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WAITING IN THE WINGS: KAMALA HARRIS, 47TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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It is apparent to all but the densest that Joe Biden is deteriorating very fast. You would have to be living in a cave in Nepal not to notice that Biden can barely walk, let alone speak. While there have been some presidents who have not given State of the Union speeches during their first year in office - Reagan, the two Bushes, and Obama among them - it is more than obvious to everyone that Biden cannot physically deliver any kind of a speech without enormous difficulty, much less an address to both houses of Congress.

Even allowing for a great delay and excessive preparation for his first press conference on March 25, 2021, delivered later than any new U.S. president in the last 100 years, it was a disaster, and that's an understatement. Press conferences are considered routine for U.S. presidents, but Biden struggled with answering the simplest of questions from a fawning media, notwithstanding having pictures of pre-approved journalists he was supposed to call on so he could easily recognize them, including a "briefing book" containing the answers to the questions he would be asked! In fact, just a few hours before the press conference was supposed to begin, Biden had forgotten all about it!

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has invited Biden to deliver an address to Congress on April 28. If all this wasn't so sad and tragic to force a man who can't remember how many grandchildren he has to give a serious speech before millions of Americans, it would be hilarious.

It will be a shock if Biden is still in office by this time next year based on his rapidly declining mental and physical faculties, much less four years from now. But never fear - Kamala is here! She may become our country's 47th president much sooner than anyone thinks.

The vast majority of Americans know very little if anything about the current vice president of the United States. Citizens need to know the background, lives, beliefs, and positions of our leaders so they can make decisions regarding their lives based on the kind of country we are going to have. Let's examine Kamala Harris to see if she is the kind of leader the United States should have.

Kamala's Complicated Family

Kamala Harris was born in 1964 in Oakland, California to Donald Harris, originally from Jamaica, and Shyamala Gopalan, originally from India.

Harris was an economics professor at Stanford. He has been described as a Marxist and a "Post-Keynesian" who "was a leading figure in the small group of economists . . . focused on the importance of income distribution long before income equality became a widespread concern" (Tom Blackwell, "Why We Hear So Little About Kamala Harris' Father," January 22, 2021, National Post.

Shyamala Gopalan was a Braham Hindu whose family was involved in India's independence movement from Great Britain during the first half of the 20th Century. She became a biologist and an acclaimed researcher in the field of breast cancer.

Harris and Gopalan met in 1962 when they were both students at the University of California at Berkley, infamous for openly promoting radical Communist/Marxist ideology. The radical views of her parents may explain why Kamala received a 100% liberal U.S. Senate voting record by Americans for Democratic Action (David Lightman, "How Liberal Is She? Watchdog Groups Rate the Senate Record of Kamala Harris," August 15, 2020, The Sacramento Bee, https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article244908657.html, accessed April 17, 20210) and why many conservatives describe her as being to the left of Bernie Sanders.

Kamala's parents went through a bitter divorce in 1971 after which her father did not have much contact with her and her younger sister. Even though Kamala says her father is a "good guy", he has been conspicuously absent throughout her political career and did not attend even the swearing in ceremony at the White House in January 2021.

The only time in the last 30 years that the elder Mr. Harris has drawn public attention is when he commented on Kamala's support of legalizing marijuana. Her exact statement when asked about this issue in 2019 was, "Half my family's from Jamaica - are you kidding me?" (Tom Blackwell, "Why We Hear So Little About Kamala Harris' Father," January 22, 2021, National Post).

The article goes on to say: "Her father was not amused, writing in a newspaper for the Jamaican diaspora [that] his parents would be spinning in their graves to see their proud heritage "being connected, in any way, jokingly or not, with the fraudulent stereotype of a pot-smoking joy seeker, and in the pursuit of identity politics."

Not exactly a ringing parental endorsement.

