Lebanon’s Destiny

From the Phoenician empire up until its independence, Lebanon, commonly referred to as the Switzerland of the east, has reigned atop the hierarchy of beauty. However, this majestic country has started facing an unprecedented crisis which has stripped its people of their rights, and with the upcoming presidential elections, a complete overhaul is evident. The people have had enough. A new presidency could spark hope. This is an opportunity that cannot be missed where a president would not only save the country from this hell, but he/she would also lead it to a new beginning, a renovated Lebanon. In order to be a suitable president, one must be of the people, an expert in leadership, and a patriot.

A president must be aware of his/her people's struggles and strengths. Firstly, a leader cannot be one who rules without knowing what his/her country and people lack. For example, a president who has lived his/her entire life in luxury and wealth may not solve a problem that, in his/her opinion, never existed because he/she cannot accurately perceive the struggles and agony that said issue causes. In contrast, not only would a valid leader investigate the various causes and effects of a given problem and work tirelessly to solve it, but he/she would also perceive a given affair as his own. This implies that the right candidate for the role of presidency would disregard his/her life in a castle and visit the filthy streets of Lebanon to respond to the cries of his/her folks’ cries and desires. Therefore, it is fundamental that a president believes that he/she is one of the people and not above them.

A president has many roles, one of which is to lead. In other words, instilling hope and love in people who have lost faith in their country and nationality is one of the duties a president cannot neglect. Only a few can give rise to hope in people who have nothing other than despair. Therefore, no matter how strong a country's military is or the economic state a country is in, no country can stand on its own without its leader. For example, during a war, only the president, who is skilled in leadership, can unite his/her people to stand up, even when faced against armies of hundreds of thousands. The president is the only one who can make his/her people believe in their country and their nationality. To add on, a president should also have goals set in order to achieve that hope and unity. He/she should prove that he/she is worthy of his/her role rather than putting up false hopes that will die out faster than a match. Lastly, an expert of leadership should use history and past leaders’ mistakes to his/her advantage.

One cannot put effort into something one doesn’t believe in, so a president must be patriotic. In other words, a leader’s love for his country must be indispensable in order to be able to put the fullest of efforts into saving and nurturing it. As a matter of fact, a country cannot live well if the president doesn’t have it as his/her utmost priority. A country should not only live, but it should also rule its leaders’ hearts for the sake of its people and its prosperity. Moreover, a president should always work towards spreading patriotism and love to the people. In addition, a patriotic president would rule his/her country as a whole without being biased towards or against any group of people, regardless of religion or political beliefs. For example, a patriotic president would put his/her full effort towards increasing the quality of life for anyone and everyone who lives on the land he/she rules, while a non-patriotic president would work towards benefiting his/her pockets and his/her political group. The probability of a non-patriotic president becoming corrupt is much greater than that of a patriotic one.

Ultimately, A Country doesn’t revolve around its president, yet he/she holds it's fate. Therefore, an adequate president must be one with the people, a leader, and a patriot. Lebanon is in desperate need of an efficient president to restore its beauty and serve its people justice. Thus, a president who meets these criteria must be elected to light up Lebanon’s and bring its people justice