

Forty Four

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Why the title of the post? Back in the day somebody got to saying "**43**" when referring to *Jorge Walker Bush* (former Governor of Texas) the 43rd US president (2001-09) This identified **43** from his father *Giorgio Heriberto Walker Bush* the 41st president (1989-93). Part of the choice could have been to slight **43**, but too bad. Given my deep affection for elected officials (bear with me here for a tiny sample):

- Started a pointless, prolonged war (credit **43**)
- Made then broke HUGE promises (credit **41**: "read my lips...")
- Told whoppers he knew aren't true ("..if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor..." credit **44**)
- Emphatically proclaimed that "we are a nation of laws" and that "I did not have sexual relations with that young woman..." but...uh.....he did. (credit **42** [*a lawyer, by the way*])
- Make crass, inappropriate cracks about the US Army invading Venezuela (a more recent foot-to-mouth event, credit **45**)

. . . I have no problem referring to George Washington as N^o 1 (*with all due respect to Commander Riker, the USS Enterprise's First Officer*) Jimmy Carter as **39** or Barack Obama as **44**.

A reader asks: "....Regarding the Obama administration and with regards to The Committee and their perspective; maybe they would be willing to share what they think are some positive as well as negative things that came about as a result of the previous administration."

I always keep questions anonymous BUT I don't foresee an objection to saying the reader questioner in this case, isn't American.

C: "Grateful we are for the question, humbled also to be asked for such opinion and observation. We must explain that it would be insubordinate to attempt this answer; it is far beyond our remit to address success or failure of a human leader. Nothing which happens among, to and between humans is negative. Only are there degrees of positive. This is what we see.

Humans exist because your souls have incarnated, with great contrasts scheduled, planned then executed according to design. The challenge when planning such experience is to balance the hard events with free will in between, without having the one corrupt, compromise or limit the other.

This can be similar to grasping an oiled water balloon for many a human at many a moment, however you all know this better than we. To assess positives and negatives of a policy leader is an oiled water balloon for us.

To ask us for a list of positives and negatives about the performance of Mr. Obama's government brings us only to a list of events. All of you should observe and judge for your own understanding.

One significant life purpose for Mr. Obama was to finally have America demonstrate to itself that enslavement's legacy was truly gone, and this was carefully designed to highlight something which was never mentioned to a degree much notice was given.

Mr. Obama's parents and the ancestors of both, were not involved with or connected to slavery as victims, in sharp contrast with many tens of millions of Americans. Ask yourself why this was the case. No answer we might give you is worth anything, nor is the answer any other human might offer you. The only answer to this question of value, is the one you seek yourself. If you choose not to explore to locate a suitable answer, this choice is of equal value to you.

Mr. Obama's mother was very white, yet this aspect of his life and upbringing, largely done by his wife's equally white parents —his grandparents— was also de-emphasized. Judge for yourself if and why this could be important to you or anyone else.

The current president of the nation USA owes Mr. Obama for enabling Mr. Trump to rise and eventually prevail, just as Mr. Obama equally owes his predecessor for the opportunity Mr. Obama pursued to reach the White House.

If you are not an American, we suggest the flood of news offered about the USA and leaders, or other characters and players within, receive little of your attention or less if you see more than less. You may define the limits and parameters of more and less, as you like or dislike them. The USA's turns and twists are not as important as might seem.

If you are American and have and plan again to vote, we suggest this: examine the great swings and oscillations between apparently competing policies offered by candidates and political parties. The amplitudes of the gyrations, while subjective, have by objective measurement, increased over the most recent generation.

Look America not at your nation as segmented, as the many of you have erroneously taught one another to do. No black community exists in America, but the repetition of the phrase is so common, so frequent and so insidious that suggesting what we said at the beginning of this sentence will provoke anger.

Do not look at policy; look at outcomes and results. New initiatives to address, fix, improve or assist any issue, problem, opportunity or need must be offered with a measurement mechanism or feature and time frame, as humans often say, for evaluation and analysis. In advance, the new law must set forth ranges of results, much as grades are assigned to academic performance, with paths to follow for each outcome range after assessments are performed.

You may revert to any of the presidential administrations in the USA over the most recent several decades and perform such inquiry yourself. If you are in another nation, the opportunity for the same is equally yours for leaders you elect.

We expect and hope for additional questions about Mr. Obama, if more insight into motivations, hopes and desires from, by and of his administration are desired.

Be well one and all, do return soon.