(Warning: there are spoilers in this video)

I'm Mr. Beat. Ope. I mean…uh
(takes mask off)
I'm Mr. Beat. Sorry to go all mask off on you, but I love the show Squid Game.

Ya know, the very popular Netflix show about desperate people playing children's games for a bunch of money but if they lose they die gruesome deaths.

So yeah, with me being the apparent "American Presidents guy" on the internet, my daughters, who also love the show but absolutely by the way…(turning) hey stop judging me as a parent right now (turning)....anyway my daughters thought it'd be interesting if I made a video imagining if every single American president competed in Squid Game.

How would they do? Who would survive? Who would immediately trip over their own ego?

But this hypothetical is simply disturbing to me. Squid Game is a very violent, dark, and just depressing show. Therefore, I decided to NOT make the video. (walks off) (returns) Well actually, since you are currently watching this video, t his video IS that video. You see, my daughters may love Squid Game, but they do NOT love my videos, so I figured…hey…maybe if I make a video in which presidents fought to the death my daughters will finally watch my channel? Yeah that's been my life goal lately. To just get my daughters to like me.

Anyway, so yeah, we're actually doing this. What if all the American presidents competed in the Squid Game?

This video will be split into two scenarios, based on the first two seasons of Squid Game. All 45 American presidents wake up in identical green tracksuits. No secret service. No advisors. Just them and their wits and physical abilities. And we'll assume each president is competing at the age they were when they first became president, not at the prime of their life both physically and mentally. Yes, Franklin Roosevelt would be in a wheelchair.

Which President would survive? And could any President survive TWO seasons like Gi-hun (gee hun)?

(but first…)

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Game 1: Red Light, Green light
Yeah…it'd be deadly, but not an automatic slaughter…oK? Because presidents are used to public pressure.

In order to survive Red Light, Green Light, at least as it's shown in the show, you need to be able to stop your body c ompletely at a moment's notice…so good impulse control. Perhaps it's more obvious that you gotta have good physical endurance and be quick, but you also gotta have good body control and balance and good reaction speed in order to respond immediately to the doll turning around. You gotta be patient and aware of all the others. (ya gotta be)

But since this was the first game and most of the presidents would be skeptical that they would really die if they didn't follow the rules, you can pretty much throw all those skills I just said out the window.

Due to this, I'd say 14 of them wouldn't make it. James Buchanan, Franklin Pierce, Chester Arthur, William McKinley, Woodrow Wilson, Bill Clinton, and Donald Trump, would all run toward the entrance to try to escape and get plowed down.
Andrew Johnson would curse out the doll, causing him to get eliminated. The other older presidents…Ronald Reagan and Joe Biden, would not be quick enough. Poor Biden would likely trip over his shoelace. William Howard Taft? Nope, does not stop in time. RIP. The doll would eliminate Zachary Taylor after he coughs and William Henry Harrison after he sneezes. And finally, Lyndon Johnson would sacrifice his own life trying to help get Franklin Roosevelt's wheelchair across the finish line.

Otherwise, though, George Washington steadily moves like a general on the battlefield. Jimmy Carter? Patient and deliberate. Barack Obama? Smooth and calculated. Andrew Jackson and Theodore Roosevelt initially charge ahead too fast, nearly falling over, but both are able to catch themselves. Somehow Grover Cleveland makes it, probably because Benjamin Harrison gives him a second chance.

Game 2: Dalgona (Sugar Honeycombs)
In order to do well at the Honeycomb game, you need to be patient, clever, and have tubular fine motor control. You need steady hands and you need to be able to have steady breathing in order to avoid panicking.

Of course, part of your success in this game comes down to just plain dumb luck.

