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It is because the 2020 US Presidential election is already decided with Donald J. Trump being the winner. It is of course absent some major, today unforeseeable event (for which –in my estimate- we have less than a percent chance).

Here is why. As of this writing (03/17/19), the following candidates are running in the primaries on the “D” side:

- John Delaney
- Andrew Young
- Julian Castro
- Kamala Harris
- Cory Booker
- Tulsi Gabbard
- Elizabeth Warren
- Amy Klobuchar
- Bernie Sanders
- Jay Inslee
- John Hickenlooper
- Francis O’Rourke
- Kirsten Gillibrand
- Joe Biden (let’s include him, although he is not committed as of today, and –contrary to popular opinion- I’m not 100% sure he will get in)

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are worth to be examined. It could be reasonably argued that the group’s breakdown as follows:

| <i>Far Left Socialists</i> | <i>Left of Center</i> | <i>"I'll Say Anything To Get Elected"</i> |
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| Julian Castro | John Delaney | Kamala Harris |
| Elizabeth Warren | Amy Klobuchar | Cory Booker |
| Bernie Sanders | Joe Biden | Kirsten Gillibrand |
| Francis O'Rourke | John Hickenlooper | |

It is also noteworthy, that in “D” field, the country’s progressive-socialist voting block represents approx. 60% of the voters. It will be a very entertaining “Democratic” (which is anything but) primary

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season. It will be entertaining to see how the three groups will work hard on destroying each other; how the “I’ll Say Anything To Get Elected” section of the bunch is going to attempt to kill the members of the other two groups, while not having credible voting block behind them. This is how I see the Progressive Socialist Soap Opera will be going down:

- 1- The Slime Ball section’s easiest eliminations will be
 - a. **O’Rourke**: it will be seen relatively soon he is a light-weight empty headed clown. O’Rourke will get a great doze of progressive socialist treatment he has never imagined existing. His socialist compadres were cheering for him while he was running against Sen. Cruz; what he didn’t know: they would have cheered him if he ran against Rin Tin Tin. But they will tear him apart when their own stake is at risk.
 - b. **Warren**: as Pocahontas, or as some say “Sitting Bullshit”, she has so much baggage from her “Indian” days, she won’t survive those. She is also trying to occupy the same spectrum as Sanders; just too many chefs in one kitchen.
 - c. **Booker**: another arrogant hot-air clown, who already announced: he is really looking for a VP job. Because his announcement, he will get a less severe treatment from his fellow lunatics than O’Rourke, but the difference won’t be a great one.
- 2- **Castro** will be eliminated by funding problems; his name is not strong enough and his natural support block is not large enough to carry on. Plus, the United States of America won’t elect a president with the last name “Castro”.
- 3- At some point one of the **Harris / Gillibrand** duo will leave the Soap Opera due to the other’s dirty work (if you’ve ever seen a cat fight..!)
- 4- **Delaney** and **Hickelopper** are wild cards; no one knows them, they can gain prominence if they (of course; only one of them), won Iowa New Hampshire and Nevada, which they most likely won’t. If they didn’t, --they are gone. Their most vulnerable point is the “60%” progressive socialist nut job voting block; Delaney and Hickelopper’s centrist / left of center position won’t be tolerated and won’t be funded.

Should either Delaney or Hickelopper win Iowa, New Hampshire and Nevada in a string, he has a good chance to be the lowest common denominator going forward. If neither did:

- 5- **Sanders, Klobuchar, Biden**, either Harris or Gillibrand will remain inside the tent. I put my money on Gillibrand; Harris has an army of skeletons in her closet from the Willie Brown times in San Francisco; these skeletons will come out.
- 6- Biden will be eliminated no later than this point (probably earlier). Biden is a lightweight, a centrist, with no debate experience with tons of dirty laundry of his past 40 years. His Delaware seat was never in question, then he was behind Obama. He will fall out. This leaves Sanders, Klobuchar and Gillibrand.
- 7- At the end, I put my money on a Sanders / Klobuchar ticket. Sanders will not need Gillibrand (N.Y.) or Harris (CA); he will need Klobuchar to deliver Minnesota.

Either way, any combination of the “D” ticket has “disaster” written all over it. Even without the scenario of Howard Schultz is running as an independent, taking all centrist and independent votes away.