

THE EXTRA POINT

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689 Four Steps to a Guaranteed Election Win

The level of anxiety for an election hasn't been this high, any time in my memory. Both sides have reason to be confident of victory, and both sides have reason to dread the aftermath if their side loses. What if I could guarantee that you win, regardless of how the vote turns out? I'm Jerry Roberts and that is next, on The Extra Point.

I don't recall ever seeing this level of anxiety over an election. A lot of people express a ton of bravado, saying how things are bound to go, both tomorrow in the local election, and Wednesday for national offices.

Bravado, for sure, but along with that I have had several people confide in me that they're not sure how things are going to end up, and if things go against them, what that means for Guam and the rest of America.

I've heard local Republicans say that, without them achieving a majority in the 36th Guam Legislature, the lockdown measures could last all throughout 2021, until the economy is irreversibly damaged. Recovery could take five years or more.

I've seen posts from Democrats who fear if they lose the majority, the governor's executive order will be lifted, everything will open up, the virus will multiply many times beyond what it is now, and the results will be unimaginable.

Conservatives have said if Biden wins and the liberals take control of Congress, America is finished. Our way of life, guaranteed by the Constitution, will cease to exist. The United States will take a hard left turn and become a socialist state. The government will control all aspects of our lives.

Liberals are fearful of four more years of Donald Trump, that the Republicans will use the Supreme Court to strip them of everything they're worked for over the past 40 years.

Back to the conservatives, they believe a Trump victory is good for America, but worry that we'll see the worst rioting in this country's history in response — and a possible full-blown civil war.

Like I said, there's a huge amount of worry and fear over what's about to happen in the next two days. How do you feel — are you anxious?

What if I had a formula that made you a winner, no matter how the votes go? Interested? =You can download this later, Extra Point #689. For now, just follow along and see if this makes any sense for you.

1. I want you to write down two goals for job and career. We have two full months left in 2020. List one clear objective for the next 60 days. Just make sure it's something you can finish by December 31st.

The second has to do with 2021. This one is all about your job and career. Write down three things you want to accomplish next year. Yes, we may still be in a lockdown. Yes, the economy may be a worse disaster. Control what you can control. Right now, that's writing down what you want to get done.

There's only one qualifier. Of those three things, one has to be a new skill you will acquire, or an existing skill you will greatly develop.

2. Create one goal for your health and well-being. What one thing will you commit to that will make a difference for you, physically, or mentally and emotionally?

3. One more list. Write down the names of a dozen people you either don't now know, but will in 2021; or people you already know and want to work hard at growing a far stronger relationship with them.

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4. Yes, there is a number four. If you've had words with someone during this election season, I'd like you to consider reaching out to them and restoring or maybe you'd like to say "improving" the relationship.

You'll notice I didn't say to apologize. Hopefully, you haven't done anything that would warrant an apology.

Here's a line that works, without the need to go into guilt: "Hey, it's a shame things got a little out of control between us. I'd like to get back to where we used to be." You don't have to use that, but you get the idea.

In the majority of cases, both parties feel the same. The other person will likely respond in a positive way, and you'll be fine.

Let's recap — a 60-day goal, three 2021 job and career goals, plus one for your personal life; 12 people you will get to know, or will expand the current connection with; and finally, reach out to patch up any relationships that may have become strained during the election campaign.

If you do these four things, you'll be in the win column, however the election goes. Guaranteed.

That's The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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