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Mr. Trump - about 60 Days to President

You, Mr. Trump, have a historic and unprecedented opportunity. You could be one of the Nation's - and the world's - greatest leaders, or you could be an abysmal failure - perhaps even impeached.

Please don't do anything stupid. You have a lot more to learn in a very short time - about 60 more days. Encourage Ryan and McConnell to pass a budget. And try to keep the current lame duck Congress from doing anything stupid. And please slow down and think through your Tweets before hitting TWEET.

You seem to be off to a good start with Barack Obama. He's good, he's smart, and he's a great teacher. Ask him what he would try to do beginning Jan. 20, assuming he had full support from Congress and knowing what he knows now. What makes sense for the nation, the world, the planet? You have all those resorts. Obama likes golf. Play and talk - a lot - and listen.

Please talk with Bernie Sanders, if you haven't already - he's already offered to meet with you. He's an anti-establishment rebel, like you. If he had been elected, with full Congress support, what would he have tried to do starting Jan. 20? And ask Hillary - she was an incredible competitor. What would she have tried to do had she been elected, together with both house of Congress in support?

And even ask 'little Marco' and 'lyin' Ted' what they would have tried to do.

The lobbyists continue to line up and circle the Capitol and the White House. They are the establishment you and Bernie campaigned against. Send them packing - especially the NRA, the US Chamber, and the Koch empire - and you need to start to extricate yourself from the Mercers. They are all part of the plutocratic, anti-democratic establishment. Send them all away.

Watch Michael Moore's *Where to Invade Next* - not for entertainment but for knowledge and perspective. Process what he learned about Iceland, Finland, Portugal, France, and the other of the dozen or so countries he visited. It should be the first educational video shown in your Trump College course: *60 More Days to Becoming a Good President*.

Melania did well on *Sixty Minutes*, but she needs her own courses and teachers. Michelle is the best I can think of - and they've already met. The new First Lady is from Slovenia, one of the countries in Moore's film. Slovenia is in Europe, as you know.

Listen to some Europeans - learn from them. Interact with Angela Merkel - she's probably the gutsiest and best political woman on the planet today - and she knows enough science to separate the *mierda* from the wishful thinking.

And Japan's Shinzo Abe. He's somehow managed to keep Japan viable with a sluggish, - almost sustainable - economy, an aging population, and serious disasters. That's not luck. Get him to talk. Take time to listen.

Then take all that input, process it, think. Be skeptical of the simplism-based 'principles' you'll get from Paul Ryan, Ted Cruz, or even Marco Rubio. We're in the 21st century, not the 19th. Ditto for all those Justice Scalia quotes and from the Justice Alito, Thomas decisions - they also think in the 19th century.

You were elected to change government for the better - to help all the people. And as the USA is the leader and has been the role model for most of the planet, think of those people, too. They may not be US citizens, but we're all on this planet together.

The solutions are rarely very simple. Be skeptical of those who preach 'principle'-based, or faith-based, simplism. Keep an open, clear, non-ideological mind - and then do what seems right.

Good luck.