

# Politics

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**Political Responses** in Divisive America

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All politicians are to some extent performers and con artists. That's understandable. But when that's all one has to offer, that's a problem.

Yes, all of his assertions on the campaign trail will go the same way as having Mexico pay for the wall.

And his supporters will turn their heads and keep making excuses for him. We have all seen this before.

Cultists gonna cult.

Unfortunately soft targets attacks and ramming vehicles into crowds are hard to prevent. Will be interesting to learn more about the terrorist as most probably there were a number of red flags that were not acted upon, as usual.

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During his term everything will still be Bidens fault. He will only claim the positives like roads and bridges, computer chips, Russia failing, etc. When has the buck ever stopped at the overgrown child's feet.

"In social media posts, Trump suggested that a porous border gave rise to the massacre on Bourbon Street, allowing criminals to freely enter the country and do harm."

Trump's rant would make perfect sense except for one thing... the perpetrator was BORN in THIS COUNTRY, is a citizen of THIS COUNTRY and was a member of the military in THIS COUNTRY. So, there's that.

Trump's blaming of the New Orleans attack on an illegal immigrant is more than comical. As nonsensical as his comments about the Texas born attacker are, the sad truth is that his base will still believe him.

Many of Trump's decisions are likely going to be justified using misinformation and a distorted perception of reality.

A lot of these right-wingers worship the military. It's incredibly ironic that even though they're trying their best to scapegoat immigrants, it turns out they're both former U.S. military. Their brains aren't capable of processing this. The cognitive dissonance must be overwhelming.

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official." President Theodore Roosevelt

MAGA Republicans should read that quote and learn something from it.

The inflation we are experiencing was caused by COVID. We are paying the price for the pandemic everywhere in our economy.

If trump had won in 2020, inflation would still be here, and we could possibly be another \$8 trillion more in debt.

Biden was not the perfect president, but he brought calm to our country.

Among the most popular of Trump's promises was his pledge to bring down the costs groceries on day one of his second term. During a speech in August in North Carolina, Trump told voters: "From the day I take the oath of office, we will rapidly drive prices down and make America affordable again."

I hope people understand basic economics. The president can't control grocery prices. I feel sorry for anyone who believed that foolishness. The wealthy and upper middle class voted for trump because of the unspoken truth, and that truth was continued or larger tax cuts for them and corporations.

Maga took a horrific attack and tried to score political points off the suffering of others. They were spreading lies, disinformation, and misinformation from the very start instead of showing sincere empathy and sympathy for the murdered, the injured, the families, and the witnesses. The incoming president is entitled to national security briefings and still choose to lie and double down on the lies to pander to his base and supporters. This is only a sample of the chaos and dysfunction in store for this country. Elections have consequences.

Just what we need, another investigation to avoid doing their actual job that they are paid to do. We had so many investigations that turned up nothing, wasting time and money already. It sounds like trump is directing the House so they don't do anything but to do his bidding. The House members should be working for the American people who elected them, not just one or two billionaires.

So, the democrats "rigged" the election in 2020 so Trump would lose, then somehow just forgot to do that in 2024 and let him win? And now we are going to perpetuate this nonsense by investigating the investigation committee. Please just let me know if I've got this right. Phoning a friend.

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It's not a smart move if the goal is to achieve legislation. That's true. But it's a brilliant move if the true aim is to look like you're trying to do something while not really wanting to do anything. The delays will also give trump and Repubs cause to blame dems. That's the real goal. Make noise, do nothing, blame dems just on time for 2026. It's just like the border. Make noise, do nothing, blame dems

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He's already reneged on grocery prices, the Ukraine war, and foreign worker visas. These promises were never going to be kept. They were simply meant to get votes. And now that he's no longer in danger of prosecution, nor will he be running again, his focus will be on tax cuts, de-regulation, and policies that benefit himself and the growing class of oligarchs.

I've been saying for years that the best thing that can happen to the Democrats is for the Republicans to get control of the government every so often because their greed and devotion to the wealthy will always cause them to make things terrible for the non-rich, who will long for the Democrats to be back in office. If you're not rich and expected Trump to help you, wait to see what you've got coming.

It's the kind of rhetoric that helped propel Trump back to the White House. But he did so from a position out of power. Now, the president-elect is just days away from having to assume responsibility for the various ailments and conflicts he has long and successfully attributed to others — and for which there are no immediate or easy fixes.

Remember how Trump campaigned on grocery prices - which he was at fault for in the first place? Didn't take long for him to back off of the promise of lowering them. Now he wants to deport immigrants who are doing the labor for farmers? Watch interviews with farmers. It's bad. Every economist has stated that Trump's proposed tariffs will be horrible.

What is Trump going to do about Ukraine? We all know he has Putin's number.

He has had since 2016 to come up with a plan to change Obama care. He has nothing. Concepts of a plan?

Get ready for chaos, folks. I'm sure the democratic party will be to blame for when the GOP won't negotiate in the house. Trump did what a high schooler does. Promise a pizza party if he wins. He said everything to get everyone on his side and he won't do a thing. He conned you all.

What Trump failed to realize in his claim of lowering grocery prices is that a president has NO control over them. They're based on supply & demand, production, shipping & transportation costs as well as companies & grocery stores setting the prices of them based on the first four factors I mentioned here. This from a man who supposedly majored in, but obviously learned NOTHING from economics.

I'm looking forward to the cheapest food and gas prices since the 1800's, world peace, negative inflation, record trade surpluses, no deficit spending whatsoever, fully paying down the national debt, the most efficient federal government in the entire history of our country, net zero immigration, the highest wages ever, the best job market ever, the lowest unemployment rate ever, the cheapest healthcare ever, the lowest crime ever, the lowest homelessness ever, the highest GDP ever, the best stock market ever, the best domestic manufacturing ever, the best international trade deals ever, the best housing market ever, the lowest taxes ever, and so on. It's a rather long list. Perhaps he'll accomplish some of his campaign promises, or more likely he'll just repeat his first term and lower taxes for corporations and the rich, while actually doing little else. No sympathy whatsoever for any broke mouth breathers who end up worse off over the next few years. Ultra MAGA Duuuuuuuurp

Trump will definitely sweep conflicts under the rug or blame the previous administration for the current chaos even though he will be president.

#### TRUMP'S PROMISES

Gas under \$2.00

Lower Grocery Prices

A 50% decrease in Car Insurance

Landlords will reduce Rent

Home prices will go down

Sub 3% interest rates

No tax on Social Security

No tax on tips

No tax on overtime

End of the Ukraine war in January

End of conflict in Israel

Lower taxes for families making under \$200,000.

So basically the people will WHINE about the Democrats not "doing enough" to help, but CHEER when the Republicans do NOTHING to help.

Sure, THAT makes sense.

Looking forward to Trump magically fixing everything like he promised and MAGA swooning over all his accomplishments. This is going to be fun to watch the implosion.

From ripping off a Walgreens to a terrorist attack in New Orleans? Fox News used to have another slogan: We report, you decide. Given that its ratings are the highest in a decade and that it was the highest-rated cable network for the ninth consecutive year, too many Americans have decided that Fox News' whine-world is reality and have voted into office fellow true believers. Buckle up your seat belts, everyone else: It's going to be a hell of a next four years.

It the lack of critical thinking. Other countries actually require students to take classes in critical thinking.

Critical thinking is the process of using information to make logical, well-thought-out judgments and decisions but a lot of Americans let social media take care of it for them.

When I witness people doing or saying things that are the s word I don't try to help them any more. I just shake my head and walk away.

MAGA thinks that Joe's policies made groceries get more expensive but they cannot name a single policy that did so or why Kroger's profits have doubled.

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The only time Republicans are concerned about our National Debt is when a Democrat is president. They won't even mention National Debt for at least 2-years since they control Congress, Senate and White House. Trump hasn't mentioned that extending these tax cuts will be revenue neutral. Wondering why? What's changed that they wouldn't be? Social security will be sacrificed for the 10%. Thanks MAGA. Once it's gone I don't want to hear once person who voted for Trump complain or say I didn't know.

Elon Musk bought and paid for a new tax cut for himself and he is going to use DOGE to cut funding for everyone else to pay for it. Republicans do not care about their voters. They will do everything to line the pockets of their donors so they will keep donating and keep republicans in power.

Trump promised a Hillary lock-up. It didn't happen.

Promised we'd win the trade war with China. We didn't, It cost about a quarter million jobs and hurt Americans not help them.

The international trade deficit Trump promised to reduce went up. The U.S. trade deficit in goods and services in 2020 was the highest since 2008 and increased 40.5% from 2016. The trade deficit grew to over \$600 billion through 2019 and 2020 despite trying to decrease it via the trade wars he has started.

Illegal immigration increased. Apprehensions at the Southwest border rose 14.7% in 2020 compared with 2016.

He promised his corporate tax cuts would help and benefit Workers and corporations would use that money to invest in American workers. They didn't, they used that money to buy back stocks. He promised to bring back and revive the coal industry. Never happened - more coal jobs were lost during his presidency.

He promised to drain the swamp. He didn't: He WAS the swamp.

Jan 6th--Fake Electors.

He promised to unveil a new healthcare plan. It is only a concept..

He promised a middle-class tax cut. His cut taxes for the rich are financed by the middle class.

He said he wouldn't play golf as President. He made 250 visits to his own golf clubs. It cost taxpayers \$150 million.

When America was great the rich didn't pass their tax bill onto the working class and poor

What a joke Musk and Trump are. Trump claims he is fighting the Deep State, but the Deep State is actually the wealthy elites that control the government and he has now allow the Deep State direct access. Only a fool would do that.

Greenland ain't for sale. Trump is. Just ask Putin.

I am asking this genuinely. How does Trump get around following the rules like everyone else? He didn't sign the transition papers, yet he complains about Biden making the transition difficult? I don't understand

Trump has presidential immunity once he is sworn in. He can reject any previous executive order, and can ignore any law or judicial order because there is no legal mechanism to stop him. If the courts or congress go after an underling, he simply pardons them so they can continue working for him.

As SCOTUS said, as long as he is acting as president (vs. as a business owner, political candidate, or private citizen), the only mechanism available to stop him would be impeachment and conviction. but we know that even if a majority in the House managed to impeach (highly unlikely), the Senate will never get the 67 votes needed to convict.

On January 20, we no longer have a president - we have an emperor. You can try to refute that, but you won't be able to.

Backfiring is what Trump does all the time. Also Trump trying to blame Biden for the deficit which Trump himself raised it by \$8 Trillion in just 4 years. Now they are whining that the billionaires need their tax cuts, adding trillions to the deficit. Repubs lie so much.

Hilarious article, but the underlying truth is that we now have one half of the country that still is of the belief that the laws and our constitution apply to all, while the other half believes that the laws only apply when it suites them.

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"So many males are angry and want something to blame. Fox News has told conservatives that if they're not sex gods with \$100 million in the bank and abs of steel, it's because of immigrants, welfare, feminism, liberals, etc."

"It's so much easier to point at everything else rather than growing up, learning to be kind, honest, humble, thoughtful, and that not everyone is going to make big bank, marry well, retire well, and live a fulfilling life."

The entertainment of some people for 4 years resumes in a couple of weeks. Rename this, buy that, claim this, ... what about the solutions he promised for grocery, gas, health insurance, etc., prices?

That's exactly it. It's called "information overload." Trump has become a master of it. You just fill the media sphere with so much outrageous statements and actions that people can't process it all and just get overwhelmed. People forget about what was said and move on to the next outrageous thing he does without ever punishing him for the last thing he did/said. Trump deflects his misdeeds and ridiculous statements by committing more misdeeds and making more ridiculous statements. It's a simple strategy, but it seems to work. The real media can't keep up, and conservative media just whines "fake news."

Think we all saw yesterday the contrast between the two parties. Let's compare how Democrats handled loss yesterday with how it was handled four years ago. Think it speaks for itself which party actually respects our constitution.

Rename the gulf and buy Greenland. What a lofty agenda to help the ordinary citizen of the U.S. He wants to "annex" (i.e. take by force if necessary) Greenland and the Panama Canal. He wants make Canada the 51st state whether they like it or not. Now he wants to unilaterally rename the Gulf of Mexico. All things a dictator would do.

Embarrassed yet? The song remains the same.

And then we are going to rename the Panama Canal to America Canal. And then rename Greenland to Greenmerica. And then rename Canada to Camerica. These people sure know what is important!

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It's really hard to differentiate what Trump's issue might be. Could be dementia. Militarily attack Greenland, take over Canada and rename the Gulf of Mexico. Sounds like someone who isn't of sane mind. He's now proposing starting wars.

Elect a joke, get a joke. It's not complicated.

I'm more worried about my SS and Medicare.

Why would a free country like Canada whose citizens have a PEACEFUL country, where every citizen has universal free Health Care and Free Higher Education AND the RIGHT kind of Political Leaders that actually RESPECT the citizenry even WANT to become Americas 51 state? It's the other way around, CA, WA and OR and AK and many other States would be better off joining Canada for sure.

Adding Canada would be the equivalent of adding another California, and it would be a solid Democrat block. The US would never have another Republican president if Canada joined. California wildfires, Florida hurricanes, The Mississippi floods, NC/SC beach erosion, etc. People choose where to live and 95% of the time they are lucky to avoid calamities. If I were a Californian, I would leave yesterday, as the big shake/quake is overdue, will make the fires seem like a strong windstorm

As they always say, "My thoughts and prayers."

Most people want what is best for the country. Regardless of party. Most people want solid leaders who come from different sides and parties who can work together. No party has all the answers and good ideas and bad ideas come from both sides. But most Americans do not trust Trump or like him. That is the truth.

Don't hold your breath. Republicans don't care about their voters, and care even less about Governing. It will be two years of wasting Taxpayer Dollars on endless investigations rehashing the 2020 Election, and trying to shift the blame for Covid to anyone but Trump. Just like the last two years in the Least Productive Congress in History, absolutely nothing will be done for The American People. But plenty will be done TO The American People.

Strong start?

Trump has already backpedaled on the following promises

Lowering prices. Too hard

Ending wars. Too complicated

Universal tariffs. He has a concept of a plan

Mass deportations. Nothing is happening. Talking about trying to deport criminals.

I want my \$1.99 a gallon of gas now. I want egg prices to go down to under \$1.00 a dozen. Rent prices should be reduced by 50%. Do it now, Trump. You promised.

He said it would be easy. Remember? Reminds me of the 6th grade president elections: all dessert and recess promises - delivered on none.

I thought it was about cost of bacon, eggs and gas? Trump was going to fix that right away, oh but then he said, after elected, that would be hard to do- sorry the ones who believed him.

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You're right Ingrid, no more pesky President trying to help Americans over burdened by ballooning semi-predatory student loans.

Now we just have to worry about our Vice President-elect invading Mexico, annexing Canada and starting economic or worse military skirmishes with Greenland and Panama.

Not even a peep on PPP loan forgiveness, I guess billionaires getting bailed is MAGAs definition of capitalism. the priorities of MAGA never cease to amaze.

Haven't you heard, the GOP prints whatever is needed. Of course debt is blamed on social security.

Trump is playing those who voted for him like a fiddle. He is saying all these things to distract people from all those promises that he's made to get elected and to stay out of prison. Trump will continue to say things to keep everyone's minds off those promises. Promises to stop the war in Ukraine BEFORE his inauguration. Promises to lower the prices of groceries and gas. Promises to engage in the largest mass deportation in U.S. History, promises to eliminate the tax on Social Security, promises of a big Healthcare Plan that is better and cheaper than the ACA etc. Trump is running a con game, and those who voted for Trump bought it, hook line and sinker. I am waiting for Trump to fulfill his promises. Those who voted for Trump will soon realize that they were played.

When you defund forest management measures, this is what happens. The Forest Service USED to do prescribed burns, reducing the accumulated fuel on the forest floor so fires like these are more manageable. But some people know better than the experts I guess.

I guess his voters no longer care about lower eggs, grocery and rent prices that they were dying about a few months ago. Now they care about invading and pillaging sovereign nations. He didn't campaign on any of these imperial ambitions. He campaign on lower prices.

Direct quotes from Trump's own mouth before the election:

"Prices will come down," "You just watch: They'll come down, and they'll come down fast, not only with insurance, with everything." "Vote Trump, and your incomes will soar. Your net worth will skyrocket. Your energy costs and grocery prices will come tumbling down."

Good for Canada standing up to the Orange Oddball. I grew up in Canada (I am an American) and the people are proud of their heritage and healthcare and do not want any part of becoming part of Canada. My question to the magatas - why isn't dear leader concentrating on his campaign promises of lowering food and gas costs instead of saber rattling?

Good for them! Nobody should tolerate a bully. Obviously, Mr. Trump forgot his mantra America First, meaning focus on the issues at home, don't distract from them.

Trump is proven to lack any real understanding of reality. When it comes to Canada, that country has ten Provinces so any future US/Canada must include all ten Provinces as States. So Congress would have 60 States. On top of that all Canadians would have to vote on the issue of becoming part of the USA and the one thing they will never give up is universal healthcare (never mind their genuine loyalty to the King).

So, the whole thing is a bad dream in the brain of someone who is sleepwalking!

Every bully believes that he or she can go out to punch and intimidate the other person that is until the other punches back. The problem in this case is that the innocents suffer most for the imbecility of on Donald, J. Trump.

It's hard to come together as a country with a leader who absolutely hates it. I can't remember a time when Trump had anything good to say about this country or anyone who wasn't a dictator or billionaire lining his pockets.<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>The United States aren't so united... it's essentially two COMPLETELY DIFFERENT countries mashed together into one.

You've got the intelligent and smart Blue states vs the uneducated, moronic Red states. The CONVICTED FELON will destroy America. It'll be split, eventually, into the two separate countries you are. The morons can rule their third world country, while the intelligent America can continue on and actually help their people.

It sucks when half your population are brain dead morons only wanting to help themselves. He is always doom and gloom, even when the country is doing well. He is a divider, not a unifier.

Trump has an exceptional talent for reading a crowd, identifying the most stupid and ignorant members out there, and pandering to their basest instincts and impulses. He has attracted a lot of followers who never paid the slightest attention to politics or world events before he ran for office. They proved to be a decisive factor in 2016 and 2024.

Abraham Lincoln once spoke of "the better angels of our nature." He brought out the best in people. Trump does the opposite.

Sure draining the treasury with tax cuts for billionaires and corporations should be easy. They don't pay taxes, why do they need a tax cut? Billionaire Trump paid \$750 in taxes in 2019? Americans are okay with being fleeced?

**"Set aside the debt ceiling"**

**We're going to have a beautiful deficit! The best deficit ever! Like nothing anyone has ever seen!**

Renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America will save every US citizen \$\$\$THOUSANDS on their grocery bills.

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The wealthy don't live under the same justice system as the 90% do. Sad. Wow I kicked a hornets nest with this post. Wasn't trying to be political particularly. For what it is worth I would also complain about wealthy democrats or independants that get no punishment after being convicted of a felony.

"...with liberty and justice--for some."

Meanwhile if the average person is convicted of a felony, he goes to jail. Our legal system has become a sad joke.

The red hat brigade defending him are claiming this was a political prosecution and persecution of him.

He knows he broke the law. They know he broke the law but they are trying to claim that just because he was allowed to do it for so many years, he shouldn't be held accountable.

That's like telling the cop who pulled you over for speeding that you speed down this road every day and have never been stopped before, so why am I being stopped and given a ticket now.

I grew up in Allegheny County and raised my three children in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania (part of the Rust Belt). I think one anecdote that sums DJT's supporters the best. My neighbor couldn't understand why I got two newspapers every day (one leaned Democrat & the other Republican) or why I took my kids to Pittsburgh, Washington DC or any other big city to go to the museums, zoo, etc., when we had everything that we needed in the small town. That's their world view. Unfortunately, as in most countries, the uneducated/undereducated citizens far outnumber the educated citizens. That's why DJT won.

Spot on. I try to read as many different views on a news story as possible. Keep up the good work.

It's gut-wrenching that 1/3rd of the country is on board with bullying and mocking natural disaster victims

Very well said. Everything Trump does is out of a far right wing playbook, now called MAGA to make it feel like he invented this, to cause hatred and divide amongst the American Public. Gavin Newsom and Joe Biden didn't create the Santa Ana winds that spread the fire. They didn't remove the water from the tanks and hydrants causing issues. And there was and is no "water restoration declaration" that Trump says Newsom signed which caused the problems the firefighters experienced. He lies constantly and the MAGA faithful drink the Kool-Aid every time!

The climate change evidence is overwhelming that we are messing with the climate. When has California ever had such fires, let alone in JANUARY -supposedly their wet season.? This kind of effect from co2 was predicted decades ago and it's happening all over the world.

These fires are a like having a heart attack after your doctor warned you about your diet and lifestyle.

Trump is who he is and needs to be called out for his actions, lies, unglued ranting, etc.

The 49.7% that were foolish enough to vote for him need to hear it every time so they know who to blame when things rapidly get worse with trumps moronic economic plans and maniacal ranting. This time the rest of the world is ready for the moron and will start to strike alliances that cut the us out because of the cost you do business and unhinged leadership.

Obviously his most hardcore base will never be able to see CONald as being anything but infallible, but maybe some will come back to reality and finally see through the smoke and mirrors.

This is so sad. When elected as president, a person is supposed to represent the entire country, not just the parts where his friends are. Trump's reaction to this disaster is appalling and shows a complete lack of respect for the citizens of this country. It used to be that a disaster like this pulled us all together because we all know that we could be the next disaster victim. It is disheartening that Trump insists on playing politics when people's lives are at stake.

Also, if you know that 99.9% of what trump says is crap, and he's telling tales of boys going to school and coming home as girls, you know that's crap, and yet you can't vote for a Dem because they turn boys into girls? Or something?

And there hasn't been any serious attempt at gun control since the Obama administration. Even then, it was pretty minor. I have been told since Clinton's administration that "they're coming for your gun!" I've owned one for 33 years and they never came for it. I can beat my chest and act tough or make memes with slogans about how they'll never take my gun, but whomever "they" is, "they" seem to have no interest in taking it.

I so agree with this. A good example is Mike Dukakis, and the Willie Horton ad. Horton was a convict who was released but Dukakis had nothing to do with that. Dukakis ignored and other Republican lies and half-truths and lost. Democrats seem to think their adversaries will play fair. So, they go around with their thumbs up their rears and their heads in the clouds thinking everything is honky-dory. it is not! They should be prepared for the Republican LIE MACHINE to spew its lies and counterpunch them one by one. They need their own TRUTH MACHINE which will counter the Republican lies and they come forth.

Lies always win. Most people cannot and will not accept the truth that they have to actually do something and most of all be accountable for their own decisions regardless of how bad things have turned out. America is a NATION of blamers, whiners and spinelsss people always saying "it's not my fault".

I have given up.

Both parties are corrupt failures, the Republicans add treason.

The supreme court abandoned their responsibilities and have been openly accepting bribes for decades, and on July 1, 2024, gave the office of president absolute power, they have allowed law enforcement to violate the first, fourth, and fifth amendments as basic policy, and the second amendment is an out of control monster. RIP, USA

FYI, California is not being "run into the ground" by any measure. It is the 5th largest economy in the world and the leader in the development of new technology along with the chief supplier of agricultural products to the rest of the US. The main problem is the cost of housing because of high demand (i.e. people want to live here) and too low of a supply (that is mostly due to local regulations, regardless of political leanings).

The fires are a catastrophe caused by extremely dry vegetation, no rain in 8 months, above-normal temperatures, and hurricane-force winds. Exactly what part of that is due to government? The problem is people getting their information from right-wing media (of various types) that distorts the actions of the two parties. I wouldn't vote for the ugly caricature of the Dems they've fabricated.

Trump's rise to power is directly related to the profiteering of people like Ruppert Murdoch. The truth is right there in front of everyone, to choose to ignore facts and buy into Trump is a choice. The US will have a reckoning at some point, many will be hurt, businesses destroyed, and suffering from Trump's incompetence. The blame all goes to the republicans that looked away during either impeachment. You reap what you sow as the saying goes.

I think it's time for the Democrats to respond to every one of Trump's attacks that are an outright lie or blatantly wrong. Too many people seem to forget the things he says then turns around say just the opposite or ridicules people with inaccurate/false statements. Forget about the moral high road, it's not working. He and any of his MAGA people who do things like this need to be called out immediately. Besides, a convicted felon will soon be the leader of this country. A sad day for this country.

Trump won and it proves two things:

1. People are either not too bright or we have a huge number of racists and bigots in America.
2. Lies work. The biggest liar that's ever entered American politics just won the election, and the party he represents has adopted the same strategy.

News flash: Democrats have tried to hold Trump accountable for his words. And deeds. That hasn't worked either.

Climate crisis is brought to you by climate [change] deniers.

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Trump uses distractions. The report about his interference is coming out. So all the news should be about that. But he says something crazy and all the news organizations jump on that story. with our 24 /7 news, Short attention span, and are current political state. The craziness keeps everyone away from focusing on truly meaningful issues.

No Democrats are "mocking" Trump for saying he wants to purchase Greenland. They are calling him out for wasting time & energy aboard while not addressing any of his promises to bring down prices here in America. That is the proper response.

The average cost per adult in the U.S. for buying Greenland would be about \$5000. That is at the 1.5 trillion price tag. Of course not all of us have that much to just pony up so Trump would need to bump up the national debt to cover it. The U.S. itself won't make a penny from this transaction. Lots of private companies would make a ton of money and then find ways to block all of those earnings from taxes. So this purchase would hurt us and hurt us bad.

A blind man could see that he is not qualified, yet the GOP doesn't care about the country or the military. Talk all they want about support, and hands over the heart as the national anthem plays, they don't care at all about Hegseth's faults. If DJT wants him, who cares about those issues? It's following the script that we all know would happen. Like watching your kid fall off the bike. We will all watch the country fall off the cliff.

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Senator Gillibrand, as former Women's Army Corps (WAC) member, I want to thank you for making these points publicly to expose the obvious incompetence, biases, and blatant lies of Secretary of Defense candidates such as Hegseth.

They misuse God and Jesus for their evil agenda every time.

SCOTUS, judges like Canon and most of the GOP have shown they won't apply guardrails to Trump. The last remaining guardrail was the American voter. There's nothing left now. Only a matter of whether he decides he wants to make his legacy about being a successful president or if he wants to make it as the guy who broke democracy in the country and became the first dictator of it. I think we all know which appeals to him more.

Paul, you are absolutely right in saying, "The last remaining guardrail was the American voter". My advice to those who voted for Trump is this: Do not share this fact with your children and grandchildren, as there will likely come a day when they will curse you for the country that's been handed down to them. History will remember.

The GOP Senators removed guardrails when they voted against the impeachment charges. The US Supreme Court removed the remaining guardrails that some of those Senators were relying on when they gave the President immunity from prosecution. The Justice Dept has for my memory refused to charge a sitting president. The American people then elected Trump again because the press only confused them with conflicting accounts of his actions and his words. There are no more guardrails. We will see if the US Constitution holds and Congress and the Courts do their jobs..... Will the separation of powers hold??

Nobody cares. "Conservatives" have been enabling this type of behavior from their elected officials for the last 15-20 years, especially loving Mitch McConnell and every time he put party over country. Trump is just the natural progression of that enabling. Don't all of a sudden clutch your pearls and say you're worried, the time for that is long gone.

Imagine voting for the worst president in history TWICE

A leader without guardrails is a dictator.

In trying to do anything to keep Trump under control, first we must consider the poor state of political intelligence of mainstream America. Many still cannot grasp the concept that the government can betray them and vehemently ignore the Constitution. Older folks, especially, grew up with the idea that government can't lie and only minor disparagements can be of any issue. This is what sets up the field for what is happening now. I could say that we need to educate more of America but MAGA types will resist that at every step. Groups like that only thrive when people are ignorant and trusting.

Nobody cares. "Conservatives" have been enabling this type of behavior from their elected officials for the last 15-20 years, especially loving Mitch McConnell and every time he put party over country. Trump is just the natural progression of that enabling. Don't all of a sudden clutch your pearls and say you're worried, the time for that is long gone.

Guard rails will be smashed, laws will be broken. maybe in a decade or two we will understand the damage an uneducated population has done to this country...if there is anything left by then.

1-15-25

GOP members complaining about reduction of military standards while using a chart that misspells the word military!

But hey, let's dissolve the Department of Education.

Grew up a conservative republican. I was there with my mom, who was president of the RNC of the women in Texas in 1984. when the convention was in Houston. I can truly tell you that Donald Trump is not conservative or a Republican, nor would he even be allowed in our church. There were a lot of uneducated fools in this last election who have no concept of how the economy works and blamed the sitting president. My only advise is to learn how to read and wait for the coaster ride. All the promises made that you bought into! Being absent minded will cost you a lot more than you bargained for

1-16-25

Inflation? Price of eggs? How about ANY of those campaign promises? That all changed to invade greenland, canada & panama while saving poor hollywood.....maga got gifted yet again. Next 4yrs will be another disaster like his last time in office. Country closed, grocery store shelves were empty, you couldnt find baby formula anywhere. All while having the highest unemployment and lowest gdp of any president in history at the end of their term.

The rebirth of McCarthyism...

1-17-25

So they voted for him to bring groceries down but they don't expect him to bring groceries down? They sound like trumpers, not swing voters.

One of the mandates of project 2025 is to remove everyone who is not a Trump loyalist, so the purge has begun.

1-18-25

It is my experience when they layoff what they consider low performers to hire lower paid employees, that they end up with even lower performers than they had before the layoff. This does not improve the company but eventually hurts it in the long run because they lose the expertise of those who knew the work and new it well. The adverse affect on those being laid off is very severe. It damages their mental health due to the nature of layoffs and the subsequent search for another job and hopefully another company that would treat them better. Some people who are laid off end up doing what they love but if what you loved doing is in the field they were laid off from they often end up in the same circumstances with the same axe hanging over their head. These companies need to change the way they do business. It isn't the employees fault if the company is failing or needing to cut cost, it is the fault of those making the big decisions because often the lower echelon is ignored in their suggestions that would improve the company. The only reason I can think of for them to announce that this is performance based is to cover their asses against wrongful termination lawsuits. They can put the performance cutoff wherever they choose and then fire people arbitrarily under this false pretense. Classic corporate lawyer scumbaggery.

Let's call this what it is, folks: This is not a layoff. This is mass firing. And "raising the bar" may imply that those being fired may have been led to believe that they were performing well enough. Those of us who have witnessed "Performance Evaluation" know that no matter how

well you're doing on given goals, the numbers may put you lower in company rankings. Some investors may love this. But it's nothing short of abusive practice.<sup>[1]</sup> Amazon did this in 2023. Dissolved our department while hiring under a different title with much lower pay. It wasn't based on performance though it was the entire section.

Just couple of days back, Mark met with Trump and Trump told him to remove Meta's DEI(Diversity, Equality & Identity) policy, remove censorship of posts wrt immigration, politics n couple more..<sup>[1]</sup> Now this news came.. What are the odds

Overall it's a net positive program. The issue is the hyperconservatives have latched onto it as a Boogeyman to energize their voting base to vote against their own self interests through using culture wars to distract them from the party catering to the oligarchs and treating the common worker as a consumable resource.

Good? Bad? Who cares?

We live in an offensive rightwing capitalist oligarchy where MONEY AND VALUE ARE OPPOSITES. Value creators - workers and innovators - go broke in obscurity and a few rich families who inherit everything get MORE rich and famous. 100 or so families already own practically everything AND EVERYONE.

Opportunity is dead.

Wow. They get Severance pay? I've been in Automotive for 22 yrs and was recently let go because my employer was bought out by a different owner. 5.5 months later for zero reason (I'm 55yrs old they like to promote "young" employees) they said they are parting ways with me although I was about smack dab on the average "mean" overall production. 100% reliable etc.. ZERO severance. Been fighting unemployment and didn't get a check for 10 weeks!(2 weeks worth). THAT is called the real world. God protects those who put their faith on him and I'll be fine (even with a 7yr old and wife who is a homemaker). Do we complain? What a bunch of total crybabies in here.

Toughen up the world isn't fair!!

This is a bad message and it speaks to poor leadership. Performance is tied to one's manager, resources, etc. and not just the employee. Manager approach drives engagement and success. To label people who are laid off is wrong. Meta should be better.

I deleted my Facebook a few days ago and it's great to disconnect from that toxic platform I encourage everyone to disconnect from that too. Regain your humanity, and don't allow these tech companies to reshape your life to benefit them.

This is common practice in the big tech companies. This happened to me at Microsoft after 22 ½ years of service. They kept pushing it was performance related without any concrete proof, so for that reason they were able to justify not giving me a severance package for all the years of service and pushed me to sign an Employee Separation Agreement stating it was my choice to resign.

in the end, does it really matter Tom? MS did this to a lot of long-term employees, not just to Mike. Many said it was ageism, but I don't think it was that I think it was completely financially driven. Older, more seasoned employees do cost more, there is no doubt about that. The problem was that Microsoft didn't value them and the experience they brought to the company. Fact is, MS continues to blast out product and has continued to innovate. Look at their stock price. The problem is the consequence of their short-sightedness often takes years to manifest. Take a look at their support now, it sucks. They are going to lose customers, but that takes time. As long as they have a pool of hungry techies willing to work for them because they are Microsoft, they'll just keep doing what they are doing. Meta is no different. On another subject, these performance

layoffs often have a lot of negative side-effects. So many companies have poor or non-existent metrics. It's all perception and about the person making the reduction decision. Have bad leaders, the good people are often the first to go. Seen it too many times.

It's a Layoff disguised as a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). The fake PIP is now the go-to dirty playbook for a lot of tech companies - it's cheaper than paying severance and they can hide slower growth. "Look ma, no layoffs!" 🙄 [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/lisakostova\\_layoffs-rsus-severance-activity-7285082782412734464-P08a](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/lisakostova_layoffs-rsus-severance-activity-7285082782412734464-P08a)

If you decide to have a career in tech, never live above your means. Layoffs are a regular occurrence and very rare to see these tech giants feel any loyalty to their employees. Quickly save and minimize costs. Look for the writing on the wall (like blaming poor performers when its actually a cost move) and jump ship before the hammer falls.

Honeywell did this. Cut what they perceived as "low performers". The problem is you keep cutting and you lose good people. You see others like myself saw the writing on the wall that one day that "low performer" might be me if I had a bad few days and it appeared on my performance review. So people begin to look for other jobs and you lose good talent.

What is worse is it stops collaboration between co-workers helping and learning from one another. You see if I help you and it looks good for you, that may push me or the other person into the bottom 10% and get laid off.

So, if you layoff employees for poor performances, why did you hire them in a first place? What went wrong in the recruitment process? Quite weird.

Here are my thoughts:

1. Evaluate the severity and impact of low performers
2. Place individuals who are willing to increase performance on a "Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)" for a desired amount of time and completely regular check ins while on the plan.
3. Consider if performance has increased, decreased, or remain the same and make determination for cut from the collection of data during the PIP.

Performance can sometimes be subjective depending on what you are rating and who you are rating in comparison to. I hope that Meta finds the most objective way to do this process. Time and again research shows that forced ranking with layoffs is not a great strategy to improve overall performance. This strategy reduces collaborative efforts (creates an every person for themselves mentality), has a negative impact on morale that takes years to improve, and not to mention high turnover costs. Also not so great to announce they are terminating low performing employees so that if the employee applies to another job they will be discriminated against immediately...There are better strategies to achieve the same goal!

In 2025, we must eliminate performance reviews that are biased/ influenced by personal opinions. This is especially important when dealing with toxic bosses who would go to any lengths to give you a low rating. Recall the recent trend of "quiet firing" ? These practices involve terminating an employee's employment without providing a formal coaching, or identifying the root cause of performance issues. Often, these terminations occur during the end of the year when employers may surprise employees by ending their employment without engaging in regular conversations about their performance not meeting expectations. I've been interviewed on these trends & have concerns when employers announce termination based solely on a performance evaluation at the end of the year. People don't just wake up one day & become incompetent at work. Even top performers need support when life happens. Was there any accommodation in place? I hope Meta doesn't use performance improvement plans (PIPs) in disguise to fire employees. **PIPs protect employers from lawsuits.** This practice also

impacts bonus payouts. Then they outsource jobs? Common! This isn't anything new. Honestly, constantly firing staff for low performance reflects more on leadership than on individual contributors. If they aren't meeting expectations, it raises questions about the company's direction and the effectiveness of its hiring practices. After all, these employees were selected by the organization, so the root issue likely lies in leadership or structural problems. What Trump calls the "Deep State" are the thousands of hardworking grownups who keep the country going in spite the unqualified political hacks he appoints to his reality TV show administration.

1-19-25

"I am ready to vote for Kash Patel, because you will never ask me the role he played in exposing the darkest moment of the FBI since J. Edgar Hoover," he said, referring to the former FBI director whom critics accused of overreach.

what exactly was the overreach? trump broke laws. he had a chance to prove he did not and chose to DELAY the cases as long as possible. the one case that did go forward he was CONVICTED.

Graham has adopted the tactics of the far right, deny, discredit, blame and chaos, with nary a fact to back up anything they say. What they show is they don't want to answer the questions we want to know or be held accountable.

Well, it's the last day until Donald Trump takes over the world tomorrow, all democratically elected even. It's a pretty sad state of affairs. But it's what 'Merica wanted.

