

Dems Need to Realize That People in Trump's Base Are Simply Unreachable

Perhaps you've harbored the thought that if only you could show Trump supporters this or that story or this or that flaw in the president that they might vote against him or just stay home in November. Forget it. They're unreachable.

If we've learned anything about them, it's that there is nothing Trump can do or say that will change their minds. If what is already known and recognized about the man isn't enough to sway his supporters, there is nothing Trump — or Biden — can say or do that will make any difference.

This became clear to me from the many pro-Trump emails, letters, phone calls and texts that I received as a result of my previous "Talking Turkey" columns. I want you to see this for yourself, so I have compiled 36 pro-Trump emails into a 13-page PDF that you can download and read at www.JimSmithBlog.com.

One reader, Rudy Carbajal, shared with me the term "**Cult 45**" referring to his supporters. (Trump is the 45th president.) Very clever — and appropriate.

It's common to speak of people on both sides of the political divide as being in a "bubble," where they simply are unaware of the facts or pseudo facts fueling the other side of the political divide. I've con-

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cluded that it's more like an "iron dome," a term coined to describe the anti-missile defense system protecting Israel from its neighbors.

Trump supporters have provided many videos to convince me that I'm wrong about Trump, and they're worth watching. They reveal the strategy for expanding his base.

Central to their strategy is painting mainstream media as the enemy of the people. One video says simply, "DON'T WATCH THE NEWS!" The argument is that anything negative about Trump must be a politically motivated lie, no matter how rooted it is in facts. The key is for people get all their news from Fox News, One America Network and Trump's own tweets. (He has 79 million Twitter followers. FYI, Obama has the most, 117 million, and Michelle has 15 million)

Turn-out in November will be huge for Trump, driven by fear mongering about socialism, gun confiscation and killing of newborn babies if Democrats win. A big political attack will be "Spygate," rebranded as "Obamagate," and it will be built up to a frenzy inside the iron dome he has created by isolating his base from fact-checked journalism.

Trump, however, will motivate turnout by Democrats too, and turnout will determine the winner. A huge concern for Trump is mail-in ballots, which makes voting easier. Easier voting means bigger turnout, which historically has favored Democrats.

There's Only One Woman for the Job

It has been widely reported that presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden wants to pick a woman — preferably a woman of color — as his running mate. And it has been widely reported that Michelle Obama has no interest in being on the ticket — but I hope she succumbs to a draft.

Michelle is probably the only person, man or woman, who will give "Sleepy Joe's" campaign the energy it sorely lacks right now.

The documentary about her book tour for "Becoming" was released last week on Hulu. It reminded Rita and me of two things — Michelle's deep commitment to the values and policies of her husband; and how much the American people love this woman. Her book has sold 20 million copies and is still on the best seller lists. Rita and I loved it. She filled entire stadiums during her book tour. It is because she's so authentic and real, unlike the current president. She would so energize the campaign.

Yes, Michelle has said she does not want to be a politician. She hates campaigning. But she is appalled like us at what the Trump administration has accomplished. She needn't do much campaigning. All she needs to do is be interviewed a lot.

If Biden is to win, he must choose her for VP. If he waits until the August convention to name her, she will only have to campaign for a couple months.