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Essay 4: Donald Trump President Should Not Be President

For the past decade, America has been in turmoil. From the recent public shooting in Orlando and police shootings across the country have sparked topics of gun control, law enforcement reform, and equality. After the result of the recession in 2007, there are still on-going debates on reconstructing the country’s economy. In addition, there current issues internationally concerning foreign policy like American troops still deployed to the Middle East, assisting South Korea in sanctions against North Korea, and dealing with Mexican drug cartels. (Obama Administration: Foreign Policy 1) Internally and externally America needs a leader that is well capable of managing these issues like and new ones that arises. President-elect Donald Trump is not qualified to be in a position with that much responsibility. **Consequently, Donald Trump does not have the qualifications to become the president of the United States of America.**

First, a president takes into accountability the state of the economy and creating a plan to generate lucrative opportunities in America. Donald Trump is famous for being a businessman, but even in his success he took financial risks and resulted in him collecting a magnitude of debt and filing bankruptcies. Trump’s earliest corporate bankruptcy came a year after the Trump Organization financed—with risky, high-interest “junk bonds”—the construction of the Trump Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City. (Trump, Donald 1) With his casino almost $3 billion in debt, Trump filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. (Trump, Donald 1) In 1992, Trump had bankruptcy filings for Trump Castle, Trump Plaza and Casino in Atlantic City, and the Plaza Hotel in New York. In 2004, Trump Hotels and Casino Resorts, nearly $2 billion in debt, filed for bankruptcy. (Trump, Donald 1) Trump Entertainment Resorts received bankruptcy protection in 2009. (Trump, Donald 1) As a person who struggled with overseeing his businesses and managing his own debt, Trump’s character and acumen for developing and sustaining businesses will be translated into how the economy is ran as president. Therefore, Donald Trump is unsuited to tackle America’s economy.

Moreover, leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi, and John F. Kennedy have something in common; they have compassion for others whereas Donald Trump does not exemplify this. Leaders take account of the people they govern but in contrast Trump during his presidential campaign has shown bigotry and racial prejudice towards different ethnic groups. On December 7, 2015 Trump's campaign put out a press release calling for a "complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on" (CNN Wire 7 1). Following failed Republican presidential campaigns in 2008 and 2012, Republican party strategists embraced plans to speak more inclusively about race and avoid demonizing immigrants—that is, describing immigrants as evil. (Trump, Donald 1) Trump ignored this advice when speaking candidly about Mexico. “When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best,” Trump said early in his campaign (Trump, Donald 1). “They’re sending people that have lots of problems, and they’re bringing those problems with us. They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people” (Trump, Donald 1). Trump also suggested building a wall at the Mexican border and having Mexico pay for it (Trump, Donald 1). Such statements and plans are unacceptable. Hence, Donald Trump’s remarks towards ethnic groups in his immigration plans for America shows his indifference towards various races making him unsuitable to govern the United States.

Furthermore, consistency in words, plan of action, and purpose are important for a leader to display. When a leader implements consistency in their actions, individuals are likely to follow their principles. Donald Trump has exhibited inconsistency with his views, ideas, and plans for America. In the war on drugs Trump initially stated the country was losing and in order to win is by legalizing drugs and taking away profits from drug dealers. (ProCon.org 1) However, later in an interview with ABC News with George Stephanopoulos Trump retracted this idea by admitting he changed his mind about legalizing drugs saying the war on drugs is something that should be studied and for America to consider other alternatives. (ProCon.org 1) Another example of his indecisiveness is when he spoke about the topic of the United States taking in Syrian refugees. Originally, Trump hated the concept of accepting Syrian refugees, but on a humanitarian basis, he said as a country it must be done. (ProCon.org 1) Trump states later that America has no idea what these Syrian refugees are capable of. (ProCon.org 1) Ultimately, stating that America must not take in Syrian refugees. (ProCon.org 1) Leaders stand by their beliefs, views, and statements. All in all, these examples prove that Trump is too indecisive to assume a leadership role.

As well, there are times in a presidency when the president is criticized. It could vary from laws that are passed, comments the individual made, or even personal affairs that may have taken place. As a president, a person needs to keep a certain temperament and emotional intelligence, but Trump in his debates with Clinton have proven unlikely to do so. “If I win, I am going to instruct my attorney general to get a special prosecutor to look into your situation," Donald Trump threatened during the second presidential debate. (Washington Post 1) "It's just awfully good that someone with the temperament of Donald Trump is not in charge of the law in our country," Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton responded. "Because you'd be in jail," Trump shot back. (Washington Post 1) Trump also mocked the policy elite’s faith in US triumphalism. “I’m not against free trade, I’m against stupid, stupid, stupid trade,” he said. Then continued stating “I’m not angry with China. And I’m not angry at Japan. And I’m not angry at Mexico…. I’m angry at our leaders, because they are grossly incompetent and they shouldn’t have ever been elected to do this job” (Greider 6). These examples show the temperament of his character. Therefore, displaying that he has yet to develop emotional intelligence, a quality a leader should have.

Lastly, among the qualities that make Donald Trump unsuitable to be president here is what a Trump supporter might express in an opposing view. Although Trump did declare six corporate bankruptcies, he still has many successful business ventures which makes him a qualified person to manage the economy. (Trump, Donald 1) Trump maybe insensitive towards ethnic groups in regards to immigration but he is trying to protect the United States from terrorist acts and people taking advantage of America economically. Plus, Trump indecisiveness indicates that the citizens could work with him in his plans for America, especially if the public does not like some of his policies. Also, even with Trump’s temperament being unstable it shows that he would not tolerate any opposition and be a strong-willed leader. Even if these are the cases they may make, people need to take account of his detrimental risks he took in his business practices, his insensitivity towards people of different cultures, backtracking on his views for America, and displays of him folding under pressure.

In conclusion, Donald Trump had many successes in his lifetime, being a billionaire real estate developer, reality television personality, and now president of the United States (Trump, Donald 1). However, because he has declared several bankruptcies to avoid his debts, his insensitivity towards people with different backgrounds, incapable to stand by his views, and is unable to foster emotional intelligence. Donald Trump should not be the president of the United States.

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