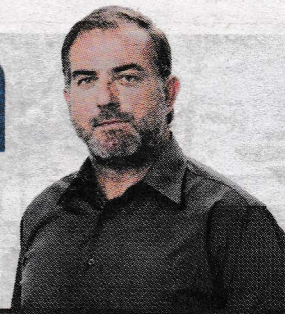


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## Failed media sealed Don deal

THE anti-Trump and anti-Brexit camps are in disbelief that voters could be so dumb, so uneducated.

They’ve been branded racists, red-necks, sexists, misogynists, bigots and idiots, and their opponents have even called for them to die. So charming and mature.

In both votes, the losing voters chucked the world’s biggest tantrums, rampaging through the streets, gnashing their teeth, burning flags, and wailing that anyone who voted against them actually voted for the end of the world.

It’s been some of the most childish and deeply concerning displays you could witness, and the theme is always the same: anyone who voted for Brexit and Trump just didn’t bother to educate themselves.

This is grossly insulting and factually incorrect.

Trump’s policies barely got a look-in in mainstream media except to be held up as ludicrous, racist, backward, laughable and shocking.

Then idealistic – and possibly unethical, if not deceptive and biased – journos devoted hundreds of hours to attacking Trump personally while giving Hillary free kick after free kick.

Comments Trump made 11 years ago received top billing on interna-



**HELL-BENT:** How the anti-Trump forces portray the President-elect.

tional news bulletins, while Hillary received strident defence from most media that either openly scoffed or stayed meekly silent in the face of damning evidence of corruption and suspect financial dealings.

At least one analysis out of America has laid the “blame” for Trump’s victory squarely at the feet of the media, and not only is it spot on, it sounds a stark warning to the Australian press as well.

A US analyst launched a withering tirade against journalists chasing Donald Trump “click bait” instead of talking to the ordinary people he was reaching out to.

It was abject and breathtaking arrogance the way much of the media acted over there, failing to pay heed to the rumblings of middle America and spectacularly ignoring Trump’s re-

peated wins in the Republican primaries.

They said he couldn’t possibly win the nomination, and then after he won that, they still couldn’t recognise that they actually had no idea what their readers and listeners were thinking.

Despite what many believe, media outlets do reserve the right to favour certain candidates, but some American journalists clearly breached their code of ethics by sending controversial stories to Hillary’s staff for approval before publishing.

All this was revealed not by diligent and inquisitive journalism but by WikiLeaks. And even then it received scant coverage.

Trump ran on a platform completely contrary to everything the Left (Labor and the Greens) holds dear and insists we all must believe or face eternal damnation.

He will cancel billions of dollars of funding to climate change bodies, drastically tighten America’s border controls, slash tax rates and release the shackles on the domestic fossil fuel industry.

Trump’s comments and conduct make it hard to believe people voted for the person, so they either liked Hillary less (which isn’t hard to be-

lieve), or they simply voted for his policies. At worst, it’s a mixture of the two and it’s compelling evidence that after decades of failed left-wing predictions of human-caused Armageddon, people have had enough of being told how to live and how to think.

While Hillary received about 200,000 more votes from the people, Trump earned more votes in states that mattered most.

In a way, it’s like our preferential voting system, which has repeatedly denied victory to the candidate who earned the most primary votes.

Here in Australia, Pauline Hanson of the Australian Liberty Alliance and now Senator Cory Bernardi with his Australian Conservatives movement are making very similar noises to Trump, and unsurprisingly, the media here is treating them and their swiftly growing support base with the same disdain.

Journalists would do well to get out of their ivory castles, pay less attention to left-wing propaganda and actually speak to “normal”, middle and working-class Australians.

Those Americans whom the media ignored had only one outlet to vent their frustration, the ballot box, and the same is happening in Australia and around the world.