1-20-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "TRUMP SWORN IN AS 47th PRESIDENT."

Know this: I will never forgive or forget the millions of American people that voted this total fucking liar, bully, troll, joke, and fascist back into office a second time. It makes my blood boil mad. What's worst, *the very worst of all*, is how he involves God's name to justify his actions. How can his followers not see through the grift?!? This is just beyond sickening to me. Imagine if Adolf Hitler was resurrected and Germany voted him back into office. Except this time it is America that voted in its own evil dictator. It feels like that. It's that sad and freakish.

Deeply upset and disturbed, I went downstairs to the treadmill to work off my anguish and disgust.

One of the darkest days in American history

The man will never grown up the 3rd grade bully returns with a vengeance.

What is disgraceful is that a president has to try and stop a future president from going on a "Tour Of Revenge". Never in the history have we had to worry about a vengeful president that is going after people that tried to hold him accountable.

2024 election results, popular vote.

Source: Associated Press

Trump 77,303,573 votes (49.9%)

Harris 75,019,257 votes (48.4%)

A 1.5% margins is not a landslide nor a mandate by any stretch of the imagination. Even for the poorly educated, who Trump himself said loves to have as his supporters...

it is just that Trump is so thin skinned he would go after people that broke no laws. The only thing they did was not praise trump and spoke out against him. That is not breaking the

law. People that are upset Biden did this, yet have no issue that trump wants to Pardon Jan. 6th insurrectionist, have such a double standard and are willing to turn a blind eye to the truth.

The saddest day America has ever seen

Magats should be ashamed of themselves, voting in this felonious, traitorous fraud with the vocabulary of a seven year old. They're hatred of the libtards "trumps" all else.

1-21-25

The American nightmare continues? Allegations that Trump has pardoned the Jan. 6 rioters, dumped the WHO, seeks to end birthright citizenship (will that mean his own son has to be deported, that Elon's many children to be deported---as he allegedly violated his special visas?, etc.) and that he has abandoned climate treaties? Will the Jan. 6 pardons mean that America can stop paying for all the massive cost of his security details and all the extra costs of special security details and medical, health insurance, and triple dipping retirements for the Congress, White House and Supreme Court Justices? Time to reach for the 25th amdt. to remove Trump? Congratulations America. We now have a "rhymes with yahtzee" in our government. You all voted for this!

1-22-25

I sure hope nobody was expecting a coherent answer from Trump. There is no satisfactory explanation for pardoning violent insurrectionists.

This nation owes an apology to the Capitol police officers, their families, and survivors. They deserve so much better. Trump threw them all under the bus.

the law and order party doesn't care about policemen

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump demands apology, criticizes bishop's prayer service remarks."

Here's the thing, the National Cathedral, despite the name, isn't some kind of non-denominational Christian church there to offer vague apolitical blessings to political leaders, although that seems to be how most of DC treats it. It is an Episcopal church and the bishop's sermon was very much in keeping with the teachings of her church. If Trump wanted a pastor to endorse his policies, maybe he should have gone to Franklin Graham's church.

Exactly you are point on. This event was long planned there before the election results. She is totally inline with her faith. The first time I went to an Episcopal service, the minister opened up with " Welcome, we are an inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome, no one more preferred than any other". I loved it, left the RC church, which preached nothing but exclusion....My God loves everyone equally.

"The bishop's sermon was very much in keeping with the teachings of her church". It sure triggered Don. But then again, so would JC if he appeared.

He'd deport the Messiah.

Bishop Budde performed a loving gentle Exorcism. She could have Sermon on: it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Its up to the Orange Jesus to seek Salvation.

Trump has already violated his oath of office to protect and preserve the constitution.

He failed the put his hand on the bible during the oath. Was his intention not to be true to his oath?

His executive order eliminating citizen birth under the 14th amendment violates the constitution therefore Trump violated his oath to the constitution.

Only congress can change the constitution.

Trump enjoys being dishonest, unethical and immoral.

Also, how rich is it to be crying about crime waves when he just pardoned OVER 1000 PEOPLE, including the ringmaster of the Proud Boys, another who ran a \$200 million drug trafficking dark web site, and everyone who stormed the Capitol, beating police officers along the way.

You can tell he thinks asylum seekers means mental patients...

News of the Surreal (for Real): "GOP member wants bishop 'added to deportation list' after Trump prayer service."

Clearly Rep. Collins and our President do not make it much of a habit to attend services. If they did, the topic of "Mercy" they would know is often mentioned from the pulpit by clergy across Christian denominations, Catholics, etc. When running for office these politicians are quick to point out their religious bonifides to try to get the votes of believers. These guys are CINO (Christian In Name Only.) Their attitude, behaviors, and actions demonstrate such.

That is absolutely accurate....if you attend church services, regardless of denomination, the message is the same. Acceptance, forgiveness, humility and compassion....They missed that part. Now it's in your face!

Collins, is about essential to politics as Trump. NOT!! If you saw the video of the Prayer Service, you would have seen Vance, fuming with anger, and Lara Trump, barely able to compose herself. They were all thinking to themselves how dare she preach in that way. They just got a taste of what Freedom of Speech is, and they didn't like it one bit. Kudos to this lady for speaking truth in what she believes in. Trump said he didn't like the service. And the reason why is because it didn't serve him. Collins call for her deportation should be an immediate removal from his position. His call is in direct defiance of OUR constitution.

This is exactly the same kind of behavior that was occurring in Germany, in the mid-to-late 1930s.

If a bishop is begging for mercy for those that she personally knows are good people, it would only be inevitable that she would wish them well. As a result, she's now on the list.

Sounds like a preliminary naughty sea agenda to me.

Bravo to Reverend Budde. Speaking truth to power is the way Jesus did it and is always the best way to go.

I am so glad the good Reverend did it, "appropriate or not." I love it. Someone has to stand up to the corrupt felon President, very few others in Washington will do it. Having said that, pleading for him to use compassion and empathy, is like talking to a block of ice or concrete if you prefer. Instead of working for our nation like President Biden did, trump is going after those who opposed him. Every uplifting thing President Biden accomplished is being overturned and our nation will bear the consequences. There has to be some way to keep democrats in power after this term is over.

so now they are going to spend 4 years trying to investigate what? that trump is innocent? i mean he wont be held accountable. move on already. what a waste of time for congress. but i guess since trump took all their power they have nothing better to do trump is retaliating and going after his enemies using congress. and he will also use the doj. political prosecutions. which he said he wouldn't. but we all know his word is worthless. for those who voted for him - this will not help you in any way. it does not help with the food prices, the gas prices, the housing market, the interest rates, the employment rate, the infrastructure, health insurance or drug prices.

all it is doing is making congress look busy while trump is on his dictator train.

He told everyone that he was going to be a dictator.

Satan has taken the wheel. Hold on, everybody.

He's working for the oligarchy of the rich and powerful that have now replaced our Democracy. He is also sending a clear message through the release of the criminals rightfully convicted of sedition and other offences on January 6th that he is building a civilian army of loyalists at his command in case he needs them again.

Trump has yet to find the bottom, his pettiness, lying, bullying, and threatening complimented by no character, integrity or morals has likely not reached as low as he can go quite yet. He rules by inflicting chaos into the system, forget about all those campaign promises, he will take care of the rich and do nothing for the rest of us. Buckle up folks it's going to be a rough 4 years.

Exactly. Can he get anymore petty? How about working on domestic issues that he promised to fix- food and gas prices for example

What a waster of "leadership" effort and time just to be petty.

1-23-25

The hardest part of this week has been realizing how bad Donald Trump being president again has been to my mental health. He's a mental health cancer on America and those who *honestly* follow the teaching of Jesus Christ and have any sort of empathy. You've got to turn off your emotions just to make it through this world.

What most of his supporters fail to realize is that all that rhetoric and grand standing does absolutely nothing to better their lives.

They get so wound up in all the negative rhetoric that they don't bother to think about the laws and policies that actually better their lives economically and environmentally.

Nobody was scammed. The majority of voters intentions were to harm the other guy. Inflation was just the feel good excuse.

And if you do the "MATH" if trump puts a 20-30% tariff on all imports, inflation will rise to double figures and major lay offs will happen on all coast at the docks, which effects truck drivers, fuel stations, restaurants in the area of the docks plus many many small mom and pop businesses will have to close up...trump wants to hurt the working and lower class he enjoys it. Maga has no one to blame but themselves, Good luck feels like Germany 1938

So now Trump wants to charge Biden for issuing pardons? Using an absolute power Presidents have, and after republicans successfully-argued in front of the Supreme Court that Presidents can do anything? What's it going to be now, that only Republicans get those caveats? Get ready for even more tax dollars wasted.

Biden has presidential immunity right? Isn't that what the Supreme Court ruled?

The problem is that the Democrats never stood up to fight the rhetoric and lies. They left the room and let the MAGA types have the mike and the floor to spread propoganda that the Biden economy was a disaster (it wasn't), and that the Trump economy (with empty grocery shelves, supply chain shut down, city riots, exorbitant grocery prices, cargo ships that couldn't unload, a botched pandemic), was a nostalgic golden age they wanted back.

Considering it was only a 237,000 vote difference for the electorate I doubt he'll ever reach 50% approval overall. When he start messing with the important things his rating will tank.

I have a trumpety friend who was thrilled at the election. She just was informed she will be required to be in the office full time. She works in DC, lives in Atlanta. I'm enjoying her angst.

Swing voters voted Trump because unhappy inflation? They didn't vote to do everything far right wants to do. President's often go too far and that set stage for defeat later? Also voters like to blame every problem on a president even if not his fault? The seeds of GOP defeat are being set now by extreme policies and likely problems to come in US and World. Likely they lose House in 2026 and Presidency in 2028.

Inflation got Trump elected, and the first thing he does? Raise prices on prescription drugs by eliminating Biden's executive orders limiting the prices of these drugs. So much for the right's inflation warrior=/  
He admits he doesn't know about Canada except to say they are tough to deal with ?- what an idiot- and the American people will suffer

I am REPULSED by Donald J Trump.

It's only been 72 hours and this country has already been flushed down the toilet.

Love the female bishop that called out Trump's bs. If only others had her courage.

I hope America has a thick skin because the whole world's laughing.

Trump is so unqualified to be the POTUS.

Never thought I would see the end of America in my lifetime. It's coming soon.

I can't take it anymore y'all this is an alternate reality I'm living in

I feel like I'm watching the movie "Dumb & Dumber goes to the WH"! It's like he gets dumber each day.

He's a disgrace!!

His first term he said at the UN meeting 2 yrs after he said "I did more for the American people in 2 yrs than any president in the History of the Country." They laughed at Don the Con Trump the Convicted Felon occupying the Oval Office Trump.

1-24-25

The GOP reps need to DO THEIR JOB and focus on making a real difference. It's clear the Lauren and Mace are all posturing for show and are upset they can't get a rise out of McBride. This is the country we live in: A Conservative Middle School.

As far as the gop is concerned "their job" is to return the USA to the times of discrimination, division and hate of anyone they deem "others"

And since the rise of trump they have been excelling at that job.

This is a nazi salute. This is the official White House page. There's no spin, no context, and no righteous way to defend this. And if you are trying to defend this, first off, go fuck yourself.

Second, it's DAY ONE of this monstrous administration, and you are already defending a nazi salute. And all this posturing is the tip of the iceberg. This is how it starts.

These have been 3-4 of the most hilarious days of my life. Watching the bumbling, the incompetent and criminal nominees, the incompetent actions, the unconstitutional executive orders, the line of billionaires lined up with their hand out for free government money, watching as Trump turns on the "little guy" and hands over the country to Globalist billionaires and sates them with a racist anti-woke war.....watching people buy in to this stupidity and his supporters tie themselves in illogical knots to defend it has me laughing so hard my sides hurt.

OK, so no federal funds to Gulf States until they stop gerrymandering, which essentially cancels millions of votes.

Cool. I can get on board with this. Let's do this to Florida with the whole book banning thing as well. And the refusing to allow students to take classes that the rest of the country is free to take.

ah, but you forget, 'Harvestmoon', it's okay if a Republican president does something like this to a Democratic-controlled state....but it's not okay for a Democrat to do it to Republican-controlled states.

remember the Republican mantra: "One set up rules for thee, a completely different set of rules for us."

No federal funds to eastern and southern Republican states until they build seawalls that can stand up to Cat 5 hurricanes and cyclones and prevent flooding. And no funds to Florida until it eradicates the Burmese python.

let's supply funding to states that have disasters, based on their tax dollar amounts that go to the federal government? Sound crazy? OK, base it on the amount of voters who show I.D. Still unfair, Vote this king and his oligarchs out!

Illegals can't vote and there is overwhelming proof that they don't even try. Why you keep saying it is beyond me. The red states gerrymander by purposely playing with the districts to create republican majorities artificially and some have even admitted it

California is one of a select number of states who receives less in federal monies than its residents pay in federal taxes. So if Trump wants to play that game, maybe Californians should stop paying federal income taxes? The federal government would be worse off for it...

Unfortunately, he is not the leader for all, but for himself only.

Comical but frightening as well. The 1965 novel Night at Camp David tells the story of a president who is losing his sanity. One of the "red flags" is his plan to take over Canada. Fiction can sometimes foretell the future.

That's because cuts do not equal improvement nor profit. It creates a strained workforce, which can result in inferior product/service. Anyone who has ever had a cheap employer has experienced this. Then, they typically act toxic when their cuts impact business.

I deactivated Facebook and threads, I got off X as soon as Musk bought it. And today I canceled my Amazon account. That one hurt. I'm not gonna lie. That one hurt. But I'm with you, if you want to tank our democracy, you're not getting my money to do it.

I'm sure neither of them will notice, but it makes me feel better.

Interesting that one of the sponsors is from Oklahoma. So under this bill, if I were an Oklahoma parent who disagreed with them teaching their version of the bible in school I should be able to sue right?

I hiked over to Hayden Run Falls on Monday when it was 0-degrees outside to see what nature might have created. I photograph the falls every year when the temperature gets frigid. Always fun to see how it transforms into a nature ice sculpture.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump demands California voter ID law for wildfire relief and threatens FEMA upon arrival in North Carolina."

1-25-25

Title 5, Section 403(b), of the U.S. Code: "'An Inspector General may be removed from office by the President. If an Inspector General is removed from office or is transferred to another position or location within an establishment, the President shall communicate in writing the substantive rationale, including detailed and case-specific reasons for any such removal or transfer to both Houses of Congress (including the appropriate congressional committees), not later than 30 days before the removal or transfer. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a personnel action otherwise authorized by law, other than transfer or removal.'" Trump obviously violated the law.

Trump broke the law, and he knows it. But just as important, they removed any pesky oversight to government agencies. In other words, they plan to do whatever they want, legal or not so no need for pesky oversight.

Trump's supporters can't justify this of course, so they'll most likely deflect with the usual; Biden did....

Trump has proven over and over again that he does not respect the law! We're getting closer and closer to America's version of the French Revolution.

Hegseth is almost certainly going to get confirmed by the GOP. The problem will be that, both in terms of his ability to do the job and his personal issues, he's a ticking time bomb. People with the type of alcohol and ethical issues that he has seldom just completely change. It's certainly possible that he is able to stop drinking to excess, and is able to control the rest of the issues that have come up, but it's also very possible that he doesn't.

And even if he does, putting a person who has never managed more than 30-50 people with an operating budget in the couple of million dollars in charge of an organization of 3.5 million military, civilians, and contractors with an operating budget of \$850 billion is risky, to say the least. This very much has the potential of giving Trump and the Republicans confirming him a major black eye.

What was elite about his service? He did not excel or he would have held a higher rank while in the National Guard. Putting a National Guard O-5 in charge of the Pentagon is setting the United States up for a huge failure.

If what is best for a business (or our country) is the objective, it is not wise to hire "yes" people. It is wise to hire smart people who are willing to disagree.

Trump has filled his entire cabinet with unqualified loyalists, which indicates strongly that he doesn't want the best, he wants power.

For the people who support him, remember this. It will come back to bite you at some point while you cheered him on. Everything you were warned about is coming to fruition.

I'm curious. Those of you who think he is the best person to fill this role and that the Dems are being obstructionist please explain to me how come Rubio received unanimous approval. It would seem to me that if being obstructionist was the goal then the Secretary of State role would be attacked also. Am I missing something? It would seem to me that there are plenty of other qualified individuals without all the red flags that would have been approved without the mess.

Yes I agree He is a change agent if what you wanted is a man with no leadership experience and an obvious serious drinking problem to lead the country's Military. This may be a change we all live to regret and I applaud the three Senators who voted no. Too bad they could not find one more Senator with the courage to oppose Trump's will- they are all in fear of him.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "MAGA Demands Trump Be Immortalized on Famous Monument Where All Can See."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Senator causes 'uproar' with bill that would criminalize masturbation, casual sex — but he says it's just to point out 'double standards'."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Lauren Boebert Calls Security on Nonexistent 'Guy' In Women's Bathroom."

A Democratic Mississippi state senator introduced a "Contraception Begins at Erection Act" that could make it illegal for men to masturbate or engage in any sexual activity without the "intent to fertilize an embryo."

Sen. Bradford Blackmon, 36, introduced the bill he admitted “caused an uproar” Monday, which would outlaw men from discharging “genetic material without the intent to fertilize an embryo,” according to the filing.

“When a bill has been filed that would regulate what a man is able to do with his own body in his own home, it suddenly has people in an uproar,” he said in a statement, that added he made the proposal to highlight the “double standards in legislation.”

“I am trying to figure out when it isn’t OK for the government to dictate what you do in the privacy of your own home, apparently it is when the laws regulate men.”

The bill would even impose hefty fines — \$1,000 for first offenses, \$5,000 for a second and \$10,000 for subsequent infractions. There are, however, exceptions for sperm donation and using contraception to prevent fertilization, the bill states.

That's not to say that Biden accomplished nothing, but when it came down to the campaign for the future / present administration, inflation, immigration / borders, sex/gender issues, the war in Ukraine, and the populist rebellion against DEI--not against civil rights and equal protection--and switching candidates mid-stream to a multi-ethnic brown woman; the democrats had an uphill battle, and it showed in the final results. The dem VP pick was agreeing with J.D. Vance in the debate way too much, and it made him look weak.

Harris or Biden was going to lose because they did not prioritize a winning issue--immigration and the border. Like it or not, that was the pillar that Trump won on. Without that, much closer race, but then trade and inflation would have also been hard to overcome.

Not rooting for Trump in any way, personally. However, an objective person can see the political reality and acknowledge it. I mean, good luck. We only get one president at a time. My two cents.

What are the positive policies that embody Christian values? Where are his policies loving neighbor, showing care for the hungry and poor, welcoming the stranger, caring for the orphan and the widow? I am still waiting for those embodiments of Christian values. So far all I see is pride, greed, lies, and a lack of accountability. He has no interest in growing in faith or even showing a shred of Christian character, and while all are imperfect, he will never admit anything other than his own perceived perfection. He does not care about God, because to him he is a god. Christians who align with him align with the wrong side, one destined for ultimate destruction.

The late Senator Barry Goldwater spoke openly about this, long ago, possibly even before I was born. His quote:

“Mark my word, if and when these preachers get control of the [Republican] party, and they're sure trying to do so, it's going to be a terrible damn problem. Frankly, these people frighten me. Politics and governing demand compromise. But these Christians believe they are acting in the name of God, so they can't and won't compromise. I know, I've tried to deal with them.”

Well, it's happened. The late Senator Goldwater's fears have manifested, and we now have to deal with the ramifications.

I wish him well. However, my good wishes won't fix his problems or make him a sober and effective Secretary of Defense. Any and all problems that arise because of his position concerning our military and national security are on those GOP senators and VP Vance who confirmed him. You will own the results and I'm afraid that those results will be very detrimental to our military and national security. Can't wait till 2026 when voters can tell you, "You're fired!"

1-26-25

Vice President JD Vance knocked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in an interview that aired Sunday after the group criticized President Donald Trump's rollback of a rule that limited immigration enforcement near places of worship and schools.

Bishop Mark J. Seitz, chairman of the Catholic organization's migration committee, along with leaders of other Catholic groups, wrote in a Thursday statement that "non-emergency immigration enforcement" in sensitive areas like places of worship are "contrary to the common good."

"Turning places of care, healing, and solace into places of fear and uncertainty for those in need, while endangering the trust between pastors, providers, educators and the people they serve, will not make our communities safer," they said.

If we are going to reference divine intervention; Evangelicals assert that the supernatural intervened to save Donald Trump from assassination at last year's Pennsylvania rally. Have they considered that Lucifer's hand may have done that instead? Perhaps, Satan thought it was better to have Trump alive to use and carry out his nefarious plans. Trump's policies are not only divisive, but they are blatantly anti-Christian. It is doubtful that Trump is the actual anti-Christ but perhaps, a forerunner of what's to come. The Great Deceiver is a powerful and cunning entity who uses people for their own purposes.

I don't think God reached down and saved Trump while another man was killed at the same time. But there is a fake god who would . . . just sayin'.

I don't want to live in Trump's America. Sadly, I have no choice. I am below poverty, and I can barely afford housing, utilities, food. and it's only going to get worse.

I wish the people who 'speak for the American people' knew what the heck they knew what they are talking about. They are not talking for me that's for sure.

How does pardoning those people who killed and hurt so many people help us. All that does is show people now days if you commit a crime it's ok. We have a felon in office he showed that breaking the law is ok. He's above the law.

Trump doesn't care for anyone but him and his rich followers as long as they go with his plans but let someone speak out against him their life can be ruined.

I worry about WW3, I can't go to bed at night and sleep good worrying if I won't wake up the next morning because some idiot pressed the button.

What happened to our republic? sure seems our rights as human beings are becoming less and less. All I'd like to know is where's this going to end and who is going to benefit through all the changes he is doing. Certainly, not me.

Killing cops, sabotaging elections are not why MAGA voted for the Felon. So this won't stop many from voting for the Felon or doing this again. The broader dominating issue is race and culture. MAGA White people are convinced they have been wronged; however, this gets communicated, DEI, WOKE, the border or religious hatred. This is how Trump won and why he is doing what he is doing today. Keep this in mind two White Supremist leaders were behind the Jan 6 event, pardoned and then honored by the Felon.

Democrats are alive and well. The majority of citizens are Democrats and are not going anywhere. Just because of a win the republicans are on a political high and think they are forever. Well don't let your egos get in the way and fall all over each other.

I was under the impression that the role of the President was to protect and uphold the Constitution. He's supposed to keep our country safe and maybe just try to get along with the rest of the world. Domestic issues are something he should be addressing as well as crime. His role is

not to exact punishment on people he doesn't like. We don't have time for his petty complaints. Take care of this in 4 years and in the meantime take care of the USA!

So Gen. Milley's phone call to ease tensions was so egregious it calls for a court marshal? But Trump's call to a Georgia election official asking him to "find" over 11,000 votes for him in order to give him the state as a win in an attempt to interfere in a fair election should be excused? As for Austin, it is so easy to lay blame when your party is not in power. What is really disgusting is when troops under your party have suffered traumatic brain injuries and their Commander in Chief calls their injuries "headaches" and made horrific comments about a man who was a POW that he was not only not a hero from his point of view because he was caught and he preferred those who didn't get caught. THAT is so disgusting and disrespectful towards every POW that ever suffered in the hands of the enemies. This guy has a very distorted view of what is and is not the real problem.

A fair number of the people who voted for him are not MAGA. They voted for him because they are worried about food prices and gas prices and he said he would do something about it. If he doesn't, they will turn on him in a heartbeat.

I'm not giving him a pass on inflation. He promised to lower costs. It's put up or shut up time. Trump has no interest in solving problems. You can't get anything done if half the people in the room are saying, "That's not true" to the other half.

There are two obvious issues here. The first is, \*just exactly what is his number one issue\*? All we have seen so far is him bouncing from one issue to another, some of them absurd. Greenland anyone?

The second is that he has no leverage to bring down the cost of energy, as he promised. Oil companies are not going to operate at a loss, which they would do if he tried to cut energy costs by 50% as he promised. That would have to be accomplished by dramatically increasing the oil supply when the US is already doing historically high production, and I understand that the Saudis have rejected his request to increase production. So that route to reducing inflation is not viable.

His love affair with tariffs would increase the cost of consumer goods--in other words, tariffs are inflationary.

So there ya go magas: yuns elected him on his promises to take care of a couple of issues that yuns said were important to yuns, but in one week he has pulled back from those promises. How do yuns feel now?

Promises made, promises repeatedly broken. Suddenly, the cost of food isn't important, nor is the cost of anything else, it seems. Trump is all mouth, bravado, bluster, whatever you want to label it, he talks and promises to get what he wants out of people and then he doesn't deliver. Inflation would have spiked after COVID under Trump, as it did all over the globe and would probably not have been controlled so quickly. He's not going to control prices as he promised he would "on day one", but he will blame it on everyone else forever.

Costs are going to rise, just as they have been for the last few weeks. Grocery prices were just starting to come down a bit, and now with the wildfires, and the threat of increased tariffs they are starting to go up again. nevertheless, it's another lie just like the ones told by everyone in politics. This is why you should vote based on proven track record and not what they say on the campaign trail.

Trump preyed on fear to deflect attention. He embarked on a campaign of fear that immigrants are dangerous to the safety of the US people. He knows immigrants commit fewer crimes than

Americans, but he has smeared immigrants to the point of hysteria. In the meantime, inflation is true danger to Americans. Once a con, always a con.

The Catholic Church has been supportive of immigrants many times throughout its history. The Bible even talks about how to help refugees.

You know Magas don't like the truth and prefer gaslighting EVERYTHING

JD Vance didn't wake up the other day to find out that the Catholic Church is far left on immigration to the US. The Church doesn't support borders in this life when there's hunger on one side and indifferent wealthy people on the other side. The Bible says that the poor and humble will inherit the Kingdom of God. Christ and his followers were poor. Read the scriptures. Heaven isn't a country club where the rich are served by the poor.

1-27-25

His narcissism leads the way in everything he says and types. Always. Putting a man in power with no moral compass or empathy has always been dangerous throughout history. You'll see.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Navajo Nation leaders raise alarm over reports of Indigenous people being questioned and detained during immigration sweeps." 'No one is illegal on stolen land'.

This tells me that this mandated governmental action is not targeting dangerous illegal Immigrants but general sweeps trying to catch anyone who they deem looking like an immigrant.... willing to be done anywhere at any time. We are not far from the requirement of everyone being required to carry specific identification at all times .... reminiscent of Germany 1930's....

So, "show us your papers" is back in play.

When will we get back to working for the Common Good? President Eisenhower, a respectable Republican, presided over very high tax rates on the super rich and corporations to fund things like public education, health care, infrastructure, and scientific research. That helped usher in a golden age for our parents generation, but now the super rich own the folks in public office, and that means protecting their wealth, and ensuring that the preponderance of the economic gains end up in their off shore brokerage accounts. Good times, eh?

Spot on. So many voters don't understand or have the background knowledge about why higher marginal tax rates are essential on the ultra wealthy. The US debt began massively increasing after Reagan massively cut business taxes and top tax brackets on personal income tax of the ultra wealthy. The cuts have continued ever since and US debt grows more and more. Our population has grown about 50% since 1980, yet we actually have fewer government workers now than we had in 1980. The problem isn't government workers.

You can't just undo past legislation because you don't like it. That's not how things work. That's why Republican's want to change the "impoundment act" which Congress passed in the 70's to avoid this very type of action.

They started in two different economies...Biden took over during a global shut down after the markets crashed here. Supplies were hard to get everywhere. Biden did not destroy the economy, why do Republicans continue with that lying mantra? Biden did many good things, none of which he gets credit for.

To all my maga friends, y'all cannot have it both ways. On the campaign trail, high prices were a Trump/Vance day one fix. Now it is not a priority and it will take some time. JD is a pants on fire liar.

Economics 101: Prices don't go down. They only go UP. And then wages increase to catch up and surpass prices. The only exception is during a recession. When millions are out of work, prices go down. But as soon as people go back to work prices go back up, plus a little bit extra. This isn't a CEO of a company though... Our home should NOT be looked at as a business. It is our home. It is supposed to be a place that fosters education and growth. We are supposed to be taking care of our people. NOT worrying about if the rich guy can get tons more money. SMH. You people....

Government isn't a business.

This is a country NOT a company

When the cheap labor disappears it's going to be very expensive to live. Do you suppose the farm workers (all those lovely American citizens) will be paid well?

I have no faith in government, business and religion. How are demands, threats, lies, incompetence and mass firings helping to make America Great Again? There is no happiness, no joy, no relief, no safety - only increased prices, fewer freedoms and more violence in the streets.

He is so easily provoked that they will continue to make him react negatively. He just cannot rise above it all and do the job he was elected to do. Because of this he will fail.

When you refer to dissenters as the Enemy of the People, there's a real problem. Can you imagine if Biden had said that about a Conservative?

All her sermon did was to expose all the fake "Christians" who wouldn't know Jesus' teachings if they were growing on their necks.

There wasn't a single thought uttered by Bishop Budde that could not have come from the lips of Jesus speaking truth to power. Anyone defending this Buffoon-in-Chief deserves him. We do not.

It's amazing how the fabric of morality, decency, and humanity has all but disappeared in this country.

So, now King Trump wants to exile people...with no authority to do so, when, where and how will he do this? Who's subject to this? Does he want a blank check? Because this isn't allowed under any part of the constitution!

1-28-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "ICE Barbie: Kristi Noem Gets Dolled Up for Deportation Raid Photo-Op."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Border Czar Rages About Migrants Being Too 'Educated' About Rights in ICE Round-Ups."

Out of the blue, Alyssa and I got into one of our worst fights. Lisa was texting Alyssa and I where we'd like to get pizza. I called up Lisa to communicate in person. As I put the phone to Alyssa to talk, she was trying to text Lisa. Then she hung up my phone on Lisa. I had to call her back. Then Alyssa started getting frustrated and angry. I read her text to Lisa, which upset Alyssa and she reacted by hitting me in the eye. I raised my hand up to shield myself and to show that I could strike her back to defend myself if I needed to. Alyssa then said that I "hit her", which I absolutely didn't. Lisa said she'd get a pizza and hung up. I ordered Alyssa not to hit me. I don't think she meant to be that hurtful. But it stunned me and really hurt me. As a consequence of her hitting me and not understanding that it was not funny, I took away her phone and told her she lost it for 15 minutes. Then things just escalated... and *escalated*... and *escalated*. Yet Alyssa refused even though Lisa and I had told her that her phone could be taken away as a consequence if she acts up. I tried to go to the bathroom and she tried wrestling her

phone away from me. I told her to stop. She kept on attacking me and wouldn't stop. I made sure to not physically hurt her. All I could do was yell at her at a higher and higher voice. Our fight came to a head when she picked up the cat stick and began whipping me with it, which ended up leaving a large red mark on my check and right shoulder area. At that point, I told her she completely lost her phone for the day. She looked so confused, scared, angry, and lost. Alyssa was so used to getting her way... and here she was losing a privilege, which was her phone. I had to make a stand to be respected by her, which she doesn't do on many occasions. She was trying to push my buttons. Now I have to worry that she'll rip up my comics, posters, and books like she had done two years ago. Or... is she going to hurt herself in her bedroom....

Wait.

Upon writing this all down, I realized that we had just had a huge misunderstanding that escalated. We didn't mean to hurt each other. It was an accident that she hurt me so badly. That was why my mood changed so fast. Therefore, I went upstairs to her room and gently talked things over with her. To her credit, she wrote down her side of the incident on a piece of paper... and it was very wonderfully written and in great, sensitive detail. I'd written down my account and, unbeknownst to me, she had done her own. I was just proud of her for getting her emotions out in a written form rather than ripping up my posters and books! I went over what she had written and confessed to her that I think we had a misunderstanding that got out of control. We both had, in her own articulate words, a fight-or-flight reaction. She used a cat toy to whip me because she was scared that I'd actually hit her. I promised to her that 1. I'd never do that and 2. If I ever did lose control and actually did hit her with physical violence, that she had the right to take away my own phone. She agreed with tears in her eyes. And so, I gave her phone back to her. I told her that she earned it while reiterating the rules about respecting her parents and what they say.

In my state we have 'trigger laws' that automatically go into affect if this holds. Automatically 90% of all people on Medicaid and Snap will lose assistance. Montana has nearly the worst economy in the US with a significant population relying on those programs to stay alive. It's also a deep red state. The inhabitants voted, overwhelmingly, for this outcome. Simply amazing. If Stephen King had wrote a novel about these times in the 80's they would have said it was too far fetched.

Welcome to the Twilight Zone.

Your adjudicated rapist criminal traitor violated federal law by firing the inspector generals... hence the reason for the question... Which begs another question, why would someone want to get rid of all the oversight of his new administration? lolol smh

Not without a 30-day notice to Congress did trump have the power to fire them. I already see in the future trump will be impeached again for his abuse of power.

**No kidding! trump can do no wrong in the eyes of his cultists. I've never seen anything like it.**

Amazing how deranged Trump supporters think this is OK

considering he has done NOTHING to lower costs, it's easy to see.

Considering he's written 51 Executive Orders, of which 40 are straight from Project 2025, which polled at 5%, he's going to drop further.

His biggest mistake so far is pardoning those that tried to overthrow the government. He can whitewash it however he wants, but that those videos will play on endlessly.

So their putting a death Sentence on Elderly People 😞 Disgraceful Disgusting

HIS VOTERS DESERVE THIS.. WE DON'T

He Should Immediately Be Removed From Office and Not One Republican in Congress will fight him

Should we all refuse to pay our taxes then?

I'm Danish, one of your allies, until now. America is no longer a democracy. It's so sad and disturbing. I have cancer, and I can't even imagine being denied care. This is worse than all previous dictatorships because it's regression from democracy to autocracy. A nation that's supposed to be enlightened headed straight for disaster. I hope Europe cuts all ties with America whilst inviting all you good Americans to build a life here with us. Many of you are descendants of Europeans, so come home! X

His downfall is inevitable.

Oh dear, what a mess. Millions of Americans voted for this. Extraordinary.

Don't forget 77 millions voted for this !

He is completely unaffected by the suffering he causes to ordinary Americans.

This is Ridiculous!!! Leave Medicare and Medicaid, AND Social Security ALONE!!! The GOP is so busy kissing trumps ass they forgot the people they are Supposed to represent!!Disgraceful!!

I know someone who was in their 70's..couldn't work..was given \$13.00 for food stamps for the month. Make it make sense. How could that even happen. 13 dollars a month. Let that sink in.

Hey so 🍊 signed an executive order halting all federal grants and loans. The press secretary refused to answer if this would affect Medicaid, Medicare and SNAP, meanwhile we've already confirmed that Medicaid portals in all 50 states are frozen. The error page below is from attempt to login myself.

Americans need to intervene soon, or MANY people's lives, including my child and myself, are in danger.

Trump just shut down Meals on Wheels for America's Senior Citizens. Trump is coming for your Social Security and Medicare next.

Don't worry folks tRump has concepts of a plan which include cutting healthcare, increasing drug prices, cutting health and safety programs, cutting education, and cutting environmental protections, but don't worry he will give billionaires a huge tax cut while increasing taxes(tariffs) buy 25% on the average person. Welcome to the gilded era where the extremely rich get richer with money from the rest of us.

Pardoning a bunch of insurrectionists definitely isn't something that will look well optically. The entire world witnessed that on television. The pardon sends a bad message to Americans that it's ok for us to try to overthrow a fair election if we don't like the results. That's one of his many bad decisions so far by Trump. The only bright light I see is this will be the last of him as President and whoever is after him will have to clean up all the damage.

I applied for numerous PhD programs for the Fall 2025 semester in fields like pharmacognosy, computational chemistry, and medical biotechnology. After paying for my undergraduate degree i cannot afford to pay for another 5 years. I must get a full ride, which usually happens when a graduate student both teaches undergraduate labs and through grant money to the professor/principal investigators. This is usually done through tax dollars. Research funded this way must be published for public availability and assists with developing new medicines, technologies, and techniques that advance the quality of our lives. Myself and many others in the research community are fearful of the future and how DOGE will evaluate the benefit of public funding of medical research. This is different than big pharma using public funds for for profit

research. Academic research is truly what advances a lot of industry. I'm fearful both for my future as a scientist and for America as a whole.

FEMA gives grants and the SBA gives loans. Those monies are given out after disasters. Do I feel sorry for all the people who need the money and voted for tRump? No I feel sad for all the people that need that money and didn't vote for him.

I have a family member who will be losing their job because of Trump but they voted for him. Life will be hard for a lot of people.

Leave it to Trump to take the heavy-handed, cruel approach instead of the sensible, compassionate approach. They could be reviewing all these programs WITHOUT just cutting off funding arbitrarily. But no, let's cause maximum pain and disruption, right?

Trump is creating all of this chaos knowing no one in the GOP will offer any meaningful pushback. His goal is unchecked power.

I can't wait until all the people so happy about this find out that they will be affected too. The layoffs are going to be immediate and will affect every industry.

If you crash the economy, you can buy up properties for pennies on the dollar.

This stable genius is going to cause a depression - not a recession.

On behalf of the billionaires boys club who now owns our government. The rich win when the poor suffer a recession or depression, and then the rich scoop up the assets at the depressed prices. Classic pump and dump. The magas can't see it.

