



WHY I'M RUNNING FOR US PRESIDENT IN 2020

I have made ceaseless efforts not to ridicule or scorn the US President's actions, but to understand them. Underwhelmed, on January 2018 I started collecting signatures to run for US President in 2020. I'm moved to action because I fear self-complacency is no longer an option. Despite having doubts, I'm being proactive instead of complaining. Fear cannot be without hope nor hope without fear. I worry if I have to fight monsters; I have to make sure that in the process not to become a monster myself. I'm aware of my ego in the event I obtain much public attention, fame and notoriety may have great drawbacks, that if I pursue them, I may direct my life so as to please the fancy of public opinion; It may easily come to pass I imagine myself pleasing to all when in reality I become a universal nuisance.

To better myself, I've been reading the writings of men who've inspired American Presidents I admire. Theodore Parker, referred to by Abraham Lincoln in many of the President's speeches was such a man. Theodore Parker was born in Lexington, Massachusetts, the youngest child in a large farming family. Most of Theodore's family had died by the time he was 27, probably due to tuberculosis. His mother, to whom he was emotionally close, died when he was eleven. He responded to these tragedies by refusing to lapse into what he called "the valley of tears," focusing instead on other events and demands, and by affirming "the immortality of the soul," later a benchmark of his theology. Parker famously said, "Since the 16th century, Lady Justice has often been depicted wearing a blindfold. The blindfold represents impartiality, the ideal that justice should be applied without regard to wealth, power, or other status."

On the same day, I watched a Dave Chapelle comedy special on Netflix. In it Dave suggested "If you want to know how things really are in America you should read 'Pimp' By Iceberg Slim. Iceberg Slim writes "Why did Justice really always wear a blindfold? I knew now. It was because the cunning bitch had dollar signs for eyeballs". Unfortunately, Dave Chapelle is spot on. Despite improbable odds of becoming President Of The United States, I will continue to fight and resist. In my opinion, if you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. American citizens and US residents who disagree with Trump's policies have to avoid being reluctant to work or be unreliable. If you're undependable, it doesn't matter what your values are, no serious person is going to trust you. Change starts from within. Before we complain, let's do like Theodore Parker and continue to put in the work everyday. Our movement will consist of citizens who choose to be proactive, realistic and optimistic.