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*Today's Show: 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM*

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Today on The Jay Doherty Podcast:

A moral victory for America: Joe Biden has secured the 270 electoral votes needed to become the 46th President of The United States of America. Analysis and updates of the election's unfolding is next. President Trump's dangerous and inaccurate response to the election results as they were coming in has even some Republicans -- and (obviously) Democrats -- condemning his actions. President-elect Biden claims he has already begun work on his administration and insists on the importance of a free, fair, and fully counted election. What can the current President do in a legal setting to try and prove his point, what precedent does contesting election results set in America, what will a Biden/Harris administration look and feel like, and what is going to happen next?

We'll try to answer all of that and more on episode 137 of The Jay Doherty Podcast.

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First, I want to say that the first 60% of this podcast will be taken up by me talking about what led up to Biden's victory in the form of chronologically going through how the media, Republicans, and Democrats, reacted to Trump's slowly revealed loss, so if you would prefer to jump to my breakdown of Biden's victory, please go to [jay-doherty.com/137](http://jay-doherty.com/137) and skip to whatever timestamp my coverage of Biden's victory begins at.

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As promised, we will pick up right where we left off on episode 136 and the one shocker that happened almost immediately after the end of TJDP's coverage of that night was Fox News calling Arizona a victory for Biden; they were the first major broadcast publication to do so, and the rest followed. They, of course, are a very conservative outlet and Trump/Trump's supporters were enraged at them not only calling the state but also doubling down on their call. Lots of the anger actually came from Trump supporters. Trump ally and Florida Governor

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Ron DeSantis was on Sean Hannity's show in the aftermath of the election and was squawking his head off about how Fox should rescind their call... DESANTIS 1

Now, perhaps that doesn't make a difference, but the real interesting thing is how Fox News has, for 85% of Trump's administration, been a safe haven for Trump and his supporters but they ended up taking more risks in the liberal direction in their election night coverage... and were unapologetically *centered* in most of their coverage. This led to the seemingly out of place and definitely paradoxical chant of Trump supporters which MSNBC's Gadi Schwartz happened to capture on November 4... SCHWARTZ 1... now of course that is ironic because you are used to hearing Trump supporters chant "CNN Sucks" like they have at his rallies... CNN 1

Arnon Mishkin is Fox News' Decision Desk Director and here's what he had to say to defend the network's decision for calling Arizona (this is a slightly edited, condensed version of what he had to say)... Arnon Mishkin FOX 1

## *TRUMP'S CLAIMS OF "VOTER FRAUD"*

### Election Night Speech

Trump had been hinting at the potential for voter fraud leading up to the election, an inevitability that he would of course perceive as occurring ONLY if he was the supposed loser of the election. Those concerns flared as the nightmare of losing the election was nearing for Trump. Here's one of the first of many things he has said about voter fraud WHILE ballots were (and are) still being counted. This was about 2 AM Eastern Time at The White House in the non-socially distanced and very maskless East Room of The White House. TRUMP 1

Now, of course, that's not true by any stretch of the imagination. As of today, Saturday, November 7, neither Biden or Trump have won the election officially and there is, [according to The New York Times, no evidence of voter fraud](#) (circle back later). I mean, if ballots were submitted on time but counted late and Trump suggests that the counting of the ballots being counted late, so it plays in his favor (or at least doesn't add the risk of opposing his favor,) that is voter suppression; not voter fraud. Frankly, no one knows what evidence Trump cites when he says things like this.

Perhaps the closest thing we get to Trump *citing* evidence... is when, in that same election night speech, he first says that it was Democrats' grand evil plan to take legal action against him if there was any potential for Democrat loss... when he says "They" in this clip, he is referring to Democrats... TRUMP 2. Remember that quote in your mind: "Either they were going to win, and if they didn't win, they'll take us to court." I think he was actually reading his strategy for the aftermath of his defeat instead of his victory speech there because, literally minutes after saying that Democrats' grand plan from the beginning was to take legal action in the face of their defeat and the crowd pities them with disgust, Trump says he's going to do literally the exact same thing and soon after achieves roaring applause from his steadfast supporters. TRUMP 3. Remember, less than two minutes before, he said a less concise version of this... TRUMP 4

And, when he says TRUMP 5, does he not recall that in 2016, according to [factcheck.org](#) and The New York Times, "22 states — including 12 won by Trump in 2016 — accept postmarked mail-in ballots after Election Day."

If Trump had Biden's numbers and Biden had Trump's numbers, you wouldn't be hearing a single word from Trump about voter fraud. In other words, in Trump-land, "it's only fair if I win"... is that a direct quote from Vladimir Putin (SARCASM)?

