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**NOVEMBER'S
ELECTION**

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District Leader's Report

Curtis Arluck

Voting In November:

What are the Options? What Should We Do?

This article will describe the five ways we can vote in this area in the election on November 3. One size doesn't fit all; different options will be better for different people. But one thing is increasingly clear: if it is completely up to you how you vote, you should vote in person, either at your Early Voting site October 24-November 1, or at your regular poll site November 3.

This is because the Election Boards of NY State and City are not equipped to count large numbers of absentee ballots in a timely manner; the US Postal Service, even if it were not under attack by the authoritarian in the White House, is not equipped to get these ballots distributed to the voters and returned on time to the BOEs; and a significantly higher percentage of absentee votes will wind up *not* being counted, compared to votes cast at the polls. We have all heard the horror stories of thousands of absentee ballots not being counted in the June 23 NY Primary. An even worse problem is the slowness of the count, which is far worse in NY than in any other state. Ritchie Torres, who led his closest opponent by nearly two-to-one, was not "declared", let alone certified, as the winner for six weeks.

Unlike other states, which keep a running count of absentee ballots, so that the winners are known within a week unless the race is infinitesimally close, NY doesn't even start counting the absentee ballots for at least a week after the polls close, and doesn't release interim totals of already-counted votes. Even though NY is not a swing state, who's ahead on election night, in the popular as well as the electoral vote, is terribly important. Trump will try to subvert the election results no matter what, but it will be much harder for him to do this if he is trailing in the Election Night count. Hillary won the popular vote by three million votes. She won NY by two million. We need our votes to be tallied on Election Night!

Nevertheless, some people need to vote Absentee. If you're disabled, or out of town, or have fears of voting indoors during the COVID pandemic, you should vote Absentee.

How to Apply for an Absentee Ballot

Some voters are registered as being permanently ill, disabled, or living away from home. They will automatically receive their ballots in the mail. All others must apply. The online application is available at <https://www.vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting>.

Voters who filled out the application online received their ballots *much* more quickly in June. You can also print up an application from this website. We have paper applications, if you email me at Curtidems@aol.com I can leave one/a few with my doorman on West 111th, or we can make other arrangements to get them to you. You must state a reason for requesting the ballot. The NY Legislature and Governor Cuomo have determined that COVID considerations are a valid reason to check the "Temporary Illness" box as the reason for applying for the ballot. The applications must be emailed or postmarked by October 27, but you should get your application off much earlier than that.

How to Submit Your Absentee Ballot

Follow the instructions. *Make sure you sign the ballot envelope!* There are three ways to submit it:

1. By mail. The ballot envelope must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 10. If the envelope contains no postmark, as sometimes happens with the prepaid envelopes, it must be received by November 4. As with the application, don't delay, complete and mail your ballot as soon as you get it!
2. By dropping off the signed ballot envelope at a drop box near the front of all Early Voting and Election Day poll sites (more information on these sites below.) *The ballot can be dropped off at any poll site, it doesn't have to be the poll site at which you vote. Anyone can drop off your ballot, it doesn't have to be you.*
3. By voting in person at the Manhattan Board of Elections, 200 Varick St., near Houston. This can be done through November 2. They will give you both the application and, when it is submitted, the ballot, but it will expedite

matters if you come in with a completed application. The BOE is open normal business hours; check the website for the exact hours, and weekend availability.

Early Voting

With one big “if,” I believe early voting is the best way for most area voters to vote in this election. Early voting takes place over nine consecutive days, starting Saturday, October 24 and ending Sunday, November 1. Polls are generally open 10 AM - 4 PM on weekends and for eight hours each weekday, with start times of 7 AM, 10 AM, or 12 PM depending on the day. In June we found our local site to be clean, socially distanced, with hardly any lines, and staffed by informed and helpful poll workers. Of course we expect there to be many more people Early Voting for the General Election—there had better be!—but overall we believe this will be the easiest way to vote for most people in our area.

The big “if” concerns the location of the Early Voting site in our area, since *you can only vote early at your designated poll site, not at any poll site, as is the case with dropping off your absentee ballots.* In 2019, our EV site was West Side High, on 102nd off Amsterdam. This was great if you lived on 106th, but not so great if you lived in Morningside Gardens. (Since there are only ten or so Early Voting Sites in Manhattan, it is understood that most voters will have somewhat further to travel to Early Vote than to Election Day Vote, but it is still our job to advocate for sites that are as convenient as possible for most of our voters).