What gets me is how the stupidest people in America don't understand the constitution or rule of law they believe anything idiots like trump tell them

Daniel is clearly a spokesperson in the DJT and JDV mold. Take the first question and then spout of whatever misinformation, blaming others, and or topic diversions that you desire and quickly cut out of any free press follow-up queries! Out-talk them and split! Never answer the question straightforwardly about "what is your administration going to do and when! That must be a key qualification for the job!

It was a major mistake for Trump to pardon violent offenders. This will follow him throughout his Presidency. It speaks volumes about his future policies and advocates the use of violence in his name. You know that MAGA was created just for his agenda, not for the American people. When the time comes when he betrays all of his followers who believed his multitude of lies, will they accept the truth finally or turn their backs as always. Will the Capitol Police protect him after he has spit in their faces?

Lying, also called "propaganda," is an enthroned "virtue" in the White House. It's what will divide this country even further than it is now, and possibly destroy our democracy.

1-29-25

The retribution begins. Feels like we're careening towards a police state, ruled by fear and individuals that lack emotional intelligence and maturity. I see that a lot of people on here are saying Gen. Miley failed to follow protocol on a number of occasions. However, if you take off your rose-colored MAGA glasses for a moment, you'll see that Gen Miley was one of the few with the courage to stand up for what was right in extraordinary circumstances created by the unorthodox and chaotic Trump administration.

The US has sadly fallen to the Rank of Failed Nation/Banana Republic with a Criminal in Charge who ignores the Constitution and the Rule of Law and lets All his Buddies out of Prison !

Not only that but the US refuses to address its Gun Crime and Gun Death Stats that are some of the highest in the world and Completely refuses to take responsibility for its Fentanyl/Drug Crisis !

Instead of trying to do Anything about either the US just blames Everyone else ... like Mexico and Canada !?

Drug Suppliers Don't Force Americans to take Drugs in fact if anything they actively discourage them by charging high prices

So the US needs to sort its OWN DRUG DEMAND Problem out rather than just sticking their head in the sand and blaming everyone else !

An anguished question from a Trump supporter: 'Why do Liberals think Trump supporters are stupid?'

Here's what the majority of anti-Trump voters honestly feel about Trump supporters en masse: That when you saw a man who had owned a fraudulent University, intent on scamming poor people, you thought "Fine."

That when you saw a man who had made it his business practice to stiff his creditors, you said, "Okay."

That when you heard him proudly brag about his own history of sexual abuse, you said, "No problem."

That when he made up stories about seeing Muslim-Americans in the thousands cheering the destruction of the World Trade Center, you said, "Not an issue."

That when you saw him brag that he could shoot a man on Fifth Avenue and you wouldn't care, you exclaimed, "He sure knows me."

That when you heard him relating a story of an elderly guest of his country club, an 80-year old man, who fell off a stage and hit his head, to Trump replied: "'Oh my God, that's disgusting,' and I turned away. I couldn't – you know, he was right in front of me, and I turned away. I didn't want to touch him. He was bleeding all over the place. And I felt terrible, because it was a beautiful white marble floor, and now it had changed color. Became very red." You said, "That's cool!"

That when you saw him mock the disabled, you thought it was the funniest thing you ever saw.

That when you heard him brag that he doesn't read books, you said, "Well, who has time?"

That when the Central Park Five were compensated as innocent men convicted of a crime they didn't commit, and he angrily said that they should still be in prison, you said, "That makes sense."

That when you heard him tell his supporters to beat up protesters and that he would hire attorneys, you thought, "Yes!"

That when you heard him tell one rally to confiscate a man's coat before throwing him out into the freezing cold, you said, "What a great guy!"

That you have watched the parade of neo-Nazis and white supremacists with whom he curries favor, while refusing to condemn outright Nazis, and you have said, "Thumbs up!"

That you hear him unable to talk to foreign dignitaries without insulting their countries and demanding that they praise his electoral win, you said, "That's the way I want my President to be."

That you have watched him remove expertise from all layers of government in favor of people who make money off of eliminating protections in the industries they're supposed to be regulating and you have said, "What a genius!"

That you have heard him continue to profit from his businesses, in part by leveraging his position as President, to the point of overcharging the Secret Service for space in the properties he owns, and you have said, "That's smart!"

That you have heard him say that it was difficult to help Puerto Rico because it was in the middle of water and you have said, "That makes sense."

That you have seen him start fights with every country from Canada to New Zealand while praising Russia and quote, "falling in love" with the dictator of North Korea, and you have said, "That's statesmanship!"

That Trump separated children from their families and put them in cages, managed to lose track of 1500 kids, has opened a tent city incarceration camp in the desert in Texas – he explains that they're just "animals" – and you say, "Well, OK then."

That you have witnessed all the thousand and one other manifestations of corruption and low moral character and outright animalistic rudeness and contempt for you, the working American voter, and you still show up grinning and wearing your MAGA hats and threatening to beat up anybody who says otherwise.

What you don't get, Trump supporters, is that our succumbing to frustration and shaking our heads, thinking of you as stupid, may very well be wrong and unhelpful, but it's also ... hear me ... charitable.

Because if you're NOT stupid, we must turn to other explanations, and most of them are less flattering.

While the government might save billions by cutting the number of recipients, we will lose an equivalent number of hospitals and clinics in rural America - many in Trump country. And for what? To pay for tax cuts for people like Elon Musk?

These people will end up in emergency rooms with worse and more expensive outcomes. The hospital will raise their prices to recover the money, the insurance companies will raise their premiums to compensate and the next person buying insurance will pay the cost but now the cost will be greater. Cutting Medicaid is a shell game

My husband is permanently disabled. He's worked since he was 13 years old. He's been fighting for disability for the past two years. Without government health insurance he will die. There is no possible way we could cover the cost of 1 of his doctors visits let alone the cost of his medications. I am permanently disabled. I have relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. We don't have children. We don't have family that can help us. We were already struggling! Right now we have one meal left in the freezer that I'll magically turn into three. It won't be much but something is better than nothing.

There's not a spending problem, there's a revenue problem. Bush and Trump cut taxes significantly which did nothing for the poor and middle class. Now again, Trump wants to cut taxes for himself and billionaire donors and are paying for it by slashing the social safety net. USA is one of the few countries where people go bankrupt because of medical debt. They want more defense spending so we're safe from bombs but if we die of cancer oh well.

Republicans loathe the poor and consider being poor a moral failing. As far as these good Christians like Mike Johnson are concerned, poor people are only good for exploiting as cheap labor. Living wages and healthcare are anathema to Republican morals.

Casting blame on others is a defense mechanism. It helps us preserve our sense of self-esteem or pride by avoiding awareness of our own problems or mistakes. It is also a major sign of weakness.

There is no presidential blame to cast here, this is just Trump flooding the zone. Expect every single thing that comes up for the next four years to be blamed on democrats and the previous administration.

And to the people commenting that the Biden administration did the same thing. No they did not. They did similar things as does every administration. But, they did not cast blame at every single thing regardless if they were even being held accountable. To suggest that a national tragedy is the result of DEI hiring before ANY evidence has been collected is uniquely trumpian and despicable.

I don't like blaming people before the facts roll in. That's his Achilles heel - he speaks before he gets the facts.

He Just Like to Hear Himself Telling Lies.

New research reveals that those who are attracted to authoritarianism do so out of a desire to control others.

Democracy is too messy and too ambiguous.

It is said that many desire a dictator to quickly get things done, but of course its got to be their dictator.

These same people see anyone else in control, even the slightest impositions such as common sense rules for public safety, as being extremely oppressive.

"ICE has made more than 4,500 arrests since last Thursday"

So at that rate, it will be fewer than Biden deported last year. It's all a show, folks. Let me know when they start raiding farms, food processing plants, restaurants, hotels, etc. You think the cost of food is high now. If Trump gets past the show arrests stage, it will skyrocket. Somehow I think he won't destroy the ag businesses that are his biggest supporters.

I watched this press conference. As usual, Trump made it all about himself and how he's so burdened by having to clean up all the mistakes of everyone who came before him. Vance, Hegseth, and Duffy took turns groveling to Trump and parroting Trump's talking points.

The take-away: FAA is hiring dwarves, brain damaged and other intellectually deficient DEI workers where we should have only the most brilliant people in place, and he and his band of crack-shot Cabinet leaders will fix all this, but they've been incredibly hampered in their efforts by stuff that is all Obama's fault.

It was a new low, even for Donald.

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In a post of her own on Instagram Mellisa Gilbert wrote, "Watch the original Little House on the Prairie again. TV doesn't get too much more 'woke' than what we did. We tackled: racism, addiction, nativism, antisemitism, misogyny, rape, spousal abuse, and every other 'woke' topic you can think of. Thank you very much."

As a disabled veteran, it disgusts me where the country is going. If asked before if I'd enlist again knowing what would happen to me, I used to say yes. Now, I'd say I don't think so. There's nothing wrong with diversity in the military. In fact, look at Alexander the Great's army. It was one of the most diverse in history and look what they and Alexander accomplished. As long as people pull their weight, they're fine by me.

Right wing culture war issues are ALL that will happen in the next 4 years to mask the massive benefits bestowed on Billionaires and large Corporations. Democrats are already disgusted, but

MAGA will be happy, even if all the real policies harm them economically, so long as Trump is fighting the culture wars. Too bad for some small farmer that goes bankrupt if he simply loves the President because Trump is mean to the people that farmer hates.

This is how Fascism works! The Leader removes all those who can challenge his competence and installs subjugates based upon on loyalty and fealty to him alone!! The Maga GQP have proven their cowardice and fealty to their wana-be dictator and fear his power and revenge at the expense of the nation they claim to serve! They had multiple opportunities to derail tRumpism, but they cowered even after an attempted coup! I have little to no faith that any member of the GQP Congress will muster the will and courage to challenge Orange Geezus for the sake of our Republic! They will be complicit allies of tRump as he attempts to destroy every thread of the fabric that made us the envy of the world and the strongest democratic republic in history!!

Trump is teaching the rest of the world that it's too risky to rely on the US as a trading partner. They will find less lucrative, but more stable markets. And Americans, particularly the lower income, blue collar Americans, are about to find that their world is going to get a LOT more expensive.

They already are. Mexico recently signed a free trade agreement with China and Mexico, Canada, and the EU are expanding trade. Additionally, BRICS is growing at an increasing rate. Like with Trump previous tariffs against China, in days, America will lose market access it took decades to develop.

Trump supporters, you wanted this. Remember that. This is 100% Trump and republicans' decision. Our economy is in a decent state today. It's been bouncing back. When this senseless trade war with our neighbors backfires, you have only one side To blame.

Americans need to get ready for a 2008/2009 style recession. It is going to rapidly approach us as soon as Trump's tariffs kick in and then escalate from there.

It won't just be the tariffs. It will be the retaliatory measures that other countries will also take beyond just raising their own tariffs, just like China did in 2017. Besides increasing their own tariffs, they put stoppages on purchasing certain key commodities from our farm and ag industries.

As a consequence Trump had to bail the ag and farm companies out to the tune of \$61 billion dollars, more than it cost to bail out the auto industry in 2008/2009.

But we seem to forget that because we were hit by COVID and all that chaos went out of our minds and we focused on COVID. But those high prices were already happening months before COVID. The store shelves were starting to look sparse already before COVID because of the issue with Trump's tariffs.

Now we don't have COVID to distract us. Again this year many of those ag and farm companies are not going to have much in reserve after the last go round with Trump's tariffs and it is going to bankrupt many businesses and devastate others.

Trump has been warned about this many times. But does he care? No. He made a promise and dang, he is going to keep his promise no matter how much it hurts American businesses and consumers.

No economist in their right mind would recommend tariffs. I didn't vote for him and I would not want this kind of instability in world markets. Thanks a lot MAGA.

Nope, they will blame the liberals. Because that's what their right-wing puppet masters on Faux News and No-info wars will tell them.

I live in Michigan and 25% tariffs will cripple Ford, GM and Stellantis. All of the big three have large manufacturing and assembly facilities there.

Enjoy your 6.00 gas, and 5.00 dollar lettuce. If I hear one MaGot complain about prices or inflation I will just spit in their face.

You clearly don't actually understand what DEI involves.... Turn off Fox News. It ensures all are considered and no outlying minority is not given the same opportunity as others. It literally strives for the: fair treatment and full participation of all people"

I don't remember him promising to rename the Gulf of Mexico or take Greenland and the Panama Canal by force. I don't remember him promising to terminate 2 million federal employees, without evaluating which jobs are needed for serving Americans and which jobs are not needed. I do remember him promising to lower the cost of gas and groceries on day 1. I'm still waiting.

So Trump was going to bring down food bills as soon as he took office. Now we have 25% tariffs on Canada, Mexico and South America. I would like all the Trump lemmings explain how tariffs are going to lower my food bill or any other bills since there will be tariffs. Just like all the other bluster that comes from Trump's mouth, ALL prices will be going up, inflation will be going up, but the IQ of MAGA will continue to fall just behind that of a turnip.

Groceries continue to climb in price. Gas is up 34 cents/ gallon. Most of his executive orders are being challenged in court. He is abusive, and a bully. He doesn't support law enforcement officers ,ie capital police. But most of all he LIES.

A narcissist will blatantly lie directly to your face while you have proof in hand & then get mad at YOU for questioning & not trusting them.

All departments are understaffed. Boar's Head massive meat recall probably due to short staff at USDA (which Trump moved from DC to Kansas City to shed workers), and pressure to let food companies inspect themselves. FAA let Boeing inspect their own plane designs, 737 Max crashed twice. Things are already thin. Oh BTW, Obama created a Pandemic Response Team. What did Trump do? Disbanded it in 2018, to "save money". If it doesn't benefit Trump, or he doesn't understand it he wants it cut. SS staff is so short it takes 6 months to 1 year to sign up for disability.

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The extent of his Jan 6th pardons kind of shook his support... I get the feeling he is going to ride the lowest approval and highest disapproval of any modern president for most (if not all) of his term, unless there is a YUGE turnaround that is notable to everyone. His very style fosters resistance, like the boss yelling at you while you are doing exactly what he is yelling about. But, he will be HISTORIC in his terrible ratings, so he can lord that over Biden too.

Trump poses a far greater threat to the US than ISIS does.

Right out of the Hitler playbook. Banish media organizations that have neutral or opposing views and replace them with his own propaganda network. Hitler eventually made listening to banned media broadcasts or having possession of their printed material illegal.

Trump is setting up the country for multiple class action lawsuits that he will defend at taxpayer expense. He doesn't care about truth in broadcasting. Trump cares about perpetuating his bigotry, lies, and whitewashing the USA. And the ones who do his bidding are Fox and Breitbart.

Another huge problem is that EVERYONE knows that what Trump said about the crash was massively inappropriate - not at all what a leader should say or do in a moment of tragedy. But please find me a Republican in Congress, any Republican, who will call him out for it. They all bow and scrape at his feet. It's the blind fealty of all the other Republicans that poses the greatest

danger to our country. This post is exactly what more people need to read and process. How can people trade their dignity, common sense, sense of humanity for job security? How can they sleep at night? Trump planned the Afghan withdrawal, the border was never "open," inflation was caused by the war and Trump, Trump increased the national debt 8 trillion dollars, the most in four years in US history and did nothing, where did the money go? You've been brainwashed by Russian propaganda on FOX.

Seems Biden will be the maga boogie man for the next 4 years. Everything trump does wrong maga will blame Biden.

I understand some tariffs on Mexico and China but Canada is rough. We do too much business with them and there aren't any real justifiable reasons to give them 25% tariffs while giving China only 10%. This will be a rough Monday.

Here we go... Markets are going to TANK on Monday...

Welcome to your higher gas prices and higher prices with a lot of other things since you will be paying the tariffs...

And immediately expect retaliatory tariffs...

World renown economists are predicting 45% tariffs will drive up consumer prices everywhere in the US. Out of all the legitimate career politicians on the right, your side consistently picks Dump. Make it make sense. They're eating the pets. His bizarre behavior and divisive rhetoric is what drives MAGAs. And we're waiting for republicans to pick Vance, MTG, Cruz, Hegseth, Gaetz or DeSantis, so we can clean house in 28. With the house, senate and scotus, Dump still hasn't done much for our economy besides roll out tariffs. He makes sure co president Musk and Tech billionaires and Putin are all comfy. His antics and character are NOT presidential.

Welcome to higher prices... MAGA

Trump is that arrogant guy in your office who thinks he's the smartest guy. He always puts in his two cents worth despite being wrong most of the time. Everyone can't stand this guy and despises him. However, this trump guy has mesmerized almost have the electorate into voting him into the presidency. Because trump believes he's always right, he will keep imposing tariffs no matter if hyperinflation is the consequence or the economy might collapse into a recession. He did this before with disastrous results. He's doing it again because he's that arrogant office guy who thinks he's the smartest guy. Actually, he thinks he's perfect. Please take away this office guy.

MAGA enjoy those \$30 eggs. We in Canada are united in fighting the southern bully who has made an enemy of a friend.

The average non-rich Republican is so brainwashed they will never admit their party is bad for them unless or until it gets to the point of self-destruction like the G.W. Bush Great Recession, after which even Indiana voted for Obama in 2008

The businessman should know that if there is a market there will be demand and supply.

Destroy the market in the US and there will be no demand.

However, they cannot. They do not wish to. The "war on drugs" allows the military and police departments to get millions in weapons, training and in hiring. So they blame it on other countries.

If people in the US didn't buy fentanyl, there wouldn't be a fentanyl problem. If people in the US didn't hire undocumented workers, there wouldn't be an immigration issue.

Darn it, there you go making too much sense

America imports approximately 50 Billion Dollars of food from Mexico. When you go to the grocery store the cost of fruits and vegetables higher after Feb. 4th. You MAGA Bleep's have

increased the cost of groceries for all Americans. These tariffs make food cost more. Much much more in America. So much for bring the price of food down you Bleeps.

2-2-25

No need to speculate anymore, from tomorrow we'll begin finding out. But it doesn't take an economics PhD to know that if you add additional costs at ANY point between manufacturing and consumer it'll be felt by the consumer in higher prices. Period.

At 10% it's going to crush both consumers and employers alike. The increase in costs to consumers will be demanded in pay increases by employees. At the same time, most US based companies rely heavily on supply chains that are international and complicated even when their goods are "Made in America" meaning that they'll be without needed parts with no replacements available. They'll likely replace wage earning employees with automation and cut employee counts drastically to stay afloat. We don't have the infrastructure or facilities to simply flip a switch and start manufacturing here and we won't for years to come. The cost of onshoring and build out will be long and expensive adding further to the price increases at the consumer level. The loss of sales to foreign markets by reciprocal tariffs will likely create shortfalls in sales numbers that will need to be covered domestically with increased prices at the consumer level also. There is no practical or good way to implement tariffs across the board... That's not the way they are designed to be used.

Tariffs at 10% will cut the US economy by trillions according to most economists and at 25% or higher it's a near certainty to create a recession or a depression. Trump knows this and doesn't care because that reality will most likely set in after he leaves office leaving the Democrats another mess to correct.

Automation needs very robust oversight and backing legislation before it takes over, unlikely under Trump/Vance.

Seriously, stop believing everything that comes out of trump's mouth. He is a notorious liar.

The bishop has more courage than the entire GOP

Imagine getting offended by a bishop who requests mercy?

**STAY STRONG EVERYONE**

What Trump doesn't understand is that The US is no longer a manufacturing country. It is a service oriented country. There is always going to be an imbalance with our trade partners. The US has enjoyed the low prices that the other countries can provide with their much less costs associated with manufacturing. ANY tariff is going to be a burden on Americans. The US consumer will hurt and hurt for a long time even after this silly trade war is long over. Inflation will be very prohibiting and companies that rely on the goods from other countries like Walmart and Target will only pass on the added costs. The dollar will be worth less and less. The only issue is how far it can go in 4 years before we can get rid of this buffoon. Like the wise man once said , "you can't fix stupid".

as Americans suffer bc WE pay for tariffs. Maga is a cult of stupidity.

Pain is the touchstone of change. When the 77 million that voted for trump start to feel some of this pain, maybe things will start to change. But it will not start until at least Nov. 2026.!!

I totally agree with the WSJ article. Not only are we in for a devastating ride, but it will hurt. No if, and's, or but's. Now, the only good thing is knowing that the people who voted for Trump will feel the pain too. Thanks a lot, MAGA. (Sarcasm on the thanks - major time.) You deserve this, everyone else doesn't.

Things will only change when MAGA cultists realize that Trump has no concern about their welfare. He is the only beneficiary of his ambition and their blind anger.

I saw Trump's angry reaction to Canada's public statement saying that Canada will respond with tariffs against the US. They also made it clear that they are a strong people and would not back down. But they made it clear they love America and Americans.

Trump went on an angry rant like Canada is now an enemy to the US and better watch out. If things get crazy, I'll fight alongside Canadians. Never, thought I'd be morally forced to fight against the country I have served.

But Trump is certifiably insane and a danger to the entire western world.

2-3-25

Does Congress even serve a purpose any more? Do a majority of Americans understand what purpose Congress is supposed to serve? If the answer to both those questions is no, then we might as well shut down Congress. Maybe Trump can accomplish that with one of those executive orders he likes to sign.

I'm a Republican, not a maga and I can tell you that trump is dead wrong for pardoning convicted insurrectionists because it's a breakdown of law and order.

Police officers are on the front line for a reason. As a community or nation, we do not want to embrace the idea that anyone can cross that line; And that there are no consequences for doing so. By giving these pardons, trump has broken his promise to support law enforcement and protect Americans.

tarrion and others were convicted of seditious conspiracy. This charge requires the government to prove the defendants used violence and conspired to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the Government of the United States. A jury of twelve Americans found them guilty.

All those lies about other countries sending their criminals here, when actually the only country that opened its prisons and sent crazy murderous criminals to prey upon innocent American citizens, was us. In a giant slap in the face to police, and the country, trump released violent criminals and a major drug dealer onto our streets because they support him. I DID NOT VOTE FOR trump AND NEVER WOULD

Johnson is marking up another Omnibus Bill, and putting a "reconciliation" label on it.

Trump announced yesterday that his plan is going to inflict economic pain on Americans who can't afford groceries. And he campaigned on lowering prices. Promises made, promises broken. Taxpayers gave American farmers \$61 Billion in aid, and it was still not nearly enough to cover their losses from Trump's insane tariffs. Smaller farmers were hurt the worst because most of that bailout went to huge corporate farms.

Markets that developed over decades were lost for these farmers and may never return.

How could a leader be so darned stupid that they would inflict this kind of carnage on America's farmers, the very people who dedicate their lives to feeding us?

Unfortunately, Trump's Tariffs will impact all of us by higher prices at the grocery store, the pump and our retirement savings. He is a destroyer not a builder. Any other president would have focused on keeping us strong by strengthening our ties with our Allies. He is making us weaker and driving away our allies, all the while China is using this opportunity to strengthen its ties with our former allies.

He is ensuring we lose our place in the world. Make America Great Again for whom? Certainly not for average Americans. The Tech Bros are plundering our data, which will remove further our freedoms.

It's not exactly voter betrayal....he had been saying all along he was going to do this. His supporters knew what he was going to do. The thing is, most of them are so uneducated and unintelligent that they don't have any knowledge of how tariffs work, they barely can even correctly answer basic questions about how the country works or what the different branches of government do, most of them are not even aware that the federal reserve acts independently of the executive branch and Trump can't just command them to do his bidding and they don't even know how inflation or interest rates work..... the federal reserve is independent for a good reason so that people like Trump who have not a scintilla of understanding of how things like tariffs and inflation and everything else works, can't command the federal reserve to do what they are told and wrecking the country, it is set up that way to protect us from people like Trump. And that is honestly the reason Trump targeted them as his base; he even said once in an interview that he loves the uneducated -- they will vote for him. They can be told anything, and they are too uneducated and don't possess the critical thinking skills needed to see that it's all a pack of lies they were sold to give him the power to conduct personal vendettas, and who cares about them....certainly not him. Most of them are so uneducated they don't even know they are uneducated....look up the dunning -kruger effect that describes the majority of Trump voters. If you can call it voter betrayal at all, it is only within the scope that Trump took advantage of their lack of education and knowledge and understanding to promise them something that wasn't exactly what they ended up voting to enact.

Trump campaigned on tariffs to bring back US manufacturing and jobs... When he realized that wouldn't work...

He said that the tariffs were due to trade imbalances that needed to be corrected... When he realized that wouldn't be fixed with tariffs...

He said that these tariffs are not a negotiating tactic and that they are serious and likely unable to be altered and placed the tariffs... When that didn't work...

He took them away with no affect on Trade Imbalances, US Manufacturing, Job creation, and proved that they are nothing more than toothless negotiating tactics now claiming that it's for Fentanyl control... Only one issue... This won't work either because China is the party responsible for the Fentanyl.

He pushed Canada and Mexico to what amounts to a nothing deal with the threat of 25% tariffs but when it comes to China he only threatened 10% tariffs... So our allies get a slap in the face and our enemies get kid gloves... Now that's the Trump "Tough on China" agenda in full effect.

Incompetent President: INCOMPOTUS

It's time for Article 25 but the thought of Vance being President unnerves me even more than Trump staying.

What we are seeing right before our eyes is the mental decline and onset of Alzheimer's. MAGA and those that voted him in office just are unwilling and admit it. At some point down the road, it will get so bad that Congress will need to enact the 25th Amendment.

The 25th Amendment provides a mechanism for removing a president unable to perform duties due to physical or mental incapacity. Section 4 allows the Vice President, along with the majority of the Cabinet or a body designated by Congress, to declare the president unfit.

Trump is narcissistic, cognitive impaired, with delusions of grandeur, with spontaneous outbursts of rage with tantrums. AS JD Vance said in 2016, Trump is a moral disaster and compared him to Hitler. That was 9 years ago, nothing has changed except a VP position can be bought.

With Trump and MAGA, it is all bullying, transactional pettiness, vile drama. But hey, Trump has been fairly elected and selected by a majority of Americans, so he is genuinely America. Now the rest of the world just has to acknowledge what America has become. Trump's America is now closer to Putin's Russia than to democratic Western Europe and other Anglo-saxon countries. We, in the rest of the western world, have to come to terms with that hard inconvenient fact.

Trump is a dangerous, egomaniacal, senile old man, being manipulated by a criminal, billionaire cabal of oligarchs, who must be impeached in order to at least slow-down his tornadic rampage of destruction before he does irreparable damage to our Republic and its government...

God save America from the hoard of billionaire pirates who are seeking to pillage, burn, and sink it for their own personal gain and ego satisfaction.

The irony is striking—a South African immigrant billionaire with business ties in China and beyond now has access to all of our data while effectively running the country. The very system that prides itself on national security and sovereignty has handed unprecedented control to someone with global business interests, raising serious questions about accountability and oversight.

Freedom to pollute.

Freedom to cheat people.

Freedom to poison people.

Freedom to overcharge people.

Freedom to harm people.

Of COURSE, Trump's buddies want to get rid of decades of regulations designed to keep the American public safe. Could some of the regulations go, of course, technology and medicine have changed. But it makes MUCH more sense to start from the other end to investigate which regs are no longer needed and then go through the regulatory process to remove them.

Musk's method turns the nation into the wild west with NO rules and No guardrails and NO protections for the rest of us.

Say NO.

2-4-25

"Peter Gleick, a water scientist and senior fellow at the Pacific Institute, said that 'for a political photo op and a social media post, the Trump administration has thrown away billions of gallons of California water.' He said the water will not reach any city, 'not be used or usable for firefighting, not be used by farmers since this isn't the irrigation season, and won't be saved for the dry season, which is coming.' It was 'a needlessly self-destructive action purely for political showmanship.'"

Literally the story of every one of Trump's business and political schemes: vapid, meaningless gestures that accomplish nothing and sabotage the very people he claims to be helping.

If Gabbard was even remotely qualified to be Director of National Intelligence, Donald Trump would have never nominated her. Qualified and competent people with high ethical standards do not work for a man who wants unconditional subservience. Senate Republicans will do what they've always done and put party loyalty ahead of our national security.

Evangelicals are Toxic To America!!!! False Catholic, False Christian

Trump and Vance are playing off of stereotypes and biases, reinforced in the MAGA echo chamber. There is not a trace of human compassion in this administration. Wait until they finish with the downtrodden and come for the rest of us.

Vance is a fake Catholic. He doesn't believe that people should be treated with dignity. He couldn't pass the What Would Jesus Do test. He couldn't even be respectful to Marianne Budde in church, with that eye roll that disgusted millions, when Budde was calmly asking trump for mercy.

Vance was heartbroken that the bishops are doing what Jesus would do here.

I don't know if there's enough popcorn for the next 4 years. My local grocer ran out last week.

I believe Trump's strategy all along is to say these provocative proposals, whether it be tariffs or Greenland's status, bring attention to options, and negotiate from there. Personally, I think the U.S. needs to avoid the Middle East as much as possible.

Yes, that would be a monumental mistake. What a quagmire to get stuck in. You aren't going to magically step in and solve thousands of years worth of conflict and animosity. And we certainly won't be welcomed there which means lots of violence. I agree tariffs are probably mostly a negotiating tool, I think this he's serious about though. I don't see the negotiating leverage in that.

2-5-25

The ELEPHANT in the room is the TRILLIONS of dollars impact Trump's tax cut for the richest in America and for the large corporations. Very difficult to find trillions when some in the Congress would like to reduce the deficit and reduce the national debt, not increase both. Mathematically it is impossible, unless taxes are raised. Add up the cost of social security, Medicare, interest on debt, and military. Pretty much anything after that would be deficit spending.

Day One has come and passed. The GOP controls the entire federal government, both Houses of Congress and the Oval Office, all controlled by the GOP. And yet? They fail to even begin to unite the country, instead they continue to attack their enemies and brag about it like it something to be proud of. they fight among themselves, seeking more for themselves, and less for anyone else. The GOP attacks the Democrats about the budget, but the GOP are the ones who gave us the problem in the first place, during Trumps administration the debt climbed by Trillions! And still, Ignorant voters elected this pack of liars and thieves.

Johnson knows he's been given an impossible task. He can't craft any legislation that will get the near unanimous support of the GOP it needs to pass the House. It's a catch 22. If he presents legislation that gets shot down, Trump will replace him as Speaker. If he fails to present any legislation, Trump replaces him as Speaker.

For him personally, the 2nd option is better because there's always a possibility he stalls long enough that the party can't afford to replace him.

"Jesus was not killed by atheism and anarchy. He was brought down by law and order allied with religion which is always a deadly mix. Beware of those who claim to know the mind of God and who are prepared to use force, if necessary, to make others conform beware those who cannot tell God's will from their own." -Barbara Brown Taylor.

What does he have to complain about with all the important things accomplished so far: renamed the Gulf of Mexico, renamed Denali. Gave away all of our information to a unelected billionaire. This is exactly what the American people wanted. Buyers remorse anyone? anyone?

How about the money needed to turn Gaza into the next Riviera. I'm confused about how that will reduce the price of groceries that Trump supposedly was elected on.

Of all the crazy things that have happened, Arab groups endorsing Donald Trump was the craziest. I get that you felt like the Democrats should have been doing more, but the idea that

Trump was somehow lined up with these groups goals was absolutely insane. Trump managed to find himself another group of twits and this is what they get.

So many groups were behind Trump, now they are all having an awakening moment, but it's too late. One by one they are falling.

I am really sorry for the suffering of Palestinians, but it was pretty dumb to expect anything from Trump except a scheme to turn ethnic cleansing into a scheme for making money for himself. Kushner even talked about it well before election.

Wow this is a real shocker. Who would have thought that Trump really wasn't in line with pro-Muslim positions. The next thing you are going to tell me is that he isn't going to make decisions beneficial to the African American, Hispanic, or Asian communities. It's almost like he isn't truthful - but that can't be. He is the owner of Truth Social. There must be some kind of a misunderstanding.

I voted for the convicted felon, I cheated on all my wives and love to demean women, I hate laws and regulations and don't feel obliged to follow any of them, I hate my very own government and voted for him to burn my democracy to the ground, I falsify all of my tax returns, I have a myriad of issues with minorities and vilify them at every chance, my guns are far more important than the murders of innocent school children, I am a psychopathic liar, I call myself a Christian but I worship false gods and purposely break many commandments all the time. I pray on non-educated people and demoralize them. I get what I want out of them and leave them in the dust. Oh, I'm just your average run of the mill magateer republican - you know just like Trump.....Felon 47 has doomed America. Say my name Dictator tRUMP

tRump wants GAZA for himself so he can develop it. What doesn't make sense to me is that developing a resort in one of the most volatile pieces of land in the entire world, is not anyone's idea of a tourist destination.

2-6-25

WHEN TRUMP first became president and was speaking recklessly, Republicans told us that "he's a different kind of president" and would need time to learn that the words of a US president carry a lot of weight. Trump hasn't learned anything, except to be more reckless.

The extreme solutions our president has attempted to push into reality have little to do with party politics, but rather the questionable vision he and a few others have in mind. This has little to do with our love affair with life in a Democracy, but in my opinion, something far more catastrophic than we will be prepared for!

Love these articles: Trump is battling with the Democrats. What battle. He's ignoring our laws, as usual, and withholding funds that Congress approved, period. Also, why would the Democrats work with him and/or the GOP House. Have either of them reached out the Democrats?

Hopefully voters will wake-up by 2026.

Both Houses of Congress, the President and SCOTUS, and they still can't govern. Biggest accomplishment - most lawsuits for illegal conduct in the first week of an administration.

Destroy public education and create a stratified culture where only the wealthy have educations. We are headed towards hunger games.

This is not surprising and its been a Republican ask for decades. The less educated Americans are, the more they vote for conservatives and oftentimes against their own interests.

Higher learning, a good education, will teach a person critical thinking skills, how to delineate obvious lies from facts. How to not be swayed by a cult of personality. Rich conservatives won't

mind this, at all, because they planned to send their kids to private schools anyway so they are taken care of. And I'm all for trade schools and apprenticeships.

This will affect poor kids who want to go to college, better to keep them ignorant in Trump's mind. Free lunches for poor kids? Heck no, let them starve. Better to keep government program money for Elon Musk's go-to-Mars project and his millions in taxpayer funded contracts and subsidies. Huge tax cuts for billionaires-- magas love protections for billionaires.

This might have something to do with why Trump won in the first place. An anti- higher learning bias and this:

In the United States, 54% of American adults read below the equivalent of a sixth-grade level, and nearly one in five adults reads below a third-grade level. Lower literacy rates directly correlate to higher unemployment rates, reduced income, and overall impacts U.S.

competitiveness on the global stage.

Starting with Reagan who tried but couldn't shut down the Dept of Education. It manages student loans, 4000 grants for education to states who manage the money K-12. Red states get the most money for education. Shut is down. The blue states will do just fine.

I have never faced discrimination in America because of my Christian faith. I have, however, seen my fellow Christians try to discriminate against others, both Christian and not.

Trump is hardly an example of someone ethical and kind to others. A country with many beliefs needs a government that keeps clear of pushing any one religion or religion in general. That is a private matter, that should attract for itself; and not the business of the State.

God was not a politician! That was the other guy down below. Get religion out of politics.

Religion created more strife, wars and killed more indigenous people in the name of god than all the wars combined. No let's not bring it back.

The branches of government, providing checks and balances over each other, was a good plan. But when one branch, Legislative, gives up their power, Judicial has been severely compromised (thanks again, Legislative), and Executive has been elected King, well...Thanks anyway, Founding Fathers, it was a good run but you didn't anticipate that our own citizens would hand over your democracy to the 21st century version of King George III.

Everything he's done has made America less safe and caused prices to rise. And when he cancels midterms because of "a national emergency" republicans will cheer

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For a man with access to all the data and science on the subject to be so arrogantly ignorant is appalling. States and locals need to take charge of their own areas and enact regulations. Ok, plastic is cheaper than paper.but when you consider the cost to clean up the problems it creates ..does it make sense?? The consequences of his lack of environmental concern will be paid for by generations to come..But that tells you about his character.. I want my grandchildren and great grandchildren to have a chance to enjoy this world too.

Our troubles are over!!! Thank you, President Trump, for ending the tyranny of paper straws. And while you are at it, can you please make the McRib a permanent menu item? The uncertainty of when that artificial meat sandwich will return is more than I can bear. And Easter should never be in March -...

Trump doesn't care about the planet. Based on life expectancy tables, he'll be dead in a few years. So climate issues and global pollution issues are not his concern. He is looking to build his cash and that is all he cares about.

Instead of pouring millions into a park full of statues, these funds could be better spent on urgent priorities like fixing crumbling infrastructure, improving education, fix healthcare access or fix millions of other domestic challenges. But no, we're cutting education and gutting government budgets to build a vanity project while discussing on plan to rebuild Gaza and bolster Israel. Let's focus on rebuilding America first.

**Where is his executive order forbidding denials for health care procedures?**

Nope, nope, nope. Infrastructure bill was something that Biden got through Congress along with the Inflation Reductions Bill. So they are bad. Only things that feed Trump's ego. MAGAs have too short memories to even realize they are not getting promises fulfilled.

Parents who quietly raise well behaved children. Teachers who see to it that those children are properly educated. Those are the real heroes.

**Pettiness. That's all Trump has to give.**

I'm pretty sure everyone knows this--but Trump is petty and trivial.

