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Political parties face the paradox of having political baggage within their ranks yet have political capital to woo voters towards their respective camps. This is nothing new for I can remember well that back in 2015, the Liberal party of Australia faced many hurdles and enormous challenges. Since then, much has changed. Whether it was for the best, is anyone's guess.

However, it is still, important to review the past with the mindset that surely, we cannot repeat the errors of a bygone era. Leaders, have changed, new blood have entered the political arena to be tested, some have survived and others have moved onto greener pastures. It is not only the Liberal party that has suffered from the illness associated with political oblivion and societal disinterest. Look at the other major parties such as Labor, the Greens, One nation and the minor independent parties. They have all been infected with the same malady.

Today, with the United Party headed by Clive palmer appears to be gaining ground, assisted by his new found mate in Craig Kelly. Still this movement is nothing for the public have seen this many times before. What do they have to offer, "pork bellies", "pies in the sky", "lollies in a jar", "seductive inducements" or just good old fashioned talk fests where those who shout the loudest fare better in the political ring? That's what the ancient Greeks did when voting. He who shouts the loudest tended to win the argument in the political arena.

We have low unemployment, a strong economy, standard of living is increasing, low interest rates, a competitive industrial industry, an excellent education system, a safety net for those who fall between the poverty line, excellent laws that look after the rights of every individual, and a land that is abundant in natural resources. Given this, Australians will go to the polls and will vote on this occasion on what is best for the nation and not for is best for the individual. We have matured as a nation, we are more aware of ourselves and our self-worth, and ideally placed to select the political party best prepared to lead this great nation into the future.

However, a good friend of mine believes that "the United Australia Party of Clive Palmer is not gaining any ground anywhere as far as I can see. It has to compete with other crackpot groups like One Nation and the heavily damaged Liberal Democrats that have become a group of bickering fools arguing about whether personal preference should trump science and be elevated to the same level as moral or ethical beliefs. The three groups together are polling around 7% to 9% Australia-wide - votes they have taken from the Liberal primary vote and will only return 60% to 70% at best - this alone represents the equivalent of a two-party swing away from the Liberals of 2.5% to 3%. It is enough to cost them the election if that vote holds in marginal seats especially in Queensland and outer metropolitan seats elsewhere". We shall see if he is correct.

If you were to ask me, I would place my bet on the Liberal National Party coalition to lead the nation. I am of the opinion that at this moment in time The LNP coalition is best placed to retaining government and I predict that it will with a slim majority. If the opposite is to be true then the opposition parties have been able to convince society that it's time for a change.

I sincerely believe that life is better for all Australians under a leader who can display strong leadership at the domestic and international levels. A leader who is not afraid to demonstrate Australian values in the face of those whose beliefs are Un Australian and not in the best interests of Australia. That person, whether you like him or not is Scott Morrison. The current Prime Minister, Scott Morrison has been able to steer Australia through stormy weather to ensure that the good ship Australia is moored in a safe port, free from the savage elements of political nature.



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