

**AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE UNCONSCIOUS MINDS RUNNING
BOTH, THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTIONS**

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Last week I profiled five Republicans who spoke at the convention. This week it will be the democratic candidates for the office of president, vice president and other political figures in their conventions. They will be analyzed, and evaluated regarding their conscious and unconscious motivations based on their Goodfield Personality Types and subsequent predictable behavior.

As much as is humanly possible this evaluation will be unbiased and will strictly adhere to the observable psychological dynamics presented by the top officials in both parties.

**The Democratic National Convention
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Part 1**

Before we take a look at the candidates for president and vice president of the democratic party it would be appropriate to consider the profound influence Bernie Sanders had.

Senator Sanders clearly captured some of the frustrations, and provided some of the hope for those who feel disenfranchised by both parties and the body politic in general. It is clear that Hillary Clinton could not deny this reality. She must have realized that in order to become elected, somehow, she had to incorporate the philosophy and political points of this gadfly who threatened her campaign.

His attractiveness to America's young people reflected their youthful aspirations, hopes for openness, fairness and justice as they saw it in his words and inspirational messages. This radical grandfatherly figure expressed the frustrations and rejections of "Washington insiders," which they so clearly distrusted and rejected in their words and deeds. There are planks in the democratic platform that would never have existed without the input and persistence of Bernie Sanders. Those that idealizes him as an aging guru who spoke for their frustrations. But who is Bernie Sanders?

In my book *Are They Crazy?* (2015) I profiled him. Down below is an excerpt.

Bernie Sanders

Bernie Sanders father was a Jewish immigrant from Poland whose family was killed in the Holocaust, while his mother was born to Jewish parents in New York City.

Sanders has said that he became interested in politics at an early age: “A guy named Adolf Hitler won an election in 1932 ... and 50 million people died as a result ... what I learned as a little kid is that politics is, in fact, very important.”

Sanders went to Brooklyn College for a year before transferring to the University of Chicago. While at the university, Sanders was active in the Civil Rights Movement and was a student organizer for the Congress of Racial Equality and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. In 1964, Sanders graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA degree in political science.

Sanders began his political career in 1971 as a member of the Liberty Union Party, which originated in the anti-war and people's party movement. After unsuccessful candidacies to be Vermont's governor and a US Senator, Sanders was elected Mayor of Burlington, Vermont's most populous city, in 1981. He was reelected to three more two-year mayoral terms before being elected to represent Vermont's at-large congressional district in the United States House of Representatives in 1990. He served as a congressman for 16 years before being elected to succeed the retiring Republican-turned-independent Jim Jeffords in the US Senate in 2006. In 2012, he was reelected by a large margin, capturing almost 71 percent of the popular vote.

Sanders is the longest-serving Independent in US congressional history. A self-described democratic socialist, he favors policies similar to those of social democratic parties in Europe, particularly those of Scandinavia. He caucuses with the Democratic Party and has been the ranking minority member on the Senate Budget Committee since January 2015.

Since his election to the Senate, Sanders has emerged as a leading progressive voice on issues like income inequality, climate change, and campaign finance reform. He rose to national prominence on the heels of his 2010 filibuster of the proposed extension of the Bush-era tax rates for the wealthy. Sanders is also outspoken on civil liberties issues, and he has been particularly critical of mass surveillance policies such as the Patriot Act.

Sanders had been considered a potential candidate for President of the United States since at least September 2014. Although Sanders began the campaign as an independent, he routinely caucused with the Democratic Party in the Senate, as many of his views align with Democrats, and chose to stay in the Democratic Party. On May 26, 2015, he announced that he would be a candidate for the presidency.

Sanders drew large crowds to his speaking events and his populist and social democratic politics won him support from working-class voters, especially those under 40. He performed strongly with white voters but consistently trailed Clinton by 30 or more percentage points among black voters; polls showed a close race among Hispanic voters.

