

I'm making certain assumptions here. With seven days to go, I am assuming that the tremendous early vote, including mail-in ballots (I sent mine FROM THE POST OFFICE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PANDEMIC in at the end of September, the day after I received it) and the long lines of early voters around the nation (Some people waited eight hours to vote) were voting heavily for Biden (because our democratic way of life was in jeopardy; I write this not for dramatic effect but because I and many others believe that to be true, based on the many moves Trump has made over the four years of his disastrous presidency and certain future moves already broadcast).

Biden communicated quite well that we are at a crossroad, with autocratic tendencies (if not pure autocracy) going one way and our treasured democracy, with its 244 years of history, going the other. The main reason that the enormous early voter numbers are so vital and impressive is that there remains the bitter memory of the 2016 Presidential election, in which 46.9% of the 231,556,622 eligible voters* did not even bother to vote --- *that's almost half* --- and I consider that the main reason Trump sneaked in and then tortured us for four years.

The mystery I allude to in the final stanza is how all those Republican senators and representatives in the U. S. Congress enabled and supported his every dangerous and anti-American move those four terribly lengthy years. Add to the mystery the large, boisterous crowds he continually drew to his rallies. (Subtract from that number the white supremacists and the misguided dangerous militia members; their presence I understand --- *He gave them validation*). Fortunately, much as he *pretended* to be dictator and head of our royal yet disloyal family, he will fail, in the end (which comes in a few days). I challenge Fate to prove me wrong, as I write this on 10-27-20.

- See the article “Almost Half of Eligible Voters Didn’t Vote in This Election” by Gina Mei, published on November 10, 2016.