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RAPPIN' Tommy Wyatt

UT Fight Song is now under protest by Black Students at the University!

When I heard this my first question was why? There was no discussion as to the reason, but there was a quick response to the action.

I am a native texan and was raised in far West Texas (Lubbock). I spent may hours listening to my Aunt singing the song and wondered why. There were no Black students at UT during those days and it was a long time before we could do so. We also were not able to go to Texas Tech.

It never ocured to me that there was anything racist about the song. And I still do not know what the protest is all about. Here are the lyrics, See if you can figure it out:

"The Eyes of Texas are upon you, All the live long day.

The Eyes of Texas are upon you, You cannot get away.

Do not think you can escape them at night or early in the morn-- , The Eyes of Texas are upon you 'Til Gabriel blows his horn."

I have been waiting for the Black students at the UT to inform us as to why they are protesting this song. It appears that the explanation is being left up to the Athletes to explain that to us.

The is unfair to the athletes and the rest of the Black students at the University of Texas.

According to my research, the song was written in 1903 and is played before and after every UT sporting events and it has become a time honored tradition.

This protest should not be put on the backs of the UT Black athletes without also giving them a reason for the protest.

This is one issue that the Austin Black community should get involved. The students do not need to be left out on as limb for this one.

IT'S SHOWTIME!

By NANCY COOK | POLITICO



President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally at Erie International Airport on Oct. 20, 2020, in Erie, Pa. | Jeff Swensen/Getty Images

(POLITICO) - President Donald Trump yearns for the magic of his 2016 upstart campaign: the multi-rally days, crisscrossing the country in a Trump-branded plane, the screaming crowds.

So he's designed a 2016 redux in 2020 to recapture that spirit, casting off the constraints of a pandemic, his own presidency and even the advice of some of his own advisers.

Trump views rallies in battleground states as the linchpin of his closing argument, a means to excite his supporters and ensure they vote on Nov. 3. But many Republicans close to the White House, former senior administration officials and political advisers say the rallies are largely a way to keep the unscripted and undisciplined president occupied, since they do little to persuade new Trump voters. Rallies, they note, do not woo senior citizens, independents or suburban women, many of whom have moved away from the Trump ticket this election cycle. Most of Trump's rallies are no longer televised nationally as they once were.

And with coronavirus infection rates climbing, the Trump rallies often draw negative headlines in local news markets because the packed events defy public health guidelines, featuring few masks and almost no social distancing. After Trump's recent rallies in Bemidji and Duluth, Minn. — both in counties the Trump campaign hopes to win — local health authorities connected roughly 24 new Covid-19 cases to the rallies and protests outside of them.

"I don't think he has a lot of other options, if they are trying to figure out a way for him to spend his time," said one former senior administration official. "The president easily gets stuck in things of the past and tries to repeat them. Rallies are the best thing they have for him. He wants to be on the road, and you can't tell him to do something different."

CASHING IN

By ELENA SCHNEIDER and ZACH MONTELLARO | POLITICO



Joe Biden and Donald Trump's campaigns are fundraising and spending in a big way. MARKETWATCH PHOTO ILLUSTRATION/GETTY IMAGES, ISTOCKPHOTO

(POLITICO) - President Donald Trump's campaign finance problems are even worse than they looked a few weeks ago.

Joe Biden's campaign outraised Trump's by an eye-catching \$200 million in September and started October with \$177 million in the bank. That's a nearly 3-to-1 edge over Trump's \$63 million, putting Trump at a deficit without parallel in the modern era of campaign financing, especially for a sitting president. The last incumbent to face reelection, Barack Obama, had nearly \$100 million left to spend at this point in 2012, while his challenger, Mitt Romney, had almost exactly the amount Trump has left this year.

He's Baaaaaaack!

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE | ASSOCIATED PRESS



President Barack Obama

(AP) - Former President Barack Obama is returning to Philadelphia on Wednesday for his first in-person 2020 campaign event for Joe Biden.

In 2016, the man known as one of the Democratic Party's strongest orators delivered Hillary Clinton's closing argument in the same place — at a rally for thousands the night before Election Day on Independence Mall. Now, with the coronavirus pandemic upending campaigning, Obama will be speaking to a much smaller crowd at a drive-in rally, where supporters will listen to him over the radio inside their cars.

The format reflects the challenge Democrats face in ginning up enthusiasm and getting out the vote in a year when they've eschewed big rallies in favor of small, socially distanced events, drawing a contrast with President Donald Trump and Republicans on the coronavirus. While Obama is usually one of the party's biggest draws and most compelling speakers, that impact may be blunted by the format.

But Democrats say that as one of the men who knows Biden best, both as his former partner in the White House and personally, Obama remains one of the party's greatest assets in the final stretch of the campaign.

Obama's visit to Philadelphia underscores the significance of Pennsylvania, the swing state Biden himself has visited the most this campaign. If Trump loses the state, his path to winning reelection narrows significantly.

And Nutter said Obama's appearance in Philadelphia would help boost the campaign's standing with voters who sat out the last presidential election, as well as voters in the Philadelphia suburbs who supported Obama in 2008 and 2012 but switched to Trump in 2016.

"I think he helps remind people what's at stake, what being president is about, what things could be like," Nutter said.

Altogether, including the campaigns, national parties and affiliated fundraising committees, Biden announced a cash edge of \$432 million to Trump's \$251 million earlier this month, but the campaign-to-campaign comparison is important — and even more stark.

Simply put, Biden has more money and fewer restrictions on how he can spend it at the most critical moment of the presidential election, with tens of millions of people already voting.

The wide fundraising disparity is translating into a significant spending gap favoring Biden. Trump has cut back his TV ad reservations in key states and is being vastly outspent in other battlegrounds, a turn of events that would have seemed unlikely at best in March, when had a nine-figure cash edge over Biden as the former vice president emerged from a contested Democratic primary.

Trump's sprawling campaign machinery and his cash edge led then-campaign manager Brad Parscale to compare it to Star Wars' "Death Star." But Biden has hit new campaign heights, powered by a potent combination of wealthy Democrats and energetic small-dollar donors.

Certainly, Trump pulled off a victory in 2016 despite being outraised and outspent by Hillary Clinton. But the dire financial picture is worrying many Republican strategists, who argue a sitting incumbent should be better positioned and that the lack of money compounds the president's polling deficit and his struggles with the coronavirus pandemic.

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