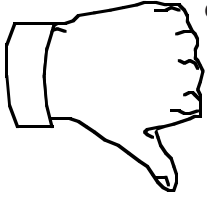


## An Important Glossary When Analyzing Politics.

**Apathy (n.)** Lack of interest or concern, especially regarding matters of general importance; indifference.

**Demagogue (n.)** A leader who obtains power by impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of the populace.



*The worst type of politician is a demagogue. He promises you the heavens, knowing he cannot deliver. He gets the worst out of you and turns you into an inane proselyte. How many demagogues do you know? Think. Check the substance of the words you hear from the mouth of well-known leaders. You will be surprised how many you will find.*

**Demagoguery (n.)** The practices or rhetoric of a demagogue.

**Economy (n.)** Careful, thrifty management of resources: money, materials, or labor.

**Evolution (n.)** A gradual process in which something changes into a different and usually more complex or better form.

**Fanaticism (n.)** Excessive, irrational zeal.

*Search your mind for examples. Remember Jones, Waco, and other who are halfway there?*

**Ignorance (adj.) Ignoramus (n.)** Lacking education or knowledge.

*There is nothing wrong in being ignorant, **IF and only if** you try to rid yourself of ignorance.*

**Martyr (n.)** One who sacrifices or suffers much to further a belief, cause, or principle.

**Negligent (adj.)** Characterized by or inclined to neglect.

**Politics (n.)** (*Used with a singular verb*) The art or science of government or governing, especially the governing of a political entity, such as a nation, and the administration and control of its internal and external affairs.

**Revolution (n.)** The overthrow of one government and its replacement with another. A sudden or momentous change in a situation.

**Sinecure (n.)** A position that requires little or no work but provides a salary.

*You have probably been in some governmental bureau of some sort. Ever found someone to fit this description?*

**Transition (n.)** Passage from one form, state, style, or place to another.

**Victim (n.)** One who is harmed or killed by another.

**Often misused terms:** *Semitic* refers to those peoples whose language belongs to the Afro-Asiatic language group that includes Arabic, Hebrew, Amharic, and Aramaic. The word anti-Semitic would implicate a racial — not religious — prejudice and is becoming universally accepted as a (racial) prejudice against Jews. Some may consider “politically correct” to replace **Black American** for **Afro-American** or **African-American**. However, there are many white Africans. Not because some call themselves Afrikaner, it means they are not Africans. They are plenty of African Semitics (Arabs and Jews).

### The business of politics, why call it dirty?

*Let us not fool ourselves. If politics is dirty — we are all responsible!*

A large number of citizens considers politics a dirty *business*. “Politicians are crooks. They cheat, they never fulfill their campaign promises. They are this; they are that,” they say. Actually, that is blaming someone else for something all of us are guilty. Politics is a serious business. And either we make it work or slowly or faster than a speeding bullet it will go down the

drain or up shit creek without a paddle.

When we elect someone, we place him in a functional position from where he is able to regulate and influence our society. Therefore, our vote demands a careful analysis, while not voting at all will give a minority the right to do our job. For this apathy (not wanting to vote), people usually find justifications: "Whatever for? My vote won't make any change!"

Negligence is worse: "I vote for Joe Goodlooks because I like him, he *looks* honest" or worse "he is just good-looking." The voter who never bothers to check for issues may pay dearly for his disregard.

For democracy to really work, the right and moral duty to vote must be exercised — **wisely**. The voter must consider important factors that warn him about pitfalls, demagoguery, and promises of changes for the better. They could actually turn out changes for the worse.

Sudden and violent changes seldom solve anything. Revolutionary leaders are usually charismatic demagogues, but they often make a real mess out of their society, leaving it in ruins. Good intentions are not enough. Stirring the constituents of a society and changing the names of events and facts mean nothing. Usually, in the end, opportunistic elements take over.

Positive changes in a society grow like plants. Plants need time, care, fertilizer, sunshine and space. So do social changes. They need time, analysis, money, freedom and expansion. Transition must be slow for it to really work. Facts must be weighed. Only then we are apt to analyze Mr. Goodlooks or Ms. Knowitall.

#### READY TO VOTE? —

#### HOW TO PICK THE RIGHT CANDIDATE?

In today's world, the candidate's qualification that is most beneficial to everyone, anywhere, is efficiency in money management. Anything else is secondary. Not choosing a candidate with a solid background in economics is foolhardy. Economics or business background should be a condition *sine-qua-non* for most candidates today. His managing proficiency — or the lack of it — will reflect on how skillfully he will manage the public affairs and your tax money, once in power.

**Check for those incumbents whose only solution has been to tax the air you breathe to pay for their incompetence. Please don't forget who they are. Make a list of tax-trigger-happy legislators and politicians and keep it handy for future elections.**

Check how a candidate has earned his money. How shrewd a businessman is he and if his dealings are honest. Check his office out. A neat, carefully managed office will tell you about efficiency. An ostentatious office should warn you. He will spend public money over-decorat-



ing anything in his reach.

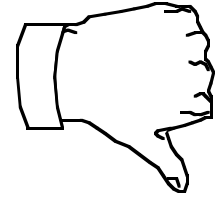
Many candidates have lost for not being properly advised about dressing codes. It is true that neatness in physical appearance is important; however, an intelligent voter must be more interested in economic efficiency. A candidate must be better-versed in the practice of a working economical system than in fashion.