Hey leaders of the world if you didn't know tell Trump he's smart, powerful and pretty and you will get whatever you want

Pray for our nation.

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Freedom of religion? Let me read the Constitution again. Yep, there it is, the very First Amendment. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof". Trump has this ability to convince republicans that there is a problem when there isn't any. Kind of like saying ALL cars must carry an extra can of gasoline in the car whenever they go for a drive, including EVs.

Once again he goes against the constitution.

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects religious freedom and limits the government's ability to create laws that establish a religion or restrict its practice

What does the 14th Amendment say about religion?

The Supreme Court has ruled that the 14th Amendment (ratified in 1868) requires states to guarantee fundamental rights such as the First Amendment's prohibition against the establishment of religion. This means that states, like the federal government, can "make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

We are in so much trouble as a country. I can't wait for the next executive order that limits the rights of women and minorities to vote, etc. It doesn't matter what the judges rule if the police and military won't enforce the rulings. I'm so sad that this is what the land of the free now stands for.

He's in full on dictator mode now. Fascism has arrived in America.

If I was Canada, I'd be playing a different game. As soon as Trump announced tariffs, I'd suddenly announce that there is a technical problem with the oil and gas pipelines feeding the midwestern states and we've got to "shut em down for a couple of weeks for maintenance".

Then watch the mayhem at the gas pumps.

I think that's the "break the glass" strategy.

The MAJORITY of Americans would support you on this. Most of us love Canada and its culture and society.

"Terminate members of the board of trustees, "who do not share our Vision for a Golden Age in Arts and Culture.""

This is still America, people are allowed to have different ideas and visions. If trump intends to fire anyone who has a different vision than he has he will be excluding about half the population of the country.

I guess no one explained to trump that as president, he represents all Americans not just those that are loyal to him.

This is not America anymore. This is trump's dictatorship. All ideas and visions must be the same as trump's. Any dissension will be met with forcible removal. This is what MAGA voted for. This is what Elon paid for. Get use to it. Now practice the salute Elon gives, that will replace the hand over the heart for the National Anthem very soon.

Trump's uncertainty "weave" on econ policy is not helping. Early warning signs looming on a recession. 1) Stock market jitters and pointing more and more toward next leg down. 2) Consumer confidence being eroded quickly. 3) Trump's drive to lower the 10 yr T-bill might just push us into an inverted yield curve. 4) Tariff Trade wars are always a drag on the economy. His tax cuts will stimulate demand, but with unemployment at 50 years lows, its likely to be very inflationary growth.

Unless you got a mattress stuffed full of cash you will be poorer in the next 4 years. Groceries have gone up not down with him in office. He lied to maga and they fell for it. They'll be starving not me. I made my money under President Biden.

The inexplicable settlement by ABC, owned by Disney, whose reporter mistakenly stated a jury (it was the judge's opinion) found Trump guilty of rape has led to this ridiculous lawsuit. Experts agree ABC would have prevailed at trial on free speech grounds. Trump is now emboldened and is punishing CBS for daring to put Kamala Harris in the spotlight during the campaign. Pettiness writ large.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump to make himself chair of the Kennedy Center, says he'll dismiss board members."

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News of the Surreal (for Real): "Pete Hegseth rips former Fox News colleague and calls out 'fake news' for her sharing of factual information."

I would suspect that Kennedy sponsorships will also drop if he thinks he is the expert in the "golden age of the arts".Sad. the Kennedy center is a place for learning, good music venues, Broadway plays, Children's learning and really wonderful experiences And learning about different cultures.

It is sad that may not continue anymore.

Trump is micromanaging the country. Case in point, the executive order bringing back plastic straws. What about our grocery prices, haven't seen a price drop yet.

Don't media outlets frequently publish opinion pieces? I've read many pieces that critical of Joe Biden and how glad some folks were to have him out as president and Trump in. Never saw anyone calling for those folks to be fired over their opinions because it was simply that an opinion which we're free to agree or disagree with just this WaPO opinion piece that we are free to agree or disagree with. That's been one of our core principles in America, we don't always have to agree but we acknowledge everyone is entitled to express their opinion. Folks are free to dislike Trump just as they were free to dislike Biden it's a matter of opinion.

Exactly. Fox was relentless in criticizing Biden and then Harris. Trump wants to silence opposition and that of course means that he wants to take away free speech.

This is what baffles me to no end, a person would elect a politician that hates the government into government. And somehow, that hatred would make a better government. Well we're all about to find out the hard way.

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No consumer watchdogs, no one responsible for helping citizens when a disaster occurs, no one to help families with their kids' education, no one to protect workers from unsafe working conditions, the list goes on and all are government entities designed to protect regular Americans so the wealthy can get tax breaks.

"Make no mistake". Another fine cliché

The mistake has already been made!

Harris wanted to make the wealthy pay more taxes.

And give the money to the people who make less money.

But the MAGA voters didn't like the freedom allowed and wanted Trump to put the clamp on the American citizen. And that's what he's doing. So "the mistake has been made"

As they say in the restaurant business: "Enjoy"

Thanks trumpers. Apparently all of those prices and inflation you complained about wasn't that big of a deal after all. The price of gas, beer, soda, and pretty much everything else is going up but hey it's definitely worth it as long as we make life as hard as possible for people we hate which is really what this was all about to begin with.

Remember his last term? He had to send out stimulus checks to keep the country from a Depression.

Trump is going to price Americans, particularly the Middle Class, right into poverty with these Tariffs. We will be in a Recession by the Summer. We will not be able to afford anything sold in cans, aluminum foil, cars, tools, building materials, not to mention eggs! WHERE IS THE MA gAT OUTRAGE that was leveled at Biden?

Trump is going out of his way to make sure this really will be China's century. All he's doing is driving more trade toward them, at our own expense.

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MAGA: we want lower prices! They're high because Brandon!

Trump: I will lower prices immediately. Democrats have raised all the prices (meanwhile corporations are posting record profits and democrats don't control prices)

Trump (post election): yeah, about that lower prices thing... I'm gonna do the exact opposite and make everything more expensive with tariffs...

MAGA (with a billionaire's boot in their mouths collectively): This is what we elected him to do!!!!

I hate to say it, but I'm rooting for Canada.

Thank you, Trump! More price increases like you promised! Oh wait, didn't you run on reducing costs?

Trump is going to destroy the country with this trade wars tariff nonsense. We are turning allies into enemies and they are retaliating with their own tariffs. This is a very bad idea. And for what? He's got to be the dumbest man alive.

Sure. Donald Trump is behaving like a king, removing protections baked into Article 1 of the constitution. Yeah, he's trying to annex territories and revitalize American Imperialism, against

America's allies, no less. Yeah, he's introducing tariffs that will make it even more expensive to build or buy a home during a historically large need for housing, especially affordable housing. But sometimes you gotta break a few eggs to... oh yeah, egg prices, how are those doing? Trying to help people understand what's going on right now is like going back into a burning building to pull someone out. Only to have them keep punching you in the face and demand evidence that the building is on fire. Even after they admit they can see the flames.

Interesting how conservatives seem to want to pay more for everything.

President Musk is a terrible president.

Golden Age?

The American people are skipping meals, drowning in debt, and rationing meds and dying from poverty and despair.

Wages are stagnant, rents are soaring, and billionaires hoard wealth while the working class suffers.

This isn't a Golden Age-it's a new Gilded Age, and we all know how that ended.

Don't piss on us and call it a "Golden Age"!

Gas/grocery prices are up, the US is attacking and being booed/protested by allies, our most sensitive national & personal data is being turned over to unvetted, unqualified teens and unelected oligarchs.

Where's the gold!?

Yeah, now that USAID has been shuttered, pronouns banned, racists applauded, and water has been poured out of California reservoirs my life is so much better.

The last Golden Age was Silver by comparison because I'm in a trump cult.

Actions taken this past month will reverberate for decades in American history as catalyst for America's true decline beginning on the world stage through self inflicted wounds

Almost eradicated diseases are on the rise, planes are falling from the sky, and eggs are still expensive. My brother in Christ, what the fuck are you talking about.

These mfers so annoying. I couldn't even get eggs this week at the store. Go do something and get off this hellhole platform bro.

'Golden Age' of uncertainty with expansionist war mongering, the threatening of allies, increased cost (self inflicted), and plutocracy.

How is this making groceries more affordable? How is this preparing us for avian flu crossing over to humans? How is this ensuring that Russia won't expand to the west and China to the south and east? How is this improving education and opportunity for future generations?

Ah, temporary change. Next year, Gulf of America will be Gulf of Trump. More important changes/atrocities/distractions:

US Dollars to Trump Dollars.

Gaza to Riviera Trump

Superbowl to Trumpbowl

Statue of Liberty to Statue of Trump

Mount Rushmore to Mount Trump-More

USA to United States of Trump

Forget about access to affordable healthcare, higher living wages, lower prescription costs, improving and advancing American transportation & infrastructure - gotta advance Riviera Trump in Gaza first - and lowering inflation - why does anyone need groceries when we have Donald & his merch?!

Trump in a nutshell: I have no clue what I'm talking about, but I have very strong opinions about it.

Trump wanting to run the Kennedy Center without watching a single show tracks perfectly. This is the same guy who:

1. Tried to overturn an election without understanding how elections work.
2. Picked a fight with the Fed without knowing how interest rates work.
3. Gutted environmental protections without knowing how climate change works.
4. Downplayed COVID while getting top-tier treatment the second he got sick.

Someone whispered in his ear terrible shows. So the man who's claim to culture authority doesn't see shows, probably if a painting isn't full of faux gold or anything else doesn't glitter it is terrible or the language isn't that of a third grader he would not allow the performance.

Known as the dumbing down of the arts.

Have we finally reached critical mass with the term "woke?" Everything is woke with Trump. Floods, fires, foreign aid, consumer protections....they are all woke. Find something that you want to destroy, call it woke and apparently that's justification enough.

So she's looking for evidence that only supports her view? Typical. What an absolute waste of tax dollars.

I have no idea why she would even mention a Democrat. The Republicans are in charge. The Republicans have the Congress. The Republicans have the Presidency. The Republicans have put more members on the Supreme Court and have a favorable court. The Republicans are choosing to dismantle the government and threaten our allies.

Trump's "negotiating tactic" always involves implicit threat of military destruction. Trump is turning the US into a pariah nation.

I don't recall the occupation of Gaza and building resorts there as having been in Mr. trump's campaign. I recall lowering food costs, energy costs and immigration. I thought we were done nation building.

This is starting to resemble North Korea's Kim Jong Un, who pops up every 6 months to threaten the US he will nuke it. An attention grabber. These two love attention.

He's threatening Egypt now too? I would laugh if this wasn't such a scary situation. What is he REALLY doing behind the scenes that we can't figure his motive for this insanity

Trump is a bully, a tyrant and an imperialist. OWN Gaza, and forbid any Palestinian refugees to return there? His rapid-fire threats against Canada, Mexico, Panama, Greenland and Denmark make me ashamed of this nation.

56 years ago, joining the Army, I raised my hand and swore an oath to defend my country against all "enemies foreign and domestic." I served in Vietnam, but it seems the main enemy is now domestic.

The funny thing is these people just brush off his crazy lame brain ideas and say he doesn't really mean it. It's just all talk right. but No, he is that crazy and he means it. At least he has concepts of a plan to buy Gaza. I'm sure this will help Americans with lower grocery bill.

This is a thing he does all the time. Although he surrounds himself with dullards and extremists, nobody is as crazy or buffoonish as he is. When he takes a position (like buying Greenland or taking over Gaza), his lackeys have to treat it as if it were a plausible non-insane option, knowing that it is neither. His aides have to do a little dance and pretend that he is wise and all-knowing, hoping that he'll forget about whatever lunatic move he wanted to make. He has already doubled-down on this proposal, probably because somebody told him it was a bad idea.

This is just so stupid it defies belief. If Republicans think that they can just go around changing the names of other countries, they are seriously deluded, and Trump "invades" or tries to takeover Greenland, the USA will be in breach of Article 2 (4) of the United Nations Charter of which it is a founding member. All that will succeed in doing is MALSA, Make America Look Stupid - Again.

If we want to cut government waste, here's a great place to start. No more time spent on ridiculously trying to change the long existing names of countries and bodies of water.

A lot of the voters that went for Trump this time didn't vote for the chaos. They voted for his promise of lowering the price of groceries and gas, making housing more affordable, and bringing peace to Gaza and Ukraine. If Trump doesn't deliver on these, which is now appearing likely, it will be easy for the Dems to win these disaffected voters back

"The people voted for major government reform and that's what the people are going to get," Musk said, responding to detractors who call his involvement a hostile takeover. "That's what democracy is all about."

No Elon. The people voted for lower prices. In particular lower housing costs, lower rent, lower grocery prices, and lower gas prices. The people did not vote for mass layoffs in the federal workforce.

They didn't even vote for that. They voted for a dictator. The economy was already well on its way to being back to normal well before the election. But since prices go up and never go down, Biden/Dems took the blame instead of COVID. People weren't paying attention. I guess the price of Frosted Flakes is more important to people than their freedom.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Marco Rubio Sighs Heavily as Trump Explains Gaza Plans."

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I think people think with their wallets. If prices get out of hand, combined with high unemployment that is tied to tariffs. I think Trump's approval rating will tank. A tariff war could cause a global recession. That would be on Trump.

6 months from now when trump's policies of tariffs and mass deportation have taken hold and prices are significantly higher, food & goods are scarce and we are suffering the worst recession in decades trump's approval rating will be in the single digits.

Donald Trump self-owns: "A bully is the weakest person...the weakest people are bullies."

**BREAKING:** In a stunning Freudian slip, Donald Trump just admitted that the weakest people in life are bullies. Donald, you should look in the mirror.

**Trump:** "A bully is the weakest person...the weakest people are bullies."

What a scathing self-indictment.

It's tragic that he lacks the intelligence to realize it.

POTUS is responsible now, quit with the blame game. It is getting old really fast. You promised lower prices.

Americans spoke loudly and firmly on Nov. 5. Trump is simply carrying out their wishes by raising prices.

Trump's entire plan is "things I saw on foxnews"

Rescind the tax cuts, that will bring in revenue, But no the GOP want to take medical coverage from poor people.

It's welfare for the rich on the backs of Medicaid recipients.

So republicans are fine with cutting Medicaid funds to low income families. They are also fine with giving tax cuts to billionaires. The new MAGA GOP.

Sorry those on Medicaid; Republicans are expecting you to sacrifice and experience hardships (they say it'll be good for you!) for corporate and billionaire welfare.

House Republicans are debating how deep they need to cut to pay for an extension of President Trump's tax cuts and border enforcement funding, and how much political backlash they can endure.

Cut 2-TRILLION to the people's needs solely for a TAX Giveaway for the wealthy, while the 95% pay for it. NOTE; the egg & gas prices going up = doesn't give a flying ... about the people's issues. FIRE ALL R's or pay for the wealthy's bank accounts.

GQP: "Medicaid is not on the chopping block!"

Reality: Medicaid is on the chopping block.

2026 can't come soon enough. Slashing the poor's benefit to pay for tax cuts for the rich.

Unbelievable. ...

This is the person who gave Afghanistan back to the Taliban and cut out the government from negotiations. Look how that turned out.

I feel really bad for the people of Ukraine. trump will absolutely sell them down the river. These people are heroes for standing up to Putin. Zelensky has more courage in his pinky that trump does in his whole body.

So the plan is to eliminate help for the children and poor so that the wealthy can get another trillion dollars. In addition, just like his first term the debt will go up at least 5 trillion. Nice plan for the wealthy.

No don't you worry! Cut Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, and any other social programs that cause pain to the elderly, poor, and working class. They are patriots and understand the great need for F45, Musk, and all the billionaires, millionaires, and corporations that really need the \$5 trillion dollar tax cuts! I am sure they will all accept the pain and wave the flag even harder. And of course, they will all come out for the 2026 election to show you their gratitude for those tax cuts!

I hope they're sophomoric enough to cut social programs that will wake up the conservative voters. Both sides in the duopoly work for the elite class, and they try to keep people divided enough to fight amongst themselves. We're officially in a phantom oligarchy; we need only open our eyes and see for ourselves.

DOGE, Musk and Trump don't care a bit about the ramifications of these cuts. Cuts were made solely because Musk doesn't like them. Nothing to do with anything else.

Gee, republicans are worried about the cuts effecting their interest. Thoughts and tariffs.

Musk holds about half a \$trillion in tax payer contracts and Subsidies for his companies... But don't fret. He explained away everyone's concerns yesterday on national television by letting us all know that his contracts and subsidies are the "lowest bid," so there is no Conflict of Interest. Make sense?

[It doesn't to any of us either.]

Even if your utterly unverifiable claim to be "the lowest bidder" is true in every instance, what exactly does that have to do with any Conflicts of Interest?

You know it's funny how Republicans voted trump in to own the libs, and to help the MAGA Republicans, but from what Trump and his friend the non vice president are doing is hurting his Republican base. That's why these Republicans are starting to speak up now. Trump is taking away these real welfare states subsidies and jobs. This down sizing of the government was

suppose to only affect the libs, but it's hitting the MAGA base also, but the libs saw this coming and tried to warn the maga crowd. But they wanted to own the libs so bad they didn't listen to the warnings. So don't cry now this is what you wanted, now it's all on you. You can't blame the libs for everything that is about to happen to this country thanks to your guy trump, oh and the non-elected vice president.

Mitch could have prevented all of this by getting senate republicans to impeach the clown in 2020 or 2021. He and his republicans own this disaster completely.

Lol, Trump supporters top 4 excuses

- 1) it's Biden/Harris fault
- 2) liberal media
- 3) Democrats
- 4) DEI.

There arguments are so predictable, it's like they are not capable of independent thought, just Trump sound bites....

Interesting how the GOP is finally beginning to wake up to the fact that THEY are going to be impacted by the monster they have created. Too late, folks.

Associate President Ellie Muck and Steve Miller are the ones actually running this country, they just left Trump says spew his nonsense and play with his toys while they do their deeds and will blame it on their Chump.

"We are now living and working in an environment where the only constant is chaos," he explains. "Chaos produces uncertainty, and that leads to loss of trust. The buyers of U.S. farm products are not going to deal with nations that cannot be trusted. There are plenty of options in today's world for those buyers to bypass the United States. Why on God's green earth would they put up with the insanity that we have in Washington now?"

"My fellow farmers — you've been played," he writes. "This nation cannot exist as an island. But that is the path that this administration is on, and the onus is on responsible folks from all political persuasions to find common ground to stop this madness."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Bill to rename Greenland to 'Red, White and Blueland' introduced by Georgia Rep. Buddy Carter."

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Trump negotiated a deal with the Taliban over Afghanistan without the Afghan government being involved.

He set a timetable for our troops to be out of the country and arranged for the release of 5,000 Taliban fighters. Soldiers of the Afghan army began walking away from their posts almost immediately to avoid retribution from the Taliban on them or their families. To no one's surprise, it contributed to the sudden collapse of the Afghan military and the messy U.S. withdrawal.

Any meeting between Putin and Trump without leadership from Ukraine will not bode well for Ukraine.

Afghanistan was a disaster that spanned multiple presidents. Trump signed the withdrawal deal-negotiated with the Taliban (The Afghan government and US allies were NOT included in the talks) and agreed to 5,000 Taliban prisoners released as part of the deal. So, not only did Trump leave the Taliban in power he gave them an army to take over Afghanistan with. Biden's choices for how to execute a withdrawal from Afghanistan were severely constrained by conditions created by Trump (perhaps on purpose). The Afghans are a tribal people with no history of democracy, or a sense of national unity. Our government ignored the rampant corruption in the

Afghan government and military for 2 decades, and reports that the ANA soldiers were just there for a paycheck, and many ANA soldiers got paychecks who never even existed. Billions unaccounted for. Most Afghans considered us a foreign invader in an Islamic country. The result was their army folding within weeks. Even the South Vietnamese fought for over 2 years after US combat troops left.

Trump's plan is to hand Ukraine to Russia.

Russia can't defeat the US or the West militarily or economically. That's why Putin has spent the last 20+ years surreptitiously cultivating the far right in the USA and Europe through "ideological subversion", using the West's freedoms as weapons. The end game is to get people to destroy the democratic institutions they have enjoyed, and taken for granted all their lives, and believe they are "patriots" in doing so... This is well documented. It was an online influence campaign where Russian intelligence operatives made friends with the GOPs favorite topics which are then amplified, (un-vetted) by right wing media who use division as a profit making business model. - Race- using online operatives and bots to post inflammatory comments in news stories and phony BLM websites and Facebook pages. - Guns -NRA-Maria Butina, a FSB agent involved with Russian money funneling to far-right political candidates through the NRA, - God and Abortion -online exchanges between evangelical pastors and Russians posing as fellow 'evangelicals', Pushing the narrative that conservatives and conservative Christian values are "under siege" and that Russia shares the same societal goals as American conservatives (total fabrication) which is then spread by Christian Nationalist church sermons across the USA- Climate change- "a liberal created global power grab"..and creating wedge issues out of anything possible to divide Americans. Donald Trump is the hand picked and supported candidate of Putin.

If Trump was President during the early 1940s we'd be speaking German now. Don't stop until all of Ukraine is liberated.

Trump's actions demonstrate his naivete about world politics. NATO countries and especially Ukraine should be working this out, not the US. Putin will probably keep most of the territory he has taken, and the Ukrainians will leave Kursk. Putin will agree to peace, while he rebuilds for the next attack as he did before, perhaps at Ukraine again or perhaps another weak neighbor. You cannot appease dictators, as we learned in WW2. Fortunately, Trump will outdate soon and perhaps a wiser leader will get us through the next phase better.

I don't need Medicaid, but I'm smart enough to know that defunding it is going to hurt a lot of people and potentially myself or my loved ones in the future. And for what? To solve the non-existent problem of rich people not being rich enough?

They want to make cuts to programs that benefit the people but want to increase the debt ceiling by \$4T to benefit the rich.

This will affect us all.

Those people will go to emergency rooms for care, and the costs will be passed onto us. At least when they had Medicare, those costs helped keep health insurance costs down for the rest of us. This was very short-sighted and extremely irresponsible.

Typical bully behavior. They always pick on the politically weakest segment of society. Of course we all want any and all waste and fraud in Medicaid and any other federal program to be weeded out. But do you trust these people to do it without hurting those in genuine need of health care? They know better than to mess with SS and Medicare, two programs most American workers have been paying into their entire careers. They are not entitlements and have powerful political support.

The Romanov family and Marie Antoinette are perfect examples of what can happen when the middle and lower class are pushed too far. I don't see it happening while Trump is in power but I can see it happening in the future if the GOP keeps on with this course of action. They will either be marginalized and never be elected again or a civil war will break out and those wealthy individuals will meet the same fate as the above mentioned individuals. Yes the US prides itself on peaceful protest and adhering to the constitution but when a certain party takes it upon itself to try and destroy the constitution and the checks and balances that our government is formed on eventually it will lead to a breaking point. I do think there is quite a bit of governmental waste and that it needs to be addressed aka like \$500 ash trays and senators adding kickbacks to bills. However I do not agree with cutting programs and departments who help citizens or protect our way of life to justify tax cuts to the wealthy. History has already proven trickle down economics does not work it is a failed experiment. Trump's tax cuts did not work the first time in office and was one of the key reasons we saw inflation rapidly rise. His tariffs and this nonsense is just going to create more economic problems for the country and the ones who pay 80% of the taxes the MIDDLE CLASS!

I empathize with those who require assistance, but I am grateful that this situation is more likely to impact supporters of the MAGA movement. It is crucial to remember that every vote counts. If you voted for him, own it.

What's hilarious about this is that the majority of Medicaid and Medicare recipients live in red states and voted for this. Poetic justice.

4 of the states with the highest % of Medicaid recipients:

Louisiana

Arkansas

West Virginia

Kentucky

No Surprises here and exactly as I called a year ago.. Gop will take money from the poor from programs like Medicaid to give to the rich. Modern day "robbin hoods" taking money from the poor to extend tax cuts that mostly benefit people fortunate to be making over \$200K. Sorry, not everyone has the ability or health (mental or physical) to make a good living wage. This will lead to the death of American citizens as Trump and Musk bask in the Schadenfreude and orate: "Well, let them get on with it and decrease the surplus population". SMH

Are you really surprised? This is literally what Project 2025 is. If you voted for Trump and are on Medicare, you deserve this. The rich doesn't want to pay for the poor.

Remember it's the GOP who can't stand the thought of aborting a fetus that doesn't have emotions or a functioning brain. But once those fetuses grow a brain and feel emotions, hunger, pain, and sickness, they have NO interest in them. Someone please explain to me the rationale of these people.

OK all you die hard right wingers on this commentary thread, Medicaid gives healthcare to the people who are the poorest among us. Are we going to just let them die of curable diseases, and treatable traumas because they can't afford healthcare?

You can spout all your right-wing talking points all you want but tell me this isn't plundering the least among us so the billionaires can have a more tax cuts. We're going to condemn the poorest to poor health and death so our billionaires can have more money in their pockets.

Fun fact, all of the swing states that the convicted felon won in 2024 have some of the highest Medicaid recipients.

Start taxing the rich fairly, not giving them special tax breaks. There is where you could find a lot of money instead of cutting lifesaving programs to the American People. Most on Medicare cannot work even if they wanted to.

Here is a fact... if they taxed The 5 wealthiest companies in the US the same way they tax the middle and lower class they would have a surplus each year, end poverty and no child will go to bed hungry. Well done America, you MAGAs voted to destroy your own families and your healthcare.

Cutting Medicaid to the poorest of our fellow Americans is heartless. No one asks to be sick. When people are sick, they cannot pursue education or work. To cut what people really need in order to stand on their own feet is inhumane. US has the most billionaires in the world. But Trump and GOP want to cut taxes for the billionaires and cut Medicaid for the poorest of the working class Americans.

Put taxes, adjusted for inflation, back to what they were under Clinton. Cutting taxes for the wealthy and "balancing" them with cuts to services for the neediest is not something a civilized society should be doing.

If they're serious about the debt, and they're not, they'd raise those taxes.

This would be funny if not so sad. The 2017 tax cuts had non effect on individuals making \$115,000 and below however corporations and thier executives saw hugh growths in income. Now round 2 trump tax cuts about to happen again. Even more corporate and give aways to the rich. They use terms/phrases in the media like government waste, federal employees work from home is bad, department of education is failing, debt ceiling is to high. Now that they are cutting everything. Instead of paying down the debt "because that was so important" in their new budget they slashed government, raised the debt ceiling and give out massive tax cuts. So we are losing government services, adding more to the debt, to pay for corporations and rich people tax cuts. Did you really vote for this?

I don't know why people could not see the obvious. We subsidize the rich, the enormous tax write-offs for the elites, by eliminating taxes, and subsidize/replace these lost funds, it by replacing the direct taxes with "tariff" fees (which we, the public, pay). Fortunately, I can absorb this but there are going to be plenty of people who it is going to hurt (and based on income levels it is going to be Trump supporters). Karma is certainly a B.

Follow the blueprint of what Pres Clinton and Robert Reich instituted in the late 90s. It produced a surplus instead of a deficit.

The GOP is going to add trillions to the deficit to give the likes of Bezos, Musk, Zuckerberg and Trump tax cuts while raising our taxes and cutting programs we rely on. It's almost hilarious, but we're all going to suffer.

It is a crucial step in sponsoring President Trumps "Billionaires First" policy he is mandated to do by barely winning an election.

Our debt is too high to afford tax cuts for the wealthy.

Let's think about this... A person is deep in debt, but is working two jobs. The Republican solution is the quit the other job and just work one job.

How is that a solution to get out of debt???

I am old, I still use old school math. Can someone tell me about this new math, where you have a 2 Trillion cut in spending, and a 4.5 trillion reduction in revenue, and how this will reduce the federal deficit ? And the cuts in spending come from people that make around \$50 a day, and the tax cuts go to people that make \$5000 or \$15000 a day ?????

This is my 40th year in public education, first as a School Psychologist until retirement, and now as a special education paraprofessional. In all of those years, in all of those classrooms, NOT ONCE have I seen teachers "brainwash" or "indoctrinate" students. Teachers are too busy meeting the standards in math, science, language arts, social studies, technology, art, music, etc. to be bogged down with some sort of "indoctrination." That is my individual experience. My mother spent 28 years at the front of a public-school classroom and then spent 3 years teaching at the college level. She had over 200 hours of college credit as well as a master's degree. She was certified all levels in three different subjects. My paternal grandmother spent 52 years at the front of a public-school classroom. She also had a master's degree. They were both highly educated and dedicated teachers trying their best to make education available to their students. The biggest offender in the "indoctrination" game that I've noticed is the guy who persuaded his followers to attack the Capitol because he lost an election by 7 million votes. His followers bought into his lies. But hey, in Trump's own words: "I love the uneducated." They're likely easier to fleece.

This is heartbreaking for students with disabilities. Until you have a child with disabilities you may not understand the difficulties families face obtaining help and assistance. These kids are going to fall into the cracks and what is worse, this is coming from the party that is pro-life. What kind of life are you creating for these kids with these choices.?

Vaccines bad. Education bad. Daddy Trump pictures for our home is all we need.

This is perfect example of the need for term limits. If these individuals do not have to worry about re-election, they could vote their personal beliefs. No term limits is what is tearing this country apart.

The big problem with food now is cutting food inspections! Where people are dying because the government isn't protecting us with basic health and safety and looking at plants where they package food. He's talking about flouride in a study where they are giving you many times the amount anyone would ever get in drinking water. If you don't like vaccines, cool, don't take them, just leave the rest of us alone. It would be good if you all got a room together too.

Will we be changing the name of the Gulf of California? Also will the Northern Hemisphere change to the American hemisphere?

Trump's a two bit TV Star that was elected for his vulgarity.

Once again, if you elect a clown, expect a circus. What's next, renaming all of the oceans after his psychotic children? Renaming the moon and planets in our solar system? This man is seriously demented. Hoping that he is unable to finish his term under whatever circumstances. The world would be a better place without the giant Cheeto.

I blame the maga crowd for his winning the election. Trump has power because they gave him the power. We Americans talk negatively about the politicians but they are a reflection of us. This is what happens when you make decisions based on fear, prejudice, hate and the political party. As a result, logical thinking takes a back seat.

Will this sad long nightmare ever end, as a senior citizen I never thought I'd look forward to the prospect of leaving this earth but watching this sad sad excuse moving throughout these past three weeks it's certainly not something I will have missed. Only sad part is how history will report the tragedy.

I am so happy he did this for us. The price of eggs and gas is dropping as we speak. The federal deficit no longer exists. Everything in this country is manufactured here by people who are earning good money and have great health insurance plans. We are getting rid of the low lifes that process our meat and farm our vegetables. They are leaving those good jobs to true U.S.

citizens. No more silly inspectors making sure our food, water, infrastructure are working properly. No more watchdogs to protect consumers because they just raise prices. We will see wrestling and cage fights as part of the arts. No more stupid woke music. We are in our golden age.

P.S. If you believe any of this, send me a note. I have a bridge in Brooklyn for sale real cheap. blue collar non educated conspiracy minded republicans elected trump. Now the realization that America 2.0 will result in massive unemployment, no federal government, no federal law enforcement, inflation so high resulting in a great depression.

Not to nitpick, but the majority of those who voted, NOT the majority of the people in the U.S., voted for him. Out of 245 million eligible voters, he got 77 million votes. Millions stayed home. And I bet a lot of them now regret that decision.

By not voting, they voted for him.

Trump said Wednesday it is a "Great Honor" to serve as chair of the Kennedy Center's board of trustees, writing on social media, "We will make The Kennedy Center a very special and exciting place!"

Can't wait for that "America Commemorates Kid Rock" celebration.

The Kennedy Center was already a very special venue that has now been lessened by his mere presence

He fires everyone, installs a puppet board, which installs him as director, then claims it's a great honor to lead it? What part of this is not an authoritarian move that would be normal in Putin's Russia? Look at what we are becoming!!!

Personally, I'm looking to the Melania nude revue! Yes, it will be great to see Melania back on stage doing what she does best! Bravo Trump!

Will the first performance be springtime for hisler and Germany?

My dog knows more about Physics than Trump knows about Arts and Culture. Waiting for the announcement that Trump has also appointed himself principal ballerina of the American Ballet Theater.

Trump's ego-driven takeover of The Kennedy Center doesn't bode well for American art and culture. I'm not a fortune teller, but I venture to guess that djt has a plan that goes something like this: Step One - Under the guise of cost cutting, neglect the Kennedy Center facility so it become a blight on the neighborhood; Step Two - Establish a public-private partnership to reuse of the site; Step Three - Declare site's sale to some offshore-registered corporation, and its repurposing as a condominium development and a hotel called "The Melania". Trump will be quoted as saying "We're going to take it. We're going to hold it. We're going to cherish it. It's going to become one of the greatest and most spectacular developments of its kind on Earth because America owns this part of the Earth, which is, by the way, surrounded by oceans of water. Very wet. But the hotel and luxury condos will be very dry although they'll have an unbelievable view overlooking the most beautiful part of the Potomac River which, by the way, I've ordered be renamed as "River Macleod," after my saint of a mother, Mary Anne Macleod."

Well dumbing down of America has started. A guy with 1 hit from 40 years ago is on the board, along with Trump. It is sad watching my country become Idiocracy the movie in real life.

Yes, the mistake that he's making is that the United States is a government of the people, not of one man. Musk can do that with his businesses, because he owns them, but our form of government isn't a dictatorship, all of which have failed. In a Republic, the power comes from us. The midterms are going to be interesting when the people speak.

But seriously, Trump's ignorance in letting this bozo run his show is just as ignorant. But come to think of it, Trump always has someone near him that he can blame when things go wrong. And trust, things will go wrong.

President Musk might be rich, and smart in some areas; but remember with his "condition" his maturity level is a 10 y/o craving attention., with no impulse control. And the fact is, if ALL Federal workers were gone, that only accounts for 4% of the budget. Go after those \$900 toilets and other pork, esp in the Pentagon.

We lost influence across the globe the moment Trump took office. Half of the world is laughing at him and the other half are laughing at the people who elected him.

“...Hegseth's critics say the remarks amounted to the United States giving up its leverage in negotiations with Russia before they even started, in what they described as a major victory for Russian President Vladimir Putin..” And the critics are 100% correct. This action is also showing every country that we have given promises to that a promise made by the United States isn't worth the paper it was written on. Thanks MAGA. There was a time when a man's (person's) word was his honor, a handshake was enough, I guess the days of honor are long gone. Thanks trump, convicted criminal that you are.

The vision is pretty clear. The working class should work more years and sacrifice any pretense that their jobs should be safe in the name of increasing corporate profits.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Senate confirms RFK Jr. as Health and Human Services secretary.”

News of the Surreal (for Real): “States with abortion bans had an even higher than expected infant death rate.”

John Moret: Sadly reached that point. ;( Unemployment, followed by welfare. Contacted the LCS. Selling 25 longboxes (Approx. 200 comics/box = 5000 comics) for \$4000.

It happens, I've lost everything in a fire, built it back up, went broke, lost a job and had to sell almost all of it to stay afloat. Now I'm starting to rebuild for a third time.

I am sorry dude, however I don't think you will be alone by the summer. I would suggest maybe taken some of the key issues out and maybe get more money that way.

I went to Trader Joe's and got white wine Pinot Grigio and Trader Joe's flowers for Lisa and her mother for Valentine's Day.

2-14-25

Mandy Cook: Is everyone sick of seeing my posts yet? Because I'm sick of posting. I really am. Last summer, I realized that a lot of folks didn't keep up on current events - they don't watch or read the news and I get it. It's depressing. Or they do watch the news and it's propaganda, opinion-based lectures under the guise of “news”.

I'm not continuously posting because I want to argue. I'm doing it because this is a critical moment for our country. November's election was make-or-break, and it broke. I don't know what comes next, but I know it's not good. The damage done over the last three weeks will take decades to repair.

And if you're a trump supporter, here's the truth: You'll never see even one of the promises you were made become fulfilled. He got your vote—that's all he needed. Now, he's done with you. You are disposable to him, a means to an end. Prepare to hear day after day that he is fighting corruption and of course you didn't see that thing that you saw with your own eyes, ie, Elon's Nazi salute or the January 6th insurrection.

You can hide my posts and I'll never know. You don't have to read or interact or be annoyed. I feel the need to share things, because as a melancholy introvert, I am already shoulder deep in this... stuff.

I am just trying to do my tiny part as an American who lives in a democracy (for now) and share information as I gather it. I really love this country and my heart breaks everyday. I can't share everything because there's simply not enough time. And I have paintings to paint.

That was a long way of saying: sorry if you're sick of my posts but really too bad because I'm not stopping anytime soon because this is a pivotal moment in our country's history and i love this place and trump sucks and elon is a nazi and just kindly unfollow me if you don't wanna see my posts. Thanks.

