

THE TRUMP(ETS) OF JERICO

The Israelites marched around the walls once every day for seven days with the priests and the Ark of the Covenant. On the seventh day they marched seven times around the walls, then the priests blew their ram's horns, the Israelites raised a great shout, and the walls of the city fell.

Likewise, Donald sounded the trumpet of wrath and he won, he won it out. *The nation takes a deep breath. Raw ego and proud illiteracy have won out, and a severely learning-disabled man with a real character problem will be president. The uneducated white males who elected him are the vulnerable ones, and they will not like what happens next. He is likely to become the most intensely disliked president since Herbert Hoover.*" Garrison Keillor

During one of the longest and fiercest campaigns in US history, Donald Trump has walked around the wildest possible issues, blew the trumpets of hysteria and the walls of decency fell, making the walls of human rights tremble on their basis and also democracy.

As a matter of fact, the Trumpets of wrath have unleashed a virtual tsunami that is destroying the credit of the elites and generating a new wave of nationalism across the west that might lead to no less than a disintegration of Europe.

Steve Bannon (63), whom the president-elect has named senior counselor and chief White House strategist, has revealed Trump's ambition and vision.

"COMBATIVE, POPULIST STEVE BANNON FOUND HIS MAN IN DONALD TRUMP." (NYT)

Bannon who was playing a central role in Trump's election is predicting a political revolution in the States and a populist revolt in the whole world.

Bannon has dark, populist worldviews: at home, a corrupt ruling class preying on working Americans; globally, "the Judeo-Christian West" waging a war against Islamic fascism."

Like Reagan, Donald Trump addressed the people he called "*the forgotten men and women of our country*" — the white working and middle class. He vowed to take on Islamic radicalism, as Reagan had faced off against communism.

"Trump about Trump: *"Only I can fix it."*

As a filmmaker, Mr. Bannon has cited both the Nazi propagandist Leni Riefenstahl and the left-wing documentarian Michael Moore as models. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who challenged Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination, has variously called Mr. *Bannon a racist, a sexist, an anti-Semite and an islamophobic freak.*

Rarely has there been so incendiary a figure at the side of a president-elect, thrilling Mr. Trump's more extreme supporters while unnerving ethnic and religious minorities.

He has sometimes portrayed a grave threat to civilization not just from violent jihadists but from "Islam." He once suggested to a colleague that perhaps only property owners should be allowed to vote. Trump about Bannon: "*He is the least politically correct person I know. His overriding concern is getting the mission accomplished.*"

By the time of a Tea Party gathering in 2010 in New York, Steve Bannon had fully embraced a class-based diagnosis of the country's woes: *"In the last 20 years, our financial elites and the political class have taken care of themselves and led our country to the brink of ruin,"* he said. *"America has lost its way and it's lost its strength, and Americans are looking for leadership,"* he said.

What basically made Trump's success is that he was telling the voters a story that is completely different from that of the liberal elites.

Since the cognitive revolution, around 20.000 years ago, people have loved to believe in stories that are offering them meaning and direction. Buddha, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, Luther, Napoleon, Lenin, Hitler, Churchill, de Gaulle, or even the late Castro have, according to Harari, told Homo Sapiens simple stories that seem to make sense, to offer them a general direction and to guarantee hope.

It has become commonplace to suggest that the European construction is one of those beautiful stories. However decision makers in Brussels fail to make the European dream come true. It is unlikely to become any better with President Trump on the world scene.

From the onset, America has been viewed by all as an irreplaceable strategic ally. This may no longer be the case with Trump. The opposite may even prove obvious. Donald is indeed standing for « *America first* » – which basically implies a radical US move towards isolationism, directly leading towards cultural fragmentation and narrow parochialism out of fear towards globalization.

Trump, the anti-globalism President elect is clearly very negative towards NATO and the European Union: he proved very positive towards the Brexit, giving his full support to Nigel Farage leading character of the Europe sceptics and anti-immigration parties. He described his own electoral victory as *a plus plus Brexit*.

Trump is widely seen as both a threat and a challenge by the Brussels *Eurocrats* and as a windfall by populist and Europhobe party leaders (Marine Le Pen, Geert Wilders Victor Orban...) who have had the wind in their sails since he won the election (France's Front National, Germany's A.F.D., the Dutch P.V.V.,...)

Obviously Trump wishes to develop contacts with individual states prior to negotiations with a supranational institution that, in his eyes, is doomed to collapse.

If he were to favor contacts with populist, Europhobe and sovereigntist partners such as Orban, prime minister of Hungary and the like, he might definitely cause unbearable intra-European tensions.

On the other hand, this could be a golden opportunity for Europe to pull itself together and take its destiny in its own hands and cut the umbilical cord with Uncle Sam and eventually write a completely new European script.

E.O.E. : A COMPLETELY NEW EUROPEAN SCRIPT.

Now that Trump seems willing to confine himself in some kind of aggressive isolationism, who is there to stand and fight for the Human Rights, the promotion of peace and democracy?

Now that *Voice of America* is doomed to sing a radically different tune, isn't time for *Eyes of Europe* to take over the torch and blow its own trumpet. For who is to defend the social and cultural right of humankind, who is to struggle for an open and liberating world? There happens indeed to be a dramatic lack of plans and projects and responses to tackle the ominous challenges that threaten humankind.

THE FUTURE IS BLEAK.

Not only does Europe *need a new Roosevelt* (Jacques Attali) it urgently needs a new script in which desperate young Europeans may believe and in favor of which they may commit themselves to become the first ever generation of European citizens.

This script is undeniably being written by Eyes of Europe.

Trump is probably right in one point: when he promises huge investments in favor of infrastructures. Europe needs them too but on a lesser degree. More than a common currency, more than anything Europe needs a common defense, a common fiscal policy but in the very first place Europe needs a common culture, common media and a common educational system. Europe needs E.o.E in order to blow a different trumpet.

« EUROPE FIRST » (Le Monde)

For us Europeans the only possible answer is unity. Don't we make up a community of nearly 500 millions citizen/consumers that produces 22 % of the world production behind The States (24 %)?

And isn't Europe, cradle of the human rights, the ideal crucible, melting pot and best guarantor of our precious democratic values?

The Brexit, Trump and the revival of populism and nationalism result from a general shift towards a system where totally new rules and values dominate. They seem to be heralding a return of the bleak thirties when nationalism had the wind in poop - *Le nationalisme c'est la guerre* (François Mitterand)- when the uneducated middle class was, like today, despising teachers, civil servants, news and policy makers, lawyers and all the educated members of the so called elite: basically highbrows.

For all these reasons and many others it is high time That Eyes of Europe blew the trumpets of European citizenship in order to stimulate the creation of a European critical public opinion. More than anything, Europe needs E.o.E in order to blow a radically different tune.

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