

[II-1 Assessing the Half Way Point Through 100 days]

President Trump is halfway through his First 100 Days, which is a good time to assess how he is doing. We can talk about three key subject areas. On Subject No. 1, he is keeping his campaign promises. His focus on doing what he said he would do is the best part of his young presidency because faithfulness is the key to restoring Americans' trust in government.

These days many Americans believe all politicians say one thing and do another. Trump was elected largely because he was not a politician. He is not "paid for" so he doesn't owe any favors like most politicians. His focus on fixing immigration, creating jobs and replacing ObamaCare is consistent with his main campaign themes. Two others, tax reform and rebuilding the military, are next in line.

Even those who disagree with Trump must admit it is true that he is serious about his promise to put Americans first. On Subject No. 2, whether he is delivering results. From the moment of the election, he eyed low-hanging fruit he could pick through executive orders, which he issued right out of the gate. Those changes already show impressive gains.

{Diane Marks in the judge sheet after each contestant}

[II-2 How he is Trying to Keep Campaign Promises]

Economic confidence is rising among businesses, entrepreneurs and consumers, thanks to the president's push to keep companies from moving plants and jobs to Mexico. He meets regularly with corporate giants including Facebook, Microsoft and Amazon CEOs, small business owners and unions, all of whom have ideas on getting the economy to prosper.

Trump's order that federal agencies reduce two regulations for each new one is how he is "draining the swamp." Something positive also is happening on immigration, with officials saying the number of people caught trying to enter illegally from Mexico in February was the lowest in five years. So, even before a wall is built, America is finally on course to getting border control and creating a more effective immigration system.

But, not everything is going as he planned. His first executive order for tighter immigration control was blocked and even though he has made needed corrections on the second one, some courts are trying to keep it blocked. Regarding ObamaCare, the complexity of health care guarantees results will not be immediate, but Trump is pushing hard for a better more affordable and effective plan. Trump is meeting with both sides and encouraging speedy resolution while also staying open to changes.

[II-3 Trump's Leadership Style]

Working with others, is the least impressive part of the president's start. His lack of political experience shows in his slow, uneven actions in forming a government. On one hand, his cabinet is generally first-rate, with Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, all loyal and dependable.

On the other hand, the White House is behind schedule in nominating people for the majority of 1,100 positions requiring Senate confirmation. There are too many Obama holdovers, some of whom are trying to weaken Trump by leaking secrets. Other leaks are coming from Trump's own team. Critical reports about him cite sources "close to the president" or "people around him," which is a sign for inner-circle discontent. That is troubling so early in an administration.

Most worrisome, Trump often seems like a lone ranger fighting the world. Even Superman needed help, and governing is a team sport. For the first 50 days, by keeping to his campaign promises, he is off to a good start and there is opportunity for big improvement when he gets more experience and has his full team in place. American has a president determined to succeed and willing to work tirelessly to make America great.

[II-4 Trump Tweets]

There are mixed views on Trump's Tweets. If you're riding on the Trump Train, you enjoy the "transparency" of our 45th President. On the other hand, if you're not a fan of Trump, you don't appreciate him using social media to communicate because this does not seem, "Presidential." He uses two phones for Tweeting. It seems that early in the morning when he wakes up and tweets out more emotional messages usually against anyone who is not supporting him.

Trump's tweets accusing Obama of wire-tapping him surprised his aides and staff. He Tweeted "*How low has President Obama gone to tapp my phones during the very sacred election process. This is Nixon/Watergate. Bad (or sick) guy!*" Some critics blame Trump's use of Twitter for not being appropriate, but he has no intention of giving it up.

Twitter gives him a fast way of speaking directly to the American people without the filter of a press corps. He can be more personal and transparent with his tweets. But when he uses Twitter to pick a fight, his message leaves a negative impact. The all-hands-on-deck alarm pulls everybody into an emergency and locks him into an agenda that hasn't been discussed and may be a mistake. While his unrestrained style is often refreshing, many Americans still find his unpredictability unnerving.

[II-5 President's Accomplishments]

The White House has released a list of President Trump's accomplishments that he has achieved in his first 50 days. *"President is looking out for the American workers who Washington has left behind. President Trump has worked with the private sector to deliver tens of thousands of new jobs for Americans. President ordered the United States to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement and negotiations."*

Pres. Trump is keeping to what he promised to do during his campaign. If you voted for him- you should be very pleased. If you didn't, then you will be finding fault. He was very serious about immigration- "legal" immigrants are welcome, illegal immigrants are not welcome. Illegal immigrants in America with a criminal record are to be deported, under the immigration laws.

Under President Trump, there has been a 40 percent decrease in illegal immigration. The stock market in America has gained significantly and the job rates have increased too. Now he is working on better and more affordable healthcare, making major cuts to the budget, and changing tax laws.

[II-6 President Trump is Dealing with a Divided United States]

The stories of "Russians are hacking/wiretapping" and "protesters" are mostly liberal democrats, politicians, and the biased liberal media who are upset because Hillary was not elected. It was mostly West Coast and East Coast, who wanted her to win but that was not true for a majority of people across the USA. The people wanted "change" again.

On Feb. 18th, he tweeted "The FAKE NEWS media is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American People!" This followed the press conference where the president announced his latest cabinet pick, but also used the opportunity to call out what he has dubbed the "fake news" media. On Feb. 25, he Tweeted: "FAKE NEWS media knowingly doesn't tell the truth. A great danger to our country."

Pres. Trump is not a republican or a democrat, he's an American business man who believes in "America First." He doesn't care about how the biased media or Hollywood or Professional Athletes criticize him. He uses Twitter to speak directly to the American people; of course the media hates that! However, America does its best when both democrats and republicans work together. I hope both sides can find a way to do what is best for America.