



THE 2016 ELECTION WHERE CHAOS REIGNS SUPREME

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Some 75 years ago, Australians were fighting in deadly earnest on an island in the Mediterranean. The island itself was an idyllic place today for many holiday makers and yet the ravages of war are still strong and embedded into those that remained behind.

The Battle for Crete, an island of Greece was in full swing with Greeks, Australians, Kiwis Brits and other allied contingents being involved. At that time they were fighting for the mastery of the Mediterranean and to keep the invaders far from home. Back in Australia, the people were concerned about the Japanese that looming over the horizon and the Government was considering of bring back home troops from the Middle East against the wishes of Winston Churchill.

One wonder what has this got to do with the Australian election that is becoming not only a battlefield of the minds but also for the hearts of men and women who have had a bellyful of lies, misinformation, double speak, poor performance, recriminations, corrupted practices, hidden agendas, infighting, poor parliamentary behaviour and above all an erosion of traditional Australian values. One therefore can see the similarities of the Battle of Crete so many years ago. Chaos is once again reigning supreme and we in Australia have the hide to call other nations undemocratic and question their validity.

All that I can say is that once the electoral battles are over and the spoils of war have been divided, a new era in politics will emerge out of the political chaos. The liberals, Labor and the Greens are certainly aware of this while the minor parties pick up the remainder of the electoral carcass. According the myriad of diverse media articles, both major parties ae struggling to maintain the momentum, having to re-adjust their campaign according to the changing fortunes of the day.

The lack of a coordinated campaign is evident and leadership at the top is lacking on all sides. This leads one to consider the possibility of ambitious individuals driving their hidden agendas at the expense of pre-agreed campaign strategies.

Much of what has been commented upon is political code that can only be unravelled and decoded if one has access to the "ultra-polemic machine" and is aware of what is coming. Only those who are consistent, true to their values, dedicated and committed to representing their electorates have the chance of coming out unscathed.

That includes the minor parties that have a small group of followers and yet have proven their political excellence in parliament. One hopes that sanity will remain the core issue and that voters will not be swayed or swoon at the major political parties seductive if not promises of a bright future which are shallow and hollow.

On a national level, yes, I will agree that a battered and bruised Liberal party will emerge as the victor, while Bill Shorten and his faithful young Turks of old with their alleged stranglehold of the unions will no longer be a political force and will be even ditched by their supporters amongst the union ranks. He and his political cobbers will be replaced with a new, brighter and more political savvy group of young men and women who will indeed take the reins of power.

Feeney on the other hand has been exposed as politically and materialistically inept according to the news media and although he will return as the member it will be with a somewhat smaller margin of comfort. These are but two tiny examples of a mosaic that is slowly being exposed from a once prosperous and well-oiled political party.

Michael Kroger as President of the Liberal Party in Victoria will once again be proven correct on his political strategy of creating confusion amongst selected electorates and his "climatic dance" with the Greens will come to an end none the worse for wear. Kroger has always been known as a political gladiator, a fighter to the death in the electoral arena where there are no holds barred until he has vanquished his opponent.

Those in Canberra whittling away and undermining the strategy of a Liberal and Greens alliance will realise that it had merit and will wringing their hands in angst and regretting that their pride, ambition and egos got in the way of a united front against the other political parties.

In Victoria, political parties will be vying for those elusive conglomeration of voters who make up the very essence of a culturally diverse community, using every means at their disposal to capture their votes.

It will be a good test of Labor's policy and whether it still contains the magic it once attracted thousands to their banner post WW2. The David Kemp reforms within the Liberal party will also be under scrutiny and whether the reforms have gone too far by the erosion of participation and influence at the branch level.

The Greens will be laughing all the way to the electoral bank as they appeal to the generation that is fed up with the major parties and are seeking an alternative voice in parliament to represent them.

Therefore the political fortunes of individuals will be made and lost, while the status of many others will be a matter of discussion amongst the survivors. If we are to take seriously the polls, radio chit chat, word of mouth in the street and social media outlets amongst other means of communication; hesitation, complacency and the lack of decisive decision making there is a case for the Australian public to make a silent protest vote against the major political parties and vote for individuals instead of the two party preferred system.

In the meantime, let us reflect back some 75 years ago to that Greek isle of Crete where ANZACS were fighting to the grim death against the elite paratroopers of a Nazi regime and hope that when we vote in July, we do it for the right reasons.

As always, my apologies for the poor grammar, punctuation and savagery of the English language. All that I can say is that it is great to be alive and one does not give up in the face of adversity.



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