ROY D. MERRITT FOR U. S. PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN SPEECH # 59

- Good morning, my fellow Americans. I am Roy Merritt and I am running as a candidate for President of the U. S. A. in 2024
- This is Campaign Speech # 59
- New Mexico is NOT Utopia, Nirvana, Paradise, Shangri-La or anything close to any of these places. New Mexico is certainly not an imaginary island with a perfect political and social system, a place of ideal perfection, or ideally perfect social order as Sir Thomas More's *Utopia*, described in his book written in the year 1516. New Mexico is not heaven, the garden of Eden, a place or a State of bliss, or a region or condition of supreme delight and felicity like Paradise. It is not a Buddhist place like Nirvana, wherein exists a state of perfect blessedness which is achieved by the extinction of individual existence and the absorption of the human soul into the supreme spirit, or by the extinction of all desires and passions.
- Nor is it Shangri-La, an imaginary, idyllic utopia or hidden paradise as described in a scene from James Hilton's novel, *Lost Horizon*. Actually, it might very well though be Shangri-La in the sense the term was first used by Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), 32nd U. S. President (1933-45) as the mythical starting place of the bombing raid over Tokyo and other Japanese cities on April 18, 1942. That is, it very well could be used again in the future as the name of a secret starting place to conduct bombing raids and military operations to knock out and destroy domestic terrorist camps and enclaves throughout New Mexico and perhaps other areas of the southwestern U. S. A.
- One of the first comments out of my mouth after returning for a new look at Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico as a potential retirement home in late December of 2018, over Christmastime, was "what is there that is not to

like?" Well, now in my fourth year living in my new home here in southern New Mexico, it is very evident that there is a lot here that is not to like and that is not immediately observable to the visitor. Certainly, there is some scenery here with the beautiful deserts and mountainous terrains, but there is also a lot not to like—for example, strong windstorms and dust storms, heat waves in Summer, lizards, rattlesnakes and scorpions, and exploding worms and spitting vinegarroons

- However, one of my not so endearing comments made to locals is that "I love everything here except the people." Of course, I always add on here that "people" are the most important aspect of any locale. It is the people that make any place what it is. I find that people here are segregated—primarily as Hispanics AND Anglos and others. There is not much interaction or integration and that is very sad indeed in my view. The two main reasons for this paucity of amity are language differences and mistrust
- After living here again over the last three-plus years, there were in hindsight many signs and indications things were not right and what they would appear to be on the surface. There were many clues. There were many signals and hints. There were also many omens, portents, presages, warnings and forewarnings. There were intimations and manifestations—evidences of things that should have been concerning to me, some of them showing even at that earliest time
- That is what my speech today is about. What are the signs and indications given and shown that things here in New Mexico, and especially locally, here in Doña Ana County and Las Cruces are not right—not on the "up and up." Or, as someone later said to me, "obviously, we have a lot of problems here!"
- Since living here, and over the past several years, one of the most important signs and indications that there is something wrong here in "Not Utopia," "Not Nirvana," "Not Paradise," and "Not Shangri-La," is that the police and law enforcement have come out to my home and property several times to "roust"

me—that is, to rouse, stir up, confront, question, attack and generally cause trouble to me—a 70-year old man in retirement—and indicate that "I" was the cause of all the problems and turmoil in the neighborhood—and NOT all the gangbangers, lowlifes, deadbeats, scumbags, criminals, vandals and terrorists

- Another really important signal to me was that some local Hispanics that I came to love in our initial engagements failed to ever make themselves known to me again since that first year of 2020, even to say "hello" or to ask "how are you doing?" This, to me, was definitive proof that something was "off" and not quite right here
- Of course, there are many, many other "landmarks," "postings," heralds, signals, indicators and evidences, and these are what I want to talk to you about further today:
 - (1) Individuals, again, who fail to acknowledge or re-acknowledge your existence—pretending that they do not know you
 - (2) Professional people who act out of character, and don't fulfill their role, duty, or expectations
 - (3) The apparent facilitation and expediting of criminal "scenes" apparently just to irritate, harass and antagonize you—that, ME, in this case
 - (4) Seeming complete lack of respect when there should be at least a modicum of recognition
 - (5) Two early notifications I received were: "leave if you don't like it here" and "we're not doing anything to you"
 - (6) Repetitive "doubling-down" in situations where an apparent "cease-fire" would seem to be in order and advisable
 - (7) Individuals constantly indicating that you—ME—are the problem and NOT them or others, to your—or my—complete consternation
 - (8) Not even attempting to mask wrongdoings
 - (9) Creating signs, markings and indications to let you know that they were present, trespassed on your property, and did what they did

