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*\*scene opens to Shuling (Homeless Shelter Director) standing at a podium, there is a crowd making noise in the background\**

**Director:** Everyone, let's welcome presidential candidate Joe-George-H-W-F-T-J

Clinton-Obama-Trump III. He took the time during his *extremely* busy campaign to come volunteer at this homeless shelter out of the kindness of his heart (in front of 30 news channels)

*\*aggressive clapping, Nevin enters\**

**President:** Wow, thank you, thank you, it's so good to come back to my hometown of New York. You know, the big orange... uh Apple BIG APPLE! This place, it's very special to me. Very few people know this, but my family really relied on this place when I was growing up. Every time there was going to be a big snowstorm, we knew that this place, and the wonderful people here, would welcome us with open arms, and give us the warmth we needed. I can still remember the smell of fresh food, wafting through the rooms and filling my mouth with saliva like I hadn't eaten for days. For that, I will never forget what this place has done for me. Which is why I was so confused when I walked in today and didn't see any Pacman games. Maybe you switched to those um... uh... meta, headset things

Director: *\*blinks\** Sir the arcade was converted into a homeless shelter 50 years ago.

P: Homeless shelter? (*Awkward silence*) Oh right of course. I'm very familiar with homeless shelters; I know we all wish homes cost a bit less in this economy!... why is no one laughing?

D: Do you know what a homeless shelter is?

P: You know, it's a place for a problem that impacts many people. It's tough, it could happen to anyone... One of my good friends recently actually went through it, he had to sell his mansion in Bel Air, and just like that \*snaps finger\* he had one less home, a homeless, just like that.

D: Mr. Rixon I am quite confused. In prior communication about this trip, you seemed quite informed. You mentioned you would use this opportunity to help the homeless population of New York. You said you were going to tax the rich and increase funding for shelters such as this one.

P: Thank you Ms. um Mrs? Ms. Laaaaa Mmmmm. Director. Thank you Director for mentioning my plans; that is a perfect segue to my tax plan. Now you see, I did a lot of thinking, all by myself, with no help from anyone else, I came up with this plan. I then hired a bunch of analysts and economists to nod their heads at whatever I said. Based on their unbiased support, here is my tax plan: less taxes

D: Well that's wonderful! I know many members of our community have been struggling with the lack of affordable housing so this will surely let them sleep easier at night.

P: Of course! I myself don't pay any taxes, and I wanted to use my future presidential powers for good to spread that charity to my friends like Elon and Jeff! It's hard work being the 1%, anything that we can do to make their lives easier is good for the economy!

D: Oh well, that's certainly an idea. But er, without this source of income, how will the government support the homeless?

P: Well I am glad you asked because that brings me to the second item on my list. I am deeply troubled by the lack of support for the homeless people in this great GREAT country. This is why I promise that as president of this GREAT country I will invest in new infrastructure for the homeless. I do truly feel for the homeless population, after all their lives must be in-tents. My team and I were meticulous when it came to researching and developing the designs that would best support our least privileged individuals. After months of collecting data, I realized there was a great flaw in the areas the homeless were staying in. The area bridges were sad, cold, and disconnected from the rest of the city. In the winter, many homeless sought shelter there from the bitter cold of the piles of grimy snow piled at street corners by snow plows. This is precisely why our team has decided to move forth with this design.



P: When I first came up with the mockup sketch, all by myself with no help (at all), I was astonished. I didn't know my brain was capable of these kinds of ideas. The design, it's so, so, beautiful. You know, I talked to Elon Musk the other day, a very famous homeless man, you know his wife left him, took all his money and all. So he told me, brilliant man you see, one of the greatest problems facing our homeless is the lack of things to look at. I then thought about

this and realized we have a second issue! Artists are severely underappreciated in modern society!

D: I'm not sure I follow...

P (ignoring them): We can solve BOTH of these problems in one fell swoop, by having artists create installations in the same style as this one, while applying their personal flair to it! This would allow not only the artists to be better appreciated, but the homeless people would have something to look at!

D: That er doesn't explain how you will afford such, such, such an extensive uh... *installation*

P: **The answer is simple. Cheap labor.**

D: Um...

P: What I see in front of me is an underexploited workforce that needs employment, and this program will provide exactly that. **Like Napoleon at Waterloo, we will crush this issue together.**

*\*awkward pause with Nevin smiling\**

P: Let's open the floor for some questions, you there with channel 19

Reporter: **You have run your campaign thus far promising numerous things such as world peace, eradicating all diseases, tripling the economy, and promising to make America so**

influential that other countries will convert to the customary system. How do you plan to do all of that?

P: C'mon now you can trust me. When has a politician ever lied to increase public opinion?

R: Sir you can say a lot of fancy words, but words are just words. Why should the country choose you as its next leader?

P: Just believe in me. All I have to do is get elected and then I can 100% confirm that I will act on ALL of my promises. But if I don't, second term for sure! *\*cheesy wink\**

P: Yes, in the back, channel 72

Reporter: Coming back to why you are here today, could you elaborate further on your specific plans for the homeless of our country?

P: Of course, and you know what, standing here, seeing all these people in front of me, I truly feel that I have gotten a new perspective on this issue. I don't see people who are not hard workers, I see people who are victims. It could happen to any of us you know, a stroke of bad luck, and bang, you don't have a place to stay. And once you lose your place, it's hard to get another. It's as if the system is flawed, it's prioritizing the people in charge, and not the people most impacted. Which is why I have decided that we need to tackle the root of the problem, the system. We need to dismantle this system that traps these poor souls without the chance to escape.

D: Yes this is what I have been trying to say for so long! This system is flawed. We need better support...

P (interrupting): And I see no better place to start than by demolishing this homeless shelter right here!

D: What?!!

P: That's right, you can't be homeless if you have a home! This is why if I am elected president, all homeless shelters in the US will be demolished and replaced with luxury apartments so that formerly homeless people can live in style! The only thing preventing the homeless population from buying homes is the lack of good options. Creating luxury apartments is exactly how we will solve this housing crisis.

D: No, wait, that's not how...

P: Thank you so much! You should be honored to have me here today, and you should be honored to vote for me as your next president!