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I could not be happier with the resolution of Joe Biden being projected as the 46th U.S. president-elect, not because I agree with his supposedly "progressive" ideologies—which, as a cultured and global person who has a notion of the world beyond Nebraska and recognizes how skewed U.S. politics is toward hardcore capitalism and consumerism, I see he's center right at most—or because I believe he'll do a good job at all as president. Put very simply, I'm glad because Trump will not be president for another four gruesome years.

The term "populism" has a very different connotation from its Spanish translation "populismo." In English, populism means dedicated to the people, and representative of the people, but in Spanish a "populista" is a politician who demagogically dissuades and riles the populous to their own benefit or the benefit of the few. I could not find a worse definition for Donald Trump as a populist and would struggle to find a better one than a populista.

Discarding the fact that a stark mathematical majority of Americans do not want Trump in office, and the corollary argument that the electoral college is wildly out of date, I do not understand how such a large population of people will support a man which such undiplomatic and childish antics. The fact that around a good 1/4 of the American population want to side with an oligarch who supports bigotry, xenophobia, racism, non-secularism, and just outright fear mongering, it is absolutely terrifying and insane. Whomever actively supports him in attempting a coup should be put in prison alongside him, without even regarding his somehow still unindicted

charges of collusion, tax fraud, sexual misconduct, and others.

However, Trump is not the problem, he is a symptom of American ignorance and isolationism. I do not think he truly is a white supremacist or a Neo-Nazi, or actually agrees with groups such as Proud Boys, I'm sure he couldn't care less about them, he simply is a brute yet cunning businessman who knows that the least educated will support him blindly as long as he cries their chants and builds (or says he'll build) their xenophobic wall. When will these Americans learn that our biggest strength comes, to detriment of other countries, from our ability to brain-drain the world?

I dream to see a United States with a united, educated, scientifically literate, and global people, who enjoy the rights of affordable quality education, healthcare, and other baseline social benefits provided by the funds redistributed from unnecessary, imperialist military spending, and monopolizing, tax evading billionaires; all while conserving our definite optimistic vision and entrepreneurship led by private capital, meritocratical competition, and technology. I know that Joe Biden won't provide this, but at the very least, he's not Donald *ducking* Trump.