Carefully check your candidate's words. Find out if there is a difference between what he says and what he does. Does he lie? Is he a hypocrite?

*Lying is "not telling the truth."*

*Being a hypocrite is "not expressing his real feelings."*

Check his statements looking for demagoguery. The following statements may help you learn the true personality of your candidate. They may help you select new friends, too. Note to feminists and politically correctors: Read "he" as "he or she."



- If your candidate says he is going to solve crime in our society, he is lying. Crime is a social — not political — malaise. It takes much time and social education for the most simple social change to occur. Your candidate may contribute to educate society, but he will *not solve* crime — only an educated and sensitive community can.

*Modern society is in bad need of a balance between sports and arts. Neither must be left out because they should complement each other. An unrefined athlete may be as negative for social development as a sick artist. Crime cannot be solved by building more and more jails. That will lead to a society with a huge part of his population behind bars. Society needs to value more its scientists, mathematicians, artists, technicians, benefactors, and people who care for their neighbors in general, for their own community as a whole.*

- If he says he is going to rid the community of prostitution, not only he is lying and he has a totalitarian mentality. Eliminating *the oldest profession on earth* has been every dictator's dream. They have murdered millions of prostitutes (among others sexual victims) — all in vain.

*In fact, legalization of prostitution would cost society less in useless law enforcement, ineffective judicial repression, court expenditure, etc. And it will increase tax income in millions of dollars.*

- If he says he is going to rid our society of violence, he knows he is lying or he is too stupid not to realize that this is not a political issue, but a social one. He may contribute to educate society on how control violence and on how to apply its energy in something useful, like building highways or exploring the ocean; he cannot magically eliminate society's passion for violence.

*Lamentably, our society renders tribute to violent sports, while disdaining art and science as weak. This self-destructive mass attitude begins early in school with name calling against smart or sensitive children, from nerds to eggheads, etc. Few people dare to criticize parents who encourage this early justification of violent behavior.*

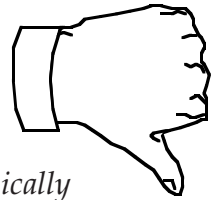
- If he attacks lesbians and homosexuals to gain support from the sexually repressors or religious fanatics, he is not only a bigot, but he is also a coward who picks on people who are often victimized by society with unjustifiable hatred.

*He who shows **one** prejudice is bound to have more than one, although he may hide his prejudices in his closet for safety reasons. Attacking other targets of prejudice may meet tough opposition now that it has become highly liable to pick on a Jew because he is Jewish, or on a Black person because he is black. To feel uncomfortable with a sexual orientation or even a race is one thing; it may even fall under a personal-taste category. But a modern, civilized society **must consider repulsive to curtail or deny other people's human rights.***

*It should be a crime to provide moral, social, theological or any kind of ideological justification for hate mongers to abuse, attack, assault and even murder vulnerable people just because their sole existence may disturb them.*

*It is difficult to understand how some tele-evangelists dedicate more time to vent their sexual fears than to preach their religious beliefs. It should alert a believer that in some religious programs the word Jesus was mentioned more fewer times than the word homosexual. Obviously, there must be something wrong with a preacher so homosexual-obsessed.*

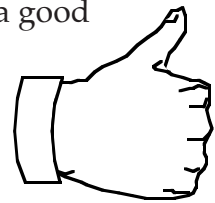
- For the benefit of religion itself and the sacredness it represents to many, religion, any religion, should stay out of politics, specially dirty politics. History has proved how devastating are the consequences of one religion taking over and trying to impose their convictions on others by force.



*Many bloody wars have been waged in the name of a god. Even today, man cynically uses the name of his divinity to murder and maim his brothers in "sacred" wars and, in peace, to mentally torture those who do not share their beliefs. That is politics, dirty one, not religion.*

*In paradoxical contrast to Christ's words ("love your neighbor and even your enemy") some of his followers are first in line to preach hate and cynically call it godly. Preachers who from behind a pulpit or on their TV shows attack and slander those who cannot defend themselves, should be legally liable to allow equal time for the attacked to defend themselves and their points of view from the same tribune. Because such practices are not religious but political demagoguery of the worst kind because it feeds evil into the spiritual inclination of a otherwise good person.*

- It is important for a voter to know how good a family man his candidate may be. Family management is sometimes trying and success in family matters may reveal a good character. Family relationship is only an element to be considered and to be checked and balanced with other factors as important as this one to get a general evaluation.



*However, a candidate who only has a family Christmas-card photo to show in exchange for your vote, may be only motivated by social status. Lack of a family does not automatically exclude a candidate as inadequate. Other factors may compensate for this.*

- If a candidate seeks the ethnic vote, beware! A smart voter does not vote for a candidate because he happens to be of his own ethnic group, race, or whatever other division humans hide their humanity behind. One should not vote for someone just because he is Anglo, Cuban, Black, Jewish, Tall, Short or whatever, but for his humanity, his abilities to rule wisely and democratically and for his love for his fellow beings.

***Ethnicity** is a word that originally separated Jews and Christians from the Heathens. Every time we create a monster to sic someone else, this ends up threatening our own existence.*

*Ethnicity gave moral grounds for a lot of immoral acts committed against Jews, and by Christians against Christians.*