ROY D. MERRITT FOR U. S. PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN SPEECH # 32

• I'm Roy Merritt and I am running as a candidate for the presidency of the U. S. A. in 2024

• Living in New Mexico 30 years apart gives a person a unique comparative perspective on existent conditions in the State over that period

• Of course, the numbers of new immigrant citizens coming into the State from Mexico and the Southern Americas have increased dramatically

• In the early 1990s when I was at the university—NMSU—I was a student and stayed more around the university, and got out only seldom into other parts of the city and County

• My wife and I did recreate quite a bit, especially on weekends, up in the Soledad Canyon area, where we would often hike into the mountains and find locales for picnics of wine, cheese and crackers; and to enjoy the beautiful scenery, peaceful surroundings; and native plants and wildlife

• During that time here, we rented a house near the university and generally stayed fairly close to campus, in and around the library and the Education department

• I didn't feel then like living here in southern New Mexico at the time was chaotic and anarchic like I do today

• With the dramatic growth over the three decades, lots of new problems have developed with the population pressures

• There is much more competition for jobs—mainly blue-collar—income, food, and resources that come along with a rapid-development, high populace area

• There is, in the terms of Charles Darwin (1809-82), the noted English naturalist and evolutionist, a struggle for existence. Conditions under these circumstances are less peaceful, more contentious, more combative, unruly and less disciplined

• Over the past decade or so, I have been a researcher of Santa Fe history, especially during the early to mid-1800s

• To quote J. Frank Dobie in his 1943 "Guide to Life and Literature of the Southwest," it was hardly at all "New England." "...the fact glares out that the code of conduct—the riding and shooting tradition, the eagerness to stand up and fight for one's rights, the readiness to back one's judgment with a gun, a Bowie knife, money, life itself—that characterized the whole West as well as the Southwest was Southern," perhaps more similar to the feud between the Hatfield and McCoy clans from the area of the Appalachian Mountains where I was born and emanated from originally

• But many of the people of Santa Fe during this period were "rebels to society." They were characterized by "qualities of daring, bravery, reckless abandon, heavy self-assertiveness. A lot of them were hellraisers, for they had a lust for life and were maddened by tame respectability." They were not "models of virtue and conformity." Santa Fe then was not a smooth and settled society—a society shockingly tame." Few, if any, were "gentlemen...who never give[s] offense." To conquer the hostile wilderness meant war. In short, the Spanish influence on manners, living and life in the Southwest were much different than "the point of view of bedrock Anglo-Saxon character."

• Thus, perhaps considering the State of New Mexico, and its sudden and dramatic growth spurts with new immigrants, including "illegals" and "invaders," if you will, over the past many decades, it may make a case that the State may need to move backward for a period in order to move forward again. I would certainly say that most of the U. S. A. today and over the period that I lived in 8-10 other States of the Union during my lifetime, is a much different place than southern New Mexico now. In my mind, it is not so much, the infrastructure or stage of development, but more so, the mindsets of the people and seemingly how they want to live right now. Certainly, in societies like this, everyday living, work, food, resources, etc. become all-consuming. Perhaps, this is why I have noted what I consider the great over-emphasis on "money" as the source of a good and happy life that I have observed here. There is a fight each and every day for the almighty dollar in order to forge a livelihood for an individual and his or her family. With this, the "free-enterprise system" that develops has more room for overcharges, surcharges, scamming, extortion, and many other ills that I have observed living here, after my return to the State in 2020

• However, I can and will say to you again. This is not and cannot be the United States of America in the 21st century. Conditions, primarily with the people living here, must be much different. There has to be a way to have civilization, peace, law and order, and to live under the freedoms, rights and protections of the U. S. Constitution. There must be a recognition of property rights, land and territory, that is evidently not present so much in Spanish, Mexican, second- and third-world countries that are more Socialistic. Land, property, and territory in the U. S. A. is not communal per se. You cannot invade and occupy another country without consequences. You cannot trespass on the property of others and do whatever it is you want to do to it. In the U. S. A., you cannot walk all over another person and his or her property, even if you don't like what he or she is doing with it. It is really none of your business. Similarly, it is none of my business what you do on your property. "Liking" and "laws" are two different matters. Laws must be recognized, enforced and obeyed. Likes need not be recognized, enforced or obeyed

• No matter how self-absorbed, self-consumed and selfish you are, you cannot use force, coercion, threats, criminal acts and terrorism to try to get what you want in the U. S. A. As I have stated before, selfishness and terrorism go hand in hand, and are closely related in practical terms. To attempt to get your way, people tend to use whatever tactics are at their disposal, including scamming, extortion, bribery, criminal acts and acts of terrorism. However, none of these are allowed by the laws and Constitution of the U. S. A. And we all—every State in the American Union—must live under the Constitution and laws of the U. S. A.

