

## Kayhan London Interview with Dr. Hamzepour

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**Kayhan London (KL):** Welcome to Kayhan London with Dr. Hamzepour from Mclean, VA. Last week, you had a meeting with Mr. Donald Trump, candidate for president of the United States of America. Please brief us of your meeting with him.

**Dr. Hamzepour (DH):** First, I went to an event and met his campaign director. After that, I followed up and we were able to get connected through his campaign director. That rally was on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Manassas, VA and I was given permission to speak at Mr. Trumps rally for a few minutes. I introduced my office as the HQ in Northern VA and am honored to be representing Mr. Trump. I hope I can be successful to bring the Iranian-American community together to support Mr. Trump. I have created an identity within the Iranian community due to my 27 years of past involvement. We have contacted the Tehran post to advertise Mr. Trump as the president of the U.S.

**KL:** Dr. H, why do you think Mr. Trump would be a good candidate for the president of the U.S.? Do you think a business man can be successful in running a super power country like the U.S.?

**DH:** You ask a very good question. I have always said that politics and economics are connected with each other. If you are a good business man and can manage a corporation, then you can also effectively manage a country by electing the right advisors to guide you through running the country. He was actually smart enough to convert his 1 million dollar investment that his father left for him to billion dollar corporations. That should tell you that this man has the knowledge and leadership to effectively manage the country. At his first debate, he mentioned to candidates that he had been contributing to their campaigns before he decided to run for president. His advantage is that he is funding his own campaign and doesn't have to meet anyone's demand. I believe that Mr. Trump will be very successful in the economical and political spectrum for the country and I will be supporting him to achieve that power of the U.S. president. He is going to bring the change that Obama promised to our nation and couldn't deliver.

**KL:** What about his foreign policy strategy has attracted you to his candidacy?

**DH:** I think he's very good at selecting good advisors and he has many influential and successful friends that are willing to join him at his campaign and guide him to achieve his goals of successfully leading the U.S. and the world. He also is a good negotiator which will allow him to successfully implement his foreign and domestic strategy. Mr. Trump has been saying he doesn't like to be predictable when it comes to foreign policy, unlike president Obama. He believes in the element of surprise when he is fighting with his enemies and terrorist groups. He is a great negotiator and will guarantee the best deal in any circumstance.

**KL:** What was the content of your speech at the Trump rally in Manassas, VA?

**DH:** I said that since Mr. Trump is such a good business man and negotiator, that he will be effective of diverging the issue of war. He has also announced that he is not taking a salary as the president of the U.S. and will, instead, allocate that to the Veterans Administration to support the American soldiers that have come back from war.

**KL:** On what basis do you claim that Mr. Trump will be a good chief of staff?

**DH:** Anyone can become successful in negotiation. He will elect qualified people to his cabinet and through those people he will be able to implement his domestic and foreign policy effectively. He has been in contact with many qualified people that would be more than willing to join his cabinet.

**KL:** Why do you think that if Trump becomes president, that he will be able to over through the Iranian regime?

**DH:** One of the things that the director of Trump campaign asked me was what do you want for your support for Trump? I told him that my only wish is to get rid of the Islamic Republic of Iran. I would like to substitute NAIC and other Islamic Republic of Iran lobbyist groups that were advising Obama with foreign policy with our own group, the Iranian American Patriots. I want to bring that real change to Iran and through this occupied Iranian regime out of power.

**KL:** Other candidates from the Republican party have given promises that they never kept. What makes you think Mr. Trump will keep his promise to your group?

**DH:** There is no guarantee but you have to do what you can. Mr. Trump is good for America and the Middle East. He can fix the problems we are having in the Middle East. He will also bring jobs and manufacturing to the U.S. and really make America great again.

**KL:** All presidents' first interest is to look after the interests of the American people. How do you know that your interests to overthrow the Iranian government will align with Trump's and America's interests?

**DH:** American interests are aligned with Iranian and Middle Eastern interests. The policy in the past has been to overthrow other regimes such as the Shah of Iran to lower the price of oil and increase profits. This has created chaos and destabilization of the Middle East which resulted in the creation of terrorists groups such as ISIS and others. But today, if you get rid of this terrorist regime in Iran, it will significantly increase the safety of the U.S. citizens. I don't think Mr. Trump is so stupid to insult Mexican labor or other immigrants that are in the U.S. because he wants to take advantage of the labor and bring other jobs and grow the country. I don't believe in the unemployment rate that Obama created. 50 million Americans are out of the job and we need a major change.

**KL:** How can Mr. Trump help Iranians when he becomes president?

**KL:** Even if he wishes to over through the regime, how can Mr. Trump achieve this?

**DH:** Through economic sanctions. I talked to one of the officials of the state department and they said our war tactic has changed from WWII and we will no longer bring troops on the ground and that, instead, we will control them by imposing economic sanctions. The Soviet Union collapsed because of more economics and the sanctions that were imposed on them by the western countries.

**KL:** Hillary Clinton said Donald Trump's sound bites had been funny up till now and recently they have become very dangerous to our society. Do you agree with what Mr. Trump said regarding the bans of Muslims to the U.S.?

**DH:** The media is exaggerating what Mr. Trump said. His intention is not to be prejudice against any religion or nationality. All he is trying to do is make sure Americans are safe and re-secure the borders so no terrorist or ISIS member can infiltrate the country and hurt American citizens.

**KL:** Isn't it against the constitution of the U.S. that there should be discrimination against religion or nationalities?

**DH:** He is speaking of all the extremists, not just Muslims. Mr. Trump has said that he would love all the students to continue to contribute to the growth of the U.S. and its economy. He isn't trying to discriminate against any religion. He is just concerned with the safety of the country. He has also said that this will not apply to any American Muslims.