

Joe the Plumber Passed Gas

The American electorate (voter) is a complex and fickle animal. His action to act (vote) is a two-step process. Motivation, then his decision. The two are not analogous. In fact, quite independent. For many, opinions and views never reach further than spouse, family and friends. Some do spill their views to anonymous letters or texts but only under a facade of a single topic issue.

When does a conviction to an issue become motivation? Does it take more than one, or is it something completely off center. I say the latter. Motivation can result from a single conviction to an issue. More likely, multiple themed but similar issues. Then there is the FDR, Reagan and Trump motivation. I call it the “had-it” syndrome. A syndrome that motivates effort to vote, to get into the car, to stand in line; prerequisites actions that must occur before a vote can be cast. It is a sad American history trait that a staunch belief or conviction never becomes a reality of a vote, due to lack of motivation. At best, little more than half of the eligible voters vote.

So back to motivation, and what causes it. Motivation is what eludes most pollsters, as it did in 1933, 1984, 2016 and 2024. To coin a Trump phrase “hey Joe, get off the couch and vote”. Interesting, the underlying reason or conviction, to get off the couch was never mentioned. Equally, have you ever seen a pollster ask “why” are you voting. The pollsters assume you were going to vote because you have a conviction, otherwise the questions stop.

The consensus of the 2024 election deemed the country was going in the wrong direction. The talking heads misidentified this as motivation. It was not. It was a symptom, and a BIG one. What motivated Joe to get off that damn couch?. Was it the border and immigration? Was it the economy and inflation? Was it law and order or GOD forbid, climate change?. Were these the factors or a culmination that made Joe get up or was it something else?.

Back to Joe on the couch and the real reason he kept throwing his shoe at the TV. Was it in disgust at what he was watching or being told? The economy is fine, the border is secure, your streets are safe and if you “think” differently, you were homophobic, xenophobic, or something-phobic. If you disagreed with anyone pontificating that BS, you were a racist or garbage. If you did not hold Israel as wrong in defending itself, you were the Zionists. That damn TV would not

stop. Blaming me because I thought differently. Blaming me for not accepting what I was being told.

Something else was happening to us the American populous. We have been chastised for not being woke. Those TV people, those in charge and those assuming authority, were in lock step. Telling you much of what you were taught and much of what you believed in, was wrong. You were being told you could change your sex at will. You were told men were allowed to play in woman sports. You were told a boy or a man could shower with your daughter. You were told others could help your child change their sex without your knowledge. Misaddressing a person's gender other than male or female could get you sued. The government was spending money putting tampons in boys' bathrooms. If you didn't treat people of color extra better, you were a racist. Your world was being turned upside down, and if you didn't agree, it was your fault. You had the problem. You were bad. So, what were those TV people, those government people and those professing authority, telling you?. Think about it. They insisted what you saw or experienced wasn't real. What you were thinking wasn't right. What you were taught was wrong and if you didn't agree with them, you were bad.

Joe the Plumber farted and got up off the couch. He realized those government people and those claiming authority were destroying his world and blaming him for it. Joe was motivated because he was being blamed for all this upheaval while lying on the couch. He was going to stop it.

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