

And so, It's Biden

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Last week the socialist pest from Vermont, **Senator Bernie Sanders**, formally endorsed former vice president Biden in an awkward livestream in which the two septuagenarians told one another how wonderful they are and how awful Trump is. As of this writing, masses of Sanders' supporters, the Bernie Bros, refuse to accept the endorsement and vow to fight on against the Democrat Party Establishment. Polls indicate that a significant number of Bernie Bros, perhaps as many as 10 percent, would vote for Trump before Biden.

There followed the coup-de-tat. Showing great political courage, Barack Obama waited till Biden had won the primaries to endorse his vice president. Three years after leaving office, Obama still looks old and tired. He watches powerlessly as Trump wipes away his legacy. Trump withdrew the United States from Obama's 'Iran Deal'. With the noxious individual mandate repealed by congress, Obamacare is dying a slow death. The man who offered 'Hope' and 'Change' is a spent force now, too close to the center for the hard-left, while even his most ardent supporters wonder to what his eight years in office amounted.

After 18 months of campaigning, former vice president **Joe Biden** is the undisputed victor of the 2020 Democrat Party primary. The Democrat Presidential Primary began with such high hopes and had a slew of interesting and intersectional candidates. None of the young rising stars proved to be up to the task of defeating a 77-year-old white man who has been in politics for 50 years.

Former Congressman Robert Francis O'Rourke was young and charismatic, Kennedyesque, the nostalgists in the Dem media exclaimed. But with O'Rourke it seemed that there was no there-there. In 2018, he failed to unseat the unpopular Senator Ted Cruz. On the campaign trail he spoke in platitudes only, his arms flailing about wildly as he did so. O'Rourke came off like a Generation-X cliché, a man in arrested development, stuck permanently in the mid-1990s.

New Jersey **Senator Corey Booker** (for whom we voted) looked like a strong candidate on paper. He was a college football player at Stanford and Rhodes Scholar. Booker was mayor of the state's largest city, Newark, before being elected to the senate. But in committee hearings, Booker had this weird way of yelling at Trump officials so that his eyes seemed nearly to pop out of his head. Booker is the son of an IBM executive, and didn't really have strong appeal among African American voters, while affluent white liberals preferred candidates more like them.

California **Senator Kamala Harris** is both female and black, twice a minority, one could say, giving her impressive intersectional credentials. Harris portrayed herself as a progressive but tough on crime prosecutor and attorney general. After eviscerating Joe Biden over his 1970s era opposition to Forced Busing, Harris was briefly the frontrunner. At

the next debate, Hawaii **Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard** took Harris' strength and turned it against her, 'She put over 1,500 people in jail for marijuana and then laughed about it when she was asked if she ever smoked marijuana,' Gabbard said. Harris never recovered.

Which opened a path to the nomination for **Elizabeth Warren**. The septuagenarian and senator from Massachusetts had all the right progressive stances and stole Sanders' issues in a bid to win over the Bernie Bros. For decades, Warren lied about her Cherokee heritage (she has none) to advance her career. On the stump she has the bearing and voice of a middle school librarian, making her almost as unlikable as Hilary Clinton, no easy feat.

There were at least a dozen also-rans none of whom had any hope of winning the nomination, all but a few of them utterly forgettable and forgotten. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio appealed to nobody. Pete Buttigieg, mayor of Indiana's fourth largest city, tried to be the white, gay Obama. Late in the race came former New York City **Mayor Mike Bloomberg**. He campaigned for three months, spent a billion dollars and then dropped out just in time to disappear for the Wuhan Coronavirus crisis. Warren is at least coherent.

Not so, Sleepy Joe, as the president calls him. On the campaign trail, Biden will tell you what bills he voted for, pieces of legislation he co- and the senators with whom he wrote them. The man's work goes all the way back to the Nixon Administration. On his podcasts and livestreams from his home study in Wilmington, Delaware, Biden will sure as heck tell you what needs to be done during the Wuhan Coronavirus pandemic and how he's going to do it. Last week he harkened back to the Roosevelt Administration, of which he has vague memories, "You know, there's a, uh — during World War II, you know, Roosevelt came up with a thing that uh, you know was totally different than a, than the, you know he called it you know the, World War II, he had the war... the war production board," he told us. And so, after eighteen months of campaigning and a couple dozen candidates, the Democrat Party has chosen Joe Biden.

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