Garth Pringle: I actually had a long talk with my therapist about social media and posts in this era of governmental tumult. Studies have shown that as much as we want them to, our posts don't really do much more than make ourselves feel useful or active for a brief moment. I'm not saying this to try to deter you from doing what you're doing; I like to be informed. But, at the same time, my mental health can't swim in this pool of muck that we now find ourselves in constantly. Part of me hates myself for admitting that, because that seems to come from a place of privilege to even be able to "check out" here and there. But I do have a child, and myself, on the spectrum. Both of my kids are gay. So we do have a household of marginalized folks that could very well be harmed by this administration. Not to mention my wife the school teacher. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I commend you for being you, but I gotta step back now and then or I will quite literally go insane. Stay safe out there, my friend.

A Microsoft employee wrote on Blind that a friend from Meta was told to "find someone" to let go even though everyone was performing at or above expectations. "All of these layoffs this year are payback for 2021–2022," they wrote. "Execs were terrified of the power workers had [at] that time and saw the offers and pay at that time [are] unsustainable. Best way to stop that is put the fear of god back in the workers.."

"It's so sad. Don't even know who to trust at this point," wrote one Meta employee. Another commented that they knew someone with five years of exceeding expectations who was fired, claiming that "managers abused the system to fire people they simply do not like."

One thing that all employees need to understand is that there is no reciprocal relationship in employment. You can spend 25 years doing great things for company, and they will dump you without a second thought.

Being in high tech for 40 plus years, layoffs are part of the cycle. Bottom line in any business is money and profit. However, when one door closes , new door opens. First time getting laid off is never a good feeling, especially you got box your stuff be escorted out by security. After going through this few times, I always got something better after. Being on short term and long term disability there are laws for protection, but companies will find ways around it. Days of being loyal to companies long past since my father's generation and my start of my working life. Always keep your resume ready and keep you network of connections ready. No matter a contract or full time employee, nothing is forever.

Even my deceased EE father, born 1929, saw this type of thing after the lunar exploration program shut down in the early 1970s. He was able to get another job within Grumman Aerospace. He took an early buyout to avoid being laid off as Grumman prepared to merge withNorthrop. He saw the writing on the wall. When AT&T was breaking up into Lucent, I was one of the first rats to leave the sinking ship for a startup. A second startup I joined closed down when the dotcom bubble burst in the early 2000s, outsourced myself to Japan, then Hong Kong,

now Taiwan. This was not in my life plan, I am going with the flow. But it's definitely not new. Good luck to all affected by the recent layoffs .

Notice how taxing the billionaires is never on the table?

... Tesla paid ZERO dollars in federal taxes, on billions of dollars in profit.

Time zones are so weird. In Iceland it is 10pm. In Mexico it is 3pm. In the USA it is 1930s Germany.

If they abolish the dept of education, does that wipe my student loans?

Every single last one of his picks are HORRIFIC

**A Wrestling promoter's wife for the Secretary of Education.**

Our country is currently at a 3-way intersection between 1984, The Handmaid's Tale, and Idiocracy.

As a retired teacher,

I am disgusted.

Impeach Trump and Vance, imprison the rabid muskrat.

The bizarre audacity of rewarding a traitor with power instead of prison. Impeach Imprison. Shameful

United States, you have a huge problem..

They claim to love America yet seem hell bent on fundamentally changing every single aspect of it.

**I'd wouldn't surprise me if they start burning books**

Linda McMahon is the definition of MAGA's hated DEI, diversity which accounts for white women too, and the new form when it comes to the orange man in chief's picks, Didn't Earn It. Stop saying as an American you are embarrassed. Do something. Go out and protest.

Americans...let your voices be heard at how upset you are with the Trump administration and don't let Fox entertainment and Trump do your talking for you. Refuse to be silenced!

**Vance needs to be removed he's unfit and unqualified to be VP, I would have removed his ass from the Conference**

JD was reading a prepared speech by the Heritage foundation. It's so obvious.

America is sinking. What an embarrassment.

I never thought I would ever hear American politicians speaking in support of Russia and against their allies like this. It's so obvious who is benefitting from this division in the West.

**The level of stupidity and incompetence of Vance is just awful.**

Stand up to the dictators!!!!

I thought Trump was peaceful President, I thought day one was going to be beautiful. So far all of our allies are turning away because of Trump, Veterans are having benefits taken, Social Security going away, Medicaid gone, medicare on the block, Food for kids gone, food for the elderly gone. So the right to life group could care less. My conscience is clear, I didnt vote for a criminal, a convict, a felon, even though I to may suffer, my conscience is clear. I am 67 years old, a 100% disabled Veteran, A patriot, I have lived a good life, honest, and will with my life speak out on this corruption.

Most Americans were misled by djt marketing points. he started building his plan back in his first term, elected all the judges he could, gathered all his team, then, marketed all the weak points from the previous administration which in fact were inherited from djt lack of leadership with covid 19 economic results. as the article states djt likes lower interest rates since he is always borrowing or lower int decreases his debt. but managing or administering a country is different. USA economy is a different spectrum. there are so many variables influencing the usa

economy. if China sneezes, USA gets the flu, Mexico the cold, and Canada, stomach virus etc etc.

Eventually I expect a lot of people to wake up and realize they've been conned and lied to. If you expected grocery prices to drop, you've been conned. If you thought any war was going to end day 1, you've been conned. If you knew he was blowing smoke but voted for him anyway, you deserve what's coming your way. Higher prices for everything, and your taxes will not go down. Trump appears to be forgetting the main agenda he campaigned on which is to lower inflation IMMEDIATELY. He and his maga followers were intend on pointing out and criticizing Biden over inflation, yet now they seem to go radio silent. Now it is your golden opportunity to right the wrong you declared on your rallies. Take action and stop deflecting.

Excuse me!? Russia values free speech? And it's okay for belligerent countries to interfere with elections but not okay for judges to call BS on such interference? Neither Vance not tRump can be held "to an appropriately high standard". U.S. elections are still being manipulated by Russia, whether tRump trusts them or not. No wonder our allies are turning their backs on us.

And because we are a nation of stupid children, we elected a 5-year old to take over and do what all 5-year olds do, break things without having any idea of how to put them back together again. MAGA would call their alleged Messiah Jesus a woke terrorist and crucify him again.

They've entered their death spiral phase. Didn't turn out well for a population -- the Germans -- the last time this happened on such a wide scale.

Big big problem in the 2nd Trump term. All yes men and absolutely zero diplomacy. That level of politics might work in America but on the world scale.... We look more and more like adversaries rather than allies

And here we go, right on queue, the Trump regime destabilizing the remaining democracies. Given that America is now an "Axis" power in this cycle, *allies* of the Russian and Chinese autocracies, the other NATO powers need to make plans to withstand the attacks that are going to come at them from the Russian, Chinese, and American "Axis" autocracies.

Lying isn't an alternative viewpoint.

JD Vance says Europe is "censoring" people, yet has no issue with Trump looking to ban AP from media briefings for the White House just for defying what the name of the Gulf of Mexico is.

That type of censorship apparently is fine.

We are in big trouble.

"The English Channel is now the Fox 'News' Channel" That rolls off the tongue like Red, White, and Blueland!

Trump is also renaming the Kennedy Center to the Hannity Center.

Donald Trump calling anyone "stupid people" is mighty rich. Bro was calling TikTok "Tic-Tac." "I better use some Tic Tacs just in case I start kissing her. You know, I'm automatically attracted to beautiful—I just start kissing them."

National embarrassment.

True Americans are so sorry to Canadians and the rest of the world. There is a majority of voters that did not want Trump or republicans in congress. Sadly, many bought the non stop republican misleading news rhetoric and lies or just stayed home. Our low-income citizens have no clue what they did. I hope we can make some corrections in 2026,

I thought Trump was peaceful President, I thought day one was going to be beautiful. So far all of our allies are turning away because of Trump, Veterans are having benefits taken, Social Security going away, Medicaid gone, Medicare on the block, Food for kids gone, food for the elderly gone. So the right to life group could care less. My conscience is clear, I didn't vote for a criminal, a convict, a felon, even though I to may suffer, my conscience is clear. I am 67 years old, a 100% disabled Veteran, A patriot, I have lived a good life, honest, and will with my life speak out on this corruption.

Vance says one thing, Trump says something different. It's part of Trump's management style. Or lack thereof. He doesn't take the effort to get everybody on the same page. He expects them to defend his actions.

Just raise the tax rate and tax cut off point, problem solved. Why not? They seem to be able to raise everything else but. Oh BTW, the threshold to tax a single person's social security is \$25k. If they indexed that to inflation, it would be around \$74.3k today. So much for equity and fairness.

Congress will NEVER fix Social Security. Musk and Trump will burn it down and privatize it. Like GW Bush tried. Now they have both houses of congress, the supreme court, and ignore any laws of the nation.

There are people who would love to have more kids but can't. Middle class people are too busy working to pay the governments bills as well as their own. Now soon we will be losing resources & agencies that we pay for, so the wealthy can get more tax breaks...

Musk's policies will contribute to population decline as he slashes the middle class to give money to the ultra wealthy and secure federal contracts for his companies. Few people will be able to afford to have children and will be more pessimistic about the future for humanity.

Who could have imagined an alcoholic, with a history of bad behavior, a former faux news talking head, with no experience, education or training to manage and lead a large complex organization be "placed" in a Federal Department that protects the homeland.

I'm still fascinated by the number of MAGA war fighters here who love their dear leader who never served his country while getting many deferments during a time of the draft that sent many to injury and death.

As Sun Tzu said in The Art of War, "an evil man will burn his nation to the ground to rule over the ashes."

First, I am an independent, thus no skin in the game! I understand we are all products of our environment! It is my understanding that wages and employment are different in the South! There are significant economic differences between the North and the South, including differences in manufacturing, agriculture, and wealth distribution. In my mind a lot of MAGA is from the south! Thus, Trump is continuing the model of Plantation owner vs other work in the south. The South had low wages, low taxes, few regulations on businesses, and few labor protections. The South had a weak safety net and opposition to unions. The South had high rates of personal debt, which led to lower levels of taxation and government spending. The South had widespread illiteracy. The ironic part is they think Trump is going to improve their lives, wait for AI to take away their current jobs!

Elections have consequences, particularly when one votes for a criminal. Regrettably for the inhabitants of Huntsville, it appears that they are about to experience what Musk referred to as "short term pain" sans any further description regarding the depth and breadth of that "pain," Perhaps Sen Britt, armed with her crucifix, can intervene effectively on their behalf.

The convicted criminal Trump is 78 years old, probably has memory lapses, cognitive problems, also is and has been a con man, cheat, tax fraud, a big racist, women assaulter for decades in NY. But the problem with these MAGA Republicans is that they also believe Trump is Jesus and vote for the felon blindly. In spite of all these it is also inhuman by criminal Trump and his sidekick crazy Musk to cut seniors benefits like Medicaid, Medicare, and social security.

MAGA types hate government, but they love getting their bridges and roads repaired, clean air, water, and a safe food supply. They love their Social Security and Medicare. And many in red states are dependent on welfare. I guess their assumption is that cuts will only affect "those people" - everyone they don't like.

For sure it's caught the eyes of their Congressional Senators who had been gleeful of Blue States getting pummeled by tump, BUT were the FIRST to SQUEAL LIKE A PIG when they found out they were going to get hurt WORSE with the cuts because they are on the sucking end of the teat from the Federal MONEY trough. Sorry, either you DID vote for tump and you knew what he said, or your vote was changed from JB to dumberthanhell. but 30%?? you knew.

I know that living in Oklahoma where our Governor is M.A.G.A and what we're seeing is a complete mess and those that voted for Trump are in danger. I do hope that these people suffer, and many will lose their jobs in the Federal arena as that is what these people wanted.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump officials fired nuclear staff not realizing they oversee the country's weapons stockpile, sources say."

2-16-25

On Tuesday one of the suppliers I work with put part of their product line on 'Hold order' status and removed pricing from their board. On Wednesday another supplier of a related line sent a 'tariff update' that they had imposed a 10% price increase across the line. On Thursday the first supplier put pricing back up at a 50%+ price increase with limited product showing available. These prices will flow down to everybody in the US. That's the nature of the business.

The next steps will be having the supply chains screech to a halt and retaliatory tariffs kick in, just like his last term, only this time it's 100% Trump's own doing.

This is going to get very ugly, very fast.

As I said when he got elected. Just let him play his games & that will be the Repubs downfall in the future elections.

trump has kicked thousands of people to the American curb as if they were trash. no offers for other positions, no concern for their families, their children. Change is important as long as it is done with empathy and education. trump and maga are the stench that suffocates us all and they show us all daily, that they do not care what happens to Americans.

So far a lot of the so-called corruption has been based on lies so elimination of staff is being used to create monetary cuts to this administration can justify a big fat tax cut for the 1%. Show me the corruption. Saying that there is waste isn't enough. Leaving the poor and helpless to starve so the wealthy can have a tax cut is unacceptable. Cutting education benefits for the disabled is unacceptable. Cutting Medicaid and Medicare or Social Security is unacceptable all so the upper 1 percent can line their pockets is unacceptable.

Trump increasingly resembles a monster — a creature that's extremely powerful and dangerous and is inflicting extraordinary harm on human beings.

Elon Musk is also behaving like a monster. JD Vance is a baby monster in waiting.

Last I checked, we were supposed to have three separate branches of the legislature, not one branch sweeping their arm and arbitrarily trashing the government just because. I think I can

safely say that most, if not all Americans want to see government spending curtailed. But, to sweep into government office with a bunch of 20 somethings, spending only days "determining" that everyone has to go without truly understanding what their job was to begin with is not curtailing. It's reckless cleansing, for lack of a better word. They are making a determination to cut congressional-approved spending, illegally, I might add, aka tossing the baby out with the bath water. Let's see what happens within the next few months, but I strongly suspect this country will slide down an even darker hole, possibly with little or no return. Is that what you really voted for?

Characteristics That Reveal Someone Is Actually Evil  
Reveling In Other People's Misfortune  
Unnecessary Cruelty And Meanness  
Habitual Dishonesty  
Lack Of Remorse  
Lack Of Responsibility  
Lack Of Loyalty  
Manipulative Behavior  
Disregard Of Boundaries  
Belittling Attitude  
Spreading Confusion and Conflict  
Sadistic Pleasure in Causing Pain  
Extreme Selfishness  
Persistent Violation of Social Norms  
Intense Jealousy and Envy  
Chronic Anger and Hostility  
Exploitation of Others for Personal Gain  
Inability to Form Deep Emotional Bonds  
Tendency to Blame Others for Personal Failures  
Persistent Lying for Personal Advantage  
Lack of Empathy and Compassion  
Engaging in Criminal or Unethical Activities  
Extreme Narcissism and Grandiosity  
Tendency to Create and Thrive in Chaotic Situations  
Refusal to Accept Criticism or Challenge  
Frequent Intimidation and Bullying  
Deliberate Violation of Others' Rights  
Persistent Aggressiveness or Provocation  
Tendency to Rationalize or Justify Harmful Actions  
Inclination to Engage in Vengeful Behaviors  
Displaying a Pattern of Deceit and Manipulation  
remind you of someone??

"It's not a stretch to say that Democrats could end up being needed to pass a bill they abhor to avoid a catastrophic collapse entirely not of their making—but within their power to avert."

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It would be a mistake to do so, in my opinion. First of all, "catastrophic" is a relative term. Nuclear war is catastrophic, defaulting on the bills is merely unfortunate. Let Republicans sink or swim under their own power, and if America is a diminished nation after being under Republicans stewardship, if America can't pay the bills and has its' credit rating downgraded--so be it.

It is, as Trump likes to remind everyone, the will of the people! Trump won the popular mandate! If Democrats save Republicans from doing real damage to the nation, voters won't remember that, they may end up rewarding Republicans at election.

America chose Republicans and their plans, let America suffer those consequences--and maybe the next time, Democrats will win the election.

You know what they are proposing right now? Obviously, massive tax cuts for the wealthy....increasing taxes for single parents, for students who win scholarships and home owners.

A lot of middle class did not really benefit from the tax cuts..which were really just a deferment, mind you.... and he gave permanent tax cuts to the wealthy...not you..not anyone else..just the ultra wealthy. That should tell you a lot about where his priorities lie..

Like he said, in one of his few moments of honesty, "I don't care about you. I just want your vote."

Wait until 2026, when everyone making under 300k sees their taxes go up by thousands, while those over 300k will pay TENS OF THOUSANDS LESS. That was the plan when the tax cut bill went into effect in his first term. Now they want to give the rich even more breaks and not

extend them to the working class. The massive deficit that will be created will fall once again back on the middle class.

I think most of the MAGA followers will demand Trump keep his promises at some point. It's way too early to change their minds - mainly because they agree with Trump brain washing ideologies pushing generalities in the form of false narratives (deep state, corrupt government, great replacement vs DEI, etc). In their world the economy is not the stock market but is their pay check to pay check life style and expectation that Trump is going to lower the cost of living, bring back factories/good jobs, deport foreigners who are job takers/criminals. Right now they are still angry at any notion Trump will fail - and still blame Biden/Dems. But given Tariffs layoffs and other changes Trump is making.

So he is firing government workers left and right to save money but he is attending sporting events costing taxpayers millions. Can one of you maga explain this to me because it makes absolutely no sense.

We just elected a man who has already been granted partial immunity by the Supreme Court from criminal prosecution for any "official acts" committed in office. He was able to successfully get his criminal cases postponed until after the election at which point he could potentially be able to pardon himself from some. He incited an insurrection when he didn't win the last election that resulted in 6 deaths, and was still somehow able to run again. He has often made remarks admiring the "strength" of authoritarian figures. And he has literally said in one of his speeches that after this election "you won't have to vote again, we'll have it fixed so good you won't have to vote again

I thought he was getting rid of unnecessary spending???

And here he is again spending unnecessary money to attend an event

4th trip to Florida in 4 weeks. One rally. One football game, Invited all the Republicans in Congress to Florida at taxpayer expense. And now this. But then, he has president Musk to do the dirty work as outlined in Project 2025 of firing government employees and replacing them all with trump loyalists.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Julianne Moore in 'Great Shock' After Donald Trump Bans Her Children's Book 'Freckleface Strawberry' From Schools: 'I Can't Help But Wonder What Is So Controversial'."

2-17-25

Trump won the popular vote because the majority of Americans thought harming the other guy was more important than freedoms, democracy or the economy.

The funny part is they're harming themselves more than anyone. It is rural America that is more dependent on the federal government than any where else.

only maga math would have a 1.5% margin of the total vote a landslide..

Bottom line is that if those are the terms, the EU/UK and Ukraine will not accept them, no matter how much Trump blusters (and I'm generally a supporter of his). A country that did not lose the war or start the war should not be the one paying reparations. It makes me sick that Russia might actually be allowed to benefit from their naked aggression and that the murder of tens of thousands of innocent Ukrainians by Putin will go unpunished.

Are we great yet, because I've been nothing but embarrassed and appalled by the attempt by King Musk and his Orange Jester Trump, to make the Nazi Party rule the USA.

This is no peace plan. Trump is enabling Russia and its aggressive and destructive agenda. The benefit will go strictly to Russia. This is not right and its time that Congress does its job in practicing and enforcing checks and balances.

I'm not saying we should stop the search for fraud, but MUSK and his hacker boy bands aren't the ones to do it! Musk is going in and claiming fraud against anything he doesn't like. Do we really want his hacker boy band to have access to user personal information, user credit cards, user bank account information?

Trump wants to: 1) Steal Greenland 2) Take over the Panama Canal 3) Take over and develop Gaza 4) Steal natural resources from Ukraine in order to stop Russia from bombing them. 5) And abandon our NATO allies. This is what Making America Great Again looks like. America has never been like this before. This is pure evil.

Trump trying to surrender, like he did in Afghanistan.

2-18-25

This is what trump pulled in Afghanistan; he gave in to the Taliban. If Russia doesn't leave Ukraine and pay reparations then there can be no peace. The only fair way to end this is for Russia to return all lands to Ukraine, Back to the creation of Ukraine.

If you can't see the comparisons to 1933-34 Germany with not only the way he operates, but also the blind faith and fervent idolization of those following him, then truly history shall repeat itself.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Republican introduces bill to make Trump's birthday a federal holiday."

It should be a national day of mourning.

All the problems in our country right now and this is how they are spending their time in congress. At least wait until the next 4 years plays out before giving any public building his name. Let's see if it really turns into the golden age of USA or the downfall of our country. And please don't suggest naming anything at after Musk

Well. It's official. Congress has completely given up any pretense of being an actual functioning arm of the government.

Really? Can't do anything useful about inflation or infrastructure? Too busy land grabbing and renaming bodies of water? What a waste of taxpayers' money. There's something DOGE needs to address, not my tax return info.

First of all, it's a bit too soon to decide if a national holiday is warranted. Maybe give it 25 or 50 years to pass judgement on the outcome of a presidency.

Second, I did not realize that the Republican party was running a competition to see who can get their nose farthest up Trump's backend. In any case, good luck to all the competitors.

Google: Historical rankings of presidents of the United States. Wikipedia pulls together groups of presidential historians and puts their rankings into an interactive format. The latest one is by the APSA (American Political Science Association). Obama-7th best, Kennedy-10th, Clinton-12th, Biden-14th, Reagan-16th, HW Bush-19th, Carter-22nd, W Bush-32nd, Nixon-35th, Trump-last at 45th.

Give me a break! It wouldn't be a holiday more like a day of grieving the loss of our democracy. And renaming Greenland to Red, White, and Blueland??🤔. How can we name something that isn't even part of the United States? Even if we could, that's the best of Republican creativity? Idiocracy. So when Trump says he loves the uneducated, he actually wasn't lying. First honest thing he's ever said.

Don't proclaim this as "the golden age" just yet. It's only been a month and it's more like the age of chaos 2.0.

The things he's definitively done since getting reelected after a largely inconsequential first term:

- Unsuccessfully attempt to start a fight with Taylor Swift on Twitter
- Threaten tariffs on Twitter and not follow through
- Instruct Vance to tell Europe we are not their allies anymore
- Fire government employees without realizing what they do and then try to rehire them
- Weapons the Justice Department after running a campaign saying he would end the weaponization of the Justice Department
- Pardon hundreds of insurrectionists
- Drop charges against the mayor of NYC in exchange for freedom to send ICE there
- Empower a private citizen to take meetings in the Oval Office, fire citizens, and view tax records of citizens.

Prices are up, inflation is up, approval ratings are plummeting, and he wants a holiday?

These sycophants are literally out of their minds. This is out of control. I'm actually disgusted by this.

Free speech is ok until they don't like it. They are pursuing charges against AOC.

"Represents the biggest line item in the federal budget"

NO, it does not, the money belongs to the working people of your country and does not affect the budget in any way, the program is self-supporting, and it pays for all items to run it. It would not be in financial trouble if Washington would keep their greedy hands off of it.

Remember project 2025. It's in full operation and no Republican has the spine to stop it. We are in full dictator mode without any guardrails or accountability.

These fraudsters are like magicians, you pay attention to one hand while the other ransacks your wallet.

If they seek attention here, careful where you don't pay attention to.

He's like a kid in a candy store. He's just dabbling. He has no connection to the impact he is having on so many lives. Does change need to happen?? Yes. First and foremost, we need to reform congress, because they are useless. They are not performing even their primary tasks. Some checks and balances are needed to allow agency heads to re-visit some reductions to preclude back outcomes. Allowing a person (or a privileged few) to make such far reaching decisions is a catastrophe waiting to happen, with far reaching and long term affect.

I get Medicaid because I'm disabled not because I wanted it. However, I do still work for my local state College as well as much I can with my Disability and I'm happy that they work with me as well, but this is a no go for many Americans.

I have a friend who had a high paying job with the railroad. He and his wife got pregnant but mom died during delivery of a pulmonary embolism. The child was born with severe cerebral palsy. Non verbal, non-mobile. Child requires a feeding tube and until recently, a respirator to breath. The cost of regular daycare is exorbitant but there is NO DAYCARE for medically fragile children. Medicaid will not pay for an in home nurse, nor will it pay for residential/skilled nursing care. So what is he suppose to do? Leave his kid alone during the day while he works? There is NO ALTERNATIVE.

The republicans only care about the unborn. Once they're out of the womb it's ok to throw them to the lions because they're too expensive to take care of.

It all has to do with prices going through the roof. The paychecks are okay but the prices keep going up on everything including healthcare and that affects people's paychecks. Right now I'm

not buying a medicine I need because it is just too expensive and the insurance won't pay much for it. I guess it must be made of solid gold with diamonds and rubies on it.

Without a Ukraine or European officials at the table this is nothing but political theater. Why should Ukraine Give up anything, they were the ones attacked by Russia? Just felon47 looking to score points with Vlad. Look how low have we gone in such a short period.

If Trump was president during WW II, Europe would be under German control.

MAGAs only imagined the woke to be the ones who'll lose their jobs. They never imagined that the VA, Social Security and Medicare would be in the chopping block, but the rest of us all knew this would happen. These are consequences.

I just don't get the choices for the cuts. There's 100's of billions of dollars of defense industry waste, contract waste, and unnecessary defense programs. And Trump drops a small, \$40 billion critical humanitarian aid program because a \$100,000 or \$200,000 are spent on DEI programs that he doesn't like. No wonder China is spreading its influence around the world.

2-19-25

If upheld, this executive order means the president could directly control agencies that were meant to remain neutral. The ordinary citizen loses protections because regulations will no longer be enforced based on law and expertise but rather political priorities.

While some Americans may support a particular administration's use of this power, the real danger is that once this precedent is set, future presidents can expand it further, regardless of political party. It fundamentally shifts the U.S. toward a more centralized executive government, which is historically how democratic institutions erode.

A country is only as good as the process for choosing its leaders, we strayed so far from our normal process of choosing our leaders because admitting to sexual assault was once disqualifying, lying about a rigged election was once disqualifying, intimidating election officials was once disqualifying and inciting an insurrection was once disqualifying. If we allow this all to become the norm then what do you think will happen to our great country, gaining power as an authoritarian is the easy part, holding on to power requires a brutality that no American is prepared for.

Remember back in 2016 when he promised on Day One he would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act? Then in 2020 he promised he would do it in his second term. In 2024 he said he had "the concept of a plan" for making it happen. He has a history of making promises he can't/won't keep. Those who will not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Just listen to his worshippers say he keeps ALL his promises. He only one he kept was a reduction of taxes on high earners and corporations. Many of us middle class taxpayers paid more (no kids, no mortgage) My brother, a rabid Trumper, complained bitterly about taxes but blamed it on his tax accountant, not the tax laws.

Trump operates in a reality that bears very little resemblance to the one the rest of us live in. HOW he got elected is a mystery to me. The man wouldn't know the truth if it jumped up and bit him..... And he is going to be president for four years..... Will our country survive??

Same thing that happened with Afghanistan, not included with discussions, Trump ordered them to release 5000+ taliban fighters (the fighters did agree to not attack American troops and trump naively believed). Trump negotiated the withdraw (military later delayed in an effort to keep chaos from erupting) but chaos was assured with trump's deal. So the failure was written by Trump from the start no matter how he tried to twist the truth, the unfortunate deaths of US personnel were of his making.

So does anyone really believe the same won't happen with Trump having a personnel agenda in Ukraine. Zelenskyy needs to put together his own coalition with UE leaders and tell Donnie to.....

Total federal payroll is \$271 Billion. Firing every federal employee would only get 1/4 of a way to Musk's \$1 T goal. When I ran budgeting for a large corporation, we had a saying that you can't cut your way to prosperity. If they were truly serious about cutting the deficit, they would be looking to raise taxes, not lower them.

It's very simple-minded to just talk about the money saved without even thinking about the effects the cuts might have on the people the agencies have been set up to serve. Simple-minded solutions invariably lead to worse problems.

Sad how many people choose to be ruled, rather than governed.

Well...too many people ignored the "liberal" media when they said Trump will try and be a dictator. They got that one right. Of course you can say he's just joking around but this is truly what he wants. He is already taking leaps towards giving himself all the power and he isn't even hiding this.

2-20-25

Trump is supposed to be a good negotiator so why does he keep strengthening Russia's bargaining power?

Reagan (and all his predecessors) drew a hard line with Russia, which is why the Iron Curtain eventually fell.

Never thought I'd see a U.S President siding with Russia, especially after they invaded another country.

So Trump is the one doing the trash talking about Zelenskyy and Vance is saying Ukraine's push back to that is unhelpful? Trump is just unhappy that Zelenskyy is pushing back, didn't sign on to his mineral deal outright, and is exposing Trump for his power trip petulance. Does something need to be done? Sure. But Trump's approach is not the way.

He has already completed a "border wall"; a wall that blocks the truth. This behavior is unbelievable for the leader of the free world. Trump needs to be removed from office before he starts WWII, another US Civil War or both. I'm sure this post will be rejected, though most human beings will agree.

Everybody describes Trump as "transactional" in everything he does; so I suspect that Putin offered Trump Ukrainian rare earth minerals once Russia is given Eastern Ukraine. So Trump then turned around to see if he could extract more minerals from Zelensky in a "better" deal. This is Trump playing with people's lives and the principle of democracy for dollars.

Well if you didn't believe Trump was a liar, now he's proven he's a world class liar. Next he'll be blaming the United States for starting that war.

As a former military employee, I can say the Military is extremely wasteful. All anyone of you commenters has to do is look up Military Surplus Sales. You will see brand new items from Generators to ATVs, to desks, weapons, copiers, etc., etc.

It's chaos and Musk and Trump care. They have conducted themselves this way in their business dealings. Government is not an institution built on business transactions. They are breaking our government and they have no plan to rebuild it and honestly the way they talk they don't even claim ownership to what they are doing. They scapegoat, they can't tell you who's really in charge when there's a problem but either claims they are running things when they think they did something right.... complete chaos. I have a nephew that broke 3 of my kid's Christmas toys

days after he got them. For years I had my kid put any expensive and favored toys up when his cousin came to visit. I learned my lesson, my kid too. Unfortunately a presidential term is longer than a kid has to the next Christmas. God help us.

"Making it up as they go." The very definition of how the so-called trump administration operated between 2016 and 2020. So how is what's going on now in any way different or surprising? Wait until the impact of the offices and agencies he's demolishing really hits home and those services end up badly needed.

Musk and trump are going to start a world war. Under Trump the United states is clearly on the side of Russia and the enemy of NATO. We will be out of NATO in 6 months and the most vulnerable we have ever been. That's when ISIS takes advantage.

Unemployment is on the rise, cost of groceries is on the rise, inflation is on the rise, gas prices are on the rise, cost of housing and interest rates are on the rise, number of countries that hate us is on the rise. Are we tired of winning yet?

But it's not Trump fault that unemployment is on the raise he has only fired about 25,000 federal workers so far - it's not his fault that gas and groceries prices are on the rise ever more just because he put in place tariffs. It's never Trump fault regardless -- as he is only out to make America great again regardless of much it hurts the average American

but the maga faithful who watch Fox Noise will be hearing what glorious steps trump is taking, propelling us all in the "Golden Age of America!" Propaganda will win out over facts when the target audience of maga folks don't care to hear the facts, and worship at the altar of trump.

2-21-25

It's time the Republican Party is put out of business. The cuts to programs that help the poor and middle class in order to give tax breaks that preferentially benefit the wealthy is unconscionable. It shows that they do not care for those who voted for them after they are in office. Time to vote everyone of them out of office at the next opportunity to send a loud, clear message.

Ukraine is the victim not the aggressor. Two, the mineral deal was very one sided and included no real promises of American support. Zylensky is right not to sign it in it's present as form. A real president would offer a revised deal in a meeting with President Zylensky, not a meeting with Putin.

This is the find out phase when you realize the government doesn't work as a corporation. And the money is there to benefit people and not just numbers. But people insist on voting republican and always hurting themselves.

If you voted for this monster I have no sympathy. Here's the difference between Republicans and democrats. Republicans will vote for somebody who treats other people horribly as long as they aren't affected. As soon as they are affected then it's got to stop right? Democrats on the other hand care about helping everyone besides themselves. It is a key difference between Democrats and Republicans and I have seen it in my family as well where they're living their la di da lives after voting for Trump thinking everything is great but you just wait until something affects them personally and they will say okay I was wrong this has to stop. Republicans are selfish and focused only on their own personal prosperity.

Not only are they vets, they're MAGA. And they're getting fired. The feds I've encountered are conscientious workers.

A large % of those vets voted for him. Either because they vote Republican no matter what, were all in for the discrimination parts (as long as it wasn't them) or they were fed up with Dems. They didn't bother to read Project 2025 which by the way Cliff notes at 25 and me. (Google 25

and me for project 2025 & you will need to scroll down to find the info. They are really trying to hide that site so people can't easily understand Project 2025. I can't put the link on here. Don't confuse it with 23 and me. It used to be easy to find but Google is making it harder). Or they thought he was just all talk. Now they are paying the biggest price by possibly losing everything. Many of my VN vet friends remain liberal, but some in my family are very far right. There is this America Strong line of thought that seems to devalue anyone not agreeing with them. I believe it also affects how they see disabled vets and others with disabilities, or simple citizens with problems. In the military they were tough winners and always think of them selves that way, with the rest of the nation held in disgust. They voted for Trump because they think he is strong, although a draft dodger. They will continue to support him, even if it means the disabled vets are discharged from federal jobs and lose benefits.

This is the direct result of those veterans and active duty personnel that betrayed their Oaths of Enlistment or that of their Commissions that they would defend the Constitution from all enemies, both foreign and domestic by voting for Trump. Fully knowing he is a convicted felon, a traitor and an aspiring dictator. Trump has never had any good to say about veterans, especially those that received disfiguring wounds or were captured. His daddy paid off a doctor to keep him out of Vietnam.

The negative numbers for Trump will be increasing for Trump due to inflation, government cuts, his stance on Ukraine and democracy.

Btw 49% is not a landslide victory.

Gulf of Four Seasons Total Landscaping

Gulf of \$7.00 Eggs

Map of the Gulf of Mexico labeled humorously as "Gulf of American Entitlement" with MapQuest logo

Gulf of Greenland

"You can't take our country — and you can't take our game."

2-22-25

"It is generally futile to try to talk facts and analysis to people who are enjoying a sense of moral superiority in their ignorance." –Thomas Sowell.

Certainly not a Biden fan, didn't like Harris but I pray our next President and Congress is controlled by the Dems and they immediately pass laws limiting the power of the Executive branch. The bought and paid for Supreme Court gave Trump immunity while in office and he's destroying our country.

As of Today, there are 344,442 betting pools of when Trump will hit a 20 percent approval rating. Mine is around Mid May. I may have gone too far into the future. Early April looks more promising.

This man is out of his mind, selling us out for land grabs and mineral rights. They have so many believing that he's saving us from some horrendous fate while creating that fate right in front of us. This is a horrendous thing to ask of the Ukraine people

A question for MAGA Trumplings who see nothing wrong with what Trump wants to do with the Ukraine. If Russia invaded Alaska, which they previously owned, before we bought it from them for 7.2 million in 1867, that would be okay? Then there would be nothing illegal with that? Nor would there be a reason to defend, nor accept help? Then France could do the same thing, you know the Louisiana Purchase. How about Texas, Florida, New Mexico, California and the list goes on. YCCS!

Trump has shown he's easily manipulated by Putin. It's sad to see the U.S. no longer has a POTUS with a backbone. This nation shall reap what it has sown.

Winston Churchill must be turning in his grave at the thought of Trump's "Neville Chamberlain" actions. Democracy is worth saving. Appeasing Russia is the end of Western civilization.

Believing a small group of billionaires are suddenly working tirelessly for the benefit of the working class requires a spectacular level of stupidity.

"All of our letters stated that it was due to "poor performance," though none of us have ever had any record of performance issues. I myself had a perfect performance record including an award this fall. ...

Because we were terminated due to performance, there is no severance. These are not normal lay offs. This distinction may also make it difficult to receive unemployment benefits. ... All of that, and I'm 20 weeks pregnant with a little boy that we are so excited to add to our family. Job hunting while 5 months pregnant is the last thing I want to do. Oh, and you can't take unemployment after giving birth because you're technically not work eligible. "

I am absolutely heartbroken and completely devastated to have lost my dream job of an Education Park Ranger with the National Park Service this Valentine's Day.

Access to my government email was denied mid-afternoon and my position was ripped out from out under my feet after my shift was over at 3:45pm on a cold snowy Friday. Additionally, before I could fully print off my government records , I was also locked out of my electronic personal file that contained my secure professional records.

Please know and share this truth widely:

I am a father, a loving husband, and dedicated civil servant.

I am an oath of office to defend and protect the constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic.

I am a work evaluation that reads "exceeds expectations."

I am the "fat on the bone."

I am being trimmed as a consequence of the popular vote

I am a United States flag raiser and folder

I am my son's "Junior Ranger" idol

I am of the place where I first told my spouse I loved her

I am a college kid's dream job

I am the smiling face that greets you at the front door

I am your family vacation planner

I am a voice for 19 American Indian cultures

I am the protector of 2500 year old American Indian burial and ceremonial mounds

I am the defender of your public lands and waters

I am the motivation to make it up the hill

I am a generational cycle breaker

I am the toilet scrubber and soap dispenser

I am the open trail hiked by people from all walks of life

I am the highlight of your child's school day

I am the band aid for a skinned knee

I am the lesson that showed your children that we live in a world of gifts- not commodities, that gratitude and reciprocity are the doorway to true abundance, not power, money, or fear.

I am the one who taught your kid the thrush's song and the hawk's cry.

