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A former colleague who used to be a top guy at the CIA regularly reminded all in earshot that terrorists were not "12 feet tall." Perspective is useful. Trump's not a political genius, lost the popular vote, has had the historically low poll ratings, has been a mess at governance.

Are any of these reasons to take his loss in 2020 for granted? No. Especially given the license he, McConnell & others are giving Russia and others to help him again, their efforts to suppress the vote, etc. But, as [@Lawrence](#) says in our latest [@DeepStateRadio](#), he should lose.

Further, acknowledging his ineptitude & the regular errors he makes, might lead to dialing down the notion that he is a genius at capitalizing on Dem errors & that every mistake we make is a gift to him. He has squandered all those gifts & not gained any support since taking office.

Trump is eminently beatable. In fact not only does the best known Dem handily beat him in the polls, but a bunch of others who were hardly known even a couple months ago do as well. Imagine where they will stand in 7 months or a year.

Dems should not be overconfident. But they can be confident. They are right. They offer the better choice. A solid majority favors them and opposes Trump. If anything they have gotten stronger since his election. And all parts of the Dem spectrum of voices beat him.

If the party remains unified and picks the person best equipped both to win and to govern, the one that fills the most Americans with hope for the future, Trump will be gone in January 2021. Have a nice weekend.

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