

Hello, this is Tom Cookman with a Community Comment.

The day Paul Ryan was picked to be the Vice-Presidential candidate for Mitt Romney, I sent out several text messages to my conservative friends telling them that President Obama just got re-elected. I think Paul Ryan is a great conservative and someday I hope he is elected President. The reason for my skepticism was that he didn't bring any new votes to the table. Everyone who was excited about Paul Ryan was already going to vote for Mitt Romney. The Republicans don't understand that it isn't about who is most qualified for the job, it is a popularity contest. The Democrats are excellent marketers and know how to sway people to vote for their candidate. This election boiled down to the minority vote. President Obama received 90% of the black vote, probably because he's half-black. I think that if you didn't vote for Obama because he is black, you are prejudice. I also believe that if you did vote for him because he is black, you are prejudice as well. If the Republicans had a clue about winning the White House they would have chosen a black conservative female from a swing state, but my choice would have been Marco Rubio. This would have given the minority vote a reason to consider Romney. In a way, I'm happy that Obama was re-elected. I'm sick of hearing liberals make excuses for his disastrous performance. In the next four years our country will see if pre-socialism is a successful form of government. With the epic failure I believe will happen during Obama's next term, the liberals won't have a George Bush to blame it all on. The Middle-East is likely to erupt into total chaos, and Obama appears clueless about how to help or he is an extreme Muslim who is furthering the radical belief that Israel needs to be destroyed. Israel will attack Iran; then we will see where Obama's true loyalties lie. The information

surrounding the tragedy in Benghazi appears to reveal that Obama cares more about his relationship with terrorists than he does about American lives. The more lies that get revealed about Benghazi, the more it makes me sick to my stomach to think the President of the United States worried more about his re-election, than intervening to save American lives. I hope I'm wrong, but if not, I think he needs to be impeached and tried for treason. This election will rank near the top historically. We have a President who is ignorant when it comes to foreign policy. His economic plans have crippled the future of our country with astronomical debt. His policies have nearly doubled the cost of a gallon of gas, and under his watch our net worth has decreased 40% on average. He is destroying our healthcare system, and yet he gets re-elected. WHY? Because he has sold the idea of "the rich need to pay their fare share" and "if you're rich, you didn;t get there on your own, so you need to give more to those who don't work". It's like he put a gun to the heads of the producers in this country, demanded their money and handed it to those who do not produce. The reason this approach works so well is that it only makes 10% of the population furious – and the 50% who pay ZERO in taxes, ecstatic. Well, guess what? Those wealthy people WORKED for their money! Even so-called old money was earned at one point, yet now the rich are penalized for their efforts and subsequent success? We have more people getting government money from overtaxed citizens today than people who are working. Regardless of the reason for their not working, whether it's unemployment or an unwillingness to work, this is a recipe for disaster. Eventually this system will fail. If there isn't any reward for success, there is NO reason to work hard and risk it all.

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