• The State of New Mexico is clearly not doing that today, and must be brought within the fold, if it is to continue enjoying the privileges inherent to Statehood. I do not believe that New Mexico can change overnight. The problem again is with the people especially the numbers of people who have come into the State legally, illegally and through periodic invasive episodes. Based on history, it may take several generations, perhaps two or three, for people to acclimate to life and living in the U. S. A. Certainly, life and the ways of living in Mexico and in the U. S. A. are much different. Society in Mexico is more free-for-all, undisciplined, chaotic and anarchic than in the U. S. A. This state and condition of society is most likely due to Spanish influences and the ways people want, and perhaps, need to live in dense, high populace, and high competitive areas of the world

• New immigrants to the U. S. A., especially initially and in the first generation, tend to be Democrats. They are likely better supported by the economic policies of the

Democratic Party. Based on this fact, Democrats have always recognized that these individuals are likely to be new voters for the party. As a result, they recognized early on, that by bringing as many new immigrants into the country as quickly as possible, they could essentially "rig the system," and eventually become a ruling one-party government over time. And that is much as it is today, where it is much harder for Republicans and Conservatives, who tend to be Rightists, Loyalists, Patriots, Constitutionalists, and strict law-and-order advocates to win elections. Democrats, who are Leftists, Liberals, and more "Socialistic," if you will, in their policies and styles of governance, are much closer to the desired ways of life and living to new citizens and recent immigrants to the U. S. A. than are Republicans and Conservatives. Thus, it is not too surprising, that over time, the Democratic Party has strayed somewhat offcourse, from its original tenets and more toward those of the immigrants and new citizens to the U.S.A. This has resulted in skewing the American system, and has made the Democratic Party less supportive of the U.S. Constitution and its guaranteed freedoms, rights, and protections, and also less concerned about strict law- and-order enforcement policies and governance procedures than those of Republicans and Conservatives

 This long-winded discussion has now brought us back to today in New Mexico, which now has a majority Hispanic populace, a Hispanic governor, and many Hispanic governing officials at State and County levels. Now, when asked, most Hispanics and many Democrats, no longer have concerns about living under the U.S. Constitution, and about their freedoms, rights and protections guaranteed thereunder. They instead favor living the way they want to live, perhaps more like they lived in the old countries where they emigrated from. They are also less concerned about strict law and order, and instead, favor the use of whatever strategies and tactics will get them ahead, and to continue in governance over the long haul. This is why the Democratic Party initially moved toward becoming Revolutionists, counter-Revolutionists to the original 1776 American Revolution, and revolutionaries and seditionists, in general. Over time, and under the pressures attendant to party leadership and winning elections, Democrats have adopted more terroristic, traitorous and treasonous, and *coup d' é tatist* tactics to try to remain in power and determine the course and track of the U.S. government for future generations. However, their policies and programs are not now necessarily consonant with the U.S. Constitution

• But, if we do have a country here in the U. S. A., and want to maintain it into the future, all States of the nation will need to continue to live under the U. S. Constitution, or not. Currently, there are many more States that are, and that want to remain, living

under the U.S. Constitution, those few, or perhaps only one—New Mexico—that does not

• I do not personally believe that the State of New Mexico, and mainly its people, can make the changes it (and they) will need to make rapidly in order to remain a State in good standing of the U. S. A. That is why I have said that New Mexico may need to lose its Statehood status, at least temporarily, for a period of years until it can make the changes necessary in order to regain its Statehood status. The citizenship and voting status of many, if not most or all, citizens will need to be re-evaluated, and changes made in other areas, including law enforcement, law and order, County and State governance, and adaptive living that is consonant with the U. S. Constitution and its guaranteed freedoms, rights and protections afforded to all citizens

• Until then, the State of New Mexico will remain the "First State of Terror" in the U. S. A., and the Democratic Party will remain the "Party of Terrorism"

• Thank you very much and may God bless and protect the U. S. A.