In the June primary, most of our community Early Voted at Wien Hall on 116th, except that people whose regular poll site was Red Oak or Towers on the Park remained at West Side High. This was a great location for most of our voters, on 116th St. in the center of our district. But now, Wien Hall’s landlord Columbia University would like to move the site to an auditorium in their new campus on 125th and Broadway, which would be a complete disaster for everybody who lives south of 120th St. We are vigorously trying to keep Wien as the early voting site, and if that fails, to move everyone who lives south of 116th back to West Side High. We will keep you posted on this. But in general, unless you live really near your regular poll site, such as on West 109th near PS 165, we believe you will find Early Voting to be the best way to go.

Voting at Your Regular Poll Site

About 40% of our voters chose to vote the old-fashioned way in June. After thinking this would not be possible just a few weeks before, we found that the COVID threat had abated enough so that we

even hung out, well-masked of course, at our biggest poll site at PS 165 on Primary Day. It was great being out there. I think voting in person will be pretty safe again on November 3, though of course we don’t now know how the COVID situation will be then. We will keep you and our community informed about late breaking Early Voting and Election Day poll site developments, or you can also go to <https://nyc.pollsitelocator.com/search>. We will also be on the streets, masked and socially distanced of course, with voting and voter registration information. The deadline to register to vote in NY is October 9.



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District Leader’s Report

Paula Diamond Román

We’re Not Really Strangers

Koreen Odiney has created a card game called “We’re Not Really Strangers” (WNRS). It began as a photography hobby. Like Brandon Stanton’s “Humans of New York” blog, Odiney would photograph people and ask them three questions intended to spark introspection and make connections. In 2018, WNRS debuted as an Instagram feed and card game. “We’re Not Really Strangers” has three parts: perception, or impressions we project and assumptions we make about others; connection, or rarely asked questions that dig deeper into who the other person is; and reflection on what the game has taught us about the other person, as well as ourselves. Odiney’s original hope was that WNRS would contribute to a sense of community and general well-being. However, it also struck a resonance with me around three areas of political work.

Facebook has increasingly developed into a place of incredible division and snarky hypercriticism. While I acknowledge that we have to shift our mindset about race and privilege, it has become more and more difficult to post about anything without being put through a purity test or responded to by “cancel culture” attacks or group shaming. That has led to a further narrowing of who we’re willing to discuss issues with as we fear anyone outside that group will attack us.

A recent example of group shaming showcased critical comments on posts celebrating the 19th Amendment removing voting restrictions “on account of sex” because many Black women were still unable to vote. I believe that I can celebrate and lament at the same time, that I can hold both ideas in my brain, even using that as fuel for the fight against voter suppression primarily used against Blacks, Indigenous peoples, and other people of color. I find myself balancing between scrutinizing my posts for correct language at the same time as I scrutinize my comments for purity and harshness rather than helpfulness and cooperation. Obviously, Facebook is a difficult place to express complicated emotions or ideas, but we can think about the assumptions we make when we post or comment, as well as how we make assumptions about the meanings of others’ posts and comments.

Phone-banking for a campaign or candidate is also a perfect example of playing WNRS. A phone-banker has to suspend her assumptions about the person she’s calling, think about how he’s portraying himself as knowing more or even as being from a Blue State, and be prepared for difficult questions about the candidate and about why they’re calling. This is something you will face when you participate in the Broadway Dems’ Monday Phone-banking for Biden/Harris and the GOTV activities of Go Blue 2020.

At some point after the launch, Odiney and the WNRS staff added a “digital toolkit to help empower hard conversations about race and privilege,” including a list of resources (such as the works of Professor Ibram X. Kendi whose book, “How to Be an Antiracist,” our new book club will be reading in September!). Examining our assumptions and perceptions around systematic racism and racial justice is an important first step, along with practicing active and reflective listening and mediating our discomfort.

However, after reflection, the next step is action. In June, the Broadway Dems passed a resolution supporting the actions recommended by #8CantWait and Campaign Zero to address racist and discriminatory influences in law enforcement

and other institutions. This was followed by July’s forum on Racial Justice and Policing. To continue this conversation, the club has formed a Racial Justice committee, which I co-chair with Luis Román.

