## "Enough!" With President Trump ©Richard L. Smith, PhD Part 1

As a U.S. citizen living abroad, I am often asked what I think of President Trump.

When he ran for office, I was quite concerned about his demeanor and outlook, but I decided that he was the lesser of two evils. (The other was Hilary Clinton.) I supported his pro-business and his pro-life agendas. At that time I would have described about Trump in this way: "He is complicated--a 'mixed bag' of good and bad." Now, my view has simplified. Trump is offensive and foolish. He is a caricature of true presidential virtue.

As his term progressed, I grew increasingly alarmed and appalled by his self-promotion, lack of humility, and offensive speech. His habit of publically denouncing anyone who disagrees with him is staggering. His abuse of power is profoundly alarming. He blameshifts and never accepts culpability. He labels others in manipulative ways. His rabid populism stirs up blind fanaticism, xenophobia, and racism—very sadly even among evangelicals. And his affiliation with the hyper-charismatic, Prosperity-Gospel Paul White, is deeply offensive. (She is his "pastor.")



So in recent months, I only say to those who inquire about our President: "El esta un poco loco!" ("He is a bit crazy!") In fact, however, I believe that he is far, far worse. If ever a President could be impeached for lack of character or integrity, it would be Donald Trump. He is the epitome of anti-biblical values and conduct.

As a North American and evangelical Christian, Trump is a deep embarrassment and sincere lament. I hope and pray that he will end his term soon either through impeachment or electoral loss.

(To understand better North American evangelical support for Trump, please read my blogs: "The Redeemer Nation" and "What's Wrong with this Picture?".)