

Why this Democrat decided Donald Trump is the best choice for president

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Donald Trump was barred from running a business in New York.AP

I'm a pro-choice, anti-gun, gay-marriage-friendly Democrat. And I'm voting for Donald Trump for president. **This is the only way to save the country I love.**

I realize that people will shun and ridicule me. I'll create chaos at family gatherings. Hip restaurants will lose my reservations. I'll shed a ton of Facebook friends. But while I recognize the Republican ex-president's flaws, ***I have come to realize that electing Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris to the highest office in the land would be far scarier.***

During her kiss-up interview Thursday with CNN, Harris consistently flip-flopped on what she called her core "values" — the environment, the border, health care, crippling inflation — in a craven bid for Middle American votes. She threw Israel under the bus.

The performance was so brutally, blatantly bad, it showed such a win-at-all-costs mentality that left me gasping, I wondered how else she would ***immorally shape-shift*** in pursuit of the prize. Does she believe in anything but herself?

With her running mate and emotional support Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota — himself caught falsifying his National Guard record — by her side, ***Harris obfuscated her dismal record*** in which, as veep and before as US senator and prosecutor, she neglected the border as unvetted migrants flooded into America, and championed all manner of offense decriminalization. And ***now she wants to be seen as the law-and-order candidate.*** Seriously?

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We wanted answers to pressing questions. And Harris replied with a heaping helping of word salad as she — there's no nice way to say this — ***lied to our faces.***

There was her **flip about fracking**, a lucrative method of removing oil and natural gas from the ground that she has vowed to ban as injurious to the environment, and also called for eliminating gasoline-powered automobiles. **But now that votes might depend on fracking and fossil fuel, particularly in battleground states — never mind.**

"You mentioned the Green New Deal. I have always believed and — I've worked on it — that the climate crisis is real, that it is an urgent matter to which we should apply metrics that include holding ourselves to deadlines around time," Harris told CNN's Dana Bash, who absorbed the gobbledygook with a straight face and little skepticism.

While saying she was ***unequivocal and unwavering in my commitment to Israel's defense and its ability to defend itself, and that's not going to change,*** she threw in, ***how it does so matters.*** ***"Far too many innocent Palestinians have been killed."*** Dead, tortured and kidnapped Israelis were placed on the back burner. ***She refused to say if she would withhold US weapons shipments to Israel.***

Trump, meanwhile, has signaled a moderate approach to the social issues I ardently believe the government has no business butting into, including going against traditional Republican opposition to same-sex marriage. He said he thinks a six-week abortion ban was "too short" — and that state governments elected by the people, not the feds, should determine abortion limits in their areas. He also said he favors in-vitro fertilization

treatments — opposed by pro-lifers because the baby-making procedures may lead to the destruction of embryos — be paid for by the government or medical insurance companies.

He is unequivocally supportive of Israel.

Secure borders. An end to runaway crime. Relief from crushing inflation.

As Kamala Harris dithers, we at least ***stand a chance at solving some of our problems with Donald Trump*** at the helm. **I'm with him.**