

**PRESIDENT DONALD JOHN TRUMP:
IS HE A PROSPECTIVE PATERNAL DICTATOR; OR, A MAN,
TRYING TO DO THE BEST, POSSIBLE JOB ... IN A HURRY ?**

A great deal of criticism has been lodged in the general direction of the President of The United States of America, some of which has been vastly exaggerated, with much of it, being extremely base and negative.

Recently, Mr Jared Corey Kushner, the son-in-law of President Donald John Trump, has been receiving a great deal of ‘heat’, in the vernacular of popular Americanisms of the day.

Mr Jared Corey Kushner, who is aged 36 years, was appointed as Senior Advisor to the President on January 20, 2017.

He is a Democrat (the President is a Republican) and is married to Ms Ivanka Maria Trump, aged 35 years.

Mrs Ivanka Maria Kushner is currently Assistant to the President.

This lady was awarded her high office on March 29, 2017. She is, as everybody is well aware, the daughter of President Donald John Trump.

In the first week of this month, Ms Nicole Kushner Meyer, a sister of Mr Jared Corey Kushner, used her brother’s name in conjunction with an attempt to promote an investment-for-visas scheme in both Beijing and Shanghai, the People’s Republic of China.

Ms Risa Heller, a spokesperson for the Kushner Companies, was quoted as stating:

‘Ms Meyer wanted to make clear that her brother had stepped away from the Company (the Kushner Companies) in January and has nothing to do with this project.

‘Kushner Companies apologises if that mention of her brother in any way interpreted as an attempt to lure investors. That was not Ms Meyer’s intention.’

Critics, however, were quick to accuse the Kushner Companies and Ms Nicole Kushner Meyer of playing the White House ‘card’ – seeking celebrity status for the investment scheme due to Mr Jared Corey Kushner’s rather high, political position, having the ear, so to speak, of the most-powerful, political leader of the Western World.

These critics of this incident, also, were quick to point out that it is proscribed by law for Government officials of The United States of America to obtain profit, personally, from their positions.

Ironically, it is well known in the People’s Republic of China and elsewhere in the world that an investment of materiality, especially one that leads to the creation of jobs in The United States of America, is a fast track to obtaining a ‘green card’ – which legally permits such holders to obtain permanent residence in The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave, the first step to American citizenship.

Upon taking up his appointment in the White House, Mr Jared Corey Kushner made it very clear that he had

relinquished all of his positions in the Kushner Companies.

However, it is alleged that filings, made to The Committee on Ethics, indicate that he and his wife continue to benefit from their respective stakes in the Kushner Companies.

Suggestions of potential conflicts of interest have been levelled against Mr Jared Corey Kushner from the very start of his appointment as Senior Advisor to President Donald John Trump.

Nothing of any substance has ever come to light to substantiate these suggestions, however.

It is well known and appreciated that Mr Jared Corey Kushner is a very wealthy man in his own right and that his wealth has not been the result of any wrongdoing, but due to determinations, made over the years, with regard to, inter alia, investments in real estate in The United States of America.

According to usually reliable sources, Mr and Mrs Jared Corey Kushner have assets, the market value of which is at least \$US740 million (about \$HK5.37 billion).

However, questions remain, in some quarters, as to whether or not there are covert, underlying reasons that President Donald John Trump made the decision to keep his daughter and her husband close at hand in order to offer him guidance and recommendations when called upon so to do.

It is, also, very evident that both Mr Jared Corey Kushner and Ms Ivanka Maria Trump are people with above-average intelligence.

It stands to reason, therefore, that any senior official of note of the Government of The United States of America would welcome such people to serve him/her in one capacity or another.

Mr Jared Corey Kushner graduated from Harvard University and New York University and Ms Ivanka Maria Trump is a graduate of The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania.

The appointment as Senior Advisor to President Donald John Trump followed in the wake of Mr Jared Corey Kushner's known successes in real-estate transactions in Massachusetts where he pocketed in excess of \$US20 million (about \$HK155 million) – while still a student at Harvard University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

In 2007, he graduated from New York University with a **Juris Doctorate (JD)** and a **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**.

His credentials appear to speak for themselves, clearly.

For what reason would not President Donald John Trump want to have such a brain, close by his side, in order to offer objective and impartial advice, from time to time.

President Donald John Trump: Loved By Many; Hated By Some

President Donald John Trump, it is rightly held, is self-assertive, often in a rude, noisy, and/or overbearing way.