Kamala's official Wikipedia biography page states that a neighbor took her and her sister to church on a regular basis. In "Kamala Harris Talks About Her Own Faith" by Maina Mwaura and published on January 27, 2021 for Interfaith America, Kamala claims her Baptist upbringing impacts and influences her political positions (https://ifyc.org/article/kamala-harris-talks-about-her-own-faith, accessed April 17, 2021). She even protested in her debate with Mike Pence during the 2020 presidential campaign that she was a person of faith.

In his very enlightening book, *Profiles In Corruption*, Peter Schweizer documents statements by Shyamala Gopalan that she raised her daughters to be Hindu. According to Gopalan, Kamala knows "all the Hindu mythology and traditions," and she is "equally at ease in a temple or a church." Gopalan says she was inspired to give her oldest daughter the name Kamala because she was born during the Hindu holiday of Dusshera, and "I gave her the name thinking of Goddess Lakshmi."

Schweizer continues: "Shyamala insisted that giving her daughters names derived from the Indian Pantheon was important to her children's development. "A culture that worships goddesses produces strong women," she says. Adds her mother, "Kamala is a frequent visitor to the Shiva Vishnu Temple in Livermore [California]. She performs all rituals and says all prayers at the temple. My family always wanted the children to learn the traditions, irrespective of their place of birth" (Peter Schweizer, *Profiles In Corruption*, 2020, HarpersCollins Publishers, New York, New York, pgs. 15-16).

Kamala Harris may be a person of faith. But which faith?

Young Kamala: Ambitious and Ruthless

Kamala studied political science and economics at Brown University and obtained a law degree at the University of California in 1989. Even though she had just graduated from law school, Kamala was hired as a deputy district attorney for Alameda County, California several months after she passed the bar in June 1990.

But Kamala was very ambitious and didn't want to wait years paying her dues. In 1994, she met Willie Brown, Speaker of California's State Assembly in Sacramento. Although Brown was a married man and more than 30 years her senior, Kamala and Brown made no secret of their affair, outrageously flouting it in public, including being photographed at swanky, posh high society and political events. When Brown won San Francisco's mayoral race in 1995, Kamala was right beside Brown and even handed him a baseball cap with the title of "Da Mayor" on the front. Brown's wife was nowhere to be seen.

Kamala's mother had no problem with the affair her daughter was having with a married man and even defended her daughter. "Why shouldn't she have gone out with Willie Brown? He was a player. And what could Willie Brown expect from her in the future? He has not much life left" (Peter Schweizer, *Profiles In Corruption*, 2020, HarperCollins Publishers, New York, New York, pg. 17). Even if Kamala is sincere in her Baptist faith (which I very much doubt), the most liberal Baptist would have trouble justifying Kamala's affair with a married man.

Willie Brown was well-known for being one of the more corrupt politicians in California, receiving "at least \$124,000 in income and gifts . . . from special interests that had business before the [California State] Legislature" just in 1986 alone (Richard C. Paddock, "Special Interests a large source of Brown's income," *Los Angeles Times*, March 13, 1987). He wore expensive suits and drove Ferraris and Porches. There was much talk about Brown's dirty political practices but nothing was ever done about them.

Brown ended the affair with Kamala shortly after he became mayor but not before Kamala knew she could take full advantage of his network of "special interests" that would help to propel her into the kind of political career she envisioned for herself.

Shortly after they started dating in 1994, Brown appointed Kamala to positions on two boards: The State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board and the California Medical Assistance Commission. The annual salary for these part-time positions paid \$114,000 and \$70,000 respectively; this was in addition to Kamala's deputy district attorney salary.

Nice work if you can get it.

Several years after Brown became the mayor of San Francisco, the district attorney of San Francisco Terence Hallinan approached Kamala about working for him in his office. Kamala took the job but was not content to stay where she was. Shortly after she was hired, the number two position in the office became opened, and Kamala wanted it. When Hallinan hired someone else, Kamala took it badly.

Very badly. She quit - and decided to go after Hallinan's job.

This is where Brown's political connections helped Kamala immensely.

