

Personality and Politics

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Short Communication

Politics and personalities are two topics that cannot be avoided. While we like to think of them as separate entities, they are very much the same. The two are much more intertwined than what most people think about. Both are fields that are completely different depending on your background. They are often a challenge to analyze if you put your bias aside. While most of the world has different policies and governments, thus there are different politics in every state on the planet. However, certain personalities are common among these politicians, so they have similar takes on the issues they face. In short; politicians of certain personality will create certain types of policy.

A common face we see in the pasture of politics is the stubborn soul. We can name many of these men and women. One we see now is the renowned Donald John Trump; the forty-fifth president of the United States of America. His attitude of not budging is one we always see, and we often get tired of it. Although he is a businessman, he stands on his side. He seemingly never wants to change his view on something unless he is convinced it is impossible. He is not the first leader to be like this, nor the first president. A face we can put under this label is John Fitzgerald Kennedy. This president, number thirty-five, is not the first stubborn man in office, but he is one many can point to. His actions in office are remembered as ones that take extreme immobility to take. His take on the Cuban Missile Crisis is one that few would have taken. At a height of the Cold War, the Soviet Union sent nuclear missiles to the communist island of Cuba. What did Kennedy do? He sent missiles to Turkey, a blockade of Cuba, and demands to remove the weapons in Cuban territory. What kind of maniac would try that back then, or an equivalent today? Not many. His take on civil rights was unusual too. At this time, Democrats always won the south. It was an undeniable fact of American politics. He threatened it though, and he did this by taking an initiative to pass bills that promoted equality for all. It was not under his term in office, but he pushed for bills of civil rights when a major source of his votes was in the Jim Crow South. He had challenged his people too; like sending a man to the moon by the end of the decade. Even though he was not supported by many scientists at this time, he still stood by it. Only stubborn men and women challenge entire peoples like that.

A friendly face is often seen as a good thing, and the family man is not far from it. People have advertised themselves under this term as a positive attribute. George Herbert Walker Bush is a former United States president who rode this name into the White House. A major part of his campaign in 1989 was one of family values. This is logical, as

he did push these themes through his years in office. He wanted to make his country, "a kinder and gentler nation" in his own words. It is hard to fight this idea. About every person on this earth can like a family man. It gives an image of responsibility, kindness, and empathy for other people. These tributes are extremely likable, no matter what your origin is. His policies wanted his country to be used for justice, not to pursue some economic or political advantage over others.

Madcap men are a breed of personality few enjoy, which can also be said in politics. The long passed president Andrew Jackson is the figurehead of such an attitude. His military action at the late battle of New Orleans in 1815 shows a bit of this, but his political actions were higher tempered. A famous one of his is his order for the Trail of Tears. Thousands upon thousands of native men, women, and children were forced out of southern states like Georgia and Florida. This policy was thought up because there were complaints about the Seminole natives down south; a tribe Jackson fought many conflicts against. He approved of this plan quickly without much revision, possibly due to his past experience with them. They marched westward with few supplies, cruel treatment from soldiers, and many died from the incoming winter. This was carried out by the following president, Martin Van Buren, but it was Jackson's plan. Andrew Jackson was known for his temper. When an assassin failed his attempt on the president's life, Jackson beat him nearly to death with his cane. Most men in that position would leave actions like that to their bodyguards, but he was different. Even his last words were ones that carried out his legacy of hating everyone and expressing rage at a sudden notice. He was asked on his deathbed what he thought was his greatest achievement. He simply stated, "I killed the bank" and died right afterward. This reflects his act of not renewing the federal bank during his time in office. Many voters wanted men like this at this time. People were angry that natives were causing chaos within land they called their own. The common farmer hated the bank because it would create debt to them. That is why this maniac of a man got elected when he did.

Some people think that the personality and the politics of a person should be kept separate. Whether that should occur or not, it would be hard to enforce. We have seen in the past that politicians will constantly refer to him as a factor to how and why they react. It can get them to make hard decisions, react to issue they face, and help get them elected in their time. Very similar to how people act in general; based on their personality, and thus their politics.