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Dace Blaskovitz:

Welcome back to Money in Politics in Delaware, Charlie Copeland, and we're going to do something special. We're taking Charlie, a true Delawarean, and we're going to put him on the national stage. If you didn't watch, I believe it was Wednesday night, the Democrats had a debate. It featured Bloomberg for the first time, and with that the audience swelled according to a Drudge, record numbers of viewers. And so we said, "Charlie Copeland, you have a footprint, a pedigree in the topic of politics. Let's get your take on it. So Charlie, I'm not even sure where to start other than hand it over and where are you going to go with this?"

C. Copeland:

Well, so we'll have some dialogue around it and it'll be fun. So first of all, let's pull ourselves back from any individual candidates and look at the Democratic party and the coalition that they need to win.

C. Copeland:

They need the black vote, 95% of African Americans vote Democrat, and if you are a Democrat candidate for president, you need that vote big time. You need the blue collar vote, and that's what happened to Hillary Clinton. She did not win the blue collar vote, largely, in 2016 and so states like Wisconsin and all Michigan went in the Republican column. You need the suburban educated woman vote, which in 2018 they picked up, which is why they won the House of Representatives. You need to have that vote come your way. And, of course, you need to have the radical...the crazies as well as the social justice warriors and it's between Marxists and social justice warriors. You need them to come out and you need them to have that energy to come out.

C. Copeland:

So, if you're a candidate for this office, you've got to figure out which of those coalitions are you the strongest with that you think you can deliver to get your votes and win... Let's start with Pete Buttigieg. He seems to have a pretty good reach with the social justice warriors, especially because ... Well, the social justice warriors sort of walk around and say they've got historic grievances, whatever they happen to be, whatever their intersectionality is. And so, Mayor Pete, being gay, I think plays into some of those historical ...these folks, and he's appealing.

C. Copeland:

And also, I think he's got good reach to suburban educated women. He's not terribly threatening and he speaks with sort of multisyllabic words, but he did not do well with the black vote or the blue collar vote. And that's just because you look at the guy, he just comes across as sort of a little bit smarmy and elitist. Articulate, but still.

C. Copeland:

Then you move to the new candidate on the block that you mentioned, why everybody came out to watch this debate, was Mike Bloomberg. Because you sort of think, "Gosh, this guy's worth \$54 billion." I mean, he's 54 times bigger than Donald Trump in money, or maybe it's half that, 27 times. Whatever that number is. I tell you, Mike Bloomberg is the best thing to happen to this race from a Republican

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perspective, because like Bloomberg got to be mayor of New York, simply stated, because of 9/11. Remember?

C. Copeland:

Rudy Giuliani had been the mayor of New York. He was actually unpopular near the end of his second term, and then 9/11 happened. He showed his great leadership and everybody rallied to his side. Bloomberg was in the race as the Republican to take over from Giuliani, without Giuliani's edge. And then to get reelected, he had to become an independent, Bloomberg did, because Republican brand was getting out of favor in New York. And then finally, he had to even become a Democrat to win his third term. So, he sort of moved this thing down.

C. Copeland:

He was a pretty good administrator, but he's got about as much likability as Hillary Clinton. And remember, a lot of the people on the left said, "Oh, likability. That's just a sexist." Mike Bloomberg is no woman and he's got no likability at all. He won't get the black vote, he won't get the radical fringe vote, he won't get the blue collar vote. And, by the way, this is clear because I think his own internal polling is showing that he's not getting any of this vote, which is why he's been sort of running all these ads, one, and sort of making these statements or having staff make these statements that Klobuchar and Buttigieg and Biden should just get out of the race. So, he is an... Politician and it's just fun watching him swing in the wind.

C. Copeland:

Klobuchar is the one to watch in my opinion, because she's, while not as likable as Buttigieg, she appeals to that blue collar vote. She appeals to the educated woman vote. The social justice warriors can support her because she is a woman. And by the way, if she puts Elizabeth Warren on her ticket, she's going to bring in the radicals. So, in my opinion, she's the one to watch.

