The Spirit of Socialism!

The following pictures of children are from refugee camps, homeless shelters and other locals in poverty stricken areas.

Note the smiles! While these children have endured incredible trauma, they have maintained their hope and optimism of living a better life! They feel they are in a better place and leaving a place of despair and strife. Their spirit is still strong and optimistic! They have not been beaten down by corrupt systems that replace hope and optimism with fear and disillusionment!

While we focus on programs and policies as we demand more power to working people, we need to remember what the world needs is to provide a safe place for all of us to contribute and be respected for his/her contributions.

The spirit conveyed by these children must be the spirit that guides socialist promises and philosophy. Adults need a reason to smile with optimism that they will live the good life. That is the spirit that guides SOCIALISM!

Words for thought

“America "goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy,” Secretary of State John Quincy Adams said in 1821. "She might become the dictatress of the world. She would be no longer the ruler of her own spirit.”
A few months ago a request was made for short descriptives of the Democratic presidential candidates. Well, next month begins several months of presidential primaries. In our 2-party system, minority voices often get ignored and left out. While primaries are a far cry from being good democratic practices, primaries are the best opportunity for those with different ideas to make their voices heard before the dictates of a 2 party-system leaves us to choose between “the lessor of two evils”. Below are submissions of impressions of the various candidates. Hope they help you decide!

Michael Bennet
- Has a lot of good ideas
- Doddering, corrupt & no hope for defeating Trump
- He would be next all care for low-income people
- Warrior-too conservative
- Should finally retire.
- Too centrist
- OUCH!

Joe Biden
- Another Obama; just like Michelle is better than he was, his GF
- Great candidate – great V.P.
- Articulate & supporter of Trump.
- Biden type hypocrite.
- Old style Democrat – some ideas, but not committed to any major changes.

Cory Booker
- Openly gay, closet neo-liberal and pentagon stooge
- Good candidate!
- Would advance social justice.
- Up & coming – should first serve in a legislature
- Wet behind the ears, inflated ego.

Julían Castro
- As much as he could do for low-income people
- Has many ideas to bring us together as Americans
- Would be an interesting choice now that Cuba does not have a Pres. Castro.
- Go back to being Sec. of HUD
- Would make a strong VP candidate

John Delaney
- The climate change candidate, will be ignored by the DNC & that’s too bad.
- Don’t like – too conservative

Tulsi Gabbard
- The strongest peace candidate even if she is ex-military. A little troubling because of connections to current Indian PM Modi, a quasi-fascist.
- Great to see her running for office.
- Hang in there Tulsi! Go back to a beach, forever!
- Can’t be all bad if accused by Hillary.
- Her military experience opened her eyes to the truth, too bad for the military-industrial complex.

Amy Klobuchar
- Her father was a good newspaper columnist, she’s hopeless.
- Great Midwest candidate
- Great sense of humor–could be used to ridicule Trump Tweets.
- Another possible VP candidate.
- Typical Dem, some deas, tries to be practical and not fight for what is really needed.

Deval Patrick
- He read too many establishment sponsored pundits who say only a moderate, do-little candidate can beat Trump.

Bernie Sanders
- Best candidate by far even if he is not strong enough on anti-war issues.
- Would be best for low-income people
- Socialist – needs to mentor more younger candidates.
- A democratic socialist!
- Should be Secretary of Labor.
- Ingenious method of funding for part of health system and basic response to potential waste of young resources
- Too old, heart attack, socialist label, not a woman, many want a woman POTUS.
- He has fought the good fight for many years, maybe too many!
- Thanks Bernie!

Tom Steyer
- He is way out, for low-income people
- Cares about America, has good ideas
- For V.P.
- Too much about his business and early impeachment

Elizabeth Warren
- Her health plan is a formula for disaster, slow roll-out relying on GOP to get slowly on board will never happen
- She also would make a good president
- “Warrior, but needs to listen to new ideas!
- Should be POTUS to reorganize banks & financial system
- More like most bright middle-class Americans.
- Younger, healthier, semi-version of Bernie!
- Even before she became a politician, she was calling for major changes to reduce inequality and promote social justice. Wish she would adopt the label “socialist” and drop “capitalist”!

Marianne Williamson
- Good ideas, but not really much more than someone interested in selling her own books.
- Good thinker. Advocate
- Should go hide in a magazine!

Andrew Yang
- Basic income proposal has some merit and he’s an interesting candidate but he is too marginal.
- Best candidate – love him
- Brilliant on business matters.
- Seems to really care about the plight of all people, but as a business person, his ideas will ae life a little easier by sharing wealth, but not power!