Another lie of his speech, according to [factcheck.org](#), was about unsolicited ballots and this gets to the hypocrisy of Trump.... Rally clip (TRUMP 6)

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### The Days After Election Night

The next public appearance the President had is when he went into the Press Briefing room and delivered what left-wing CNN analyst Daniel Dale calls "[the most dishonest speech of his presidency](#)." 18 seconds into Trump's speech he baselessly claimed that Democrats are trying to "steal the election." TRUMP 7.

According to [Ashley Parker and Josh Dawsey over at The Washington Post](#):

In advance of the press conference,

*"Allies and advisers counseled caution, trying to assuage Trump by outlining their aggressive plan to fight and urging him to keep a low profile.*

*But on Thursday evening, the president appeared in front of reporters at the White House around 6:45, seeming subdued and deflated, and made unproven claims about voter fraud and vowing to continue the fight through legal channels.*

*He mocked mail-in ballots and polling from the news media and said, falsely, that states were making up ballots to cost him the election. He made a series of other unsubstantiated allegations against democratic elections.*

*At one point, Trump said states that counted the votes were behaving in a corrupt manner — while Arizona needed to count the ballots so he could win. He walked away without taking questions.*

*A senior campaign official said Thursday night's appearance was the kind of news conference they wanted to avoid.*

Other lies were also spread during that press conference as well. Too much to get into for this episode but there are at least a dozen other lies confirmed by fact-checking sources out there.

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### Republican's New Source of Division

Republicans now have a new source of division in their party; Trump's voter fraud claims. All of these baseless allegations and lawsuits about voter fraud are very controversial and more than anything point to Trump's unbacked sour-loserness. The problem is really all of the lawsuits and legal action Trump is taking on top of his rhetoric. The pain of irrelevance is starting to set in for Trump and he doesn't want to accept that fact.

The amusing thing is that Trump really doesn't know much about the policies that he pushes which are generally conservative, Republican-expected policies, something he could have campaigned more on to win the vote of the reasonable conservative or moderate. By contrast, he seems to be taking the lead on something he knows much more about: suing people. Well... states. According to the [AP...](#) (circle back to Trump allies trying to defend unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud.)

RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel did her best to defend Trump's claims of voter fraud without evidence on Brett Baier's Fox News show... and Brett Baier just came back with a very level-headed and more importantly, true response.... MCDANIEL 1

On Saturday, Trump went out golfing with Newt Gingrich among others and on the same day, his campaign released a statement detailing his legal plans. The second paragraph of that statement:

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/media/statement-from-president-donald-j.-trump>

Fraudulent election = one Trump didn't win in Trump world.

The other thing to observe about Trump's post-defeat strategy is that not one single Republican (notably Mitch McConnell, Lindsey Graham, etc.) is standing by his side at the moment other than by giving the vague call for fair, free, non-fraudulent, fully counted, and legitimate elections; these are all things that all Americans should hope for. Before Biden's victory was even declared, Republican representative Bill Hurd tweeted [this](#).

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### *A BIDEN/HARRIS VICTORY*

Biden's victory is historic for many reasons. First, he will be the second Catholic President to ever hold the office and his running mate Kamala Harris will be the first woman to be Vice President, the first Black American to be Vice President, and the first South Asian American to be Vice President. These are seriously historic achievements that everyone should be praising on both sides of the aisle in America. One of the classiest things I thought Vice President Pence did in his debate against Senator Harris was congratulate her on the "historic nature" of her nomination in the debate. It should be no question that Republicans should be proud of the objectively historic occurrence of the nomination and victory of each of them.

A Biden/Harris victory really shows that it is still true that anyone can make it regardless of gender, skin color, etc.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/biden-flags-victory-election/2020/11/08/d41d20cc-21bd-11eb-952e-0c475972cfc0\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/biden-flags-victory-election/2020/11/08/d41d20cc-21bd-11eb-952e-0c475972cfc0_story.html)

Biden's official "victory" speech happened pretty late in the day at 7PM CST. Here are three minutes of the highlights. The first minute is a bunch of political cliches that sound great and the second half is raw truth and advice that all Americans should aspire to. BIDEN 1.

With a Biden administration, it seems like Democrats are no longer embarrassed to be American anymore. Part of the reason the left has gone so far left is they think that moving farther away from Trump's division and harmful rhetoric is the solution. That's not the solution at all; in fact, I would argue it is the opposite of the solution. When the going gets tough and the other side is as ruthless as Trump is, it is best to stay the course, don't panic, and move forward in maintaining centrism in a party. A healthy two-party system only works if Republicans and Democrats are each centered.

