

## Tumultuous US Electoral Season and Aftermath. Trump v. Hillary was likely Rigged. Powerful Deep State Figures run America

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*Politics in America was never for the fainthearted – why Harry Truman once said if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.* 

This political season was unlike any earlier ones, for sure in my memory since the 1940s. Who could have imagined the outcome, the stuff Hollywood script-writers dream of?

A media excoriated billionaire tycoon businessman, entertainer, political outsider defeated an establishment candidate – groomed and selected to succeed Obama.

Things didn't turn out as originally planned. In a separate article, I suggested scandals surrounding Hillary made her damaged goods, too contentious to serve – especially with key House Republican committee chairmen promising endless investigations into her wrongdoing, maintaining relentless pressure on her.

Trump is a political anomaly – an establishment figure coming across to supporters as populist, enough to elevate him to the nation's highest office. Was it by fair or foul means?

Election rigging in America is longstanding at the federal, state and local levels. Trump v. Hillary was likely rigged – for the outlier expected to lose, according to investigative journalist <u>Greg Palast</u>.

He cited various tactics used, including " 'Caging,' 'purging,' blocking legitimate registrations, and wrongly shunting millions to 'provisional' ballots that will never be counted," along with potential millions of people "voting many, many times."

Further investigation of Tuesday's results remains, he said. Millions of "provisional" and "spoiled" ballots were rejected from about 30 million mailed in.

But according to Palast, "evidence already in our hands makes me sadly confident in saying Jim Crow [symbolizing denial of the African American vote], not the voters, elected Mr. Trump."

Not Jim Crow, Greg, power brokers turning on the woman they initially supported, jettisoning her, believing investigations into her scandals likely damaging her more than already meant she had to go – rigging the process for Trump to assure it.

Powerful deep state figures run America, choosing its top elected and appointed officials. Voters have no say, disenfranchised without their knowledge.

In 2000 and 2004, Palast documented how Bush stole both elections, defeating legitimate winners Al Gore and John Kerry – aside from the Supreme Court's illegal intervention in 2000, putting the losing candidate in the White House.

Exit polls are very accurate. They showed Hillary won key battleground states reported as going for Trump. According to Palast, he won "by tossing Black provisional ballots into the dumpster, ID laws that turn away students," and other shenanigans.

Power brokers decided the outcome. Like always, voting was meaningless theater, not democracy in action, absent in America from inception.

Hillary is politically dead. The die was cast, irreversible as long America's deep state wants Trump as US president. According to investigative journalist <u>Greg Madsen</u>, she's not going away quietly.

Nor are her key corporate elite supporters. They launched a "Purple Revolution" to prevent changes in "globalist policies," said Madsen.

They'll "seek to make the Trump administration a short one through engineered street protests and political disruption."

"America's globalists and interventionists are already pushing the meme that because so many establishment and entrenched national security and military «experts» opposed Trump's candidacy, (he's) «required» to call on them to join his administration because there are not enough such «experts» among (his) inner circle of advisers."

Madsen compares post-election protests to Euromaidan ones in Kiev – from late 2013 to Washington's February 2014 coup, a Nazi-infested putschist regime replacing a democratically elected government.Scoundrel media supported dark forces oppose any change in dirty business as usual, including maintaining anti-Russia, anti-China, anti-Iran policies.

They want regime change in all sovereign independent states, endless wars of aggression continued, Wall Street and other powerful interests served exclusively, social justice eliminated entirely – incremental slow death, along with police state America hardened more than already.

How Trump handles enormous pressure he'll face for uninterrupted continuity remains to be seen. If past is prologue, be wary.

Perhaps all we can expect from Trump is dodging a nuclear war on Russia bullet and perhaps China and Iran. Saving humanity from that potential holocaust is why I preferred Trump over neocon war goddess Hillary.

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