I am the wildflower that brought your student joy

I am the one who told your child that they belong on this planet. That their unique gifts and existence matters.  
I am an invocation for peace  
I am gone from the office  
I am the resistance  
But mostly I'm just tired.  
I am tired from weeks of being bullied and censored by billionaires  
I am tired of waking up every morning at 2am wondering how I am going to provide for my family if I lose my job  
I am tired of wiping away my wife's tears and reassuring her that things will be ok for us and our growing little family that she's carrying.  
Things are not ok. I am not ok. (This is the second time in under five years a dream job I worked has been eliminated. Now I may need to uproot my FAMILY again.)  
Stay present, don't avert your gaze.  
Until our paths cross down the trail,  
Fare thee well.  
Ranger Brian  
Why do we have a feckless weak man baby as our leader?

2-23-25

The religious right who voted for, not a President, but a Messiah (a Christian king) care nothing for the rule of law or the Constitution. They care only that their Messiah is in office, believing that he will restore the US to what it never was--a Christian nation.

They also want only Christians to run the nation, from the lowest levels of government to the highest, as they believe only Christians have the moral character to run the nation and run it correctly.

In all this, their beliefs and actions are hostile to all that Christ taught by word and by example. This is evident in their support for a man who is no more moral nor Christian than Caesar Nero was.

In spite of their obvious contradictions of Christian character, conduct, and faith, this cult claims to believe the Bible, never mind that none of them actually know it, revere it, or live by it.

While they claim to believe in God and Jesus, the Bible, and the Constitution, they are hostile to all of them. This is what makes them a cult, a fanatic and dangerous cult.

Whoever deemed this insidious cult "the Christian Taliban" had it exactly right.

The problem isn't just the cuts, the problem is the total lack of planning, and the lack of understanding what they are doing. If they were honest about simply right-sizing the government and rooting out waste, there are ways to do that that don't involve the random chaos that is playing out. Lives are being disrupted indiscriminately by people who haven't got a clue what the outcome of this will be — and I don't just mean the lives of the federal employees.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump takeover sees Kennedy Center suffer ticket sale collapse, says report."

The ticket sales slump comes after Trump's White House press secretary bragged that, "The Kennedy Center learned the hard way that if you go woke, you will go broke."

MAGA loyalist Richard Grenell, who is now in charge of the Kennedy Center says, "The Kennedy Center has zero cash on hand and zero dollars in reserves", like it's such a bad thing.

This sounds like a non-profit that runs a tight, balanced budget. Wish Congress could do that and that Trump hadn't added nearly \$8 Trillion to the national debt. With ticket sales tanking 50%, the Kennedy Center will now have LESS THAN "zero cash on hand and zero dollars in reserves".

He'll somehow spin it into the biggest, bestest, greatest Kennedy Center ever. Queue up the pro-wrestling, podcasters, and CPAC events.

Kennedy Center 2025 schedule:

Mondays : Scott Baio whistles Confederate classics

Tuesdays : Rosanne Barr reads from Mein Kampf

Wednesdays: The J6 choir with dueling banjos

Thursdays: The J6 choir - unaccompanied

Fridays: Kid Rock - unplugged

Saturdays: Ted Nugent - tales of draft dodging

Sundays: Trump talks golf - How I can beat all the pro golfers but don't want to

Remember the film Idiocracy, 2006, when the president was a wrestler. We could have a monster truck show, slaw wrestling, gladiator fights or even public executions for the angry and aggrieved.

donnie's demise would make america great again...

2-24-25

Once they cut Medicaid, most of the GOP members in Congress in red states will be struggling to keep their seats in 2026. Want to flip the House and Senate in 2026, all the Democrats have to do is point out the cuts to Medicaid and/or Medicare and mention tax cuts for the rich. Use class warfare as a political tool. The GOP won't be able to run on the anti-LGBTQ+ platform much longer, as those issues do not impact a family budget in any way whatsoever. Democrats need a real platform, and the GOP is setting them up for one.

They'll spin it. I'm in WV. During Trump's first administration, senior SNAP benefits were cut. Folks were furious. You know who they were mad at? Immigrants.

If the hypocritical spineless maga congress are good at one thing it would be spinning an obvious lie.

Repeat repeat repeat with feigned indignation. It seems to work so they will keep it up. They can't win any other way.

Yep, we've seen it before. This is why we say they're in a cult. They'll believe anything he says.

Does anyone remember what happened during Trump's first term in office when the government shut down? All the parks were still open but with personnel not in place, the parks looked like dump sites. There was

looting, vandalism, destruction, overflowing toilets and garbage everywhere. The same thing will happen now because there aren't enough personnel to maintain the parks. Perhaps that's the reason for the upside down flag. It is a distress call because the same visitors who came to the parks before will feel free to cause more damage to the parks with impunity.

Chairman of the Joints Chief was extremely qualified for his position. Everyone should read his accomplishments and qualifications. Very impressive it would be hard to beat. Funny how the unqualified is firing the qualified. Trump is going to make the military political. That is dangerous.

They want to forestall a potential military coup, especially once they make big cuts at the Veteran's Administration and keep rolling out policies that are not good for current or former military. They also have people in the admin. who want to use the military on protests. Who wants to follow that order?

the GOP have abandoned the people of America. They are the enemy of the constitution and the people they do not want freedom or a democracy. we are under attack and the cabinet picks are to make the country weaker and easier to destroy

If you are willing to compromise your human values, there is always a job available in the Trump administration.

The US voted with N Korea, Russia, Hungary... this is going to go down in a moment of infamy. We are on the wrong side of history...the US has allied itself with the Axis powers and this goes against everything our country fought against in WW2.... I'm thoroughly disgusted.

Please stop normalizing Trumps dictatorial actions.

The US has turned into a shitehole fast.

Shameful what United States has become.

US sided with Russia China and North Korea but not UK and France its allies

It's not remarkable; it's despicable. Disgusting. Evil.

Have to be honest, I did not think Russia would activate Trump so quickly. Figured they would let him muck up domestic a bit more before going after their international interests. I just harken for the days where our biggest concern was who was relieving the President's stress when the staff went home.

Indeed, this is a wake-up call. For those members of Congress who continue to bow to DT, you have betrayed our country.

Making Putin Great Again The United States under Trump has switched sides. They are now pro-fascist, anti-democratic. They praise dictators and war criminals and attack our allies. Is this what MAGA voted for?

I hope that no one is shocked by this outcome. TRump is a Putin Asset. We all knew that. Republicans, who control both chambers of Congress have advocated their Constitutional power. Republicans have advocated their Constitutional power to turn America into an authoritative country. A failure of American institutions to resist the erosion of democratic principles could pave the way for authoritarian entrenchment in the U.S. – with grave consequences for global democracy. This is a five-alarm fire.

Gosh - hiring sycophants and loyalists over qualified people along with inflation-blasting ideas combined with alienating NATO and our allies could have an effect on the markets? I'm surprised it hasn't already tanked. I moved everything to high yield savings and am happy to watch from the sidelines for at least 12 months.

Cuts in Medicaid? Who are they targeting? Throwing middle class seniors out of nursing homes is not a good look for any Congressional Republican.

These Christian Nation hypocrites want to layoff the Greatest Generation, too, and bankrupt their children and grandchildren?

Geriatric patients are often disabled and need specialized care. How they think their families can hold full time jobs, raise school age children and also provide professional nursing care at home is beyond me.

If the middle class can't do it, there is no way that the working poor Millennials can. Where do these privileged conservative billionaires get such pipe dreams? It's obvious that they aren't Christian nor have they ever had to care of anybody but themselves.

The republicans in Congress are nothing more than trump sycophants doing his and more dangerously, the shadow president Musks bidding. None these politicians will ever put their constituents first because they are more afraid of losing their power and their place in line to polish trump's pipe. This is what happens when you put ethics, humanity, morals, integrity and intellect on hold for a political philosophy steeping in lies and misinformation. Republican voters are going to wake up one day and hopefully realize that what they thought they were voting for was nothing more than an illusion.

Blame the republicans and the United States Supreme Court. They gave Trump Carte Blanche and he is running with it no questions asked.

Federal Worker layoff leads to vendor layoffs. Vendor layoffs, lead to production layoffs. Production layoffs mean manufacturer layoffs. Local business layoffs also. Domino chain reaction. Along with tariffs, price hike of goods. So those who are layed off, stop spending money. Those who lose floor traffic business, also layoff people in order to start pinching their own pocket books. Less money in circulation, the worse the economy gets. I don't understand just how Republican voters never understood how the economy circles around, and if you break certain parts of that circle, then it comes crashing down.

You call this having a plan ? lol Everyone will see how this well thought out plan works out soon enough . lol And Clinton took 3 months and got congressional approval to do his cuts . He also didn't start massive trade wars , ask for no debt ceiling , give a huge corporate tax break or do any of the things that have been proven to cause recessions.

Yeah, the GOP is so against DEI but somehow their rampant nepotism isn't DEI, even though qualified candidates are being passed over in lieu of loyalty.

What will his excuse be when he pauses it for another 30 days? He did this in his first administration: make outrageous claims about tariffs/trade, stock market dips, he and his cronies buy up deflated stocks, reverse course on the outrageous claims, stocks rebound, rinse and repeat. This is called market manipulation and is illegal but here he is, getting away with it again.

People of Canada, the American people love and respect you, you are our neighbors, this guy trump does not represent the way we feel about you, please don't judge us because of this loose cannon, resist and speak out against this MON STER!

It's worth reminding now and then that the reason the US has supported Ukraine in the war is that: 1) Russia attacked an independent nation to take away its independence. 2) This is unacceptable. It is specifically forbidden by the UN, to which Russia has signed on. 3) A win for Russia makes the world more unpredictable. There will be more wars. So we support Ukraine both for the people of Ukraine and for the peace of the world itself.

So let me get this straight. Trumpster has dissed our neighbors and allies, Mexico and Canada but is now embracing one of the biggest dictators in history. This is telling as to what Trump wants to be and is. I remember during the campaign so many people chastised those who called Trumpster a dictator and facist, looks like the chastisers were wrong.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Upside-down U.S flag hung at Yosemite National Park to protest employee cuts."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Donald Trump Condemned as US Votes Against UN Resolution Condemning Russia Over Ukraine War."

Yesterday, The U.S. voted with Russia, China, North Korea and Iran on Ukraine in the U.N. vote. While all our allies all voted to denounce Russia for its invasion of Ukraine. Pretty much sums up whose side Trump is on in this war. I want to see an end to this war, but we should never resume normal relations with Russia as long as Putin is their president.

All one has to know is the following. Three Countries voted in the UN to blame Ukraine for the War. They were North Korea, Russia and the United States. Pretty much says it all about where we're headed as a Country!

Sorry to say, our friends and allies need to run from America and form their own alliance. Trump and our government have proven they support the enemy and lies, disinformation and distrust will continue.

A world leader fact checking Trump in real time on the world stage. Now that was something to see. Trump and his Magas don't understand, isolation is a nations weakness.

Trump caught in the middle of one of his too many lies, Macron, taps him on the arm and corrects him. Trump's face said it all. And then he told the same lie again.

When the judges are impeached for judging, we're turning a corner we may not able to come back from. The Constitution gives us the process of appeal if you disagree with their decision. Impeachment just takes us another step down the road to autocracy.

I feel despair, anger and fear.

They're getting the wrong message. People don't want compassionate loss of services and jobs. They want to be able to rely on government. They want thoughtful, principle based leadership, not ideological partisanship. Keep reminding them that they are the lawmakers and the executive branch executes the laws they make. Remind them that they hold the purse strings, not Trump or Musk. And if they continue to not understand their job, keep reminding them that they serve at the pleasure of the people.

Their "concern" is not the "New State" being "compassionate", but that they may be voted out. I lived in Georgia, and McCormick won by a huge margin, but that district is also know for tossing out their Reps if they don't work for them.

“Rep. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Wis., whose voters demanded answers about DOGE's cost-cutting effort during a town hall last week, said he promised his constituents that he would try to get more information from the Trump administration about exactly what is being cut and who would be impacted.”

Try? As in launch a Congressional investigation that as the majority you have every power to do? No. You won't do that.

Insincere stall tactic. The GOP does not care or they would have raised objections and/or questions immediately without outrage from their constituents. That's the real problem. Why don't they care??

IF these Republicans are so concerned about their constituents, how about they explain cutting safety, social, medical research, transportation, NASA, etc. programs to extend a \$4.7 trillion tax “gift” that will overwhelmingly benefit the upper 1%-3%? Why not eliminate the tax “gift” to the wealthy UNTIL the DEFICIT is contained?

Their voters knew this when They voted for them.

What do you think " dismantling the administrative state means"?

Here's a hint. The GOP doesn't care about anything other than tax cuts to the rich. And everyone who voted GOP did so because they thought the bad things the GOP was saying they were gonna do was somehow not gonna affect them.

Leopard Time.

Republicans are suddenly scrambling for “compassion” now that their own voters are turning on them. They were all in on Trump and Musk’s plan to gut the government—until their constituents showed up at town halls furious about lost jobs and slashed services. Now they’re pretending to care, but let’s be real, they’re not stopping the cuts, just trying to soften the PR disaster.

Trump inherited Biden’s thriving economy, but instead of using it to help working people, he’s letting Musk dismantle the government for billionaire profit. Meanwhile, my healthcare premium is still \$90/month under Obamacare. My car insurance? Just \$23/month with Insurance-Panda. My gym membership at PlanetFitness is \$10/month. But sure, let’s cut the CDC and throw federal workers under the bus.

Funny how Republicans only start caring when the backlash hits them. Keep the pressure up.

When sports teams need cuts they don't randomly fire players; they evaluate the team's needs and recognize that they have to retain at least one player for every position. Random is not a strategy. This morning I heard that fired IRS staff would have collected revenue 12 times their salaries.

You mean firing hundreds of thousands of workers increases unemployment? Decreases consumer spending? Tariffs increase costs? Increased costs increase inflation? Slashing government means eliminating essential services? Destroys US international "soft" power? Increases imperial opportunities for China and Russia?

And maga thought they were just voting to "own the libs" and put people of color back in "their place."

trump and his henchmen have lost control of what's happening. republicans sold out to him long ago. They're not going to stop anything.

More of the same from the GOP: Republicans telling half truths to protect republicans. (Constituents do not matter.) Another lie: "outside agitators" causing them problems communicating with the constituents? Talk about word salad combined with lies . . . . Vote them out in the next election cycle.

Presidents Clinton and Obama also reduced the size of government substantially. In Clinton's case. He focused on middle management. He also gave them a buyout option, but did NOT threaten them with termination. He also used attrition. Because of these tactics. President Clinton balanced the budget and left office with a surplus. He was the last president to pay down any of our national debt. President Obama was handed the largest deficit in history of 1.4 trillion dollars. He also reduced the size of government. He looked at duplicity. When he left office. He cut the deficit more than in half. He left a 600 billion dollar deficit. Both these presidents cut the size of our government and had excellent results. They used a scalpel. Trumpenfuehrer and the owner of the United States of America are using a meat cleaver. Sadly, this is what America wants now.

Prayer for tax cuts? Sure, here you go: I pray that Republicans come to their senses and focus on reducing the deficit and debt without sacrificing a functional government, essential services for poor and middle-class Americans and putting future generations further in debt by extending and fattening tax cuts targeted primarily and overwhelmingly for the rich.

Our system, especially if you are elderly...

1 - One medical emergency sends you to long term care.

2 - You are in a nice, private facility until your family is bankrupt.

3 - You are then moved to Medicaid. Lower quality facility, shared room.

Trump 2.0 plan change to step three:

3 - You are moved to a cardboard box on the sidewalk.

4 - You are arrested for being "homeless" and sleeping in a public space.

I mean.. old people have kind of served their purpose, and are a drain on society. There are too many people in this world. The world can non sustain us, need to start reducing populations...

And the best place to start would seem to be the elderly and the poor.

Its cold I know, but also the truth. Unless you want to start sacrificing the young and middle class... In which there is no one to provide for the poor anymore, nor anyone to carry on future generations.

**One day these Senators will remember the the life of Julius Caesar and how it ended.**

Average price of eggs is now \$10 a dozen, all restaurants are raising prices on meals that contain eggs. Bakeries all across America are now raising all their prices as they use a lot of eggs in their ingredients. Bird Flu continues to spread exponentially and this is all because Donald Trump has shut down The Centers for Disease Control, He has stripped the scientists from the Institute of Health and stripped funding from The Department of Health and Human Services and from The FDA, Food and drug Administration. Donald Trump has withdrawn the USA from The World Health Organization.

Measles is at an all time High in Texas and New Mexico, The Flu Epidemic in Cincinnati Ohio has schools being cancelled and children are being admitted into Hospitals at never before seen rates. Because of the lies being spread on Fox and by Republicans that vaccines are bad for you. Because of Donald Trump and his attack on our healthcare system, and he also plans to cut services to get health care by eliminating Medicaid and Medicare. Hundreds of Millions are at risk of deadly illnesses. Donald Trump is trying to kill you and your children. Extreme action must be taken. YOUR LIFE IS IN IMMINENT DANGER.

What's the GOP's plan to address inflation?

**Prayers, they are praying for the middle class on down, those on Medicaid and more to suffer so the rich can get richer as the bill has tax cuts in it for again Corporate America. Praying so they can increase the National Debt by 4 Billion, praying so Americans suffer at higher inflation and higher prices.**

**So completely out of touch. Adding trillions more to the national debt while demanding more tax cuts we simply can't afford. That's the Republican way.**

So in the end, we take on more debt after all the cutting, take the National Parks down to primitive, put more homeless on the streets, cut services to Vets, Seniors and Disabled add in prices of grocery store are raising and Congress, White House and the Courts keep their bloated salaries and pensions plus get to double dip into SS.

All in the name of saving money.

Lol

Macron made Trump "the first president in history who had to be interrupted and corrected by an ally when the president of the United States was lying and lying about that ally," claimed O'Donnell.

"Trump became the first American president in history fully humiliated on the world stage by instantly getting caught and corrected in his lie," he continued.

Eisenhower was the last good Republican President. Since then, republicans have been good at getting elected, frequently through voter suppression, gerrymandering and widespread misinformation. However, they have been complete failures at governing. Unfortunately, Dems have been running on very successful governing which benefits the vast majority of Americans

and makes the country better for future generations but then assume that the poorly informed and poorly educated electorate will recognize it.

So, at the Pentagon, they're planning to slash expenses while, simultaneously, the Congress increase the defense budget. SMH

They won't have to worry about being primaried because their constituents aren't going to vote for them. Almost 90 million voters did not cast a ballot for President. Of all those who did vote, less than 50% voted for Trump. Overall, he received 24% of the eligible vote. I am confident that those who sat out the election aren't going to when they will be personally affected by the cuts.

The Promised Dictatorship has begun and Project 2025 is now the law of the land. America now votes with China, Russia, and North Korea against NATO. Putin owns the Orange 666.

Let Republicans own it. And eventually those town halls will become violent. And I have a feeling that their children will not be off limits at some point.

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But hey, at least a handful of billionaires can buy more yachts. MAGA.

47% of all rural and small town children are on Medicaid. The Welfare Red States don't know what they've done.

First, they cut nutrition assistance to starving children abroad. Now they cut nutrition assistance to children in the US while giving tax breaks to the wealthy. Could they be more cruel?

I D I O C R A C Y - brought to you by the Billionaire club - less for the average american - more for the buddies

I'd hate to stand before God and explain why I cut health and food programs for the poor.

This was never in doubt. First, Republicans are known cowards. Even with Medicaid cuts, those Republicans are in no danger of losing their seats. Their voters often vote against their own self interests. And finally the only time they are worried about adding to the national debt is when a Dem is in the White House.

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I depend on my in home caregivers to function and still be able to live in my own home and community. They help me by cooking my meals, so I can shower, keep my home clean, and so I can get to my doctors appointments and errands.

Many of my disabled friends also rely on these in home caregivers, which are paid for by Medicaid waivers,,,,,many people I know are food insecure and rely on SNAP food assistance. I don't know what will happen for us in California and other blue states, but this is still an unnecessarily cruel thing for our government to do...yeah, let's just hurt those most vulnerable just so we can line the pockets of the rich even more.

Someone has to pay for the Republican Billionaires' Tax Cuts, why not the hungry and the sick? Moral bankruptcy is just a step away from financial bankruptcy.

Republican math: balance the budget , address the national debt, by giving billionaires large tax cuts. Reduce income, stop the IRS from going after tax cheats. I wonder why the debt went up more under Trump in his first term than any other president in history. I wonder if anyone can figure out how much better off the country will be this time.

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Mike Johnson's discounting and dismissal of the public's anger in the town halls will come back and bite the GOP. It isn't wise to disregard voters' anger as a one-time occurrence that will have no consequences. But, gutting Medicaid and counting on Musk's fuzzy math "savings" - with no proof - to fund the oligarchs' reward, could be the tipping point.

I'd like ringside at the capitol on March 14, 2025, for that one.

Get ready for America to become the most deprived country on the planet. This will shut down hospitals, it will shut down ambulances, nurses will lose their jobs and The American citizens will lose healthcare. Insurance Companies will flourish with policies that they will find ways to decline coverage, but accept premiums open handedly. The One percent is now prime and poised to oppress the middle Class. America will be the most deprived country on The Planet! When you see a red hat Thank Them, when you see a home with a Trump flag be sure to thank them that your children will no longer be able to get care.

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So many of them in rural areas have been suffering for 40 years economically. I'm not sure they'll notice it. When you vote Republican for 40 years while your community collapses, I wonder about people's thought process.

Midterms will tell the story. If Americans accept this GOP will remain in control. If they do not, it will be a blue wave and the Orange Agent will be powerless in his last 2 years.

Republicans want to complain that people aren't having children, yet, they want to take away the safety nets that lower income families depend on.

Threatening and bullying by Trump to get what he wants will continue. We have Maga politicians that was elected to represent the people but instead he turns his/her back on those that elected him/her to office. Coward negotiating with a coward. Medicaid assist people with disabilities, etc. and it will not end well for the Maga president. Only the Maga's think that Project 25 is well organized but when their own are protesting with the democrats it's sending them an early message before it gets out of hand.

Children born in poverty don't deserve healthcare. but we need a tax cut, GOP.

Johnson is a wolf in sheep's clothing pretending to be of Christian faith, but doing all he can to hurt the people who need it most. What a phony. I knew just by listening to his pious attitude when he first came on the scene lobbying to be the next speaker that he was a hypocrite and he's finally shown his true colors. By all means, let's give the rich more while the poor suffer. And the clown in the Oval is the most hypocritical of all, pretending to help the people who voted for him and hasn't done a thing for them since being sworn in. Who does he think this Medicare cut is going to hurt anyway. And the GOP is surprised that the red state town halls are beginning to sound alarmed. Really!!! How stupid can they be that they're constituents wouldn't notice when they were being lied to!!!!

The Medicaid cuts will result in more rural hospitals closing but that's OK, because that's what they voted for.

Another dark day in Trump's America.

If Republicans pass tax cuts for the billionaire class, they'll be wiped out in the midterms. They should raise the corporate and capital gains tax to 25%. That's very reasonable. But no way will they do that, so they'll be wiped out in the midterms. They do this every time they get power.

Tax cuts to the super wealthy, then they're wiped out in the next election. They never learn.

trump math: \$4,500,000,000 - \$1,500,000,000 = \$0.

“Idiocracy” was pretty tame compared to what we’re living through

The soul of America is not a given. We were never perfect. Know that pre-WW2, there were many in this country who desperately tried to get America to take the other side. Internal movements with full support for what the National Socialist German Workers were doing, and trying to implement that here in America. People in high positions of power. Congressmen, religious leaders. We chose the right side then, but it was never a given, not a sure thing. That is how precarious this all is. That is why integrity, honor, ethical, and moral are the most important characteristics to for our elected officials. People can disagree on policy or on direction, but they have to be willing to do the right thing, even when it may not be popular, or when it may not be easy. We have failed with the election of Donald Trump. He is unfit for office, and we have 3.75 years left with him at least, as I believe he will run again, and I believe congress will amend the constitution to allow him to do so.

Has been unstable for quite a while. Pretty soon Congress -- the Republicans -- have to wake up to this and invoke whatever they need to invoke to get him out of there before he does something truly dangerous.

He ain't going anywhere. The GOP-ers in Congress, in SCOTUS, on Faux News, etc are either scared to death of this man or in complete agreement with his actions.

Presidents Musk & Trump have stooped to a level so low, is there anyone sane to start impeachment proceedings and succeed??! The United States is going downhill fast!!!

“But if you had a do-over tomorrow and you had to pick again between Trump and Harris, what would you do?” King asked.

“I would still do Trump,” Hayes told King.

It’s the latest in a line of videos of Trump voters slamming the president only to admit that he still has their support.

Hear one woman call Trump “a piece of shit” and “just a horrible human being” before praising how “prices were down” during his first term here.

And watch Texas couple Kay and Ron Swart slam Trump’s moral character as “terrible” and question his fitness for office before revealing they still had his back here.

Trump is preparing to rule for life. That is why he is firing everyone and appointing his less qualified minions like all law enforcement appointees. As the economy heads to crash and depression kicks in, he will use the military to seize power, suspend the constitution like he said he would do and crown himself the king. He knows his supporters will still support him.

It's a cult.

Deprogramming will be difficult.

It will have to begin by eliminating Fox Media and other gaslighting sources and compelling factual reporting.

We will also need to improve our education system to teach critical thinking.

Though it will be resisted, it is time the electorate be required to pass a civics test before one can be registered to vote. Candidates for office must pass a college level civics exam before being allowed to run...looking specifically at you Marg and Lauren.

The MAGA cult has a strong grip on many. Yesterday Trump announced that the proposed tariffs on goods from Canada and Mexico will be going forward, as he berated whoever it was who put together our current trade agreement. It turns out it was Trump himself, and there's film footage of him proudly signing the agreement with Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau on his left and Mexico's president on his right. Just to be clear, President Biden never changed a single

thing in this agreement, which Trump initiated during his first term. Trump is clearly losing it, whatever it was he ever had (nothing good). Brace yourself America, even higher prices are coming our way.

Don't feel bad. I was fooled by him twice (voted for him twice). But when he lost the election (and he did lose) and then initiated and encouraged an insurrection, I lost all respect for the person. Since his loss he definitely has shown his true colors being disrespectful to the American public with a whole host of verbal insults. Since his reelection his emotional and mental decline has even become more apparent. People stick up for his actions by comparing him to Clinton but google Clinton's fiscal cuts and see it was bipartisan and took many years. Not the raping of agencies we have going on now.

Why not target the real problems? Subsidies for oil, and pharmaceutical companies. They make huge profits and charge way too much. Or the waste in military spending. Instead they target middle class and have little to no impact.

Trump and Musk doing the equivalent of pulling wires out the wall not knowing where they go or what they do. I'm all for government downsizing - but not in this haphazard kneejerk reaction way of cutting for the sake of cutting.

Dummy, the President does not have the authority under the Constitution to create laws. Create chaos, hatred, revenge, yes but any maroon can do that as well.

It's incredible how Trump completely dismisses Freedom of the press and Freedom of speech. He's like any dictator who tries to stop any and all forms of journalism. This is scary stuff.

My only hope is that everyone is paying attention to what is happening now. You didn't vote for what you are getting. You didn't vote for all your governmental benefits to be stripped away. You didn't get a person for the presidency that had character and integrity. You got a person who is a liar. He lied during the campaign; you believed him and now he is gutting the government with no plan or care. His wealthy friends will get huge tax cuts, and you get your health care stripped away. The most vulnerable among us will be in more peril because of his policies. As climate change creates more disasters, you will not have a government that will help you rebuild your life. With climate change considered a hoax, what will your grandchildren inherit? Our daily duties and worries distract us from these events. Don't let that happen. Be engaged, pay attention, and remember what is happening now. It is important.

Ahh, but as PRESIDENT - you are legally forbidden from writing such a law because of that darned First Amendment! Also, anyone can say anything they want about any president - as has always been the case for every single previous president who has had bad things written about THEM before, during and after their terms. So grow up and put your big boy pants on Mr President.

We're dealing with a mentally sick individual. He has covered every base when it comes to not being normal and needing treatment. Some of his family have already backed away from him which should also send a message. Wake up America! This government works for us and yes we need some change, but radical outbursts, lack of compassion and a Dictator attitude when dealing with people is not the America most Americans want. Congress has to step up to this and control it. The people can and will handle it if necessary!

Banning books and intimidating or punishing writers is a violation of the first amendment, which republicans claim to cherish; it is also a fascist technique to control information and now a hallmark of the Trump republican party.

Robert Kennedy sure doesn't know much. He doesn't know how many children have died of measles in Texas.

He doesn't understand that the Texas outbreak by itself is equal to half the Total US cases last year.

He doesn't address the fact that the leading reason that people are contracting measles is that they aren't vaccinated.

He can't bring himself to say that vaccines save lives.

Finally, he implied that the current outbreak is a small price to pay for continuing his anti vax revenue stream.

It's weird that nobody in the administration seems to be thinking about what happens when millions of veterans -- many of them well-armed and suffering from various mental conditions -- lose their VA clinics, their rural health clinics and the Medicaid benefits that help them afford the meds for their physical, mental and emotional wounds.

We Americans (in general... not ALL) became too self-indulgent, too greedy, too materialistic. We worry more about matching furniture and getting tickets to our favorite sports events than we worry about our families and neighbors in need. And so God is punishing us. He's punishing us with this horrifying excuse of a human being in a position of power over all of us. This man is the definition of greed, lust, dishonesty, narcissism, and cruelty, and God has allowed people the free-will put him in back in our White House. If we survive this, it should be a lesson to all of us to BE BETTER!

Arbitrary firings will only encourage the best workers to quit. Lousy managers, lousy leaders, lousy policy.

So - approx 39,000 people in VA are now looking for a job (minus those who either took the buy-out, or were close to retirement)... this is ridiculous. I can't forgive those who voted for that man.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Donald Trump threatens 'nice new law' against authors he doesn't like."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "First measles death reported in Texas as Kennedy downplays outbreak."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Moderate Republicans Who Complained About Medicaid Cuts Voted to Advance Them Anyway."

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I always enjoy paying more for groceries and other daily necessities. \$8 a dozen eggs just makes my day. A glow comes over me for \$4+ a gallon gas as well. I just can't wait until inflation hits double digits.

Thank you Trump for Making Inflation Great Again.

MAGA will be the downfall of this country. In every time period of great civilizations even the most prosperous empires like Rome went down. The downfall of America has begun.

Here's the ugly truth: MAGA doesn't care much that they may lose their jobs or Medicaid, or that the price of eggs, groceries, rent and gasoline doesn't come down or that Trump didn't end the wars in Ukraine and Gaza on "day one."

No, what they care about is that Trump hates the same people they do and that he's working to make America white, Christian, heterosexual and male dominated. That's their focus. If anything bad happens to them as a result of Trump's policies, they'll give it a pass and consider it the cost of achieving their goals.

I laugh at the sign Support your local Farmer. The local produce guy, yes. Area farmers that get gov't support whenever they need it, yet cry about socialism and vote for Trump. No.

Trump has no clue. Show me his qualifications? Scamming businesses? US Banks unwilling to loan him money? Filing for bankruptcy 6 times?

I hope the deep red states are hurt the most and I will have no sympathy. End of discussion.

Two weeks in a row that there are no eggs to be found in Costco during my visits, and I stop by Costco several times a week.

Trump's tariffs are the biggest consumption tax in U.S. history. A tax increase and spending cuts at the same time. Massive recession started last month. Maga.

Trump's senility is getting worse at an ever increasing rate. It's fun to watch the Republican spineless politicians try to explain his insanity away while cowering and refusing to do town hall meetings with their constituents anymore. There is going to be a bloodbath in the midterms for their cowardice and treatment of the blue collar workers and the poor.

I agree with the excessively high costs of health care. If Europe and Asia can provide equal or better health care at 1/10th the cost of the US, then why can't we? Answer: Lobbyist for the health care and pharmaceutical industries.

The biggest Republican myth around is that they want to help the working class. Every time they get an opportunity, though, Republican politicians give tax cuts to the richest of the rich and effectively pass the tax burden to the shoulders of the working class. And because right wing rage and propaganda media works so well on poorly educated people, they keep looking at the scapegoats the Republican politicians keep pointing out, entirely ignoring the hand that is picking their pockets.

Funny that the Republican Party has NEVER been for the working class, but they seem to have found the formula to sucker the working class into voting for them: as you said, "right wing rage and propaganda." AND, since that same working class would rather die than admit they are suckers, they will continue to vote Republican forever.

I read a book during Trump's first term that really helped me understand that behavior in Trump supporters. The book "Mistakes Were Made (But Not By Me)" by Carol Tarvis has an introductory chapter that talks about the Heaven's Gate cult and how its adherents responded when the cult leader's prophecies failed to materialize. Rather than realizing they had believed a delusion and that they were, in fact, wrong.... they doubled down. It was their belief that "saved them". It's crazy, of course, and I don't understand thinking that way. Of course, I'm open to being wrong and changing my opinions as new information is brought to my attention. I guess it helps if you can admit to yourself and others that you aren't necessarily right about everything and have room to grow. Another fantastic read to better understand Trump's base is the book "Conservatives Without Conscience" by John Dean. He spends probably around a hundred pages from the beginning of the book explaining the sociological term "right wing authoritarianism", what it means, and why we should really understand it. It connects the dots with how easily the Republican party wooed evangelical "Christians" and quickly assimilated them into their voting bloc going back to the 80s. Very illuminating read. I read in the summer of 2016 and it opened my eyes to the very real possibility that Trump might in fact win that election, in large because of the evangelical vote. And that's exactly what happened. One more quick recommend: "The Brainwashing of My Dad" is a documentary that in just a brief hour and a half really explains the evolution of the right wing "echo system" that gave rise to Trump. It started in response to Nixon stepping down to avoid impeachment, and was hastened by Reagan tanking the Fairness Doctrine. Honestly, I wish all of us could find a "MAGA buddy" to watch that documentary with and do a 6 week study from John Dean's book. Sadly, it wouldn't do any good, though.

My question is why do Republican voters keep putting these guys in office? They show you time and time again they don't care about your wellbeing or your personal economy! Listen to what they do not what RW media says!

"Listen to what they do not what RW media says!" And therein lies the problem. Even when get raked over the coals and we elect a Democrat as president to clean up the mess the last Republican president left, those people just keep tuning into the same mind numbing right wing rage media as before. They have short memories. I think right wing rage media is as addictive and has similar effects to meth or alcohol. They get a high from it and they keep going back. At some level they probably knows it not good, maybe even know its hurting them. But man, the rage just feels SO GOOD. It's bonkers.

I'm perfectly willing to have civil conversations with Team MAGA and have had several in the past. I agree with what you are saying, but at the same time I will say it is really difficult to be gracious to someone driving their gigantic pickups with their "F Ur Feelings", confederate and "Don't Tread on Me" flags and who has been literally programmed to see anyone who disagrees with them as their "enemy". What most of them need even more than a civil conversation with someone outside of MAGA-land is an 8 week program in cult de-programming. That's not being self-righteous. That's just being honest. They really are like alcoholics. It's just their drug of choice is that right wing rage.

Check out the documentary "The Brainwashing of My Dad" and the book "Conservatives Without Conscience" by John Dean. Those resources were SUPER helpful to me in at least understanding "What is wrong with these people?"

2-28-25

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So, it turns out that ending the war in Ukraine takes more than 24 hours, and did not happen on his first day as promised. Secondly, US gave Ukraine 160 bn. in aid, but Trump wants 500 bn. Not fair. Compensation is in order, but this is more of a mugging than requesting compensation. What wars Plenty of wars has he stopped. Trumps the one who's going to get us into WWII.

Trump and Vance are siding with a Dictatorship and starting to alienate the US from NATO. I think this is a horrible decision.

I've tried really, really, really hard to not voice politics on here. But I just can't anymore. This broke me. This is absolutely unacceptable for the President and a Vice President to act in this manner to a president of a democratic country that has been heroically fighting back against the worst dictator in our lifetimes. This is horrifically embarrassing and disgusting. "Have you said thank you once?!" demands Vance! Does he have amnesia?! This is out of control.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRcUumrC8bs>

What an embarrassment. Our 'president' and 'vice president' are trying to rewrite history and they are cozying up to Vladimir fucking Putin. Get yourself right America.

The world is in trouble. These are idiot spoiled children running the country, don't know how you could watch this and think they are qualified to run anything

This entire administration is wretched and vile!

Art of the Ass in action - traitor & dictator supporter. Sad day and afraid for brave Ukraine.

President Zelensky has courage and class. Trump and Vance looked like a couple of rabid dogs. I'm glad he didn't take their "deal" aka extortion.

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Russia cannot win this war unless Trump either stops U.S. support or convinces Ukraine to capitulate. Ukraine didn't start this war, Russia did. As the aggressor Russia will have to make reparations' to Ukraine and rebuild Ukraine. Most of the support given by the U.S. to Ukraine was in the form of weapons that we weren't using and was a way for us to get rid of dated technology in that field. This was a beneficial deal for the weapons industry and kept jobs in the U.S., both parties benefited. Trump is after the minerals because some of them are essential to the manufacturing of batteries for electric vehicles. This will benefit Musk greatly. Both of them are opportunist and are always on the look out for ways to increase their wealth. Trump wants to build Trumpland using the Gaza Strip and they both want to rob Ukraine of their minerals. Everything is always about increasing the bottom line for the 1% and corporations while lining their own pockets. Two egotist who can't decide who is president and who's actually running the U.S.

