

"Jimmy CARTER WAS A PRESIDENT"

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A ONE TERM WONDER WHO WAS PRESIDENT FROM 1977 TO 1981. "Jimmy who?" WAS A BIG JOKE AT THE TIME, WHEN HE FIRST RAN FOR IT, HARDLY ANYBODY HAD EVER HEARD OF HIM. HE ACTUALLY GOT ELECTED - FOR JUST THAT ONE TERM - BECAUSE SO MUCH OF THE COUNTRY WAS SICK AND TIRED OF NIXON'S YEARS + WATERGATE AND ALL. CARTER WAS THE ANTI-NIXON.

FORD - GERALD FORD - HAD NEVER BEEN ELECTED ANYWAY, FORD HAD JUST SERVED OUT THE FINAL TWO YEARS NIXON HAD LEFT (BUT COULDN'T FINISH DUE TO HIS RESIGNING) SO WHEN THE 1976 ELECTION BETWEEN FORD + CARTER HAPPENED, CARTER WON.

JIMMY CARTER, FOR THOSE OF A CERTAIN AGE WHO MISSED OUT ON THAT ERA, WAS A VERY STRANGE BIRD, INDEED. FOR ONE, HE DIDN'T SMOKE, DRINK, OR GAMBLE; HE WAS A "BORN AGAIN" CHRISTIAN, THE FIRST CANDIDATE OR PRESIDENT TO EVER PUBLICLY ADMIT TO SO BEING.



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his sister WAS A PREACHER AND his BROTHER BILLY CARTER A BEER GUZZLING DRUNK WHO BECAME A NATIONAL JOKE. JIMMY CARTER - WHO INSISTED THAT he be CALLED + KNOWN AS "JIMMY" AND NEVER AS JAMES EARL (his BIRTH NAME + his LEGAL NAME), JIMMY CARTER WAS A PEANUT FARMER WHO COULDN'T EAT PEANUTS BECAUSE he WAS ALLERGIC TO THEM!

A GEORGIA PEANUT FARMER WHO WAS ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS!

THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A MINUTE. he ALSO HAD THE HIGHEST I.Q.

(OR KNOWN-TESTED-I.Q.) THEN ANY PRESIDENT; WHICH ISN'T REALLY SAYING AS MUCH AS YOU MIGHT THINK, BEING THAT WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT THE EARLIER PRESIDENTS WOULD HAVE SCORED ON AN I.Q. TEST BECAUSE IN WASHINGTON + JEFFERSON + LINCOLN'S DAY THE I.Q. TEST DIDN'T EXIST.

BUT - GRANTED - CARTER WAS SMART, COMPARED TO THE PRESIDENT ~~he~~ THAT CAME BEFORE him - GERALD FORD -



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CARTER WAS AN EINSTEIN.
WHICH AIN'T SAYING ALL THAT MUCH.
BEING THAT - COMPARED TO FORD -
ALMOST ANYONE WOULD HAVE APPEARED
TO BE AN EINSTEIN.

THE WHOLE CARTER FAMILY GOT INTO
THE NATIONAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT.

HIS SISTER PREACHING TO SAVE SOULS,
HIS MOTHER - "MISS LILIAN" - GIVING
EVERYONE HER ~~RECIPE~~ COOKING TIPS,
HIS BROTHER BILLY SHOWING UP AT
EVENTS TO HAWK HIS NEW BRAND
OF "BILLY BEER" (SERIOUSLY).

IT WAS A FOUR YEAR MEDIA CIRCUS.
CARTER WAS A VERY WELL CENTERED
INDIVIDUAL IN THAT HE WOULD JUST
LAUGH AND SAY "WELL, THATS MY BROTHER
BILLY BEING BILLY, IS ALL."

NOTHING REALLY FAZED THE GUY.

THE IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS SITUATION
- WHERE IRANIAN RADICALS SEIZED
AMERICAN HOSTAGES FROM THE U.S.
EMBASSY IN IRAN AND HELD THEM
FOR 444 DAYS - FOR 14 MONTHS -
PROBABLY IS WHAT COST CARTER A
SECOND TERM. BEING THAT SO →

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MANY AMERICANS SEEMED TO BLAME IT ALL ON CARTER, SOMEHOW. IT WASN'T FAIR TO DO SO BUT, YOU KNOW, IT IS WHAT IT IS.

AND THE TOP GUY USUALLY SEEMS TO GET MOST OF THE CREDIT, OR MOST OF THE BLAME, FOR WHATEVER HAPPENS. I BACKED JIMMY CARTER FOR PRESIDENT AND I WOULD DO IT AGAIN IF I HAD IT ALL TO DO OVER AGAIN.

WHICH I DON'T - SO I WON'T.

JIMMY CARTER SHOULD HAVE PROVEN TO ~~THE~~ THE CRITICS (WHO DOUBTED HIS SINCERITY) THAT THEY WERE WRONG SIMPLY BY HOW HE HAS CONDUCTED HIMSELF AFTER LEAVING THE PRESIDENCY AND HOW HE HAS SPENT HIS TIME; GETTING HIS HANDS DIRTY BUILDING "HOUSES FOR HUMANITY" (HE WAS A CARPENTER + STILL PRACTICES THAT CRAFT IN HIS CHARITY WORK).

JIMMY CARTER: ONE OF A KIND.

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