**Will sanity return to the White House?**

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After days of confusion among the swing states following the 2020 US elections over who will take the lead and become the next US President, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris finally prevailed. They are now heading towards the White House as the President-elect and Vice President-elect. Harris becomes the first women Vice President-elect and also the first Black and first South Asian vice president-elect. With the Trump administration now creating a ruckus over losing their power, the world has its eyes set on Biden-Harris, and how will they steer the ship of diplomacy and world affairs.

The arrival of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States of America in 2017 spelled nothing but doom for the US and the world. With no prior experience of holding an official government office, Trump led the White House as someone owning a barn in Southern Texas. His policies were vague, his statements were either rude or unclear, and the world got to know about his opinion from his Twitter account instead of his media team.

In 2016, hours after Trump won the Presidency, CNN news commentator Van Jones gave an emotional statement that echoed the concerns and fears of the American population that did not want Trump to win. Jones said, “It’s hard to be a parent tonight for a lot of us. You tell your kids, ‘Don’t be a bully.’ You tell your kids, ‘Don’t be a bigot.’ You tell your kids, ‘Do your homework and be prepared.’ And then you have this outcome, and you have people putting children to bed tonight, and they’re afraid of breakfast. They’re afraid of ‘How do I explain this to my children?'”

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Four years later, on November 7, 2020, the tables did turn. What was done in 2016 was finally undone. The electoral college did the right decision to bring sanity back to the US. Van Jones was still crying, but he was shedding tears of relief and of hope. Commenting on Joe Biden becoming the President-elect, Jones said, “It’s easier to be a parent this morning. It’s easier to be a dad. It’s easier to tell your kids character matters – it matters. Tell them the truth matters. Being a good person matters. It’s easier to a whole lot of people. If you’re Muslim in this country, you don’t have to worry if the president doesn’t want you here. If you’re an immigrant, you don’t have to worry if the president is going to have your babies snatched away or send dreamers back for no reason.” He further said, “This is a big deal for us, just to get some peace and have a chance for a reset. The character of the country matters. Being a good man matters.”

From unexpectedly firing James Comey, the seventh Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to introducing the word Covfefe in his Tweet, Donald Trump became a news sensation for all the wrong reasons during his single term as President. His press conferences were nothing but words that made no sense. In 2017, during a televised press conference, Trump called CNN’s chief White House correspondent, Jim Acosta, a rude, terrible person. “When you report fake news, which CNN does a lot, you are the enemy of the people,” Trump said. These are just some of the moments when Trump made a fool out of himself. He also brought upon himself national and international criticism when, during the early days of his Presidency, he decided to build a border wall on the US-Mexico border.

However, during the 2020 US elections, the people spoke the truth. It was not that Donald Trump lost. It is that he could never win the hearts of the Americans who envisioned a better future for their children. Trump was not who the American people looked up to. Biden is.

While the world, especially the underdeveloped and the developing world, is still skeptical over how Joe Biden’s administration will handle the regional skirmishes, clashes, and conflicts; the broader perception is certainly of relief. Joe Biden has been a Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee (1987-1995), Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (2007 – 2009); United States Senator from Delaware (1973 – 2009); and the 47th Vice President of the US (2009 – 2017). He knows how to handle the office and can read the concerns of his people.

The Vice President-elect, Kamala Harris, too has had a strong professional background. She was the 27th District Attorney of San Francisco (2004 – 2011); 32nd Attorney General of California (2011 – 2017) and United States Senator from California (since 2017). While the former Vice President, Michael Pence did have a substantial political experience, Trump’s inexperience and unpolished state of mind overshadowed Pence and was the rebirth of foul mouth politics.

With Joe Biden elected as the 46th US President, he aims to bring character, sanity, truth, and progress to America. With Kamala Harris by her side, we can hope that the US will show concern over world politics, resolve conflicts, bridge borders, accept minorities as their own, and envelope the world with an aura of benevolence, generosity, and goodwill.

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