We haven’t defined the mission and boundaries of the Racial Justice committee yet because we hope the members of the committee will have something to say about that. We hope that the committee will end up as diverse – along racial/ethnic, generational, educational/economic, and geographical lines – as our community itself. We also hope that the committee is an opportunity for Democrats of this community to learn that “We’re Not Really Strangers,” that we can discuss important issues without stereotyping or group shaming, and that we can take action even when perfect acts are beyond our reach.

If you’re interested in joining us, please email your specific areas of interest, if any, and when you’re available (evening/morning but no Tuesdays) to racialjusticecommittee@broadwaydemocrats.org.

If you’re interested in discussing my article, email me at valleygirl109@rocketmail.com.



President’s Corner

Amy Porter

Greetings members and friends,

This has been a whirlwind number of weeks for Democrats. Joe Biden’s campaign was tremendously energized by inviting Kamala Harris to be Biden’s running mate and the impressive Democratic Convention that followed.

But this past week, we have heard many disturbing distortions and lies about our Democratic candidates from the Republican Convention and since then. These past four years have taught us the power of publicizing falsehoods. We must know what we are up against by now and cannot be complacent.

As we have seen in our last presidential election, in certain states and districts, a few votes can make a difference. This is why as a club we are making calls to the Swing States that need our help getting out the vote. On Monday night, August 31, Broadway Democrats held our first Virtual Phone Bank for the Biden/Harris campaign. At our upcoming September Zoom Forum on November’s Election we will hear from the Biden/Harris campaign on strategies for the campaign, from our Go Blue Committee about other

important races throughout the country, and how we can help these campaigns and make a difference.

While most of the presidential election campaigning will be digital, we hope to connect in person with you on the streets of our neighborhood about issues of local importance regarding voting, the census, and Black Lives Matter. We will keep you posted. Meanwhile, if you would like to meet to discuss books and ideas that matter to you with other members and friends, Heather Ducharme and John George will be offering a great opportunity to connect digitally in an ongoing Book Club.

Never has there been a more important time in history for any individual to be involved than now. It will take each one of us stepping forward in ways we have never done before. To find out how you can make a difference, please join us on our September Zoom Forum on Thursday, September 10 about the upcoming elections, our Monday night phone banking for the Biden/Harris campaign starting after Labor Day and following our Forum, and any one of our almost daily Go Blue activities. We look forward to seeing you in our zoom rooms and in person on the streets, working together to make sure our voices are heard in November for the future of democracy in America.

Find more information and links to participate on our website: <http://www.broadwaydemocrats.org> and our Weekly Events page: <http://www.broadwaydemocrats.org/this-weeks-events.html>.



State Committeeman Report

Daniel Marks Cohen

The State Democratic Party finally called another meeting in August, after one earlier in the month, in part due to the fact that we needed to gather after the Democratic National Convention to formally approve the Presidential electors, and to consider three resolutions put forward by the Progressive Caucus. It should be noted that the Caucus is now not only the main group submitting resolutions for consideration, it is frequently the ONLY group submitting resolutions, and lately, they are all getting passed overwhelmingly. Part of this is a new effort by the state party to be less combative and more cooperative, but part of this is serious work from the Caucus and that effort should be acknowledged.

The resolutions we submitted were all passed:

1. Support of actively increasing diversity among DNC members from NYS

2. Amending New York's election laws to enable machine counting of absentee ballots
3. Amending the NYS Democratic Party rules to be more inclusive of non-binary gender

An ethics resolution was pulled by the author to be reworked and will be considered at the next meeting, later this fall. At that upcoming fall meeting we will be voting on about a dozen elected representatives to the Democratic National Committee ("DNC"). I have written in the past about how some of them may make sense (the Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie), while others maybe not so much (Governor Cuomo's sister). And with the sole exception of former State Party Chair Byron Brown of Buffalo, the entire slate is from downstate (NYC and Long Island), and has no Latinx or Asian representation.

Even with the passage of our diversity resolution, we still have to push for newer DNC reps who do not have the whiff of corruption about them (two law partners of former Queens County Chairman Joe Crowley come to mind – Crowley was the Congressman beaten by AOC in 2018). The Caucus and our allies will be submitting several candidates for consideration, not a full slate, strategically, but enough that we believe a few might get elected, giving us a bit of a peek inside the DNC, rather than having it filtered through the State Party, or more typically, not hearing anything at all.