Sanders said that his campaign would focus on income and wealth inequality, which he argued is eroding the American middle class, and on campaign finance reform. Unlike most other major presidential candidates, Sanders eschewed an unlimited super PAC, instead choosing to receive most of his funding from direct individual campaign donations. On September 30, 2015, The New York Times reported that Sanders had raised \$26 million over the preceding three months, close behind Hillary Clinton's \$28 million, and that the campaign had received 1 million individual donations, becoming the first in 2015 to reach that threshold.

Sanders has used social media to help his campaign gain momentum. His campaign has utilized Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Tumblr and Reddit. Sanders gained a large online grassroots following.



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Goodfield Personality Type 3 The Doubter

Searching for the truth with big a "T"

First impression

Tough
Rigid
Long history fighting injustice
Angry man about injustice
Tough old bird
Always fighting something
The hero of the underdog
Smart but unrealistic

Five reasons why this person is The Doubter Type 3

1. Eyebrows up
2. Teariness and tightening eyelids (squinting)
3. Somewhat developed jaws
4. Tongue out/in
5. Blocked breathing

PERSONALITY CHARACTERISTICS

- Sense of duty
- If trusted extremely loyal
- Difficulty with criticism
- Group give a secure feeling
- Calculated risk taker
- Sympathetic
- He prefers to be alone instead of lonely
- Team player
- Puts "team needs" before self
- Duty bound
- Vivid imagination
- Ambivalent about success



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PSYCHOLOGICAL OBSERVATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senator Sanders is bright and powerful, possessing an extremely rigid ego. He has high expectations of himself and others, which constantly serve as both a source of frustration and inspiration for his hard work and private crusade. He feels the pressure to share his message while, at the same time, having a little insight (at least not shared publicly) as to its causality. He is outspoken; but for those who look closer, he is holding his cards close to his chest. Sanders is frequently misunderstood and therefore written off by those who might appreciate his message if they could overlook his delivery style.

Sanders is a keen observer, full of faults and frailty, who has difficulties in relationships with those who are not dazzled by “the light” of his radiant insights.

On some level he has a fear of rejection. Sanders often successfully mask this with left-wing hyperbole and dismissive remarks of others. He revels in his newly acquired leadership position, brandishing his own brand of homespun charisma.

Senator Sanders is an idealist in the same way that Don Quixote was. He fights the “good fight.” He knew that his chances were slim to none, but it never deterred him. He is both loved and laughed at by pragmatic politicians. He fights for what he sees as right against that which is realistic. His battle-scarred logic has allowed him to literally be a voice in the wilderness, arguing moral causes as he sees them. He is a

moral curmudgeon, holding a mirror up to those who perpetuate moral injustice upon the masses.

Senator Sanders' candidacy for the presidency serves a purpose. He encourages the American people to look at inequities and injustice perpetrated by those in power and by those seeking to maintain power. Throughout his campaign he has been the voice of young people. Many of whom felt that they have not been heard and their needs overlooked. He certainly is a person who has been fighting the perceived injustice in his own life for years, and now had an opportunity to project those inequities onto the political scene.

Sanders' candidacy and left-wing socialist philosophy stands as a reminder that the underdog, although assured to lose, should not be forgotten in the ever-growing big picture of the 2016 American rush toward political victory.

Sanders is like Howard Beale from Paddy Chayefsky's movie "Network." Sanders is passionate, wild, outspoken, and some say "unrealistic and crazy." To some, he is a "summer anomaly" blown in from the left. To others, he is a political "Elmer Gantry" spouting his brand of truth to whoever listens. Many of whom will look to him in Philadelphia who continue to champion their course. Whether or not this can become a democratic convention position will determine on some level the success of the entire DNC convention.

The city of brotherly love must turn into the city that launch the path to the White House for the first woman in history to get this far on that journey.



For the full articles about the Republican Candidates:

Part 1: Governor Chris Christie and Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich <http://goo.gl/izhYks>

Part 2: Vice President candidate Mike R. Pence <http://goo.gl/5YrHa7>

Part 3: Dr. Ben Carson <http://goo.gl/krLk9n>

Part 4: Governor Ted Cruz <http://goo.gl/XURR7v>

Part 5: Donald Trump <http://goo.gl/lkHaEy>

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