The Chumps Voting Trump

Donald Trump. He's currently the hot topic of discussion in American politics, although the discussion has been quite negative as of late. But somehow, Trump is gaining popularity, and has consistently been performing well in polls.

The question, then, is: why do so many people view Trump as a solid candidate to lead the Republican Party, and possibly the United States? Though many of us Canadians may not understand, Trump does actually have a strong base of genuine supporters. With a strong sense of patriotism, Trump asserts his ideas confidently and honestly. He isn't afraid to speak out, regardless of how outrageous his opinions are. Trump's transparency makes him seem like an open book, whereas people are still skeptical about what other candidates say. Some people even think that Trump's leadership will allow citizens to flourish and become just as successful as he is, as he has had a successful career as a businessman. In short, Trump's success and personality is representative of the ideal American and the American dream.

The Americans want change, but is Donald Trump a change for the better? I hold the view of many other Canadians when I say that Donald Trump is not. Trump's views are so radical and so absurd they are comical. His recent stance on the Syrian refugees was truly disheartening. Stating political views is standard, but comparing the acceptance of refugees to a Trojan horse – suggesting that harmless refugees coming to America could be a terrorist plot involving ISIS – is ridiculous. Not only that, he has even stated that if elected president, he would send the refugees back. That would be a whole new level of anti-humanitarianism. To opt for the rejection of refugees is one thing, but reversing the humanitarian aid offered by sending the refugees back is deplorable. Trump is effectively suggesting that people in certain countries are more often than not terrorists, and it's not okay. It's actions like these that support discrimination and enforce the stereotypes of terrorism, and it's sickening.

It is okay for him to state his opinion to oppose the acceptance of refugees, but the way he conveys his ideas is far from acceptable. The way Trump acts towards the media is impulsive, which means the credibility of his words is questionable. Many of the statements made by Trump are rash, and often downright incorrect. Take the Syrian refugees, for example: Trump claimed that most of the refugees arriving in America would be able-bodied men, capable of fighting. In reality, the Syrian refugees are part of a balanced demographic: the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees says around half are female and around half are under 17. Trump has misled the public by mixing up the demographics of those who are strictly defined as Syrian refugees. His strong assertions accompanied with his artificial facts are undoubtedly compelling enough to influence unaware citizens into believing his points.

Another point of controversy was Trump's suggestion of a border wall dividing USA and Mexico. Trump suggests that many illegal immigrants are entering the United States across the Mexican border, and that a lot of them are killers, rapists, or drug dealers. Trump even goes as far as saying that the Mexicans should be the ones to pay for the wall. This is a silly proposition that is

based on racist stereotypes: of all the undocumented immigrants in the United States, only a small percentage are rapists or criminals. Luckily, this point of idiocy was not completely neglected by Americans, as NBC fired Trump from his TV show after he was condemned by the public for his actions. Nevertheless, Trump still insists that he's correct, which reveals his immature and headstrong personality.

Donald Trump has made innumerable audacious comments about other people, even other candidates. Regarding fellow candidate Carly Fiorina, Trump said, "Look at that face! Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president?" Trump quickly realizes his mistake, but rather than owning up to it, he makes the excuse that he was referring to her persona, not her appearance. Nobody should believe Trump's words, as he has a history of disparaging women, once telling a female reporter she wouldn't have her job if she wasn't beautiful. In addition, when discussing his Mexican wall proposal, Trump casually states, "Mexico has not treated us well. Mexico treats us as though we are stupid people, which of course our leaders are." I wouldn't categorize Trump any differently. Trump is far too comfortable spewing his disrespectful language, and these childish jabs towards others only reflect Donald Trump's inadequacy in a position of power. How will Trump communicate with other political leaders? If Trump is ruthlessly making derogatory remarks towards his fellow candidates, nothing is stopping him from unintentionally offending other political leaders and starting conflicts. There's no telling how far Trump will go with his haughty comments, especially if his ego is inflated when he is elected President.

The citizens of the United States need to understand that politics isn't a game. Donald Trump just isn't taking his job seriously. Though he states he is having fun, maybe we should consider that he is having *too much* fun. It wouldn't hurt him to show some genuine effort by sitting down and doing some research and preparation before stating his opinions. The president of the United States is the most important representative of the country, and Donald Trump is the last person I would choose to represent *any* country.

Of course, some voters have already realized how crazy the idea of having Trump as president is. Some believe that having Trump elected could reveal the flaws in the American system of government, and reveal the true corruption hidden inside of it. Instead of abstaining, perhaps it would be better to have the government crash and burn to prove a point. Voter apathy is becoming a big issue, but perhaps the issue is what the government has become rather than the attitude of the voters.

But fighting fire with fire is almost never the proper solution. If Donald Trump is elected with the public intending him to fail, American citizens deserve the suffering that will come to them.
They underestimate the impact of the government on a country; they are asking for a big collapse in the government that could imply ruined public affairs or a crashing economy. These fantasies of instantaneous political reform are just as far-fetched as Donald Trump's own plans for the future, and these fanatical American citizens must realize this.

But, voters need to keep in mind that Trump has not won the Republican election yet. There are plenty of other Republican presidential candidates that share similar ideologies with Trump, but without the negative publicity. If voters take the time to research, perhaps they may actually find a candidate more suited to their liking. The current political system certainly doesn't warrant drastic action: the government is functional enough to support the population through all its basic requirements, and the American economy is dominant globally. The population should begin to acknowledge the successes of the government instead of always criticizing it.

It's time for Americans to wake up and see through the guise of Trump. As he once said about another candidate, I will say the same about him. Look at his face! Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of their next president? Well I can, and the future isn't pretty.

P.S. Of course, I'm referring to his persona, not his appearance.