



Vote For Mike In 2020

Mike Bloomberg announced he's running for President Of The United States on November 24, 2019. On January 23, 2018, I too found myself in a situation of wanting to help spread a message of universal love, realistic hope and awareness, so I started collecting signatures to run for President. I did this despite not knowing what all undecided voters needed. I wanted to help everybody and yet I had no real idea of what I could plausibly offer; I hoped that most have not given up and that their minds are not impenetrable and opaque. I think we all have a super power, an ability to give people something that we can be sure about that we need, based on a fundamental and basic vision of human nature: that we all have a deep need for tranquility. That said, I find comments against most proactive citizens accompanied by a sense of insecurity and, under excellent camouflage, to a greater or lesser extent, sadness. If this sounds like you, you are not alone. Prior to 2016, outside of regularly voting, I was indifferent to any political party or cause.

One of Mike Bloomberg's campaign slogan reads, "In God We Trust" everyone else bring data, which highlights Bloomberg's rational approach. In his book "Bloomberg By Bloomberg", one gets to glance into Mike Bloomberg's life. Bloomberg comes off as driven, self aware and focused on the now. This Mike doesn't take anything for granted and firmly believes in pragmatism, family values, humility, while being both an effective manager and a natural salesman. When you contrast that to the bombastic Donald Trump, 2020 will be the start of the Bloomberg era. Jonathan Haidt, in particular, may strongly disagree. Haidt is an American social psychologist, professor of ethical leadership at New York University's Stern School of Business. In his book "The Righteous Mind" he describes his transformation from liberal to an intellectual. Haidt takes the high road with regards to religion and correctly points out the effective utility the role of religion has played throughout history. Haidt repeatedly uses The elephant and the rider metaphor. Haidt says that our emotional side is the elephant and our rational side is the rider. Perched atop the elephant, the rider holds the reins and seems to be the leader. But the rider's control is precarious because the rider is so small relative to the elephant since it is not reason who guides life, but customs. Today, Jonathan Haidt's twitter account states social media is destroying our democracy. Could the rise of Donald Trump and his use of social media to continually poke America's emotional elephant have anything to do with it?

My biggest challenge as a citizen consist of an inner battle deciding whether to speak out or remain silent regarding what's going on in the country. In 2018, I threw caution to the wind and commented on 200+ New York Times articles encouraging readers to think for themselves. My comments suggest that at times I get too emotional and should be more measured like Mike and my wife. Maybe it's wrong of me to share my rebellious views since I live in a state of dissatisfaction with language. At times I feel alienated, cut off from others and myself within language. While the contented are untroubled, and most people are inclined to think that way. Using language is an integral part of the human condition. We live within language, yet our way of life is something we find hard to see. My wife thinks talk is cheap and silence is scarce and rare. She wants me to deliberately keep myself out of the conversation and subsist without its validation. Mrs. Franco often says, "Silence is the respite of the confident and the strong.

I too would like to see all people be rational and empathetic. Unfortunately, we are far away from adopting a process that creates an inner peace for all - besides, I'm aware of the distinction between an intellectual democracy and a democracy by birthright. Noble sentiments at times create the biggest pitfalls and challenges to a more peaceful existence. Out of the crooked timber of humanity, no straight thing was ever made, this is why Mike Bloomberg has to take a multidisciplinary approach and face this reality head on - don't expect perfection in citizens with regards to politics. Don't presume rationality will triumph. The wise does everything to assume that error and folly will try to have their way and create structures to contain them. The wise never expects that one person can be everything to them. Despite this, on January 14, 2020, instead of collecting signatures for myself, I will be watching tweets from team Bloomberg during the Democrat's debate on CNN. - Jose Franco