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## WE'RE GONNA NEED A BIGGER CLOWN CAR!

WITH "VERY RICH" DONALD TRUMP ENTERING THE 2016 RACE... WE ARE IN FOR AN INCREDIBLE POLITICAL RIDE IN THE COMING MONTHS... BE VERY AFRAID!



While few were noticing... Fox News has adjusted their marketing slogan from "Fair and Balanced" (which I don't think even their strongest supporters believed anymore) to... drum roll please....

### "The Most Powerful Name in News".

Which is obviously VERY true today (although I think they should add quotation marks around the word "News"). Fox has four times the viewers of CNN... MSNBC has terrible ratings... and no one in America seems to read anymore

But Fox's "Power" now goes way beyond their Nielson ratings as they are now helping to choose the candidates.

"King Maker" Roger Ailes at Fox has determined that there can only be TEN GOP candidates on the stage for their first televised debate in August. And with twelve candidates now having announced... and more to come... it means that Fox will be determining which of these candidates get a shot in 2016. It will be "musical candidates" with all of them scrambling for a chair when the music stops.

Fox plans to base participation on the latest NATIONAL polls taken at the time.

And since all of the current candidates have been spending all of their time in the relatively unpopulated states of Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina... many Americans will not have heard of many of the candidates during the polling.

But EVERYONE knows Donald Trump... who is already polling at #2 (how appropriate) both nationally and in New Hampshire for the GOP nomination.

This time Trump has actually filed his paper work and seems to be planning something more "serious" than simply using politics as a marketing tool to boost his reality show ratings as he did in 2012 (and I honestly tried to come up with a word other than "serious" but couldn't think of one).

Trump probably felt it was time to quit the show anyway. How many more "has-been C-list celebrities" can the man come up with that are desperate enough to sit across the table from the biggest buffoon to "grace" politics in probably more than a century.

I used to think calling someone a "narcissist" was simply like calling someone "self-centered" or a "jerk". But after witnessing severe narcissism for years in one of my sisters... I read up on the condition and realized that it's a very real affliction. Not only are narcissists "self-centered" but they also craft elaborate lies and fantasies that they eventually come to believe themselves.

And Trump is a CLASSIC narcissist.

There's a great Seinfeld episode where George teaches Jerry how to beat a lie detector test by saying...

"It's not a lie... if you believe it".

I encourage everyone to view the entire Trump announcement speech rather than just the sound bites that made it onto the news.

TRUMP SPEECH LINK: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q\\_g61B-DyPk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_g61B-DyPk)

The most amazing thing about the speech was that although it was easily the most

important announcement in his lifetime... the "speech" didn't appear to actually be *written* but rather was delivered *off the cuff*.

It was absolutely astounding.

Trump later bragged that he had the largest crowd of any candidate making their candidacy announcements. I've been in the lobby of Trump Tower and it's not really that large. But the Hollywood Reporter reported that a "casting call" was actually sent out and that Trump was paying "extras" fifty dollars a person to attend the rally. And even then they had people out on the street trying to coax more people inside.

SOURCE: <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/donald-trump-campaign-offered-actors-803161>

On and on he ranted about how successful he has been... that he is "very rich"... and that Mexico is our "enemy" and is "sending us their worst" across the border as he went on to refer to Mexicans as rapists. Soon afterwards the Latino Univision network dropped Trump's "Miss USA" pageant.

He announced today that he is suing them.

On Fox News... Trump has spoken many times about Mexicans "pouring over the border"... when in fact... U.S. immigration has been at NET ZERO for the past 5 years.

If you don't believe me... just ask Jeb Bush... the only man currently ahead of Trump in the GOP polling.

NET ZERO LINK:

<http://www.politifact.com/florida/statements/2012/aug/28/jeb-bush/jeb-bush-says-illegal-immigration-net-zero/>

And if Trump has been so "enormously successful" in his business dealings... why have his gambling casinos gone bankrupt THREE TIMES? How do you lose money and go bankrupt in a business that sucks in cash by the truckload from the crushed dreams of America's lower and middle-income families?

DONALD TRUMPS BIGGEST FAILURES / TIME MAG LINK:

<http://content.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,2068227,2068229,2068209,00.html>

When Trump started his own mortgage company in 2006... he had to shut it down after major losses in only eighteen months.

When asked about gay marriage... he tap-danced to the old tune that he was "evolving" but that he still believed in "traditional marriage". This from the man that has been married three times to women that all look to be animatronic clones of each other... except that each one is younger and thinner than their predecessor. He left his first wife while engaging in a highly publicized affair with an actress that became his second wife.