Go Blue 2020!

Meika A. Mustrangi

Phone-banking is Easier than you Think – and You May Even end up Liking it!

We don't need to preach to the choir here: this is The Election of Our Lifetime, and therefore we need ALL HANDS ON DECK. We in blue state New York can give enormous help to Democrats in swing

states. A big “Thank You” to all of you who have been writing letters and postcards as well as phone banking with us!

In about a month postcard and letter writing campaigns will come to a close, as the different campaigns (in our case Vote Forward and Reclaim Our Vote) announce a final mailing date to make sure that our letters and postcards are delivered to our target voters in time before the election.

This is an invitation to those of you who haven't yet given phone banking a try.

Please read on about the what's and why's and how's of our phone banking activities. We hope to convey to you the importance of phone banking as well as the fact that phone banking is probably much easier than you think!

What do we phone bank for?

We at Broadway Dems Go Blue have been phone banking in both partisan and non-partisan ways. Both are important, of course.

Our non-partisan phone banking with our partners at Reclaim Our Vote focuses on the simple goal of giving under-represented voters of color in voter-suppression states the information they need to vote safely and to make sure that their vote is counted. We share information with voters on early voting and voting by mail. Since the end of the primaries we've been focusing on North Carolina, an important state in 2020 because of its many competitive races: US President, State Governor (Democrat Roy Cooper running for re-election), one US Senate seat (Cal Cunningham challenging Rep. incumbent Thom Tillis), all 13 US House seats, all 50 State Senate seats, and all 120 State House seats.

In our partisan phone banking we partner directly with campaigns. We partner with North Carolina State Legislature campaigns, to double our impact in the state. In 2018 Democrats in North Carolina broke the Republican supermajority in the State Legislature and now in 2020 they have a good chance of winning the majority in both chambers. Instead of attracting attention to their state for an infamous “bathroom bill” (HB2, passed in 2016), North Carolinians may finally be able to expand Medicaid under the ACA. And, of course, they may be able to draw constitutionally-sound federal and state districts (all districts had to be recently redrawn by court order).

We've had the pleasure of meeting (virtually) and hearing directly from State Senator Kirk DeViere and State House candidate Dr. Kimberly Hardy, both from Cumberland County. We also support and

phone bank for Terri LeGrand for NC State Senate in Forsyth and Davie Counties.

We've also been helping New York Congress Member Max Rose hold on to his seat in Staten Island and southwest part of Brooklyn. We call voters to ask what issues they are facing and see if the Congressman can help. People appreciate being listened to. We also identify their support level and mark those supporters who would like a free lawn sign delivered to them by the campaign.

Finally, we phone bank for Amy McGrath in Kentucky to end the ruinous reign of Mitch McConnell in the US Senate. Democrats need to flip only four Senate seats to win the majority. On the line are confirmations to the US Supreme Court as well as lifetime appointments to the federal courts and with them everything from the environment to access to healthcare and keeping the ACA to women's issues.



Why is phone banking so important?

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, Democrats are not doing the traditional door-to-door canvassing. Voters also seem more willing than in normal times to answer and speak on the phone. Having phone conversations is currently THE BEST way to reach voters. Together with the explosion of volunteer organizing on the internet, phone banking allows blue state Democrats to help in other states far away from their geographic area.

Swing Left is a data-driven volunteer organization that was started in 2017. Swing Left National identifies key states and races and coordinates local groups like us so efforts are spread around and not duplicated. Through our partnership with Swing Left Target 2020 NYC (SLT20), we post events on Mobilize.us (www.mobilize.us) and attract volunteers from all over the country. It's a nice way to connect with others, both volunteers and voters.

In our non-partisan phone banks, we make it easier for people to vote because we share up-to-date and most relevant information on early voting and vote by mail. We share information on who can request to vote by mail (all registered voters in NC), how to request absentee ballots, how to fill out the ballots, and how to submit them either by mail or in person, as well as the dates, times and locations of early voting locations (voters in NC can vote at any early voting location in their county).

