A message from the Dean

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What are we learning from the election results?

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(1) The media provides the wrong perspective. We are a polarized country where the media is gutted of its neutrality. We should demand a more objective press. The press is an important component of our democracy, without it we are in real danger (the press is the fourth estate).

(2) We all are taking a dose of patience and waiting for all votes to be counted. I know this is a lot to ask; some leaders are waiting for an outcome. We must respect the democratic process. It should be remembered that every vote counts, in an election it is a vote for a candidate, not a political party. It is not the winner of the greater proportion of the popular vote that wins. It is the winner of the majority of electoral votes that wins. Our democracy is based on the idea that all votes should count.

(3) The USA is a union of states. Each state has their own rules and they are being followed and respected following the basic premise, "If you voted, your vote should be counted," (regardless of who you voted for). Some states are counting votes through November 20.

(4) There is a long tradition of voting in the USA. The USA is a democratic country and we have a democratic process in place. It is, however, a slow process.

(5) It is a much closer race than any side expected or wanted. We are a deeply polarized country; some leaders have their politics based on out dated views. We should be open to new ideas and respect all ideas and beliefs.

(6) Our institutions and leaders sometimes fail. It is our duty to hold our leaders accountable. Looking at the media, both traditional and social media, we can see that the American people have strong views and want their leaders to be held accountable.

(7) Our leaders are not always acting in our best interest. We must demand that our leaders act in our best interest.

(8) It is important to respect our differences. We all have our differences and we should respect these differences. It is important to respect our differences as we should respect our leaders.

(9) Our leaders must respect the rule of law. Our leaders must respect the law and respect our institutions. We must demand that our leaders respect the rule of law.

(10) Our leaders must respect the democratic process. They must respect the democratic process and improve it. It is our duty to respect our leaders.

(11) We must hold our leaders accountable. We must hold our leaders accountable. It is our duty to demand that our leaders act in our best interest.

A few reflections on the morning after Election Day… and the path forward.

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