He even once had a "board game" called appropriately... "Trump"... that he predicted would sell millions. It didn't... and was quickly discontinued by Milton Bradley.

In his announcement "speech" he singled out as "our enemies" both Mexico and China.

But when he started his own line of "Trump" clothing he had all of the manufacturing done in China, Mexico, and Bangladesh.

TRUMP WEAR LINK:

[http://www.salon.com/2011/04/27/trump\\_made\\_in\\_china/](http://www.salon.com/2011/04/27/trump_made_in_china/)

In Trump's "speech" he declared that under Obamacare "*costs are going, for people, up 39, 39, 49 and even 55%. And deductibles are through the roof. You have to get hit by a tractor, literally a tractor, to use it because the deductibles are so high it's virtually useless. It's a disaster.*"

He was just shouting out numbers.

I have very personal experience with Obamacare and my deductible dropped from \$3500 to \$1200... my monthly premiums went DOWN by \$100 and the very important "maximum out of pocket" went down from \$18,000 to \$5,500 when I signed up at the beginning of 2015. If I had been on this policy last year I would have saved over \$10,000 in out of pocket expenses.

You can read about my own Obamacare experience in an earlier Gazette at [www.GHGAZETTE.com](http://www.GHGAZETTE.com) (Dec 4/2014 issue)

When confronted by the ever effervescent Gretchen Carlson today on Fox News about his declarations concerning Mexicans and crime... Trump fired back that "all you have to do is look at the crime along our border".

So Mr. Trump... Why does El Paso have the lowest crime rate of any major city in America? Also on the top ten list of major cities with the lowest rates are San Diego (like El Paso... right on the border) Austin, San Antonio, Los Angeles, and San Jose.

ALL cities with HUGE Latino populations.

CITY CRIME LINK LATEST FIGURES FROM 2014:

<http://www.infoplease.com/us/cities/safest-dangerous-cities.html>

Trump also weirdly declared that ISIS was

building a hotel in Syria and going into competition with him.

Yes... he actually said that!

He declared that he had a "secret plan" to defeat ISIS that he couldn't reveal as he didn't want them to know about it.

This is of course a page from the "Nixon Book" when the disgraced president used statements about a "secret plan" to win the war in Vietnam to win the 68 election.

*As a "side note"... through the hindsight of history we now know that Nixon was responsible for sabotaging the Vietnamese Paris peace talks just before the 68 election so that LBJ would not have any last minute successes. THOUSANDS of American G.I.s died as a result. Was this the "secret plan"?*

NIXON VIETNAM LINK:

<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2014/06/ves-nixon-scuttled-the-vietnam-peace-talks-107623.html#:VYxmc2Dn0Vk>

Trump not only borrowed from Nixon's political/military strategy... but he also stole his slogan from Ronald Reagan.



When confronted with the use of the Reagan campaign slogan... Trump simply denied it... stating that his was "very different". I suppose the word "Let's" makes all the difference in the world! WTF?

It was actually quite difficult to find very many statements in Trump's "speech" that WERE true... but then again... keep in mind... "If you believe it... it's not a lie"

And what about all that "birther" stuff that Trump got into in 2012. I remember him stating that he had investigators in Hawaii and that "you won't believe what they are finding out!"

Well Mr. Trump... What did they find out?

Anyone that thinks Trump is a "joke" should start taking him very seriously.

True... his recent rise to #2 in the polls is probably the "flavor of the month" syndrome that drove Santorum, Bachmann, Cain, Perry, and Gingrich at various times to the front of the "clown car" in 2012.

But Trump will definitely make the first couple of GOP debates. Which means another candidate... certainly more deserving... will NOT be participating.

The GOP "top dogs" must be panicking!

AND... Trump plans to use his own money.

Single billionaire "sugar Daddies" were what kept Gingrich and Santorum in the race in 2012... and Trump will be self-financed.

**AND ABOUT THAT MONEY...**

Trump claimed recently that he was worth nine billion dollars.

But Forbes put the number closer to ONLY four billion in a recent analysis.

FORBES ON TRUMP: <http://www.forbes.com/profile/donald-trump/>

One of the ways that Trump got to his nine billion dollar figure was by valuing the "Trump Brand" at over three billion dollars!

How he came up with that number is a mystery when you consider all of his failures.

But never underestimate the ignorance of the American public... and keep in mind that more Americans voted on "American Idol" in 2012 than voted for President.

SOURCE: <http://www.theguardian.com/media/2006/may/26/realitytv.usnews>

Which all seems to be in Trump's favor.

Our first "Reality Show" president?

God help us all...

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