After taking measures to reduce the continuing and underreported spread of COVID-19, throwing money at the economy to put people back to work, and assembling a strong team of advisors, cabinet members, and WH staff, soon-to-be President Biden should subtly focus on shifting the agenda of his party back to center left. That is what Clinton did, Carter did the same thing, and now I am really hoping that Joe Biden stays the centrist course he always has and rejects the word socialism from even being a part of American vocabulary... and I say all of this as a pretty socially liberal person. Biden has rejected socialism on the debate stage, lots of Trump's rhetoric would make you believe otherwise but his campaign rejection of socialism and extremely far-left policies should be put into action in a Biden administration.

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If Biden can get Coronavirus under control, help re-establish small business and the middle class, get people back to work, and bring the Democrats as a party back to center-left, I will say that he has had a successful Presidency.

Ironically, one of the biggest proponents of relatively far-left non-Biden policies has been his running mate Kamala Harris! You may remember [this 60 Minutes interview](#) where Nora O'Donnell listed the disagreements Senator Harris has with the Vice President and she sort of quite literally laughs it off as if it's frivolous when it really is not at all. Here's the full clip...  
HARRIS 1.

First, I want to say that Nora O'Donnell did a great job not just laughing it off like Harris did and actually pushed her to get closer to the best part of her answer which was: HARRIS 2

Why do I bring this up? Because I think it is very interesting to examine the strategy that candidates use when selecting their Vice Presidents. Former President Obama chose Joe Biden as his Vice President not only because they were very similar policy-wise but also because Joe Biden had a plethora of connections in The Senate... and considering Biden had been there since the dawn of time, it was politically advantageous to have an old-schooler as your #1 ally.

Biden likely chose Harris because, first, she is more than qualified on paper for the position, and secondly because there was a desperate need for diversity on the ticket. It was two white men running against each other and one had another white man as his running mate. It would not be fair to not have a person of color on the ticket (not only to create equity but also to be representative of all voices in America) and it was crucial for Biden statistically to have a woman on the ticket.

Apologies in advance for the tangent here, but Kamala Harris' nomination helped Joe Biden with gaining the woman vote more than any other demographic. According to *The Guardian*, Joe Biden raised...

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/aug/13/joe-biden-campaign-donations-kamala-harris>

CNN also had an analysis which said:

*The Biden-Harris ticket received more than \$33.4 million in itemized contributions from women in August -- more than double the \$13.7 million the Democrat's campaign had collected from female donors the previous month. (Contributions are "itemized" or disclosed, along with donors' identifying information, to federal regulators once donors contribute more than \$200 to a candidate.)*

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*By comparison, Trump's campaign raised far less money -- roughly \$8.7 million in itemized contributions -- from women in August -- the month both he and Biden accepted their parties' nominations.*

Continuing on my tangent here, I also want to point out that perhaps this election was a fantastic victory for women all around, particularly Republican women; an are with which Trump was very concerned about securing in the weeks leading up to the election.

NBC News says...

<https://www.nbcnews.com/know-your-value/feature/more-women-ever-were-just-elected-congress-here-are-their-nca1246757>

There also have never been more Republican women elected to Congress in history, another worthwhile achievement I am sure the media has told you nothing about... here's the President mentioning that in his otherwise disastrous and inaccurate press conference on November 5.

TRUMP 8

That is of course true. Overall, the increase of women in politics, particularly in Congress on both sides of the aisle is a fantastic achievement and a much needed one. This has concluded my tangent. We now return to coverage of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris' victory.

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I have now talked about the plethora of reasons Joe Biden chose Kamala Harris to be his Vice President. I will now talk about how she reacted -- and what she said -- during her victory speech and introduction to Joe Biden at their campaign event. Going off of that idea that she is drastically more far left (to the point of incohesiveness) than Biden, I thought the fact she used the word "loyal" in her promise to Biden in her introduction speech was something very notable... HARRIS 3.

Ideally, VP-elect Harris will be Biden's point person for working the Senate as Biden was for Obama and on a number of issues that he may also want to task her with. If she can hop on the boat to what I like to call the "quiet island of moderate Democrats," then she should... here's the extended version of the end of that introduction to Biden... HARRIS 4.

The ending of her speech acts as a fantastic conclusion to this podcast. While I disagree with the legislative track record Senator Harris has had in the Senate and some of the policies she's advocated for in the past, I think there is no doubt in my mind that America has elected a more moral, decent, kind, and honest President than the one we have now. This is a triumphant moral victory for our nation, people are not drawn into the moral failure of the current President's character, people are once again proud to live and be in America today, and the future of our nation, the relative peace on our streets, and the future lack of divisiveness makes

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me very hopeful for this country. If Biden can restore faith, hope, and heal America, if he can bring the Democratic party back to center-left, if he can stop the Coronavirus's harmful spread, if he can put people back to work, if he can fix small businesses, and if he can get us one step closer to uniting this nation, I will consider him to have had a successful Presidency.

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