Kamala may have started out at the bottom when the race began, but then Brown's political machine kicked into gear. Brown let Kamala have his experienced campaign operatives, and money started flowing into Kamala's campaign coffers.

Kamala had signed a pledge in January 2003 that she would honor a \$211,000 campaign spending cap designed by the city of San Francisco. But Kamala couldn't keep that promise. She was pulling in double what Hallinan was and by November of that year, Kamala - with the help of Willie Brown and his political network - had raised \$621,000 in campaign funds. Kamala had to pay a \$34,000 fine but she didn't care - as long as she won the election and defeated Hallinan.

Brown's political network also helped Kamala in another way. She received lots of help from city workers who owed their jobs to Brown and were told to attend Kamala's campaign events. After the election, these city workers complained but it did no good.

After quitting with Hallinan, Kamala found another job but she was accused of taking campaign funds from those who had interests in the cases she was handling. This came to the attention of Carol Langford, at the time the head of the American Bar Association's ethics committee. Langford saw this as a conflict of interest and so did Hallinan. They both charged that Kamala would be compromised in prosecuting certain cases if she became district attorney of San Francisco because she would owe those who funded her campaign.

When the election was held in November 2003, none of the candidates received a majority of votes so the top two, Hallinan and Kamala, were forced into a runoff. None of the allegations of corruption bothered Kamala one bit, and presumably they didn't bother the voters. She laughed all the way to victory, defeating Hallinan in the 2004 runoff election.

Kamala's swearing in ceremony was much different than her predecessors. She took the oath of office for her new job as district attorney by placing her hand on a copy of the Bill of Rights, not the Bible, and had two benedictions: one by a black minister and one by a Hindu priest. Both the Star-Spangled Banner and the National Black Anthem were also performed (a sign of things to come in our country?),

After the election, Kamala described her candidacy as a grassroots effort. There was nothing grassroots about it. Without Brown's help, Kamala would never have won that race and would have been nothing more than a blip on the American political scene.

Kamala didn't seem to be too broken up when Brown broke up with her. She quickly went on to have other affairs and relationships. In 2014, she married Doug Emhoff, an entertainment lawyer and a Jew.

Since that time, Kamala has described her past with Brown as "an albatross hanging around my neck." "The lady doth protest too much, methinks" (Shakespeare, *Hamlet*). Becoming district attorney was the launch pad for Kamala's future in politics. Kamala would never have become district attorney of San Francisco without Brown's help. After that election, she never looked back. Sleeping her way to the top and using Brown's dirty, corrupt political machine were small prices to pay; they paved the way for Kamala to eventually become the attorney general for the State of California, U.S. senator, and now vice-president of the United States.

It's for the Children? How Kamala Harris Hid the Sexual Abuse of Catholic Priests

Although a liberal progressive, one of the issues Terence Hallinan felt very passionate about was the sexual abuse of children by Catholic priests. During his tenure as district attorney of San Francisco, Hallinan was determined to prosecute sexual abuse cases involving the Catholic Church and launched an extensive investigation into charges of sexual abuse by alleged victims in the San Francisco area, discovering allegations going back 75 years. He demanded the Catholic Church turn over incriminating documents that had been kept secret for years and which supported the claims of the victims. Peter Schweizer in his *Profiles in Corruption* relates Hallinan's efforts to prosecute these cases.

"The secret documents were explosive and reportedly contained the names of about forty current and former priests in the San Francisco area who had been identified in sexual abuse complaints . . . the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that California's law extending the statute of limitations for priest abuse cases was unconstitutional. Nevertheless, Hallinan was determined to pursue the cases. Discussions began among California district attorneys about how diocese abuse documents might be released to the public" (Peter Schweizer, *Profiles In Corruption*, 2020, HarpersCollins Publishers, New York, New York, pg. 25).

Hallinan was like a dog with a favorite bone. He would not give up on at least publishing the documents with full consent of the victims. The victims' perspective was that as long as their names were edited out, their privacy was safeguarded while encouraging more victims to come forward with their accounts of sexual abuse by priests.

