

Could Sanders Have Beaten Trump?

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We'll never know despite lots of guesswork suggesting it. He's a footnote in the sordid history of US presidential politics - part of the dirty system like all other duopoly power candidates.

In return for supporting Hillary after campaigning against what she represents, Democrats rewarded him with a low-ranking leadership position, choosing him as outreach chairman in charge of winning over blue-collar Trump supporters.

He lied calling it a "heavy responsibility to help shape the priorities of the United States government."

He lied again, saying he'll do "everything (he) can to make sure that the budget that leaves the United States Congress is a budget that represents the needs of working families and a shrinking middle class and not billionaires."

How when his self-styled independent socialist credentials are phony. His congressional voting record proves it.

He supports deplorable Democrat party policies 98% of the time - including imperial wars; economic policies resulting in an unprecedented wealth disparity, high unemployment and underemployment, and an unaddressed protracted Main Street Depression; along with police state laws reflecting growing tyranny, as well as other disturbing policies.

Among the leading candidates to succeed Obama, Sanders was worst in my judgment - and here's why.

Like Obama, he's a longstanding con man, winning support with empty promises, breaching them consistently in office. Rhetorically endorsing progressive change, most often he's for dirty business as usual in practice.

GW Bush left office with a near-record low approval rating. Obama exceeded his worst policies, yet enjoys support from 56% of the electorate, based on early November polling, most backers ignoring his betrayal, his war on humanity and other high crimes.

Sanders is Obama with a white face. His phony populism matches the president's, their blackguard agenda concealed, backing what they claim to oppose - representing hypocrisy, not progressive change.

Washington's criminal class is bipartisan, Sanders like all the rest, pretending to be different.

His disturbing record speaks for itself – supporting phony war on terror, devastating imperial wars, drone killings, Israel’s war on Palestine, along with no criticism of Saudi Arabia, Turkey and other tyrannical regimes responsible politicians would denounce.

He’s more opportunist than populist – the only Senate member publicly supporting universal healthcare – then voted with Democrats for Obamacare. His no vote would have killed what Ralph Nader at the time called a “pay or die” system – a rationing scheme benefitting insurers, drug companies and large hospital chains.

His idea of revolutionary change is business as usual with a facelift, old wine in new bottles, phony lofty mumbo jumbo – sham democracy, not the real thing.

If he meant what he said, he’d renounce money-controlled duopoly power politics, leave the Democrat party, and run as a true progressive independent.

Instead, he’s a populist in name only, profiting from pretense, part of a debauched system, power brokers intend keeping unchanged.

Like Obama, a Sanders presidency would likely fool most people most of the time – instead of widespread disapproval, maybe erupting in unrest, a similar reaction awaiting Trump if he fails to deliver for supporters, aside from orchestrated street protests now.

In hindsight, maybe Democrats regret not choosing Sanders, easily controlled to do their bidding – maybe president-elect today if they hadn’t gone for Hillary.

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