If you get the umbrella, like James Garfield unfortunately gets, it's nearly impossible. If you get the triangle, it's MUCH easier. Yeah, Garfield didn't make it. Warren Harding also gets an umbrella and screws up pretty early on. But Thomas Jefferson also gets an umbrella and DOES actually get it, just in the nick of time. John Quincy Adams is able to complete his circle by licking the back of his honeycomb. Smart lad, indeed. His dad, John Adams, is not so fortunate with his star. Calvin Cooldige gets a circle but is just too slow. Richard Nixon? Sweating and muttering to himself the whole time, his honeycomb breaks at the last second. John F. Kennedy and Franklin Roosevelt also can't complete their stars. It's just bad luck that they had to leave the game early…if you know what I mean. Poor James Monroe and Herbert Hoover can't even get their triangle to break free without breaking.
But surprisingly, everyone else makes it. Only nine are not able to break their honeycomb shape free, leaving 22 presidents remaining for the next game.

And thank goodness it's 22, because that's an even number for the next game!

Game 3: Tug of War

Now it's all about teamwork, of course. George Washington organizes a team of the surviving Virginia presidents- ya know, Jefferson, James Madison, and John Tyler. A distraught John Quincy Adams, despite being a New Englander, has now devoted himself to George Washington now that his father has died. A BIG pickup for Washington was Dwight Eisenhower, who was a big fan of Washington so OF COURSE he would team up with him. Gerald Ford follows Eisenhower wherever he goes so joins Washington's team. Andrew Jackson and Grover Cleveland follow Jefferson wherever he goes so THEY join Washington's team.
James Polk and Harry Truman follow Andrew Jackson wherever he goes so they also join Washington's team.

But that makes 11 so Washington's team fills up fast. But that doesn't mean all the other presidents are "stuck" with Lincoln.

On the other side, Lincoln easily gets Grant to be on his team because he's friends with him, of course. Rutherford Hayes and Benjamin Harrison both join up with Lincoln without hesitation. After all, he was their leader when they fought for the Union during the American Civil War. Barack Obama and Theodore Roosevelt quickly join Lincoln's team as well as Lincoln is THEIR favorite president. Martin Van Buren, Millard Fillmore and Jimmy Carter all TRIED to join Washington's team but it was already full, so they got stuck with this Lincoln guy. Lincoln gladly accepted the misfits. So that just leaves the Bushes, who both love Lincoln so that works out. That said, they probably were a bit nervous that Washington got not only Eisenhower but Ford over there.

Early on, Washington's team would seem to have the advantage, but Lincoln's undeniable leadership, along with the youth of Roosevelt, Carter, Obama, and Bush Jr., gave them the endurance advantage. After all, the entire team would be much younger overall. Oh, and Washington would be trying to be nice to his Virginia buddy, James Madison, by having him on his team…but come on…Madison would have been so weak- the dude weighed like 100 pounds.

Lincoln's team wins. Washington's team falls off the platform to their deaths.

And then there were 11.

Game 4: Marbles

Don't forget, in the show everyone is paired up, but they assume they will be pairing up to work together instead of teaming up to try to kill each other. And since we have an odd number, one president isn't going to be able to find a partner.

Here's who I see teaming up with each other.

First off, there's the father and son combo, the Bushes
Oh that's….just…so sad

Then I would assume it'd be Lincoln and Grant, Hayes and Harrison, Obama and Carter, and Teddy and Van Buren.

But just like the show, Millard Fillmore was lucky to not find a partner because that means he ultimately gets to move on to the next round.

So George H.W. Bush would sacrifice himself for his son, and I would say the rest would play honorably and win honorably. There wouldn't be any betrayal like you saw in the show. These are decent men. I think Lincoln, Hayes, Obama, and Teddy would all win.

And then there were 5. Or I mean 6. Sorry I forgot ya there, Millard.

Game 5: Glass Stepping Stones

Winning Glass Stepping Stones comes down…first and foremost…to luck…obviously you don't want to be at the very front of the line. And Fillmore's luck would run out. He's first. Then it'd be Lincoln since there is evidence his luck also runs out toward the end of the game (if ya know what I mean) . Next, the unlucky George W. Bush, then Obama (since Obama followed Bush, ya know), followed by the much luckier Hayes, and luckiest of all, Roosevelt.

Yeah only Roosevelt and Hayes survive. Hayes' beard saves him.

The Final Game (Squid Game)
Roosevelt plays offense. Hayes plays defense. Roosevelt simply wins because he's the last one standing.