The Catholic Church had already spent millions in litigation fees and received much negative publicity about the sexual abuse of children by Catholic priests. It had a vested interest in squelching any more adverse and unfavorable publicity about this issue.

Enter D.A. Kamala Harris. The investigations and pursuit of sexual abuse cases against Catholic priests came to a screeching halt.

According to Peter Schweizer in *Profiles In Corruption*, Kamala failed to prosecute even one case of sexual child abuse involving Catholic priests in all the time she was either the D.A. of San Francisco or the attorney general of the State of California.

Schweizer is not the only one to bring this charge. Joey Piscitelli, who says he is a victim of child sexual abuse by a Catholic priest, had praise for Hallinan but not for Kamala. While Kamala touted her record of prosecuting child sexual abuse cases during the 2020 presidential campaign, Piscitelli was not impressed. Law Enforcement Today reported the following comments by Piscitelli:

"It went from Terence Hallinan going hundred miles an hour full speed ahead, after the Catholic Church to Kamala Harris doing absolutely nothing and taking it backwards hundred miles an hour." Piscitelli says that he attempted to reach out to Harris several times in order to find out the case status and never received any contact back. This despite that Harris has flaunted herself as being a staunch advocate for sexual assault victims . . ." (Chris Elliott, "Bombshell Report: Kamala Harris Refused to Pursue Criminal Cases Against Catholic Priest Sex Offenders," August 13, 2020, Law Enforcement Today.)

Law Enforcement Today also reported that Dominic De Lucca, another victim of sexual abuse by a Catholic priest, had a similar experience with Kamala. "According to De Lucca, not only did Harris refuse to meet with him, she also refused to produce files he needed to pursue the case civilly" (Chris Elliott, "Bombshell Report: Kamala Harris Refused to Pursue Criminal Cases Against Catholic Priest Sex Offenders," August 13, 2020, Law Enforcement Today.)

Rick Simons, Joey Piscitelli's lawyer, confirmed Piscitelli's account of Kamala concerning her lack of prosecuting cases of child abuse against Catholic priests. "Of all the DAs in the Bay Area, she's the only one who wouldn't cooperate with us" (Michael Rezendes, "Victims Question Kamala Harris' Record on Clergy Abuse," June 26, 2019, Associated Press, https://apnews.com/article/ecc0da5f6ac94b13be11e2a388967a85, accessed April 18, 2021).

So, what changed?

Again, referencing Schweizer's *Profiles In Corruption*, the Catholic Church made very large campaign donations to Kamala when she was running against Hallinan for the district attorney of San Francisco position. Schweizer lists some of the lawyers and law firms representing Catholic priests in the sex abuse cases and their donations to Kamala's campaign:

- Joseph Russoniello, partner at Cooley Godward and served on the Catholic Church's National Review Board, donated \$1,250.00.
- Cooley Godward Law Firm donated \$2,250.00.
- Bingham McCutcheon Law Firm, representing Catholic Charities, donated \$2,825.00.
- Arguedas, Cassman & Headley, representing a Catholic priest, donated \$4,550.00. Cristina Arguedas was on Kamala's advisory council.

On page 27 in *Profiles in Corruption*, Schweizer charges that "board members of San Francisco Catholic archdiocese-related organizations and their family members donated \$50,950 to Harris' campaign" against Hallinan.

Talk about a conflict of interest. Hallinan and Carol Langford were correct in their assessment of how justice would be subverted if Kamala became the San Francisco D.A. There is no question that the donations from the Catholic organizations and law firms and lawyers representing Catholic priests influenced Kamala to refuse to prosecute sex abuse cases involving Catholic priests.

As the condemnations of Kamala rose for her lack of action in the Catholic priest sex abuse cases, she tried to defend herself, claiming that she was actually *protecting* the victims!

Once again, quoting Peter Schweizer from *Profiles In Corruption*.

