had asked their fellow party members in the United States Congress to convince Donald Trump to admit defeat in the November 3 presidential election and begin the handover process. The newspaper quoted excerpts from the corresponding letter of more than 100 specialists dealing with national security issues.

"President Trump's refusal to allow [to begin] the transfer of power poses significant risks to our national security at a time

when the United States is facing a pandemic and serious threats from global adversaries, terrorist groups and other forces," the experts stressed. These include former Pennsylvania Governor, former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, and former Director of National Intelligence John D. Negroponte.

At the same time, the day before, Donald Trump said that he had evidence of election fraud, which is enough to change the voting results. Why is Joe Biden forming the cabinet so quickly when my associates have found hundreds of thousands of fraudulent votes? - He was indignant.

The incumbent President of the United States expressed the hope that the courts and legislatures will have the courage "to do what must be done to preserve the integrity of the elections and the United States itself."

The Democrat has already proclaimed himself President-elect of the United States.

Trump said that Biden was in a hurry to call himself the new head of state and accused his rivals of trying to "steal the election." His lawyer Rudy Giuliani notes that voting violations were systemic. The next American leader will be sworn in on January 20, 2021.

