

## French President: American Election Looks Like Brexit II

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Socialist President Francois Hollande of France has called on the American people to "make the right choice" when casting their vote for President this November, expressing concern that the tone of the Presidential race sounds similar to that of the U.K.'s referendum to leave the European Union.

Just as the decision of U.K. voters to throw off the shackles of the dictatorial European Union has rankled globalists like Hollande, so to does the concept of the American people voting to reject a globalist puppet like Hillary Clinton.

"The arguments in the Brexit vote and in the American presidential campaign are about the same," Hollande told reporters at the recent NATO summit in Warsaw. "In a friendly way, may I also give some advice to the American people to make the right choice when the moment comes."

While never mentioning Trump by name, Hollande has made it clear he is far from impartial in the American Presidential election, having <u>endorsed</u> Hillary Clinton last month in an editorial in France's *Les Echos* newspaper. He also likened Donald Trump's views on immigration to his own rival on the right, the French National Party's Marine Le Pen.

According to Hollande, Trump's "slogans are barely different from the extreme right in Europe and in France," and he accused Trump of promoting, "fear of waves of immigrants, the stigmatization of Islam, the questioning of representative democracy and the denunciation of elites..."

Perhaps Hollande's endorsement is one Clinton is glad to have, as his domestic policies since the Paris terror attacking would make any globalist totalitarian proud.

Following the Paris terror attack, the French government <u>declared</u> a nationwide state of emergency (AKA implemented a police state) that continues today. Prime Minister Manuel Valls has pledged to keep the state of emergency in place indefinitely until ISIS is defeated.

"As if in a slow-motion coup d'état, the ruling elite is moving to transform political life in France, creating an authoritarian regime," wrote Stéphane Hugues and Alex Lantier.

"Under the state of emergency, public protests are banned, there is no guarantee of freedom of the press or freedom of assembly, and no judicial oversight of arbitrary searches and seizures carried out by police," they continued.

After the attacks on 9/11, the Bush administration exploited the public's fear to push Congress to pass the PATRIOT Act, which decimated the American people's civil liberties and set us further on the path towards a totalitarian police state.

The danger of a never ending war being exploited to erode our civil liberties is very real <u>according</u> to Bruce Fein, a deputy attorney general under Ronald Reagan and the chairman of the American Freedom Agenda.

"I submit that we stand at present at a constitutional crossroads. Why are we here? I think the answer is that, post- 9/11, the changes in the Constitution's distribution of powers that have been urged by the president are not temporary, as in all previous crises and wars. Previously, we had always understood that there would be an end date to the war, whether it was the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay or Appomattox," he said during a policy forum with the Cato Institute back in 2007.

"But there is no defining endpoint to the so-called war against international terrorism. No one has even conceived of a standard by which a president would stand up and say that there was no risk that anywhere in the world is there a terrorist who wants to kill an American."

While some suggest that living in a police state will make us safer, that notion runs contrary to the principles of the Founding Fathers who believed the dangers that come from living in an open society are more acceptable to living under a police state.

"If you have a police state, you can get more information. If you throw everybody in prison, no one is going to commit a crime, Fein continued, "but the whole idea of a free society is that we make judgments about relative degrees of risks we take as a community in order to have freedom, not live in jails."

"Yes, it is possible to reduce the risk of terrorism by creating a police state and eliminating all of our free speech and due process protections, but the price is the end of our Republic. And that is too high a price to pay," he concluded.