In our partisan phone banks, we identify supporters, non-supporters, and undecideds for each campaign. This is the basic work of canvassing. Undecided voters will likely receive a personal phone call from the candidate we are phone banking for. Those who have made up their minds not to support our candidate are marked as such so that the campaign can focus its limited resources on its supporters for GOTV (get out the vote) as we get closer to election time. We also raise name recognition for our candidates just by saying their names (and repeating as many times as possible during our phone conversations). This is all super important work. As we well know, many races are decided by just a small number of votes.

For any phone bank, the voter contact rate (how many voters we speak to, compared to the total number of voters called) is not high. A 20% voter contact rate is considered very good. And of the voters we speak to not all will be supporters or will follow our suggestions. Phone banks are effective at scale. We need lots of volunteers making lots of calls in order to make a significant difference.

How do we phone bank? How is it “easy”?

We call as a group in a Zoom meeting. We always start the meeting by giving instructions and information to help everyone make the calls. We then stay in the Zoom meeting while we call voters. We mute ourselves but keep the video on because it’s motivating to see others busily making calls. Volunteers can also write questions in the chat box and the hosts answer them right away. Sometimes it is not a question but just a nice experience that somebody wants to share!

As far as the act of phone banking, simply put: it gets easier the more you do it. That’s why we do the same phone banks every week. We call Mondays for NY Congressman Max Rose, Wednesdays with our non-partisan partner Reclaim Our Vote in North Carolina, Thursdays for Amy McGrath in Kentucky, Saturdays for Terri LeGrand in North Carolina and Amy McGrath in Kentucky, and Sundays for Kirk DeViere and Dr. Kimberly Jackson in North Carolina.

It may start as a chore, something that just needs to be done. But as you learn more about the state and local area you are calling into, about the issues affecting those voters, about the candidates and what they stand for, about their Republican opponents, as well as about all the rules that can make it so complicated to exercise one’s fundamental right to vote, these calls and voters grow on you. It’s a give and take, you listen as well as you talk.

Most people we call appreciate our work as volunteers, especially since we always try to keep it respectful. We like to say that each phone call should be a pleasant experience for both the voter and the volunteer. We may not convince someone right on the spot. We are asking them to consider what we are proposing, and they are more likely to do so if we leave a good impression. Every now and then we may run into a voter hanging up on us or even saying something a bit unkind. But we’ve learned that this is not about us and we don’t take it personally. And off we go in search of the next nice connection with someone on the other end of the line. It takes just one of these to motivate you to make many more phone calls.

Sign up to volunteer and make a difference in this election. Send us an email at broadwaydemsgoblue@gmail.com and we’ll be happy to give you a call.



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Broadway Dems First Book Party Meeting this Month

Heather Ducharme

We’re excited to announce that we will be hosting our first Book Party meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM. In partnership with our Racial Justice Committee, the first book we will be reading is *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi.

This is a great way to meet others in the club who you may not have a chance to talk to at our forum

during this time and to really get to experience a deep discussion on issues and ideas.

Our first meeting will discuss the book and allow all participants to vote on the next book we will be reading. These meetings will be every month. A registration link will be sent out a week in advance, and the Zoom link will be sent out to all who register for the Book Club. We welcome everyone to participate! You do not have to read the book to completion in order to engage in the discussion.

We will be welcoming book submissions from all who wish to participate. The books will be voted on during the meeting, and participants will be allowed to submit one book that they would like to be voted on (if they wish). Books can be fiction or nonfiction but must be aligned with the mission of the club.



“We Really Appreciate You Guys!”

Joe Nunley

What I’m most concerned with of late, even more than the coronavirus, is the Republican Party, which is dangerous. I do compare them to the rise of the National Socialists in Germany in the late 1920’s and 30’s, except that they’re even more dangerous which is hard to imagine but quite true. Professor Noam Chomsky calls them, “the most dangerous organization in human history.”

We just had four days of the Republican National Presidential Convention in which not one speaker uttered the term “climate change.” This as California has lost a million and a half acres to wildfires and Phoenix, Arizona has had twenty-five straight days of 110 degree temperatures.

In the four days of their convention there was no mention of the danger of nuclear war as the Doomsday clock has moved closer than it has ever been to extinction as President Trump has taken America out of the IMF treaty with Russia, and several other agreements including the Iran Nuclear Deal, has not renewed the START Treaty and has put the world on a path to a new nuclear arms race.