That is his nature, to be sure (leopards cannot change their spots and tigers cannot change their stripes), but that does not mean that he does not make every possible attempt in his quest to do that which is best for his country.

It is said that a virtuous man is driven by responsibility whereas the non-virtuous man is driven by profit.

President Donald John Trump has more money than he knows what to do with his fortune.

He is not hungry for more American dollars or Israeli shekels and, by assuming the highest, political office of The United States of America, it is proof positive that he is making every attempt to do that which he thinks is right and proper for the country of his birth.

He has surrounded himself with some of the finest brains in the country, among which are just two of his close, family members.

It is not illegal, under prevailing American laws, for a President to appoint members of his family to Governmental positions.

President Donald John Trump, for the most part, does not appreciate the jabs at him by certain members of the media, members who appear to take delight in taking potshots at the most-powerful man in the world whenever the spirit moves them so to do.

He has waged outright ‘war’ against a number of publications and television stations that he claims have been reporting false news and/or being unjustly critical of his determinations and propositions.

President Donald John Trump has never been accustomed to being berated by anybody because, when ruling his very successful Trump Empire, he expected – and demanded – to be treated in a very different manner to the present-day behaviour of certain members of the Press.

In the not too distant past, if acceptable behaviour was not forthcoming by one of his employees, as the Chief Executive of the Trump Empire, he would utter just three words to the offender:

‘You are fired!’

But, as the most-powerful, political leader of the free world, it is customary – at least, members of the media maintain – that he is fair game at public forums and, should a member of the media tend to be tiresome and/or rude, there is very little that the President can do: He cannot fire a member of the medium for any rudeness or lack of decorum at Press conferences.

But he has been toying with the idea of discontinuing certain Press conferences, completely, and, instead, issuing written statements to the members of the Press – for the sake of absolute accuracy so that there can be no further suggested misunderstandings by irritating and ‘irrational’ members of the fourth estate.

Fermenting the problems that confronted the President, during his first 100 days in office, were political opponents who took every opportunity to pooh-pooh his Executive Orders or to stymie his attempts to introduce new legislation.

This sort of action was, originally, very alien to President Donald John Trump, although he fully appreciated the manner in which proposed legislation was passed into the statute books of the country.

In days of yore, his signature on a piece of paper was a sufficiency unto itself that this or that shall be done.

It took him a little time to prepare himself for the change in circumstances in respect of getting things done as the leader of the most-powerful nation on the earth.

In the words of Publius Aelius Hadrianus, commonly referred to today as, simply, Hadrian, Roman Emperor (AD 76-138):

‘A resolute man is not so easily turned from his course, at least, not by any means short of murder; but before such an act as that his cowardice recoiled.’

Today, President Donald John Trump appears to have settled into his job, but still he tends to continue to prefer to speak his mind at a time when, perhaps, it would have been wiser to bite his tongue.

The President has millions of followers for many and varied reasons, but there is quite a number of learned justices, solicitors and academics who take umbrage with regard to the President's thinking, especially in respect of the many millions of undocumented immigrants, living in the country, illegally, most of whom the President wants deported, post-haste.

As for his proposed suggestions that the immigration doors to the residents of certain countries be closed, for a period of time, his opponents make the claim that he is targeting Moslems, specifically, and that this is contrary to the way in which the Founding Fathers of The United States of America conceived of the country in 1776 as inscribed in The Declaration of Independence of July 4 of that year.

And so the criticism continues.

Some of the criticisms may be well-founded; and, some of the criticisms are, definitely, mickey mouse.

But none of the criticisms may make the claim that the President is permitting his judgement to be coloured by prejudice of any sort.

There has yet to be a suggestion of nepotism, but, perhaps, that has yet to come.

His son-in-law embraces Judaism while he is a practising Presbyterian.

He has gone on record as uttering very uncomplimentary remarks about the dictatorships of certain countries, especially that of North Korea, but claims that he would be quite willing to break bread with the Supreme Leader of the country, Mr Kim Jong Un (), if certain conditions be met.

He rarely minces his words; and, he does not suffer fools gladly.

In short, paraphrasing his many utterances:

'I say it the way that I see it.'

And his many millions of followers love him for speaking to them in short sentences with which they can fully understand and with which they embrace:

*'No nonsense! This is that which must be done!
We must make America great again!'*

Even these well-worn sentences are being misconstrued in some quarters, with proponents of today's (so-called) American way of life, asking whether or not those statements smack of authoritarianism.

One may well ask, also, as to whether or not the Trump Presidency is any more dangerous, today, than Presidencies have been in decades past.

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