Zelensky's popularity with his people and ability to lead thru the worst of circumstances intimidates the Don to no end. It appears that Zelensky may also be the better negotiator.

Good for Zelensky. Trump wants to raid the minerals, but offer nothing in return. The shocking thing is Trump's level of complete trust in Vladimir Putin. Clearly unwise and misplaced, provided Trump and Putin are not confederates. The invasion of Ukraine ironically coincides with Trump running for office again, and Trump himself said he talked to Putin 7 times while he was campaigning.

And once again Trump makes sure the only person who won this "negotiation" was Putin. I can't believe we have a president who openly praises, and adores the president of Russia. My grandfather is rolling in his grave.

What a disgrace. This is the man that MAGA is raving and climbing the Capitol walls for? He is accusing an ally of starting a war and trying to belittle President Zelenskyy on national television. Bullying him into signing a deal that benefits him. Then to make matters worse, JD puts his two cents is claiming that Zelenskyy hasn't been grateful. These two should be ashamed of themselves. America will forever hold MAGA accountable for these times that we are in.

I'm a moderate republican and I'm just saying that conference was a disgrace.

So the guy that got impeached for trying to bribe Zakinski, is now trying to bully him into what I'm sure is a lopsided mineral contract? I've heard more about rare earth minerals and nothing about peace

So Trump wanted Zelenskyy to sign a deal to provide U. S. Citizens with the ability to mine Ukraine's natural mineral resources in exchange for no security measures, except for Trump's "word" that Russia's President would agree to uphold a cease fire and end this war. Typical Trump - money over human life. Trump knows that Putin would not end this war, and so did Zelenskyy! EXTORTION at its finest, folks! Zelenskyy made the right decision, no matter how foolish some people may think he is!

You voted for him. YOU bear responsibility.

Thoughts and curses.

YOU are the enemy.

It would be nice if the wider media would start condemning Trump for how he's playing this. He's acting like it's a personal business deal for the mineral rights rather than a matter of international security and standing with allies on the world stage. He WILL sell out Ukraine to Russia with the idea Putin will give him things to enrich himself. He WILL continue to lie and spread Russian disinformation because he thinks he'll get something from it. The media really needs to grow a backbone and call all of this what it is.

Has there ever been a less-qualified President of the United States than Trump? NEVER!!!

As a once proud American, I am on Zelensky's side. 100%

As a self described moderate conservative, I cannot wait until Trump is out the the office. He is absolutely, 100%, the worst president I have ever seen and is destroying our country and our alliances. I'm not saying that everything he has done is bad, but on a global political level this is absolutely horrifying what he is doing.

President Trump and his 'sidekick' JD, put on an awful display of bully diplomacy! Putin is the biggest winner of this oval office spectacle and won the battle without being there. Just waiting to hear from trump apologist, who'll claim this is strong leadership. MAGA always has an excuse and I'm sure this one will be just as bad, as all the rest.

Americans should be embarrassed by Trump and Vance for their behavior. Ganging up on a man trying to save his country from Putin. Ukraine has thanked us over and over again for our support and these 2 bullies think they can intimidate him when they know nothing of the torture Ukraine is going through. Russia started the war and Trump is still hung up on revenge against Biden. Trump will have all of Europe hating us before he is through.

Watching this I was horrified - two bullies ganging up on a leader who's been trying to save his country. Talking over him and not giving him a chance to reply. It was disrespectful, humiliating and embarrassing. No diplomacy for sure.

Most Americans are realizing their mistake and are siding with Zelensky and against Putin/Elon/Trump. I'm in my seventies and never saw a president betray our country, allies, and People until now. But once again, justice will prevail.

Putin owns trump, no way this deal was ever going to happen.

JD Vance said many times on the campaign trail and at the UN General Assembly he didn't care what happens to Ukraine. Trump hates Zelinsky for not agreeing to lie about Biden in exchange for military aid approved by congress that led to his Impeachment.

Trump and Vance expected Zelinsky to just sit there and keep his mouth shut while both Trump and Vance lied through their teeth. I applaud Zelinsky for speaking up, I'm sure he was holding back what he really wanted to say. Trump doesn't realize that Russia wants all of Ukraine and all territory that was once USSR, some of which are NATO Countries. Article 5 of NATO says an attack on one is an attack on all, if that happens its World War III.

This is why we supported the war in Ukraine, to prevent World War III.

This republican administration is going to bring us closer the WWII than we have ever been before. You DO NOT negotiate and make concessions to a ruthless dictator like Putin. It's what Europe did with Hitler before WWII, and look what happened there. Zelensky is right - Putin cannot be trusted. He has shown that over and over. Of course, Trump cannot be trusted, either. America enough. Article 25 of the constitution needs to be invoked and felon 47 removed from office. The damage he's doing will take decades to undo.

How much blatant evidence do we need to see that the entire republican party in office with the exception of a couple are on board with their KGB agent boss. This is disgusting witnessing this clear Russian take over of the American Government. I hope Maga folks will open their eyes before the end of our democracy.

The greatest generation are rolling over in their graves. What have we become? Abandoning the good people of Ukraine, and holding them hostage to rare earth minerals. I didn't like Biden much but he or his handlers had a moral compass not present in this administration. Shame Please repeat this prayer from a lifelong registered republican. Dear god please stop the heart of Trump and prevent the further embarrassment of the greatest nation in the world and bring back dignity and integrity to the white house.

Zelensky is right. He is smart not to be bullied by Tump and/or Vance. Putin is a terrorist and should be treated like one. And, in the future, the United States will have to deal with Putin if things are done Trump's way. Unfortunately, Trump is not qualified to even be handling this. Smarter, more experienced generals are, but Trump has let them go. This has made the United States much weaker. Sorry to give you the facts, but Trump is a boy sent to do a man's job. Good for President Zelensky!!! Even in a cornered position he will not let his country be bullied nor will he be bullied by Oligarchs! America used to be considered the good guys, in the eyes of the free world, we are no longer that!

So the new president yelled at someone he was trying to take advantage of when zelensky wouldn't just roll over. Such diplomacy, tact, professionalism, intelligence, respect. /s

I am so ashamed that President Zelensky was treated so badly by Trump and Vance. Our country is so much better than what was on display today in Washington. It was a complete embarrassment to watch and listen to what our supposed leaders did to a sitting President of Ukraine.

Vance just revealed his naivety in the art of negotiation on the global stage. He is clearly not ready for high-stakes diplomacy. The deal would have been finalized if Vance hadn't tried to undermine the President of another sovereign nation in order to please his boss. This approach may work for Vance and Trump within the GOP, but it is ineffective in international relations.

And now let us look at the other two men in the room.

The vulgar, threatening, ignorant, snarling, arrogant bully that is the leader of the free world, God help us.

There is another way of looking at yesterday's Oval Office atrocity. The world owes Zelensky a favour for showing the true face of Trump and Vance: a pair of gangsters who are waging war on truth and democracy and will threaten and avenge anyone who gets in their way.

I'm shocked!! Who could have foreseen that the person whose last foreign negotiation resulted in the release of thousands of Taliban and ISIS terrorists, the murder of 13 American military personnel. The person who handed the entire country over to those terrorists abandoning Americans there leaving them unprotected to face those thousands of terrorists his negotiations released. That this same person would AGAIN abandon our allies to hand over an entire ally country over to our worst political adversary. I mean who could have seen this coming? /SMH Trump and Vance definitely showed exactly who they are in the meeting with Zelensky. They are two truly selfish, non-caring bullies who will absolutely kick a man when he is down. Trump and Vance tried their very best to humiliate and degrade Zelensky by accusing him of being a dictator, not wanting peace, and not willing to engage in peace talks that will strip Ukraine of their natural resources. It is so obvious Trump does not have the intelligence nor the knowledge to negotiate with foreign leaders. Only Putin because they are two rocks in a box at the bottom

of the ocean!!

Zelensky put Trump under the bus? Try watching the video, or, better, the statements each has made in the past few days. Trump makes me ashamed to be an American.

It is heartening to hear that at least our NATO allies are still in contact with reality regarding the Ukraine, since our bungling president doesn't seem to know where his head is. But we know where his head is, don't we.

Trump does not have a grasp of the seriousness of the situation. He allowed himself to be goaded by Vance, and then, as he often does, Trump showed that he cares only about himself and his perceived grievances. It's both troubling and telling that Trump has unspeakable wealth and power, yet he can't seem to get over his grievances and need to avenge every kind of slight. I respect Zelenskyy for standing up to the irrational bullies. Everyone else in the world may kowtow to Trump because they have no integrity or moral compass. At least Zelenskyy demonstrated that the world is more important than Trump's fragile ego. It's heartening to see that Macron, Merz, and other world leaders -- statesmen -- have integrity. It's time for Starmer to get on board. It's telling that Putin sycophant Medvedev sounded more like the Trump the bully than world leaders.

The worst part about this is, we and the British made a commitment to protect Ukraine if they surrendered their nuclear weapons stockpile back to Russia, and then we encouraged them to resist for years with weapons, intelligence and other assistance. Now, just when they need us most, AND When it's possible Putin could be in a very precarious position, Trump throws them to the wolves very publicly in an Oval Office presser. Beyond Ukraine, what does this tell any other country we've historically provided guarantees to about what might happen with them in the event Trump decides on a whim that providing those guarantees is no longer profitable or a "good deal" for America? We have just seen what the fate of NATO is about to be, and we have a good preview of what will happen if Putin takes this as a sign he can swallow up other countries in the region he has been eying. We will stand by and allow it to happen unless these countries are able to pay extortionist demands in order to keep the word we've already given. Today is the lowest point in American geopolitics in my lifetime, and the reverberations from it have yet to begin, but it's going to get ugly, and America is going to find itself very alone and very vulnerable in a world that will turn elsewhere for real leadership and strength.

**Brilliant plan on Trump's part. Now Ukraine can retaliate by taking its rare minerals deal elsewhere and maybe even go so far as to ally with China or Iran**

Interesting that not a single Republican seems to take issue with the sophomoric diplomatic skills of Trump and Vance. They were asking for Zelensky's obedience, and took offense that he wanted more assurance of protection than just Trump's influence with his pal Putin.

The word presidential had an entirely different meaning prior to this administration. What a sad state of affairs in American diplomacy and influence.

Leave it to two-faced Graham to change his position yet again. Not long ago he's talking about the need to support Ukraine but when put to the task of rightfully criticizing Trump and Vance's horrific treatment of a genuine ally in favor of Putin, he again reverts to the terrible pandering he is known for.

I have no interest in what Republicans have to say about today's meeting. Their loyalty isn't to principle or country—it's to appeasing a leader who has repeatedly shown where his true priorities lie. We've all seen Trump's behavior, from siding with adversaries to insulting allies. Even on his best day, he doesn't come close to the integrity and courage of Ukraine's president. Today was a disgraceful display of pettiness, bullying, and a complete lack of decorum. I stand

with President Zelenskyy and respect the way he handled the embarrassing spectacle in the White House.

I am an independent voter and can look at this without the bias of a party loyalist. I believe that today one president represented their country in a way that should make them proud, and one president did not. Ukrainians should be proud of their president today and I am embarrassed by the behavior of my president and vice president. We are better than this!

Amazing from the outside looking in. We saw Trump coming and retired overseas. We have a better lifestyle, healthcare much better and prepaid at the register, and eat much healthier food. Even with Global inflation hitting us harder, we live better for around 55% of what we did stateside. \$2200 a month here, and save for 2 to 5 trips to mainland Europe each year for under \$2,000 for a 10 day vacation.

Americans who are under the yoke of debt? Credit card, Car note, house note etc.? This is now the Untied Slaves of America their.

Watch your groceries in June compared to January... wait until Christmas - you chose to be like russia in voting, and not voting. The smarter ones will figure it out. You also embraced project 2025. If you didn't read it and defended, read it now. Buckle up buttercup.

I agree wholeheartedly. Negotiating diplomacy in front of cameras was NEVER a good idea and should not have occurred. Zelenskyy was trying to save what is left of his country, but was treated terribly by Trump and Vance in front of press and cameras -- not the way to conduct diplomacy.

Then throwing Z out on top of mistreating him was wrong.

But if it hadn't been televised the American public wouldn't have known the truth about what transpired. tRump would have fabricated his own version and then fed it to us over and over like everything else he says. Repeat a lie often enough just hoping everyone will be convinced. I personally am glad we got to hear it first hand for a change.

Kevin, I'm more than embarrassed by the POTUS's actions. I find this person to be a disgusting, immoral and unethical example for our children instead of a positive role model and has placed the USA in a dangerous position.

No real change will happen in this country until the masses feel the financial pain in their pocketbooks and thousands of protesters take to the streets.

Isiah 520: Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.

"...we are better than this..." Not anymore. We just became international bullies in the eyes of the world.

It's extortion and bullying. If you want to stop the war, get Putin to back down; not Zelensky.

Ukraine was invaded. Zelensky should not have to give up territory or mineral rights...period.

Vance has just proven he is a Trump puppet, by kissing up and offering nothing of value to the meeting. Instead he fueled discourse by insinuating Zelensky never offered thanks. How is that productive?

**prediction: trump's next step will be to pull out of nato.**

Congratulations to the King Krasnov, James Bowman, and the Republican members of Congress on being applauded by, and repeating the same sentiment as RUSSIA is today. A REAL proud moment in our history.

This was NOT about doing what was best for the United States and the world, this was part of the retribution tour the orange one promised last year - this is retribution for Zelensky not giving him dirt on Biden, leading to Trump's impeachment, as well as Zelensky going to the

ammunition factory in Pennsylvania last year with a Democrat. To say otherwise is either being willfully obtuse or burying your head in the sand.

World War 3 is possible because of the Mean Girls attitude of the "most powerful" man in the world.

Oh, by the way, AGAIN, the guy who forgot he called Zelensky a dictator got the amount of money we've allegedly spent on Ukraine WRONG. The \$350 billion number is the TOTAL Ukraine has received, including Europe's contribution. And of the \$120 billion we added to the cause, most of it was in weapons we were never going to use again and money that went back into OUR economy (like the ammo factory Zelensky visited). The actual money we spent was mostly in the form of loans that Ukraine could pay back if the former KGB operative decides to break free from Vladdy's demands.

Ukraine and Europe against the alliance of Russia, China, North Korea, and the USA. President or not, no single person should have the power to upend our American values and align us with communists bent on rebuilding the Soviet Union.

I miss the days when Trump was just stupid. Now he is stupid AND demented.

He will be an octogenarian next year (if he lives that long), but I think he will be ejected with the 25th Amendment well before that.

Ninety-nine percent of what Trump says are lies and, unlike the magas, I'm not OK with that.

Comrade trump strikes again. I wonder if Putin promised trump a position in the Polit Bureau or Kremlin in exchange for trumps support. Reagan is rolling over in his grave.

I applaud Zelenskyy for standing up to Goliath today. Those two traitors (trump and vance) to democracy and rule of law threw the meeting into turmoil when Zelemslyy simply said that you can't trust putin to keep any promises and asked for security if there is a peace negotiation. Why should that anger the two if they are not subservient to putin?? That is because they are putin's puppets. As simple as that. Good for Zelenskyy for standing up and not signing that mineral deal trump wanted his hands on. I support Ukraine in their defense against trump's friend, putin.

All the MAGAs in Congress, along with our deranged Pres wish we all spoke German, or dare I say, Russian.

Republicans have been openly allied with Putin for years, now it's official.

We're the newest member of the Axis of Evil.

Good job, GQP.

why doesn't trump take this attitude with Israel?

Never in my lifetime did I think I would see an American president take the knee to Russia.

Absolutely disgusting.

Zelenskyy won the hearts of the good American people today.

Slava Ukraini!!! Zelensky should never apologize!!! He is a hero and leader of his country!!!

Zelensky is a Real president

Trump and Vance owe him an apology!

We cannot do this for 4 years.

Remove Trump! His childish behavior today was PATHETIC!

A red hat & cheap slogan does not make a leader. A grifter shouts loud and lets the world know he is a fool.

Zelensky displayed integrity, strength, and leadership! Trump and Vance, a disgrace - remove NOW!!!

That was embarrassing to the point I feel I owe Zelensky an apology.

Very embarrassing! I'm ashamed to be an American . Commander in chief?????? I'd rather have Zelensky as my president!

Millions and millions of Americans need to take to the streets and protest the outrage we are feeling.

When is the idiots who voted for Trump admit that it is over.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy is a man of integrity who demonstrates what a President should be. Trump and Vance displayed what a bully is and brought disgrace to the Oval Office as well as shame and embarrassment to Democracy and to the American People.

3-1-25

The U.S. brokered the deal that pulled nukes from Ukraine and gave them to Russia. Do you think Putin would have invaded the country if he risked retaliation with those missiles? The U.S. is complicit in allowing Russia to run roughshod over another sovereign state.

Standard salesman tactics.. never let the other side know how much you want something. They tried to berate, scare, and shame him and he held fast. Now they have to actually give him something. If he had no cards to play he wouldn't have been invited.

They are angry because it didn't work.

Putin is fighting to not lose, Ukraine is fighting to win. Russia has lots of people but Ukraine has a far more modern military. If Europe can supply Ukraine enough ammunition, they should be able to outlast Russia.

The US is now officially divorced from Europe and NATO might be fine in the short term but in the long term isolationism never works - making the whole western world hating America is not good for business repairing the damage on the world stage might take 20 years as always - everything trump touch dies

I agree that Trump's a terrible negotiator, but he also seems different. He's aged tremendously, and he's always hunched over. While he's always snapped, he seems less in control than in the past. He's also taking a backseat when it comes to Musk. He's not one to share the limelight. Something's not right.

Age is definitely noticeable. The article was spot on. Bullying doesn't work in the long-term as it burns relationships that may be needed down the road.

He is a narcissistic sociopath. Narcissistic personality disorder is a mental health condition that involves an exaggerated sense of self-importance and a lack of empathy for others. People with NPD may also have an excessive need for admiration. Someone with this condition should never have been able to run for president. He will never be able to negotiate fairly, or run this country for the good of the people, as he only sees one way for things to be done, his way. You are right about him seeming different, as this condition gets worse with age. There is anger in people like Trump, from the minute they wake up until they go to sleep. He has to lash out at someone, or the whole country in this case, and our allies. A lot of paranoia with this guy.

I understand what you're saying. Sometimes I go there. But other times, today,... at least this next hour, until I'm emotionally triggered from another ridiculous display of something, I'll try to remove myself from this destruction. Not be a part of it. It's a choice. Be good. Do good. Why in the hell should you hurt yourself with this? I know you, Jolie. Don't give in to him. Don't give in to this. That's what the bullies want... submission. To feel somehow responsible for the chaos at hand. Don't claim it. Find your route, something, some small positive you can do,...resist. rise. You didn't do this. Not your shame to own. No.

History lesson America. Would you trust us at our word! Three decades ago, the newly independent country of Ukraine was briefly the third-largest nuclear power in the world. Thousands of nuclear arms had been left on Ukrainian soil by Moscow after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. But in the years that followed, Ukraine made the decision to completely denuclearize.

In exchange, the U.S., the U.K. and Russia would guarantee Ukraine's security in a 1994 agreement known as the Budapest Memorandum.

**"NATO was formed in 1949 primarily to provide collective security against the threat of Soviet expansion in Europe after World War II."**

America under trump is in breach of our honor, word and signature to our longstanding allies. And the really sad part about that is....the ONLY time in the history of the alliance that members have been called to support a member under attack...was in support of the U.S after 9/11.

Does anyone think they will EVER come to OUR aid again? Does anyone think that when Putin turns on a weakened America that our 1 time allies are going to assist us? Or are they going to turn their back and say we are getting EXACTLY what we deserve?

Arrogant Trump and Vance want America All Alone. US is waging war with allies. Threats and condescension will not command respect.

Trump repeated over and over that only HE can end this war, unlike his predecessor, because you have to end it through diplomacy. Well, I think he proved today that he's even worse at diplomacy than he is at business.

This obsession with former presidents seems so weird to me. In his first term everything was Obama, Obama, and now it is Biden, Biden. It seems so out of touch. I mean, they are gone, you are in the job, move forward.

I am no fan of Marco Rubio but his body language as he sat and watched Trump and Vance ambush Zelenskyy clearly showed how much he DISAGREED with what they were doing. If he has held on to ANY of his ethics and courage he will immediately RESIGN from any office associated with Trump. So will ANY Republican who truly loves America more than they love Trump.

I see two wanna-be school bullies yelling over the adult in the room.

Trump and Vance demanded respect, but weren't very respectful themselves. I can understand frustration, but don't air it out in front of the world. Vance seemed to be looking for soundbytes more than actually solving anything.

Can anyone imagine Trump having a conversation like the one in the oval office on 2/28 with our ally, President Zelensky, but instead with Putin, Xi, or Kim Jong Un, whether in public or private? Me either. I'm certain that it wouldn't happen and there's something wrong with the idea that he wouldn't or couldn't do that.

The Trump apologists and propagandists will have to work overtime on this one. This will be harder than Trumpsplainning how Trump didn't call Zelensky a dictator.

Europe already provides 60% of Ukraine's funding. I suggest that Zelenskyy no longer negotiate with Trump/Putin and instead negotiate EXCLUSIVELY with congress and Europe. Europe does have more capacity and more at stake, so that is at least a possibility. In the meantime, Democrats need to propose their own spending bills for Ukraine, and push that all the way into the next election, pointing out who the Russian supporter are in congress, right now.

How shameful is it that 77 million people were conned into believing Trump the convicted felon and insurrectionist would make a good leader. Any man who would cheat on all three wives would have no trouble lying to the American people and he did. You own him maga, deal with it.

As a veteran, I think two things happened today, the first being a planned ambush of a target. You get your opponent in your house, trying to make peace for a country that has lost over 70k people in this war with Russia. Secondly, the problem I've railed against about Trump for the last 10 years finally came to the fore in front of the nation, to see your spoiled brat President throw a temper tantrum at a man who's 10 times the man that Trump will never be! Our stance in the world just got really shaky. We can't produce half of what we get in imports; will these democratic countries now make Americans pay for what their President did? I think they will, and I feel sorry for everyone right now for what is about to happen to us!

It is very clear that Trump and Vance are in way over their heads, Trump seem clueless, and Vance did nothing more than shamelessly act like Trump's yappy little lap dog. It's not the United States Zelensky doesn't respect, it's the two children in front of him he doesn't respect, no body respects Trump for good reason

In 1940, when Churchill faced overwhelming odds against Hitler, Roosevelt could have told him to just settle with Hitler on his terms. Instead, he sent weapons and ships. How times have changed!

"You see the hatred he's [Zelensky] got for Putin. It's very tough for me to make a deal with that kind of hatred," said Trump. "He's got tremendous hatred." And rightly so ewe ijiiit. The USA just hit a very low point on the world stage. Do ewe see what you voted for? Are you proud? In a democracy you get the government ewe deserve. Time to wake up and get rid of him, if you can, if you want, if,if, if...

The Trump toadies will eventually face the same wrath as Hitler's henchmen. At the Nuremberg trials. Their defense. "I was following orders. I didn't know what was going on." No acceptance of responsibility. No remorse. Still following Hitler's racism & fascism. Then they were hanged. I've seen this clip everyone is talking about. I didn't see any disrespect on the side of Zelensky. I must have missed it. What I saw was 2 men trying to force another man into servitude time after time with no results. If one does not bow to a bully but hold their ground, that is not disrespect, that is courage. IMHO

I would say that many Americans who used to respect our country and thought it stood for human rights and helping allies defend against blatant, savage aggression were in tears too. In my case, it was just rage. America under Trump is a disgrace to every value it ever espoused. The best thing Zelensky is laugh it off. Cancel any contract within 72 hour and stand your ground. This was a typical big business SET-UP to be little and control. (Father was a CEO of fortune 500) and I have seen many transactions including with Russia (Father was COE of US/USSR trade). This is a textbook manipulation and head game.

so...Ukr. should accept a deal they weren't part of ... which basically, end the war and cease the region the russians invaded ... (probably) no mention of war reparation for the cities leveled by the russians ... forget about joining Nato ... and trust putin's word of honor ... take it or you are on your own, don't count on america.

The depravity continues. There is no bottom to what Fox will do to support the fallacy of trump. The propaganda network does not believe in America or its values. We all saw with our very own eyes how disrespectful trump and Vance treated Zelensky.

The conservative GOP has come a long way in 8 years. Siding with Trump in 2016 to blow through the debt ceiling to give tax breaks until today, siding with Trump to amplify Russian talking points and abandon an ally to that Fascist State. How many of that party are wondering how the hell they got to this place?

If it's peace he wants, why did Trump depart from the rest of the world to align 4 fascist dictators on Ukraine: Russia, N. Korea, Belarus, Hungary to protest the UN condemnation of Russian aggression? That's the path to peace, not encouraging the aggressor.

Good luck with that. Trump has a total meltdown in the Oval Office, practically kicks Zelenskyy out of the room and still wants a Nobel Prize after scuttling the peace process. Maybe Trump will have the U.S. military invade and impose our will on the region? That would make as much sense as Trump's whining and crying about Zelenskyy not showing the U.S. enough gratitude, then wrecking the meeting. After that performance, the U.S. doesn't have an ally (former ally) that trusts us. Nice way to deliver peace.

If anyone deserves the Nobel Peace Prize, it is Zelensky. He is a real life hero and has fought and will continue to fight against Putin for as long as it takes - with or without Trump.

Fox is so far up Mrs. Putin's buttocks, they could blow out his birthday candles. Trump is looking for deals in cash or goods, not in ending the killing. MTG's boyfriend threw Z's balance of with his peanut gallery insulting question. Everyone knows he promised to wear his uniform until the war is over. Trump and Vance then attacked without provocation. Z looked shocked, then confused, then defensive. He could not get a word in edgewise. It was theatrics aimed at elevating the support for Putin as the victim. Putin loved the show I'm sure. He couldn't have written a better script for Vance and Trump.

Nobel Peace Prize is based on accomplishment NOT aspiration. Nobel Peace Prize laureates described on its website as follows: Martin Luther King Jr FOR his non-violent struggle for civil rights for the Afro-American population. Malala Yousafzai FOR their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education. Nelson Mandela FOR their work for the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa. Jane Addams for their assiduous effort to revive the ideal of peace and to rekindle the spirit of peace in their own nation and in the whole of mankind. Mother Teresa FOR her tireless work for bringing help to suffering humanity. Former President Jimmy Carter for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development. Fox Fake News aka Trump State TV who spreads lies, disinformation and Russian propaganda 24/7, who planted the seeds of MAGA neo-Nazi/fascism movement, whose false prophets like Carlson and Hannity, allies themselves with Putin and autocratic leaders against democracy, who promotes virulent extremist conservative ideology with its right-wing tyranny and hate, Now, Fox Fascist News want to nominate lawless treasonous treacherous TRUMP a convicted felon, liar, fraud, insurrectionist and traitor, who sides Vladimir Putin of Russia who hates American democracy, is a war criminal, mass murderer and state terrorist, who is his friend and ally, Trump who blames Ukraine for Russia's invasion, ambushes and humiliates the noble and brave warrior president of Ukraine, Zelensky, in the people's House, the White House, Trump who is trying to destroy our democratic and constitutional order. Extremist Fox Fake News betrays, mocks, deceives, lies to the American people. Fox MAGA news corrupt & defile our democratic way of life & its institutions

Gee, let's give Neville Chamberlain a posthumous Nobel Peace Prize while we're at it. After all, if an appeaser who is also a Putin fanboy can get it, why not an appeaser from an earlier era who at least didn't adore the guy he was appeasing?

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Fox & Friends’ Host Says Trump Deserves Nobel Peace Prize After Zelensky Spat.”

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Zelensky is possibly one of the strongest heads of state at the moment - fighting for his land and people currently and against those who aim to capitalize on his vulnerabilities. While he may be willing to step aside to find an acceptable solution, his stand-off with the U.S. the other day will do nothing more than fortify and strengthen his role, as seen by others around the world. He won't be bullied and I think he made that point clear.

If Russia had honored the treaty it signed with Ukraine in 1994 to give Russia its nuclear warheads in exchange for economic aid and security assurances, we wouldn't be having this discussion. Russia can't be trusted and neither can the United States. What this will do is start nuclear proliferation all over again as Europe will start building its arsenal again. This will be very dangerous. For whatever reason, Trump just can't say no to Putin.

Mike Johnson needs to resign. He has abdicated our second CO-EQUAL branch of government to create a king. We're already looking at -1.5% GDP this quarter following Biden's final quarter at +2.3%. And that's before they're done slashing. They are bankrupting everything this great nation once boasted.

Almost ALL the European leaders are meeting at a major summit in London today. Imagine that, they have the OPPOSITE opinion of Mr. Johnson. Hero that should be praised and supported. It was a terrible deal for Ukraine to accept, and Zelensky was smart to walk away. Trump still wants the minerals and the deal. It'll be interesting to see who makes the first move after the brouhaha.

I think NATO and the European Union are appalled by tag team Trump/Vance trying to extort minerals out of Zelenski, the President of a country, victim of Russian aggression (for the second time) fighting for survival. This was merely entertainment for Trump's best pal, Putin. A victim in a war is in no way instigating WWII. For Ukraine, they may be fighting WWII, but the rest of the world hasn't made that determination yet. The Hague may also want to call Trump a war criminal also for threatening to take over other countries, Panama, Mexico, Canada, Greenland, Iceland... He's already begun tariffs on these nations. He is supported by a minority republican party and backed by a corrupt and moral-less Supreme Court.

The GOP is a hot mess. They all try to act like they're on the same page and they say completely different things and contradict Trump but then twist themselves into knots to not contradict Trump and lose the rings. Saying Putin is the aggressor, something Trump adamantly denies. Zelensky is fighting for his country for his people who were invaded and attacked by Russia. Trump should resign for all the damage he is causing the US and the world.

Mike should resign for failing to protect the border when Democrats were ready to pass the bipartisan immigration Bill.

What Putin wants:

A weak NATO

Lands in Ukraine

The US stepping down from the leading role.

The dismissal of the US dollar (lack of soft power)

What Trump delivers: All of the above

The way Trump and JD treated Zelensky was horrific. First Trump makes a sarcastic remark to Zelensky about what he was wearing - how crude that was. Then JD tells Zelensky that he never thanked the US for its help. Besides saying 'thanks' many times, what did JD want him to do - kiss their feet. Trump and Vance are the ones that attacked Zelensky, and if they can't act in a civil way, then they should resign.

Newsflash. He's Not coming back to be treated like that. He'll make a deal with the EU.

Trump is now an isolationist.. The world economy, world security arrangements will retire at light speed around the USA , our economy and defense roles.. Right now Zelensky is meeting with the EU Summit to rewire their interests, China is talking to Mexico right now for economic development .. The USA needs the world ...the world does not revolve around Trump or the USA anymore.. The USA is headed for depression right now.

The ENTIRE GOP has willingly installed a dictator, removed all govt limits on his power, subverted justice to ensure he can never be prosecuted, given full gov't backing to lies and anti-democratic propaganda, stoked violence and anarchy, and betrayed our greatest allies in favor of dictators and enemies.

There hasn't been a Republican party since 2016. It is now the Russian-proxy, misinformation, anarchist party.

"...Joe Biden warned in his final State of the Union address that the nation faced a choice between democracy and despotism..."

It's pretty clear what direction that is going, and it's not looking good.

President Trump and Vice President Musk are the dictators of everything now, and Congress is too scared to stand up to them. A very strange and unprecedented time for our country. We are no longer a Republic, but a dictatorship. I don't see that changing at all until the mid-terms.

If we even last that long. The first month felt like 3 years. I'm Exhausted, and Disgusted.

An intriguing analysis has been circulating online regarding the psychological aspects of Zelensky's meeting with Trump and Vance, conducted using ChatGPT.

From this analysis, it becomes evident that we have witnessed a true masterclass in gaslighting, manipulation, and coercion on the part of Trump and his entourage. Let's break down the key points:

1. Blaming the victim for their own situation

Trump explicitly tells Zelensky: "You have allowed yourself to be in a very bad position." This is classic abuser rhetoric—blaming the victim for their suffering. The implication is that Ukraine itself is responsible for being occupied by Russia and for the deaths of its people.

2. Pressure and coercion into 'gratitude'

Vance demands that Zelensky say "thank you." This is an extremely toxic tactic—forcing the victim to express gratitude for the help they desperately need, only to later accuse them of ingratitude if they attempt to assert their rights.

3. Manipulating the concept of 'peace'

Trump claims that Zelensky is "not ready for peace." However, what he actually means is Ukraine's capitulation. This is a classic manipulation technique—substituting the idea of a just peace with the notion of surrender.

4. Refusing to acknowledge the reality of war

Trump repeatedly insists that Zelensky has "no cards to play" and that "without us, you have nothing." This is yet another abusive tactic—undermining the victim's efforts by asserting that they are powerless without the mercy of their 'saviour.'

5. Devaluing the victims of war

"If you get a ceasefire, you must accept it so that bullets stop flying and your people stop dying," Trump says. Yet, he ignores the fact that a ceasefire without guarantees is merely an opportunity for Russia to regroup and strike again.

6. Dominance tactics

Trump constantly interrupts Zelensky, cutting him off: “No, no, you’ve already said enough,” and “You’re not in a position to dictate to us.” This is deliberate psychological pressure designed to establish a hierarchy in which Zelensky is the subordinate.

#### 7. Forcing capitulation under the guise of ‘diplomacy’

Vance asserts that “the path to peace lies through diplomacy.” This is a classic strategy where the aggressor is given the opportunity to continue their aggression unchallenged.

#### 8. Projection and distortion of reality

Trump declares: “You are playing with the lives of millions of people.” Yet, in reality, it is he who is doing exactly that—shifting responsibility onto Zelensky.

#### 9. Creating the illusion that Ukraine ‘owes’ the US

Yes, the US is assisting Ukraine, but presenting this aid as “you must obey, or you will receive nothing” is not a partnership—it is financial and military coercion.

#### 10. Undermining Ukraine’s resistance

Trump states that “if it weren’t for our weapons, this war would have ended in two weeks.” This is an attempt to erase Ukraine’s achievements and portray its efforts as entirely dependent on US support.

#### Conclusion

Trump and his team employed the full spectrum of abusive tactics: gaslighting, victim-blaming, coercion into gratitude, and manipulation of the concepts of peace and diplomacy. This was not a negotiation—it was an attempt to force Zelensky into accepting terms beneficial to the US but potentially fatal for Ukraine.

GIVE PRESIDENT ZELENSKY A NOBLE PRIZE PLZ

To think, the MAGAs actually get angry if you call Donald a bully.

Please Canada, offer us citizenship

So, subjugation = Freedom? We just stick our heads in the sand and pretend nothing is going on outside our borders until it's too late. We, as a country, throughout our history have been protected by two gigantic oceans. This may have worked in the past, but the past is the past. We kept the Russian aggression in check with strong economic sanctions, not "military might". Once those sanctions are gone, there would be nothing to stop it.

She is standing up for the antithesis of freedom. Like the coward she works for, she is siding with a foreign dictator against a people fighting for freedom and self-determination. She was identified as a foreign asset before assuming her current position. Clearly, that was correct.

America has lost its collective mind. When Gabbard can accuse the EU of anti-freedom policies while helping to turn America into a fascist oligarchy, we are in the Upside Down.

J.D. Vance has the nerve to tell Zelenskyy he is out of line debating this in front of everyone and the cameras when he was the one who started the whole argument. Liar. Hypocrite. Slimeball.

I'm glad it was streamed. We have cold, hard proof of how it went down and it's clear Zelenskyy was not the aggressor.

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Rubio might have actually made it to heaven had he not sold his soul. Nothing he says anymore has any merit whatsoever. Not unless he says what he knows and really feels. Like he did before he sold his soul. If Rubio came to me for some fatherly advice I'd suggest he read some history. He should read about Thomas Jefferson. Read what he wrote in his original, first attempt at the Constitution. Read about what he wrote and how he and others debated what to leave in and what to take out. Read why we established the government the way we did. I would do so in hopes he

would recognize the brilliance of it. Everything that is happening now is in direct opposition to the constitution. I think he knows that and believes it in his heart. Rubio must leave the administration immediately and speak out to save himself.

He did sell his soul. He looks like one unhappy person. I think he is too afraid to say what he really feels, like everyone else. Trump likes to be respected. Even Vance mentioned that in the video that went viral. However, respect needs to be earned, not given. As far as I can see, he hasn't yet earned it.

Perhaps, Trump is trying to end the war, but more so he wants to please Putin. He adores him. He should join him and Russia so that they can rule together.

The Republicans are trying very hard to spin Trump's capitulation to a murderous dictator as an act of nobility worthy of a Nobel. Trump is not trying to end a war and save lives. He's trying to hand a victory to Putin. I don't think the American people will buy what Trump and Little Marco are selling.

I used to be a proud Republican until they lost their soul. I am no fan of woke, leftist identity politics but I will vote that way until hopefully this MAGA scourge is defeated. It amazes me that if a great man like Reagan came along he would have to run as a Democrat.

Trump realized that the religious were on the side of Republicans and religious people believe things without facts. They are easy to manipulate. He rode it all the way to the Presidency.

