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Interview

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There are a lot of people who fear the "browning of America" and the election of Obama validated those fears. As Dr. Walters wrote in his book, "White Nationalism, Black Interests: Conservative Public Policy and the Black Community": "Within American society, which includes contending social groups, there exists a balance of power that conforms to that society's racial composition."

This balance must conform to the normal distribution of power, if society is to remain in equilibrium. President Obama, in the minds of a lot of people became an indicator that the normal distribution of power is askew and is in jeopardy. According to the Pew Research Center, 67 percent of non-college Whites backed Trump, compared with just 28% who supported Clinton, hence his statement "I love the uneducated." Trump won Whites with a college degree 49% to 45%. The CBS Exit Poll data found that 54 percent of White women voted for Trump. Trump also won among White, non-college women 62 to 34 percent and White college-educated men, 54 to 39 percent. This begs the question, for as nauseating as Hillary Clinton was to a lot of people, how could white-women vote for a shallow misogynist who called women pigs and said about Car-

ly Fiorina "Look at that face...Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that the face of our next president?" And we know about his reference to women's genitalia and he also objectifies his own daughter? In spite of this, White women saw value and redeeming qualities in this guy. They voted "White" before they voted "women."

A lot of working-class and middle-class whites who have seen their wages and salaries remain stagnant for 15 years were convinced that immigrants are stealing their jobs and social programs for lazy "colored" people have been draining the public coffers. Trump spoke directly to them and was able to convince them that he would be their champion. They wanted to believe him because he spoke to and validated their bigotry. We can also explain the Trump victory by understanding voter suppression and the Crosscheck Program. According to investigative journalist Greg Palast, Kris Kobach's Crosscheck "removed tens of thousands of minority voters from the rolls in the swing states that surprisingly shifted to Trump... Stopping Crosscheck is the Standing Rock of racist vote suppression." Yes, the Democratic Party made a mistake closing ranks behind Hillary, especially after it was obvious that Bernie was the candidate with all the enthusiastic popular support? This demon-

strates that the Democratic power structure is closer to the ideology of the Republicans than the constituents they are supposed to represent. The way that the DNC mismanaged the nomination of Congressman Keith Ellison to be the DNC chair is another example of this. They are not nearly as "progressive" as they try to make themselves out to be.

KW: The country seems very divided by the election of Trump? Can that rift be healed while he's in office?

WJL: No, not as long as the racist reactionary forces such as the Tea Party and Freedom Caucus continue to dom-

inate. Also, neo-liberal politics is killing America and it's being sold wrapped in the cloak of xenophobic, fearmongering, racist, reactionary politics. As Lester Spence writes, "Racial politics perform work here, as white attitudes about labor, work, crime and taxes are fused to attitudes about Black men and women and, through them, to other non-white populations." As Trump said, "When Mexico sends it people, they're not sending their best. They're not sending you. They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs. They're

bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people." And on March 12 of this year, Congressman Steven King (R-Iowa) said "... culture and demographics are our destiny. We can't restore our civilization with somebody else's babies." The next day, King said, "Individuals will contribute differently, not equally, to this civilization and society. Certain groups of people will do more from a productive side than other groups of people will."

KW: Do you think Trump is serious in terms of his plan to make

Chicago's South Side and other crime-ridden inner-city neighborhoods safe?

WJL: No. It's a rhetoric to demonize a category of people and present a narrative that will prepare Americans for the militarization of our urban centers. The evidence is clear, safety comes from education, jobs, and the hope for a profitable future. Investing in the infrastructure of our inner cities and the people who live there is how you make them safe.

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Bids Due: May 4, 2017 @ 2:00PM

Attn: Aaron Braun
Via email: brauna@hswc.com

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Voluntary Pre-Bid Meeting

Date: April 25, 2017 @ 10:00AM

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PROJECT CONTACT: brauna@hswc.com

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