C. Copeland:

And then lastly, there's Bernie Sanders, and he has absolutely no chance of winning the general election. And by the way, I think he has no chance of winning the Democrat nomination. He will go into the convention, most likely, with a plurality of delegates, more delegates than anybody else. But Abraham Lincoln was everybody's second choice, he wasn't the first choice. And the majority of the Democratic party faithful do not like Bernie Sanders, who, by the way, has never actually been a Democrat. And so, once they get to the convention, at the brokered convention, they will deal him out and they'll replace him, like I said, with Elizabeth Warren.

C. Copeland:

Now, you might've wondered why I haven't mentioned Joe Biden, because what's the point? Joe is done. He may win South Carolina, when by win means getting a plurality of the vote, but he's not going to get enough delegates to really have any currency when he rolls into the national convention, and he's not going to have the funding. He's just, he's passed his best sell by date, and I'm sorry, Joe. Kind of just get out and go retire to your multimillion dollar home here at Greenville and spend some time in your

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multimillion dollar home down the beach, but you're done. Even Obama didn't support you in 2016 and he's not supporting you today, so it's time to move on.

C. Copeland:

So that's, I think, a general lay of the land. I think that from a Republican perspective, Klobuchar is going to be a very, very different and difficult candidate for the fall. And if Democrats are smart, and that is an enormous if, they would all get behind her now and be done with this whole thing. But they won't, and that'll be good for Republicans and be good for Trump.

Dace Blaskovitz:

Teach me just a minute, the Joe Biden plan now is to hope for a locked convention and emerge as, perhaps, the compromise candidate. Is that the game plan?

C. Copeland:

Yeah, well, that just goes to show that he and his staff, well maybe his is this lack of oxygen because he's older and spending too much time on the campaign trail. But I mean, it's crazy talk. That would be a play, but he's going to come in, and right now I'm not sure he's got any delegates at all. And yeah, maybe he picks up some in South Carolina, that's an if, maybe he picks up some in Nevada, but he is not going to have enough currency in delegates, no matter how you slice it, to be a real player at the convention. He might be able to get something for somebody, but he is not going to be the consensus candidate. They'll rally around somebody younger that's got ...

C. Copeland:

Again, you've got to get to the blue collar vote, you got to get the black votes, got to get the suburban educated woman vote...the radical fringe. But if any of those do not show up, and I just think it's going to be hard to have him be inspiring enough to bring out the number of voters they're going to need to get over top of what Trump still has ... Trump still has a huge excitement level within his base. And people may say, "Well, it's only 30 something percent of the country." Yeah, but if I got 30% of this country that's showing up, 35%, I only need to get 15% plus one. And that's a lot better math than having to pull in 80% of all these different fractional groups that the Democrats have to go for right now.

Dace Blaskovitz:

Charlie, on my side here, I don't want it to be mean spirited, but I can't figure it out, and I understand getting the party domination is different than the general election. But to win, you have to have a shared vision of America that you're able to explain, talk about. When I'm looking at Send In The Clowns, I can't get it. I can't get it. What is the shared vision that any or all of them are talking about?

C. Copeland:

Yeah, and I think that's part of the problem is that this radical fringe ... And they are radical. I mean, they want radical overturning of the American economy. Look at America. It is the most diverse nation in the world. It is the most ....nation in the world. It's the most ...nation in the world, and we're only 5% of the population. And he wants to turn us into Venezuela, and he says, "Oh no, I want to turn us into

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Denmark." By the way, there are only 5 million Danes and they're all Danish. So, you want to turn us into a monolithic culture of blonde haired, blue eyed Danes? No, we're the most diverse nation in the world...

Dace Blaskovitz:

30 seconds, 30 seconds.

C. Copeland:

And so, his vision is antithetical to what has created this just wonderful place called the United States of America, and Americans of all stripes are not going to vote for that. He'll get the radical fringe, but that's it.

Dace Blaskovitz:

Yeah, victims only. I got to turn to the audience, and I mean the wacky victims only. His name is Charlie Copeland. Looking at next week, it's Robert Fried. It'll be the first of, I believe it's first to March next week, I got to check the calendar. Anyway, we've got a couple of great shows. See you next week for more Monday in Politics in Delaware.