But say all 45 American presidents wake up in identical green tracksuits at the age they were when they first became president, and it's Season 2 of Squid Game instead of Season 1?

Well Red Light, Green Light results would be the same so we'll skip that. Just like with the Season 1 scenario, that leaves 31 presidents left.

Game 2: The Six-Legged Pentathlon

The game consists of teams of five playing five children's games with their legs tied up together. So beforehand, the presidents would have to form teams of five and here's what I think it would look like:

Team 1
George Washington
John Adams
John Quincy Adams
Dwight Eisenhower
Gerald Ford

Team 2
Thomas Jefferson
James Madison
James Monroe
Andrew Jackson
James Polk

Team 3
Martin Van Buren
John Tyler
Millard Fillmore
Grover Cleveland
Harry Truman

Team 4
Abraham Lincoln
Ulysses Grant
Rutherford Hayes
James Garfield
Benjamin Harrison

Team 5
Theodore Roosevelt
Warren Harding
Calvin Coolidge
Herbert Hoover
Franklin Roosevelt

Team 6
John F. Kennedy
Jimmy Carter
George H.W. Bush
George W. Bush
Barack Obama

As you can see, many presidents would stick with the familiar. It should be no surprise that Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe are all on the same team. Lincoln assembles a team of Civil War veterans. The first person Theodore Roosevelt asks to join his team is his distant cousin, Franklin Roosevelt, as he's family and he also sees his wheels as an advantage. Notably John F. Kennedy would be on a team of people he didn't know but everyone tremendously respected

him…so… Team 3? Yeah, that's mostly just misfits who couldn't get onto other teams. Unfortunately, Richard Nixon would be the odd one out and be eliminated after not being able to find a team to join.

This game requires teamwork and cooperation, emotional control and resilience, adaptability, and physical endurance. Most importantly, it requires that at least each of the five teammates are good at one of the five games. As we saw in the show, each team needs an inspirational leader to act like a coach and motivate them. Look, I have no idea if any of the presidents knew ANY of these games, so….for the sake of this hypothetical, let's just determine who would win based on all those other skills.

Based on that, I think three teams wouldn't make it: Team 2, Team 3, and Team 5. For Team 2, I predict Andrew Jackson would keep yelling at everyone…and…while Jefferson would do his best to keep everyone in the group calm, Jackson would keep ruining it. For Team 3, Cleveland would likely slow them down tremendously, and John Tyler would likely struggle a bunch under the pressure. Team 5 would do well until it was Warren Harding's turn to play his game. The poor fella would fail to be focused enough to complete his challenge, ruining it for the entire team. But yeah, every other team would make it. I think Team 1 and Team 4 would barely make it, and Team 6 would kick butt at it.

And then there were 15.

Game 3: Mingle

In the final game we've seen in the show SO FAR, the presidents would be placed on a spinning carousel surrounded by doors into rooms. Once the carousel stops, a number is called out, and players have to gather in a group of exactly that number and join each other in a room. They have 30 seconds to do so or they are eliminated.

I think the presidents who were a bit ruthless will be more successful in this game, at least early on, but I think that by the end presidents will begin sacrificing themselves for other presidents who they tremendously respect.

For this reason, I see only George Washington and Abraham Lincoln surviving in this game in the final room.

Theodore Roosevelt, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln winning Squid Game probably shouldn't surprise you because, in my humble opinion, winning the Squid Game is more about being a great LEADER than about just being the most physically fit, intelligent, or ruthless. A great leader must be inspirational, disciplined and decisive. A great leader must be able to communicate well, adapt under pressure and not just learn from their mistakes but own up to their mistakes. Just as great leaders did well in the actual Squid Game show, presidents who were great leaders would ALSO do well if they were to ever play Squid Game…uh…for some reason.

Yeah this would never happen…so why the heck DID I make this video? Well, not only to try to get my daughters to finally watch my channel, but also to trick you into learning about American presidents, of course. And if you want to learn more, and hopefully you DO, I not only have a ton of other videos about presidents, but I have vids about individual presidents, like that dude, and that dude, and that dude, and that dude. You get the idea. Right? Right?

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