"Hallinan's office had used the archdiocese files to guide its investigations and talked publicly about releasing the documents after removing victims' names and identifiers. Harris, on the other hand, abruptly decided to bury the records. For some reason, she did not want the documents released in any form. Harris's office claimed that the cover-up was about protecting the victims of abuse. 'District Attorney Harris focuses her efforts on putting child molesters in prison,' her office clamed. 'We're not interested in selling out our victims to look good in the paper.'" (Peter Schweizer, *Profiles In Corruption*, 2020, HarpersCollins Publishers, New York, New York, pgs. 27-28).

Kamala never checked with the victims of sexual abuse by priests. To say they were angry and outraged is an understatement. Rick Simons quoted earlier said that what Kamala was actually doing "shows a pattern and practice and policy of ignoring the rights of children by one of the largest institutions of the city and county of San Francisco, and in the Bay Area" (Peter Schweizer, *Profiles In Corruption*, 2020, HarpersCollins Publishers, New York, New York, pg. 28).

When Schweizer tried to find out more information about some of these cases and requested records, he said the San Francisco district attorney's office said they no longer had them.

So what happened to them? Apparently, all records of these sex abuse cases by Catholic priests after Kamala Harris become district attorney of San Francisco have mysteriously disappeared. Very convenient - for Kamala that is, not for the victims.

With new reports of the shocking and appalling sexual abuse of immigrant children that are now pouring across our southern border while being housed in U.S. government facilities, is it any wonder that Kamala Harris has not issued any statements condemning the horrendous sexual abuse of these children and demanding a stop to the new open border policies of an administration she is a part of?

This is not the only instance of Kamala being anti-child, to put it bluntly. While she was a U.S. senator, Kamala received a perfect score on supporting aborting from NARAL and during the 2020 president campaign, she received the endorsement of Planned Parenthood (David Lightman, "Fact Check: Where Does Kamala Harris Stand on Abortion?" November 11, 2020, The Sacramento Bee.)

During the Democrat campaign for president in 2019, Kamala had expressed support for codifying *Roe v. Wade* into U.S. law, making it much harder for states to pass laws protecting unborn children from being murdered through abortion. On January 22, 2021, Kamala and Joe Biden released a statement which said in part, "The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to codifying Roe v. Wade and appoint judges that respect foundational precedents like Roe. We are also committed to ensuring that we work to eliminate maternal and infant health disparities, increase access to contraception, and support families economically so that all parents can raise their families with dignity" (January 22, 2021, "Statement from President Biden and Vice President Harris on the 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade," The White House.)

Biden wasted no time in following through with his and Kamala's pro-abortion stance. On January 27, 2021, "Democratic President Joe Biden, among his first official acts, today rescinded the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy (PLGHA), which prevents federal funds from going to foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that perform abortions . . . as a method of family planning in other countries" ("President Biden's Priority of Forcing Taxpayers into a Partnership with the Abortion Industry Won't Bring Unity," Family Research Council.)

Our tax dollars will now be going to support organizations in other countries who support and/or perform abortions, reversing President Trump's pro-life policy. No wonder Alexis McGill Johnson, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, was excited that Kamala Harris "offered an inspiring vision for making abortion more accessible and expanding reproductive health care across the country" (David Lightman, "Fact Check: Where Does Kamala Harris Stand on Abortion?" November 11, 2020, The Sacramento Bee.)





Unfortunately, there was not enough space in this article to include all of Kamala Harris' corrupt acts, including her protection and favorable treatment of friends and family before she became vice president. I encourage everyone to read the full account of Kamala Harris in Peter Schweizer's *Profiles In Corruption*. It is very illuminating.

Even this cursory examination of Kamala Harris' background and public political record should be enough to convince every American citizen that she should never have been elected vice president of the United States, and she certainly has no business becoming president. There is a mountain of evidence proving this election was stolen. Whether Joe Biden has to step down or be removed from office through the 25th Amendment because of his rapidly declining mental and physical health, at present it appears that Kamala Harris will soon become the 47th president of the United States of America. May God help us.

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