



# Letters & Opinions

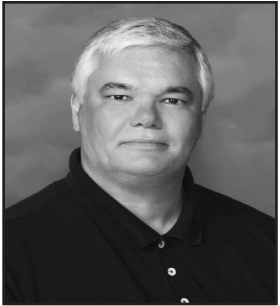
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## Opinions

### Biden Politics But Trump Produces

Is there corruption in Washington? Is there corruption in both parties in Washington? Are career politicians among the most corrupt people in Washington? Does politics breed corruption? Do career politicians stick together and cover for the system?



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Every four years Americans come to a political fork in the road. Usually we have to choose between two career politicians for president. In the past thirty years many of us have had to vote against the more corrupt politician. That's why Hillary Clinton lost in 2016.

This year Americans will have to choose between career politician Joe Biden and Donald Trump who is not a politician much less a career politician. That's why Donald Trump won in 2016. He doesn't act like a politician, he doesn't talk like a politician, and he doesn't set or execute policies like a politician. Career politicians and bureaucrats that rule their little kingdoms don't like President Trump, and they have all been part of the resistance movement from day one.

The corrupt media have worked hand-in-glove with career politicians and bureaucrats to portray President Trump as a (fill-in-the-blank)-ist person rather than covering his accomplishments. Three different groups have nominated Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work opening up relations between Israel and UAE, Bahrain, Serbia and Kosovo, and last week Sudan. What will happen to these new relationships if Biden is elected?

Before coronavirus, President Trump's economy employed a record 159 million workers. According

to FOX Business, the unemployment rate reached 3.5 percent (lowest in 50 years), and "hit record or near record lows for Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, women, people with only a high school education, the handicapped, and veterans."

In 2019 Americans saw more job openings than the number of unemployed workers. The poverty rate hit an all-time low of 10.5 percent. Income inequality decreased in 2018 and 2019. Trump's slashing taxes for everyone and cutting oppressive federal regulations on businesses and industries created the biggest booming economy in modern times.

Median household income rose substantially more during Trump's first three years in office than under eight years of Obama-Biden. Some estimate median household income has risen by more than \$5,000 under Trump, five times higher than Obama-Biden accomplished in eight years. A new study from the Hoover Institution predicts median household income will drop \$6,500 under Biden's economic proposal. What will happen to our recovering economy if Biden is elected?

Joe Biden has been in Washington for 47 years! He is 78 years old, and will be the oldest president to take office if elected. He is the epitome of a career politician, and he has promised to take America back to the good old days of politics as usual. Do Americans want more interference from the federal government? Or, are voters willing to let President Trump bring our economy back to record highs?

The coronavirus pandemic has been tough for everyone. Biden supporters and the media ... but then I repeat myself ... have consistently blamed Trump for mishandling the crisis. Yet, the only national plan Biden has put forth was essentially what Trump has already done! We are likely to see a hundred-million doses of covid vaccines by the end of 2020! Do voters want more politics with Biden or more production with Trump?

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### Voter Update For The Nov. 3 General Election

The November 3, 2020, General Election is in one week and nearly half of Marion County's 264,614 registered voters have already cast their ballot by Mail or during Early Voting. Marion County Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox shares important election reminders for remaining eligible voters.

#### Vote-by-Mail

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the General Election was October 24 by 5 p.m. Of the record 93,116 mail ballots requested, 65,051 have already been returned and processed. Mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections by 7 p.m. Election Day to be counted. At this time, voters are encouraged to return their mail ballots to the 24/7 secure ballot drop box at the Elections Office, 981 NE 16th St., Ocala, or at any open Early Voting site during Early Voting hours. Voters can track the status of their mail ballot on our website [www.VoteMarion.Gov/TrackMyBallot](http://www.VoteMarion.Gov/TrackMyBallot) and sign up for mail ballot status notifications at [www.MarionBallotTrax.com](http://www.MarionBallotTrax.com).

#### Early Voting

More than 50,000 Marion County voters have cast their ballot at an Early Voting location since the start of Early Voting on October 19. The last day of Early Voting is this Saturday, October 31. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voters can cast their ballot at any one of the nine open Early Voting Locations.

#### Election Day

Election Day is next Tuesday, November 3. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at all of Marion County's 122 precincts at 117 voting locations. Voters will be required to cast a ballot in their home precinct and are encouraged to look up their assigned voting location and sample ballot before heading to the polls by visiting [www.VoteMarion.Gov](http://www.VoteMarion.Gov). In the State of Florida, voters are required to present a current and valid photo and signature identification to vote.

#### Voter Turnout and Election Results

Unofficial Voter Turnout for the Marion County November 3 General Election can be tracked at [www.VoteMarion.Gov/Turnout](http://www.VoteMarion.Gov/Turnout) and is updated every 10 minutes. The turnout tracker will be disabled at 7 p.m. Election Day.

The first set of unofficial local election results will be posted by 7:30 p.m. at [www.VoteMarion.Gov/Election-Results](http://www.VoteMarion.Gov/Election-Results) and updated every 15 minutes until all precincts are completely reported. Vote-by-Mail and Early Voting totals will be reported first, followed by Election Day precinct results. Results are unofficial until the final Canvassing Board meets and certifies the election. For more information, visit [www.VoteMarion.Gov](http://www.VoteMarion.Gov) or call 352-620-3290.

### Friday Farmer's Market

There will be a Farmer's Market every Friday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the 1st Friday of every month from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Market will be at 294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala, (Marion Oaks Community Center Complex).

Vegetables, Jams, Honey, Bakery items and hand made crafts will be available.

### Testing Schedule Change At Livestock Pavilion

The Department of Health in Marion County is changing its drive-through COVID-19 testing schedule at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion.

Testing is scheduled to be available at the Livestock Pavilion on the following dates in October:

Nov. 3, 4, 17, 18, 24 and 25

Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30

Testing will be held from 8 to 10 am. at the pavilion (2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala) on each date. People who would like to be tested can line their vehicles up starting at 7:30 a.m. on testing days. Testing will run until 10 a.m. or until the day's available samples are all used, whichever comes first. To be tested, individuals should bring a valid photo ID; minors under age 18 will only be tested if they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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