- (10) Sending messages down to me through the "grapevine"
- (11) Continual repetition of specific crimes that they know aggravate you personally, like littering, property trashing and what I now term "environmental terrorism"
- (12) Standoffishness—not even making any attempt to socialize or to include me in the community when it would seem warranted and advised under the circumstances
- (13) Indicating that they would not want their children emulating me when I don't necessarily think that would be such a bad idea
- (14) Sending people in individually to seemingly pass along messages that they wanted to confer to me
- (15) Law enforcement going out of their way to let me know that they are NOT enforcing the laws, such as speeding and reckless driving, for example (or any other laws for that matter)
- (16) Masked warnings and threats given in coded messages or round-about manners
- (17) Local businesses refusing to serve me
- (18) Professionals not acting in minimally expected "professional" ways or manners
- (19) Doing things or implementing actions in general that seem out of place or not warranted; or, not acting or performing in ways or manners that you, or I, would expect
- (20) Letting me know that they don't care what I think
- (21) Invalidating everything that I do and the ways that I do them
- (22) Putting on "shows," "exhibitions" and "pretenses"
- (23) Individuals acting completely outside the norms of expectation
- (24) Individuals indicating that they thought and believed that I was "over-religious"
- (25) Extreme reactions to seemingly perfectly normal actions
- (26) Indicating that they consider my conservative views "radical," and completely outside the norms of U. S. society

- (27) Youth acting out in wildly unexpected and unpredictable ways, which I now relate to what I call "criminal rearing"
- (28) Not obeying laws is normal and acceptable behavior
- (29) Being discriminatory while acting as if it is others who are so
- (30) Being extremely selfish while acting as if it is others who are so
- (31) Pretending like everyday chaos and anarchy is acceptable or desirable
- (32) Law enforcement making indications that you are the "problem" when it is all of the rest of society that is living lawlessly and in undisciplined manners
- (33) Acting like trashing your own environment and living spaces is o.k. and is everyday normal behavior elsewhere in the U. S. A. when it is certainly NOT
- (34) Local governments acting tyrannically and totally outside the bounds or what is acceptable or allowable in other areas or States of the country
- (35) Lords and overlords dictating tastes and likes with local ordinances that are on the surface unconstitutional
- (36) Telling me that I shouldn't use words like "gangbangers" to describe local youth who are acting out of control and running amok in our communities
- (37) Law enforcement putting on pretenses and shows that they are enforcing the laws when they are clearly NOT
- (38) Preferentially allowing some people to break laws without penalties
- (39) Criminal acts such as fleecing, scamming, swindling and extorting are considered normal and acceptable behaviors
- (40) Law enforcement seeming not to do jobs, enforce laws, defend people and property, and protect freedoms of citizens
- (41) Businesses discriminating based on ethnicity, and refusing to serve individuals of another ethnic group
- (42) Professionals acting unprofessional is perfectly acceptable behavior

- (43) Individuals approaching Anglo citizens (like me) and speaking to them in Spanish as if these persons—WE—have an obligation to know or understand what they are trying to communicate
- (44) Acting like it is o.k. to be illiterate in the language of your country, and accepting illiteracy and being illiterate as a way of life
- (45) Issuing threats and warnings to others if they fail to buy what it is that you want to sell
- (46) Punishing others with acts of reprisal and retribution for things that you dislike
- (47) Treating money as if it is the only thing that is important to a happy and fulfilling life
- (48) Failing to stand by your work and to back up the work that you have done (NOT being certified and bonded as professional tradespersons)
- (49) Cheating and cutting corners is normal and acceptable behavior everywhere in the U. S. A. (and, it's clearly NOT; take my word for it!)
- (50) Thinking that New Mexico is "their" State and that they should be able to do whatever they want with it, in it, and to it—no matter what it is! Evidently, in their minds, they are NOT part of the U. S. A. and do NOT have to live under its' Constitution and laws
- I am Roy Merritt, and I am running as a candidate for president of the U. S. A. in 2024. Thank you again very much for listening, and may God bless and protect the United States of America