

## ALPHABET OF POST-ELECTION BLAMES

Rabbi Peter H. Schweitzer, 2016

*Inspired by the Jewish confessional prayer for Yom Kippur – Ashamnu, Bagadnu, Gazalnu, Dibarnu Dofi – We have trespassed, We have dealt treacherously, We have robbed, We have spoken slander*

### A

Alt-Right

Sheldon Adelson

Huma Abedin

Anti-semitism

African-Americans, for not turning out enough, though as Samantha Bee reminds us, the blame really falls on white voters. How many times, she asked, do we expect black people to build our country for us?"

### B

Breitbart News Network

Benghazi Hearings

Birthers

Joe Biden, for not running

### C

Citizen's United – unlimited donations

James Comey and the renegade FBI agents

Critical thinking, which is irrelevant to so many Americans

Bill Clinton

### D

DNC Cronies, especially Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Donna Brazile

Debate moderators who let lies go by unchallenged

Democrats, for their loss of loyalty to the white working class

Democrats, for transforming "themselves into a party of minorities and scolds, out to convince America's broad middle that its values were screwed up. It should be obvious, but apparently wasn't, that you don't win elections by telling people what's wrong with them and their values."

Democrats, for their "tendency to nominate presidential candidates because they would make an excellent president, disregarding the pesky question of whether they're electable."

### E

Emails and more emails and obfuscation about emails

The economy, the economy, the economy – and forgetting that message

F

Fox Network

Vile Flacks like Rudy Giuliani, New Gingrich, Chris Christie

Hypocritical fundamentalists

G

Global warming, which obviously hasn't gotten hot enough yet to bother the Republicans

H

Hacking by Russia

Hillary Clinton, for all her flaws (the real ones, not the imaginary one)

I

Impotent Republican candidates who let Trump walk all over them

International Zionist Bankers

Intellectually superior liberals and elitists

Intolerance that cuts both ways, of conservatives towards liberals, and liberals towards conservatives

J

Jews, who voted single issue only Trump would be better for Israel

K

Koch Brothers

The KKK, David Duke, and his ilk

L

Latinos, for not turning out enough

Monica Lewinsky, just because

M

Robby Mook and John Podesta for not running a wiser campaign

Media

*The blaming always starts with the media. You can blame the media with impunity because virtually every survey shows trust in the media at historic lows. Every candidate, every political party, even many in the media, blame the media for our electoral troubles.*

Millenials, for not showing up enough

My wife / my husband (for supporting Hillary over Bernie)

N

NRA

O

Barack Obama – for not accomplishing more for the disenfranchised

Barack Obama – for bringing out all the racists from the woodwork on account of his getting elected in the first place.

P

Pollsters who were so wrong

Pundits who don't have a clue

Sanctimonious political correctness and the push back against it

Q

Quaint old-fashioned beliefs that love trumps hate

R

Republicans, for creating Trump

Republicans, for their obstructionism

Paul Ryan, for being spineless

A stubborn reality called Racism

S

Bernie Sanders, for running – or for not controlling his Bernie-bros

Sexism

T

The Tea Party

Donald Trump, for his tone, his utterances, his masterful appeal to racists, haters, bigots, anti-Semites, anyone with resentments and prejudices

U

Undisguised racism

Unwarranted optimism

V

Vitriol and virulent hatred

W

White Republican women, for not enough of them coming over to Hillary

Elizabeth Warren, for not running

Anthony Weiner

The Women's Card, which alienated white uneducated men

Wall Street

Writing all Trumpers off as poorly educated xenophobes and calling them “deplorables”

X

Xenophobia

Y

Yada yada yada – and on it goes with any number of other things to blame

Z

Mark Zuckerberg, for allowing Facebook to spread lies and stoke emotion on both sides during the election.