

Making our states fair again: election reflections

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All the items in this selection of blogposts and short articles deplore the result of the US presidential election. Also, however, all have constructive things to say or imply about planning and organising for the future. They have implications not only for the US but also for post-referendum Britain.

The selection is in two parts. First, there are general reflections on what has happened and what needs now to be done, and not done, in the light of it. Second, there are reflections on the practical implications in the field of education.

At the end there is an addendum.



A. GENERAL REFLECTIONS

1) Stop shaming Trump supporters

by Michael Lerner, New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/projects/cp/opinion/election-night-2016/stop-shaming-trump-supporters?module=ConversationPieces®ion=Body&action=click&pgtype=article>

- 2) The Trump of justice for liberals
by Kelvin Holdsworth, personal weblog ('What's in Kelvin's head?')
<http://thurible.net/2016/11/09/trump-judgement-for-liberals/>
- 3) The morning after
by Christopher Page, personal weblog ('In a spacious place')
<https://inaspaciousplace.wordpress.com/2016/11/09/the-morning-after/>
- 4) We are trapped with no desert island to run away to
by Nando Sigone, personal weblog ('Diary of an EU citizen in the UK')
<https://nandosigona.wordpress.com/2016/11/09/trapped-diary-of-an-eu-citizen-in-the-uk-16/>
- 5) Your post-election pain is real grief
by Carolyn Gregoire, Huffington Post
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/election-pain-grief_us_58234497e4b0d9ce6fc03fd8
- 6) Angela Merkel's reaction to Trump win beats May hands down
by Omar Khan, Huffington Post
http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/dr-omar-khan/donald-trump_b_12916028.html
- 7) The election: of hate, grief and a new story
by Charles Eisenstein, personal weblog
<http://charleseisenstein.net/hategriefandanewstory/>
- 8) Trump's bigotry – a new phase of the war on terror
by the Cage Advocacy Organisation
<http://cage.ngo/article/trumps-bigotry-a-new-phase-of-the-war-on-terror/>
- 9) Donald Trump: the Islamophobia president
by Khaled A Beydoun, Al Jazeera
<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2016/11/donald-trump-islamophobia-president-161109065355945.html>
- 10) Trump's dystopia is coming but it will destroy itself
by Nafeez Mosaddeq Ahmed, Open Democracy
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/nafeez-mosaddeq-ahmed/trump-s-dystopia-is-coming-but-it-will-destroy-itself>

11) Celebrating the peaceful transfer of power
by Inayat Bunglawala, personal weblog ('Inayat's corner')
<https://inayatscorner.wordpress.com/2016/11/09/us-elections-celebrating-the-peaceful-transfer-of-power/>

12) The centre of a whirlwind: watching whiteness work
by Akwugo Emejulu, Verso Books
<http://www.versobooks.com/blogs/2934-the-centre-of-a-whirlwind-watching-whiteness-work>

13) The Trump disaster and its implications for Labour
by Brian Barder, personal weblog ('Ephems')
<http://www.barder.com/4810>

14) Failures of love
by Daniel Kirk, Storied Theology
[http://www.patheos.com/blogs/storiedtheology/2016/11/09/failures-of-love/?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Progressive%2011%2009%2016%20\(1\)%20remainder&utm_content=&spMailingID=52740484&spUserID=MTQwMDM5NTA5MDk2S0&spJobID=1044451877&spReportId=MTA0NDQ1MTg3NwS212](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/storiedtheology/2016/11/09/failures-of-love/?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Progressive%2011%2009%2016%20(1)%20remainder&utm_content=&spMailingID=52740484&spUserID=MTQwMDM5NTA5MDk2S0&spJobID=1044451877&spReportId=MTA0NDQ1MTg3NwS212)

15) Trump's world is too dark even for Leonard Cohen
by Jonathan Freedland, The Guardian
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/nov/12/leonard-cohen-trump-world-too-dark>



B. REFLECTIONS IN THE WORLD OF EDUCATION

16) What should we tell the children?

by Ali Michael, personal weblog ('Educating for Equity')

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-should-we-tell-the-children_us_5822aa90e4b0334571e0a30b

17) What to say to kids on November 10 and the days after

by Maureen Costello, Teaching Tolerance

<http://www.tolerance.org/blog/what-say-kids-november-10-and-days-after>

18) The day after

by Lauryn Mascareñaz, Teaching Tolerance

<http://www.tolerance.org/blog/day-after>

19) Post-election resources for teachers

Morningside Center, Teachable Moments

<http://www.morningsidecenter.org/blog/post-election-resources-teachers>

20) Letter to my daughter

by Aaron Sorkin, Vanity Fair

<http://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2016/11/aaron-sorkin-donald-trump-president-letter-daughter>

21) How to tell the children about Trump? - after all, they deserve the truth

by Lola Okolosie, The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/nov/10/tell-children-trump>

22) Tackling teaching about Trump: lessons from Black feminism

by Jessica Ringrose and Victoria Showunmi, Institute of Education London Blog

<https://ioelondonblog.wordpress.com/2016/11/11/tackling-teaching-about-trump-lessons-from-black-feminism/>

ADDENDUM

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by Priscilla Frank, Claire Fallon, Katherine Brooks and Maddie Crum, Huffington Post

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