In the four evenings of their convention not one person used the term “police brutality.” This is staggering in light of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Ahmad Arbury, Jacob Blake and so many other victims. So, the violence against unarmed Black people by the police is completely negated and denied even as hundreds of thousands of people, including most members of the Broadway Democrats, have demonstrated on the streets.

No, instead we’re told that the police will be supported all the time, no matter what they do and that the problem is the protesters and the Democratic mayors who allow free assembly to take place. And now we’re seeing something more. The police are not neutral and they also believe that they should and are able to act with impunity. We see the allegiance across the country of policemen sympathizing with white nationalists and extreme right wing militia groups that have come to these demonstrations to wreak havoc. We have a growing group of extremists who believe in or hope or expect a coming race war.

A week ago white militia groups armed with AK-47s arrived at the Kenosha, Wisconsin protests. The Kenosha police gave them water (a favor not granted to the BLM protesters). A policeman is filmed saying to them; “We really appreciate you guys. We really do.”

A seventeen year old armed with his assault rifle chats with the police. Then, a little while later, he murders two protesters and wounds a third. He doesn’t even run away. He chats some more with police and walks away. He drives to Illinois and turns himself in. He says it’s his ambition to be a police officer. This is what we’re dealing with.

Meanwhile, Jacob Blake, shot seven times in the back, having repeated operations, in extraordinary pain, presently paralyzed from the waist down, is also handcuffed by the Kenosha police to his bed in the hospital although not charged. This is what we’re dealing with.

A president at a rally extolling his supported to beat up hecklers, saying “I’ll pay for it.” What kind of president is that?

A president of the United States who encourages the police to rough up people they arrest. What kind of president is that?

It’s a president who knows what he’s doing. The Republican strategy is to polarize America, to make people afraid of and hate each other. A political party whose very survival depends on this demonization of their fellow Americans or non-Americans in order to successfully survive is a party which disgraces itself and the nation.



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The Fork in the Road

Ed Sullivan

“When you see a fork in the road, take it.” This sage advice, reportedly given by philosopher Dr. Yogi Berra, is going to confront our nation soon, and although it’s easy to scoff at the sly evasion of the phrase, let me say what Yogi would probably say if he were here to comment: “You know what I mean.”

I don’t imply that I could tell you how Yogi would vote. I couldn’t. But he probably meant that times arrive when you have to make a decision. Bunt or swing away. Walk an opposing slugger, or pitch to him. Stick with your tiring starter, or bring in a relief pitcher. Make a decision.

Our nation has to make a decision. Are we going to re-elect Donald Trump as President, or bring in a new guy – Joe Biden. There is no third option. The fork in the road is there. We have to take it!

I’m going to assume that if you are reading this newsletter you are probably going to vote for Biden. I know I am. But I will do so without illusions that he will be the perfect President. He won’t be, from my point of view. But the differences between Biden and Trump are so clear, and so extreme, that the decision must be made as to who will be better.

Joe Biden is sane. Donald Trump is more than a little crazy.

Joe Biden is well versed in political Americana. Donald Trump is so convinced that he is superior, that he has no idea what is expected of him as President.

Biden is apparently well read in American history. Trump, who refers constantly to his “greatest in history” stature, has no idea what that history is.

Biden glories in his empathetic relationships with a diverse company of people. Trump disdains those of other races, genders, religions and classes, and really anyone who refuses to bend the knee.

Biden treasures America’s relations with other democracies. Trump favors authoritarian regimes, with dictators at the head. (He dreams of being a dictator.)

Biden makes us proud to be Americans. Trump is a constant embarrassment. So it is clear, to me, what the decision must be as the fork in the road approaches. But voting for Biden will not be sufficient. We must vote in overwhelming numbers – friends, neighbors, relatives – so that Trump’s claim that he is the victim of a rigged election will APPEAR to be as absurd as it really is.

Donald Trump (a shaman if there ever was one) is a master of getting the appearance to overwhelm the reality. To counter this legerdemain we have to get the vote count as high as possible, especially in voting precincts that are solidly Democratic. We want Trump’s whine after losing the election to APPEAR to be nothing more than the lament of a loser, because in reality that’s what it will be.

Thank you, Dr. Berra, for your good advice. We will take it.



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