Director Gabbard should've paid closer attention during that meeting. President Zelensky conducted himself as a strong, competent leader. It was Trump and Vance who are to blame for the heated exchange. President Zelensky was cautious of Trump's loose promises and asked for reassurance. That request was greeted with an all-out temper tantrum from an unstable, insecure Trump.

I didn't see Zelensky escalating anything at all. He was mild mannered and didn't come off as being aggressive. Zelensky didn't raise his voice once, everything he said made sense. Trump and Vance act as if a disagreement is a sign of disrespect. Such fragile egos.

It's almost as if Republicans and Democrats watched a different meeting between Trump, Vance and Zelensky. I am a moderate Republican and what I saw was a setup to try and humiliate Zelensky. Vance, in an apparent attempt to be tough, insulted Zelensky for not being grateful enough. I don't know about the rest of you, but I have seen dozens of clips of Zelensky demonstrating his appreciation for American assistance. And then Trump piled on about Zelensky not wanting peace. I can honestly say, I have not been more embarrassed of our nation in my 65 years. We need some brave Republican politicians to step up and quit being spineless. You know much of this is wrong, but you care more about retaining your seat than improving our country. History will remember this and your legacy will be forever tainted.

H.R. McMaster is one of the most distinguished military leaders in the history of the country.

Take a look at his medal/award attainment, and the length of time he has served our country.

There is not a single individual in the current administration that retains such credentials. Stop listening to the you know what. I do agree we need to spend more time on illegals, crime, drugs, etc., however the fact Putin himself said the worst mistake in the 20th Century was the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the USSR, must not and cannot be ignored. Putin is attempting to systematically reconstruct the former USSR.

Totally agree, our military leadership represents honor and integrity. Questioning someone like this only shows that some people cannot accept that everyone doesn't agree with them. MAGA is a group of yes men.

Trump without a doubt is a communist sympathizer who is looking out for Putin.

I can't think of a better way to weaken Russia and Putin than funding the Ukraine military. They take all the casualties.

Donald The John Rump: metastatic human CANCER ON AMERICA! FIGHT BACK!!

Trump has no class, character, integrity, ethics, morals and does not display a single Christian value. Attacked the US Capitol and democracy, stole top secret documents, liable for sexual assault, 34 felonies and 6 bankruptcies. He couldn't get any other job in this country but here we are with him in the white house. His supporters who claim to be Christian really do not know what that means. Because if they did they would not support this individual.

At this point in Trump's presidency, all of a month and a half, It's pretty apparent most people are smarter than anyone in Trump's administration.

A good thing that Neil Young stands with Europe and Ukraine and will rock for the free world in opposition to dictators and bullies.

Is talking about Ukraine "politics"? Keep on rockin' in the FREE WORLD!

House Speaker Mike Johnson -- a staunch Trump ally -- touted what he said would be the president's "triumphant return" to Congress, arguing that he had accomplished so much already that listing his achievements "could fill three hours."

Johnson has become a full Trump cheerleader rather than fulfilling his duties as Speaker of the House. The sad part is that Johnson along with the rest of the House Republicans and Senate Republicans seem to be happy to surrender and cede their power and responsibilities to Trump and the executive branch. Perhaps Dems were right. Part of this election was about saving Democracy.

His vision is a bonanza for the wealthy. It will be a free for all with all regulations either gutted or eliminated. Our forest will be clear cut because the guy he put in charge wants to do it. Our clean air and water will be left to the industry to police itself. Most of our federal lands will be sold off and our national parks privatized. If you have problems with vehicles or other products you buy, good luck with no consumer protection agency. If he puts 25 percent tariffs on Canada, the price of lumber will go up 25 percent along with 6,000 dollars on a new car. Trump thinks we can make everything right here in America. You know what happens in that case, bigger companies buy up or put their competitors out of business..

People we're headed for a national disaster the likes this country never seen, all because one guy thinks he knows everything.

He is going to tell us the coup is over, and that he has complete control of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Military. He is going to reiterate that he is above the law, and there really isn't any need for Congress going forward.

This is the problem plaguing OUR Congress: "Trump's tight grip on the Republican Party has only grown stronger since his 2024 comeback, and few are willing to risk losing their seat by antagonizing him and his base."

The formula for Making America Go Away is greed, power, self-aggrandizement, cruelty, subjugation, abdication, bravado, untrustworthy, and communism all stirred up in Trump's cauldron. It is now what America is showing to the rest of the world as a remnant of what once was a great American experiment in democracy and freedom. How much more will Americans be willing to sacrifice in order to support MAGA republicanism or should it be described as "political cannibalism?"

Look out, everyone. This crazed cult leader who screamed about people "eating the cats and dogs" and "50 million in condoms to Gaza" is going to "TELL IT LIKE IT IS".

MAGA really just does hate this country, doesn't it?

I'm sure attendees will be checked for rotten tomatoes at entrances.

No need to check for rotten eggs. They cost too much!

Meet Stephanie Matthews Lovins who sat down at a mexican restaurant in Ohio & left racist remarks on her receipt & refused to tip her disabled server who works 2 jobs.

Update: Century 21 states she is no longer affiliated with the brand.

The farm sector has historically been hurt first-and-worst by tariff wars.

All those farmers in Iowa...start planting coffee and oranges!

Trump and Republicans won because they promised to bring prices down not because they promised to start trade wars, let Elon Musk run amok and create chaos on the world stage.

What's worse, everything they are doing is making Inflation even worse and the chaos is quickly starting to alarm and harm loyal Republican Voters.

And now they have fired so many people at Social Security there is a substantial risk checks don't go out on time one day soon.

Not to mention when the Medicaid cuts start closing down rural hospitals in deep red states.

2026 is going to be a bloodbath.

You're assuming Trump's voters are smart enough to see through his lies, and that they care to do that. That is a dangerous assumption, I'm done making those. Everyone who is financially literate knew Trump's ideas would raise prices. We need better education in this country, George Carlin said long ago, think about how dim the average American is and half of them are worse than that!

Maga Republicans will See a huge change in attitude when the tariffs hit their wallets HARD!

That was a mortifying spectacle in the Oval Office today. We witnessed President Trump acting like a handmaiden to a Russian dictator, while processing everything—US foreign policy, world history, the fate of millions—through the lens of his own grandiosity, pettiness, and personal grievances. Trump is siding with a man who has all but threatened us with nuclear annihilation over our support for an independent Ukraine. Putin's troops have routinely subjected Ukrainian POWs to torture. They have stolen tens of thousands of Ukrainian children and repatriated them to Russia. And we now have President and Vice President who blame the victims for all the misery and death that has been imposed on them (and for not saying “thank you” when they do this). Where do we go to get our country's moral stature back?

Problem is many only have exposure/access to Christian radio, Joe Rogan, Glenn Beck, Newsmax and OAN, and Sinclair Media. Propaganda galore.

MAGA voters will see the prices rise soon.

Faux News will blame Biden for Trump's incompetence.

I live in the midwest I am surrounded by farmland, those farmers had TRUMP signed everywhere during the election, now FAOFO ..it's that time! LOLLOLOLOLOL

Canada just announced that they intend to trounce the US with nearly triple the tariffs on goods and a plan to hold back and create stockpiled surpluses of the most needed goods that the US relies on. Mostly building materials, energy, and military materials that the US faces devastating shortages on and cannot replace for close to a decade of infrastructure and operations investment. This plan was devised after speaking to over two hundred Republican Congress members, Governors and political leaders as well as heads of business that admitted that they would likely have to close down operations all together rather than build here in the US to counter the Trump tariffs.

Prices are going UP, UP, UP!

Thanks Trump. Thanks Trump voters. Thanks MAGA.

Mexico is expected to follow suit. Just an FYI, MAGA... We get close to 30% of our fresh produce from Mexico.

WITH FRIENDS LIKE "NATO ALLIES", WHO NEEDS ENEMIES? President Trump... undoubtedly greatest leader in history- accomplished more in one month than some "alleged" greats accomplished in their lifetimes- combined- Churchill, Caesar, Stalin, Napoleon, Lincoln, Gandhi... and now Trump must start looking into it very strongly whether Trumplandia (formerly known as USA) should exit NATO military alliance. After ungrateful, thankless, greedy and always looking for a hand-out Dictator Zelenskyy insulted beloved leader- Trump (whose job approval rating is hovering around 93% amongst MAGA devotees, independents, good Christians and even moderate Democrats)... our alleged NATO allies stabbed HIM in back with a twelve-inch knife... later pulled it out halfway... but Trump still has a knife imbedded six-inches deep. I never trusted British... so when failed sub-prime minister of England embraced Dictator Zelenskyy... gave him \$3 billion to continue brutal attacks on Russia... a country and its leader who loves and worships Trump... giving HIM status as fourth person in the Godhead and blood brother to Jesus in flesh... and gave Canada assurance that Trumplandia will not annex Canada as the 51st State... it is clear that the British are still seething about losing the War of 1812... and the French still supporting Dictator Zelenskyy... begging him to not resign even though he disrespected Trump... with his tone, attitude and poor choice of attire... shameful behavior... thank God (Trump) for being civil... obviously the French are still upset Napoleon sold the Louisiana Territory for \$15 million in 1803 because French assume Trump will buy Greenland for the \$500 billion Ukraine must pay to reimburse Trumplandia for the loan of \$350 billion plus 29.9% interest... or \$500 billion. Actually, a military alliance with more trusted partners like Russia, China, North Korea (whose great leaders bow down to Trump)... will be much more powerful... easily seize Canada and Greenland.

This is obviously sarcasm and satire. QA (the poster) has a history of this kind of comment. LOVE IT!

**Questions: Hypothetically, If Trump were found to be treasonous by colluding with Russia, could he pardon himself? Could congress overturn a pardon?**

It took 52 days for Germany to go from a democracy to a fascist state. Trump is trying to break the record.

Forget a press conference crash.. this is a presidential crash. Ridiculous

This has nothing to do with winner or loser. This is about dignity and manners. There was only one person in the room who carried himself with dignity and the stature of a President and was not an orange buffoon or a make up wearing lap dog.

If I were a Republican, I would be SO ashamed of the behavior demonstrated by Trump during this meeting!!! I'm a Dem and at this point, I'm almost ashamed to admit that I'm an American. I can only imagine the negative attitudes being developed by those countries that were/are our allies!!! They must be thinking that our country could turn on them in the manner that our supposed leader turned on a country fighting to maintain its independence!! Trump has definitely formed a union with Putin and it totally scares the hell out of me!!!

We may have power now, but moving forward without our international allies, for trade and security- we will be alone with a wrecked economy and China well ahead of us.

Don's deck of cards includes treachery, bullying, threats, lies, profiteering and more lies. Z doesn't hold any of those cards.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio has called for the United States to act like Russia and China in pursuing self-interest first -- a contrast to former president Joe Biden, who prioritized alliances as a force multiplier for US influence. USA is now an extortionist country

Fascism (/ˈfæʃɪzəm/ FASH-iz-əm) is a far-right, authoritarian, and ultranationalist political ideology and movement,[1][2][3] characterized by a dictatorial leader, centralized autocracy, militarism, forcible suppression of opposition, belief in a natural social hierarchy, subordination of individual interests for the perceived good of the nation or race, and strong regimentation of society and the economy.

3-4-25

Former President of Poland Lech Walesa wrote the following letter to Trump.

Your Excellency, Mr. President,

We watched the report of your conversation with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, with fear and distaste. We find it insulting that you expect Ukraine to show respect and gratitude for the material assistance provided by the United States in its fight against Russia. Gratitude is owed to the heroic Ukrainian soldiers who shed their blood in defense of the values of the free world. They have been dying on the front lines for more than 11 years in the name of these values and the independence of their homeland, which was attacked by Putin's Russia.

We do not understand how the leader of a country that symbolizes the free world cannot recognize this.

Our alarm was also heightened by the atmosphere in the Oval Office during this conversation, which reminded us of the interrogations we endured at the hands of the Security Services and the debates in Communist courts. Prosecutors and judges, acting on behalf of the all-powerful communist political police, would explain to us that they held all the power while we held none. They demanded that we cease our activities, arguing that thousands of innocent people suffered because of us. They stripped us of our freedoms and civil rights because we refused to cooperate with the government or express gratitude for our oppression. We are shocked that President Volodymyr Zelensky was treated in the same manner.

The history of the 20th century shows that whenever the United States sought to distance itself from democratic values and its European allies, it ultimately became a threat to itself. President Woodrow Wilson understood this when he decided in 1917 that the United States must join World War I. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt understood this when, after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, he resolved that the war to defend America must be fought not only in the Pacific but also in Europe, in alliance with the nations under attack by the Third Reich.

We remember that without President Ronald Reagan and America's financial commitment, the collapse of the Soviet empire would not have been possible. President Reagan recognized that millions of enslaved people suffered in Soviet Russia and the countries it had subjugated, including thousands of political prisoners who paid for their defense of democratic values with their freedom. His greatness lay, among other things, in his unwavering decision to call the USSR an "Empire of Evil" and to fight it decisively. We won, and today, the statue of President Ronald Reagan stands in Warsaw, facing the U.S. Embassy.

Mr. President, material aid—military and financial—can never be equated with the blood shed in the name of Ukraine's independence and the freedom of Europe and the entire free world.

Human life is priceless; its value cannot be measured in money. Gratitude is due to those who

sacrifice their blood and their freedom. This is self-evident to us, the people of Solidarity, former political prisoners of the communist regime under Soviet Russia.

We call on the United States to uphold the guarantees made alongside Great Britain in the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, which established a direct obligation to defend Ukraine's territorial integrity in exchange for its relinquishment of nuclear weapons. These guarantees are unconditional—there is no mention of treating such assistance as an economic transaction.

Signed,

Lech Wałęsa, former political prisoner, President of Poland

Trading sides during WW2 is a great analogy. The European Union will continue to support the Ukraine and will not allow Russia to win. When it's all said and done everyone will remember who fought against the spread of communism and who bailed when they needed help.

I pray those on the right will find their voice, their spine, their other things and stand up to this. Since when has Russia been the good guys in any recent lifetime?

When the Soviet Union broke up Ukraine only agreed to give up their nuclear weapons when the United States, along with some other western nations, committed to support Ukraine in the event of a Russian invasion.

Trump won the presidency, but let's not pretend 'most Americans' wanted this. And cutting off Ukraine doesn't stop war; it **rewards Russian aggression** and makes future conflicts more likely.

Meanwhile, Trump and MAGA are openly aligning with **authoritarian regimes**, dismantling democratic safeguards under *Project 2025*, and consolidating power to create **one-party rule**. You may not want war, but what you're supporting isn't peace—it's **the erosion of democracy at home and the rise of unchecked dictators abroad**.

And we've dismantled all our cyber and security defenses with gov't to allow Putin to walk in. Wake up and smell the coffee....the silent coup is occurring. In 6 weeks, we have splintered America from allies, making both weaker from a security perspective. Look forward to another 9/11 event with no Article 5 help to invoke. And, now we're making America poorer with the tariffs against Canada(??) and Mexico(?). Look forward to layoffs for the automakers in 1-3 weeks.....and it goes on and on and on.

Face it, you really put Putin in the White House. MAGA = Make Russia Great Again!

Vance is like all 70 million Trump supporters: flippant and callow.

Every Trump supporter I have ever met has been basically thoughtless. It's why we're now living Idiocracy. There are simply more of Trump's "uneducated" than there are thoughtful and intelligent citizens. We all better learn to love Brawndo. At least it has the 'lectrolytes plants crave.

JD Vance. Has no business being Vice President, i don't think he is even qualified to be a used car salesman. Who thought this clown deserves the position of special advisor to President Musk. President Trump consistently posts AI deepfake images on his own social media platform. Fox News Channel also likes to display deepfake images without disclosing that they're altered (just look up the wiki page about their scandals). It's hard to believe that the Trump Administration will harshly crack down on him and his main propaganda sources.

Russia has already promised them mineral rights if they get to keep the Ukrainian land. Trump was never interested in actually making a good deal with Zelensky, only offering up a terrible deal, selling out his country and wealth, and never giving a promise to protect their sovereignty. Any decent leader would've rejected that deal. Zelensky was in a terrible mood because he flew all the way there to be lied to about securities in the deal, Trump was in a terrible mood because

he thought he had strong armed him into accepting a terrible deal. They were both disappointed and both popped off. The only difference is that Zelensky was ambushed and Trump always wanted it to go badly.

This sets a horrible precedent for our country.

This is absurd that autocrats are likened more than democracy here in America.

I was alive at the tail end of the Cold War when Russia couldn't be trusted by any American my how the tables have turned, sad to see.

The Dealer Maker at it again. Give the other side everything they want.

He did the same with the Taliban, now look they have not kept any part of their deal and Trump could care less. There was nothing in it for him but a campaign promise. Did the same in Syria.

Does the same to Americas that he thinks did not vote for him. He is a Russian operative all the way. Putin has the goods on him 100%.

Ukraine is literally the front line in defending the free world, and the Trump administration is indifferent to their success. If anyone thinks Putin can be trusted, they're nuts. Putin cut his teeth during the Cold War, and his only interest is rebuilding the former Soviet Union and destabilize the west. This is fact, not opinion.

Really Vance? You think you can bully some small free country into submission so you can discuss your vision of a peace plan with the aggressor, without their input. Please don't use Americans as the baseline for your own agenda and judgement.

So USA gets mineral rights, Russia gets Ukraine land, and Ukraine loses their territory. Trump will blame Ukraine for it all and claim the best peace deal in the history of the world and blame Ukraine for continuing to fight for the land the USA agreed to protect and Russia agreed not to invade years before.

So Russia gets to keep the land they stole from Ukraine. I mean Trump has got to make the Russians pay in some way. So actually Ukraine loses all away around. Can you imagine what Ronald Regan would be saying right now. He's the guy who built up our defenses in the Cold War to reign in Russia. Now Trump wants to give Russia everything.,

It will become obvious to the world very soon what a stable genius the donald isn't. America, we are in trouble.

This is nothing but a hierarchy of petulant pooches. Putin yanks trump's chain and gets him to perform for the people. Then trump, senile and weak, yanks vance's chain so he will parrot Putin's talking points, and then all three of them sit there and try and gaslight the world and the American people into believing we're not seeing what we're clearly seeing. trump is a Russian asset. He's not working for us, and he has no intention of doing anything to benefit Ukraine simply because putin doesn't want him to. That's it. This isn't complicated. Our government has been compromised by Russian loyalists working against the interests of the American people. Period.

Trump and Vance wear more makeup than a night walker.

The American people voted for the administration of chaos and nonsense and that's exactly what we are getting.

Today's topic is Vance erasing the UK troops who fought along with our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, and our allies being insulted by the omission.

There are laws against illegal actions, like violence, but speech is protected. Please MAGA, explain to me how this is not an attack on rights and the constitution.

Funny how MAGA always claims that the "radical left" is coming after peoples rights, but it is the radical right which makes all the attacks.

Great message from Trudeau, but I do disagree with him on one thing. Trump is not a smart guy.

Trump has no idea what he is doing. He doesn't care who he hurts or how low he drags our country down.. All his extremely insecure narcissistic self cares about is looking "tough" and "powerful." Dude cares nothing for the American people or this country at all.

We're heading into a recession should he continue with his "beautiful tariffs." Increased unemployed no so great for the economy either.

How does a \$4.5 trillion tax cut (85% of which will go to those making \$400,000 or more a year) and will raise the national debt equate to government efficiency?

They hope the dems will be reasonable, while they themselves are being unreasonable. DOGE, while it's stated mission is not necessarily a bad thing, has turned out to be a hack and slash hatchet job on the government that has done little other than unnecessarily put good people out of work while not really finding any fraud or saving the taxpayers any real amount of money.

Around 120 GOP Senators and Congressmen voted not to certify the 2020 elections demonstrating complete subservience to Trump's lie. Now in 2025 we have an entire political party that has been transformed into a cult and they believe their leaders over and above the constitution. American democracy is dying right before our eyes and the GOP is pushing it along.

Trump doesn't deny that his foreign policy is in line with Putin but instead rants about President "O'Biden"

"The chaos in D.C. is causing a lot of uncertainty. This is a Trump-ster fire," Chris Galipeau, senior market strategist at Franklin Templeton, told Barron's.

Don't blame solely Trump. Blame the 76 plus million that voted for him. Now they are mad, losing their jobs, veterans who lost their jobs with the federal government and many others because of their own stupidity. Finding out is a "HARD" lesson for many!

This entire presidency is a racket, designed to throw away any enforcement of regulations that would stand in the way of Musk and other billionaires to push an agenda that will enrich themselves with no obstacles to get in their way. While we, the little people have to suffer the consequences of what Trump is doing. He will destroy this country before he's done. We are already scorned by the world for what he's done to Ukraine and his unabashed favor of all things Putin. It's disgusting.

Will everyone please stop freaking out? Just because Trump and JD Vance are acting like Russian plants and sending the economy into a recession and are giving an unhinged billionaire carte blanche to fire huge swaths of important government workers doesn't mean they aren't also doing good things. Like for instance:

How are egg prices right now?

United24, a Ukrainian state-sponsored platform that raises funds amid the ongoing war, is raffling off 100 T-shirts with Zelensky's response: "I'll wear a costume when the war is over."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump's pause on Ukraine aid is like the U.S. switching sides in WWII, expert says."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trust in Trump!: President's supporters dismiss alarm bells from critics."

I've gone through plenty of personal crises throughout my life. Lately, I am now faced with a strange new one: a crisis in our country where Donald Trump and his supporters are completely upending our whole nation. They do not care *at all* about unifying this country. This want to smash it, bully it, devastate it, and bury it in order to remake it in Trump's Christian Nationalist/ Fascist/ Capitalist image. It's a scary, depressing, exhausting time to be alive. I've never thought that my sister, my brother-in-law, and my own Homan relatives in Mercer and

Auglaize counties as “evil”... until now. That’s how disturbing it has gotten with how far Trump has capitulated to Putin and the religious right. Extorting Ukraine for “peace” is just another bottom. Voting for “gerrymandering” while campaigning with signs to “End Gerrymandering” is just plain sick. There is nothing moral or ethical about what MAGA is doing, though they try to convince themselves that they are. Seeing on Facebook that Kelly Reigelsperger, a classmate of mine who was bullied and mocked for being physically-handicapped, is a MAGA Trump supporter broke my heart. How can she support a bully wannabe dictator who is now the most powerful person in the world?

Yet I also read an article that interviewed these Trump supporters and how they would never dissent him. They’ve scared and upset with where the country has gone. They feel that they’ve been taken advantage of with all the manufacturing jobs being taken away. They’re sick of European nations taking advantage of the United States in order to give them protection. Trump has completely swayed them that they’re all victims and only he can save them and America. He’s right and wrong at the same time.

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Markets do not like turbulence, uncertainty, and unforced headwinds. All of that exists now and is rapidly worsening. Case in point, tariffs and retaliatory actions will increase inflation and decrease business revenue. Alienating Europe will cost the military industrial complex in America dearly, as well as other businesses as Europe goes domestic with contracts.

This is exactly what they want, they crash the markets so they can come in and buy everything up at bargain basement prices, they do it every single time!

And then they pass the debt along and blame democrats helping people as the reason.

They're doing all of this, on purpose, to tank SS

President Trump has less than 2 years to deliver better economy. If this proves to be bluff or difficult, democrats will be the majority in the House of Representatives and possibly in the Senate as well. It remains to be seen, how the tariffs will impact our trading partners as well as American consumers.

That isn’t how an authoritarian oligarchy works. The right wing owns or influences every major media outlet. They control the supreme court, the presidency, both houses of congress, they are removing any government officials, military officials, secret service officials, etc. that they want. They have the will and technical expertise to rig an election and there is no one with real power to investigate it. They also have enough control over the military and security forces that popular uprising will be ineffective. This election was the last that will have meaning in the USA.

Economy is the number one issue for majority of voters. Trump telling everyone how great the economy is when it's tanking isn't a good look

We already know what will happen. Trump is such a genius he basically told the countries he tariffed that it's about who blinks first. I'm sure it will be the US who blinks first. Tariffs is protectionism we tried it before the Great Recession. It failed. Trump will be old and gone before we would even have a manufacturing base so that's a pipe dream. Look forward to slow revenues, mass unemployment and fewer government services. Pray he's not a Russian operative. Imagine being a federal employee, who had to take an early retirement, only to see your investments crashing in a matter of days. Furthermore, these tariffs will lead to more layoffs and firings.

Make Depressions Great Again!

What is "a little disturbance"? 10% inflation for the rest of the year? New Construction and US automobiles will get hammered with additional cost. Fox Business showed a \$80K Dodge pickup will rise to \$100K. Yikes.

The president even acknowledged economic discomfort when discussing tariffs, saying, "there'll be a little disturbance, but we're OK with that. It won't be much.".....yeah sure if your a billionaire like Trump and Musk they are OK with it.....time to vote out in 2025, 2026, 2028 any GOP members supporting Trump and Musk's attacks on our economy and democracy I am in the construction industry, and everything trump is doing is going to make it harder for Americans to afford homes. The US imports 25% of lumber from Canada. Existing and new tariffs will total 39% for lumber from Canada (not to mention any retaliatory tariffs from Canada). Labor costs are about to soar with the attack on Mexican immigrants, which account for 50% of my laborers. Add it all together and trump has guaranteed to lock out the average American from owning a home. And it is going to get worse. Thanks trump.

**David, it's clear that GOP members in both the House and Senate are deeply intimidated by Trump. In fact, they now seem more fearful of the very people they were elected to represent. Have you noticed the town halls over the past few days? It's time to vote them all out.**

"A little disturbance." That's hilarious. Get ready for the Great Recession 2.0. The tariffs weren't in place yet and GDP projections shifted downward by 5% to a -3% GDP contraction, and that's before the number are actually tallied.

Worst decision: Citizens United. Elections are bought by the richest among us.

2nd worst decision: Presidents are immune from criminal prosecutions.

Turned our Presidency into a Kingship.

These guys have their heads on wrong. They don't even seem to recognize the damage they have caused.

Here the BIG LIE everyone. Trump claims we need Greenland for strategic reasons to stop Russia. But at the same time, Trump is telling Ukraine to trust Russia and just hand everything over in the name of peace. But those two things counter each other completely. One is claiming that Russia is so bad that we need a strategy to stop them, and the other praises them for being good. This is Trump and ALL OF MAGA right now too. They are not grounded at all in any logic.

Share this everywhere. When do the trials for treason begin?? Greenland is a major military facility, and it's there to help protect NATO and Europe incase of foreign attack, from Russia basically. And Canada, Canada has the rights to a bunch of oil and natural gas reserves as well as maritime routes to them, and Putin wants those demolished. Now Panama currently has sanctions against Russian vessels traveling through the Panama Canal. So when Donnie is talking about all three of these places, it's on behalf of Vlad. Just like everything that he's done since he was bailed out by Russia in the 80's after he lost all of daddy's money in bankrupt hotels and casinos in Atlantic City. See, those of us that have been paying attention and that read about history know this, and we've seen it coming for a long time. Now, MAGA is the brainchild of Vlad, and Donnie is his puppet. All of you who voted for him have done nothing more than given power to Russia and turned this country over to them. The United States is now weaker and more vulnerable because of it!"

With Trump wanting to own Greenland for it's resources, this is no different from Russia and Ukraine.

The fact that Trump only thinks about taking over nations rather than using diplomacy or trade deals to get what he wants from them shows us just how incapable he is at even slightly

sophisticated leadership in this world. Everyone else is playing with a chessboard, and he's in the corner by himself playing Candyland, occasionally running over and kicking over other players chess pieces, shouting "I win!".

31.78% Trump

30.84% Harris

1.06% Third Party

36.33 Did Not Vote

More Americans voted for someone other than Trump

NOT a landslide

NOT a mandate!

Correct you are!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Auto Association president says plants 'will close within a week' thanks to Trump tariffs."

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I would never make any "deals or agreements" with the US ever if I was another country or from somewhere else.

Every four to eight years, all the agreements can be cancelled, changed and or forgotten.

How can anyone trust that? You can't.

Strangely, until now, all agreements/pacts/treaties were confirmed by Congress and we abided by all of those agreements - for 230 years. Only during the trump years have we ever had such flagrant disobeying and breaking of contracts and agreements. It began when trump killed the soybean farmers trade agreement with China back in 2018 - and that one cost we taxpayers \$109 billion to bail out our farmers for their lost income (and Brazil has had the trade agreement with China ever since).

The blame is not Trumps. He told America who he was quite clearly, and people voted for him.

The real problem is right there among us. A large percentage voted for Trump for whatever reason, and they are responsible for what is happening. And when it all burns down, it won't be Trump who pays, he will probably enjoy his last few years in Russia like Assad, it will be them. I notice a lot fewer flags and banners these days, and I think that is smart, because human nature says that they will go after those that they can when their life falls apart.

Well, the cat's out of the bag. Our great Constitution actually gives all the power to the President. No wonder Ben Franklin said "A republic, if you can keep it". Who would ever trust or invest in the US ever again?

I don't think either Trump or Vance has a soul. These are refugees seeking asylum from a war-torn country. As a 72 yo lifelong Republican, I am ashamed of what my nation has become.

These are not Republicans principles.

Pray for the souls of trump supporters. May they find a way to forgiveness before it's too late.

Trump the fascist dictator is the cause of the turmoil in Ukraine. History will show the idiocy of trump.

I am not understanding many in the GOP who indicate no interest in supporting Ukraine. The US has spent trillions in defense over the last few decades to contain Russia. Ukraine has been doing that with far less US funding and with no US lives. Ukraine de-nuked based on US assurances of support, but it seems some in the GOP are OK making US untrustworthy.

I understand Trump's point with money but he's siding with Russia and that's a big problem with me specially when they were the ones who attacked Ukraine. Then Trump makes comments supporting Putin and calling Ukraine a dictator, it's crazy.

It's disgusting. DT still looking for support to depose Zelensky means that Putin is insisting on regime change. This is the classic Russian style, remove the current leader and put a Pro-Russian leader in place. The question is why? Why is DT trying to give Putin whatever he wants?? The war and sanctions is crushing the Russian economy, DT is actually in a much stronger position to negotiate a peace treaty than Putin. It feels like DT has other motives. Zelensky is going to get screwed, never should have given up his Nukes!!

Demanding that Zelensky hold elections in Ukraine while telling Americans they will never have to vote again is rich coming from DJT. He wants Ukraine to hold an election because he assumes that Zelensky will lose, and he can deal with someone friendlier to DJT and Putin. DJT is NOT a man of the people or a peacemaker. He is a rich elitest who will do anything for money and power, including selling out the US and its allies to an authoritarian regime.

Trump is never embarrassed by what he does or says. That's because he's too stupid and/or arrogant to realize what he did was wrong.

Donald Trump 'secretly calls Zelensky's Ukraine rivals' but US President is left embarrassed--- What is Embarrassing is the FACT that WE the People, have a POTUS who would DO something like this. It is disgusting, repulsive and downright UN-American. Impeach this Piece Of Totally Useless S

I am happy that they all stood up to this tyrant that was just testing the waters to see who would go with him if he tried to get them to have elections. We all know that if they did have elections, Muskrat and TRump would be the ones deciding who would run and who would win in a country they have never even been to.

This is disgusting and is a dark time in US history. When the POTUS aligns with Russia and the Russian spokes persons now says the US policy align with Russia's vision, EVERY TRUE American should be concerned beyond belief. Why the congress remains out of the loop neither of my senators nor my congressman has responded to explain themselves.

If the government shuts down, and it likely will, it won't be the fault of the Dems. They have had no input on this budget process and their input has not been requested. This is entirely the work of republicans. They wrote it, they can pass it. And if government shuts down, they have no one to blame but themselves. I'll guarantee you the American public will see it that way.

Budget bills most often begin in the House of Representatives. With the exception of Nancy Pelosi, who served as Speaker from January 2019 until January 2023, since January 2011, the House has been Republican majority. Further, in that time frame, the Senate had a Republican majority from January 2015 until January 2021. That being said, people want to blame Democrats for wasteful spending but think about this, who else was running the show that would have approved this spending? Republicans, that's who... Sorry if truth hurts.

It is almost comical the way Trump deflects blame for everything negative. The Republicans control the Presidency, the House, and the Senate yet it is somehow the Democrats fault if government shuts down. He is still blaming Biden for the bad economy although he has been in office for over a month now. You can bet your bottom dollar that if the economy was improving, he would be front and center taking credit.

Good thing we can see who votes for what. Anybody who shuts down the government will be held responsible in the mid-term and 2028 President election. A shutdown lays off all

government employees just remember that when it comes to voting to keep your Congress seat. Tell it to the voters who 60% or more live paycheck to paycheck.

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It's very simple - we can't afford ANOTHER tax cut for the rich. In fact, we should raise the rate a couple percent. We should also be doing RESPONSIBLE spending reduction, but not this slash and burn DOGE stuff with zero thought put into it.

If we can't balance the budget and start paying down the national debt, we can't afford tax cuts. Basic math.

Republicans lie. Republicans are avoiding their constituents about their plans to drastically cut Medicaid which provides health insurance to 72 million Americans. All to give major tax cuts to the billionaires currently running our country. What a joke.

Who in their right mind would want to negotiate in good faith with Trump? He's already attacking our trade deal with Canada and Mexico that HE passed during his first term and is still criticizing the deal to pullout from Afghanistan that HE agreed near the end of his term. And let's not forget the hundreds of lawsuits from contractors he stiffed.

An agreement with that man isn't worth the paper it's printed on, Iran is certainly aware that whatever agreement they reach with him will mean nothing in the long run. His positions change with the wind and he will say or do whatever he thinks people want to hear before changing his position and renegeing yet again. This has been his public persona for decades now, it's no secret the man has little integrity.

Did you vote for being a Russian ally?

Yes. As of right now he's more or less threatened to invade Greenland, Panama and now Iran. We may actually end up in a war with our former allies because he's joining us at the hip with Russia. Wow! This is really going to make us safer. Not to mention the Trade War we're now in.

I seem to remember Obama was able to strike a deal with Iran and they were working with all Nations on this and things were looking up. Then Trump came into office and destroyed it all at the beckoning of NATO not to. Hmmm some stable genius.

He withdrew from the nuclear deal because Obama was involved in it and he wanted to erase everything Obama did. Now he knows he made a big mistake, but of course he won't admit it.

Trump doesn't have anything in his playbook other than threatening people. It is just what he does and has done his whole life. He is not smart enough to resolve anything any other way.

Even if you believe the government should be downsized, why would you cheer someone losing their job? They didn't obtain the job illegally.

Our enemies have always been within. Any outsider just has to wait while we destroy ourselves.

All of these departments and services, science, technology and safeguards were developed over the years to PROTECT the American consumer from predators who find a away to buck the system and hurt the consumer and/or allow for a better life, like protecting our parks and wilderness from the rages of robber barons and oil companies. Taking them away to pay for billionaires tax cuts is a terrible idea. And that's exactly what they are doing. Waste fraud and abuse is not perpetrated by government employees living paycheck to paycheck, but by people stealing from SS, welfare, and Medicaid. Firing the watchdogs who look into fraud is not helping.

The Russian man/child currently in the Whitehouse is angry because our allies won't bow down to him and are deciding to go it on their own until he is out of the Whitehouse. He is a clear and

present danger to the USA. But Putin is loving this nonsense as Krasnov is finally where Putin wanted him to return.

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Trying to help people understand what's going on right now is like going back into a burning building to pull someone out. Only to have them keep punching you in the face and demand evidence that the building is on fire. Even after they admit they can see the flames.

I am a business owner and I have always voted republican but there is a lot of uncertainty with what President Trump, Musk and the Republicans are doing. I'd rather have Biden as President even if he is a vegetable, businesses need stability.

This is 1984, The Twilight Zone, The Outer Limits, The Day the Earth Stood Still, all combined into one disaster.

I do not understand their endgame. Are these tariffs supposed to bring manufacturing to the states? That will take years if not a decade. And are these "new" jobs going to pay a livable wage? With health insurance? If so, then these domestically produced goods are going to cost 2x, 3x's more than they do now. Like I said, I just don't see how all this is supposed to play out.

At one point in time I really felt that Maria was smart and knew what she talked about. But not anymore, as people should with the mass confusion which Trump is causing PEOPLE SLOW DOWN ON BUYING. The people don't know which way to turn and will only buy what sustains life and that causes a RECESSION.

What? Joe Biden did these, any one of which is an absolute disaster: 1. Hurting our allies and helping our enemies, undermining the most successful alliance in history, NATO. 2. Starting a trade war with massive tariffs for which there is no rhyme or reason and for which there is a certain result: higher prices, disrupted businesses, and a recession, possibly another Great Depression. 3. An assault on clean energy that was on track to become the next big opportunity for American prosperity. 4. An assault on what has been the secret sauce of American success: Immigration. Our greatest source of innovation and vitality has been this fact: People want to come here. Or, they did want to come here. America isn't too great a country to come to lately. 5. Turning our government into a gambling casino for cryptocurrencies. That has to be least conservative most reckless irresponsible public policy in human history. 6. Systematically dismantling government and selling off assets to fund tax cuts for billionaires. Both the wrecking of our government and the budget-breaking tax cuts are ruinous. I'm just having a tough time keeping up with our new President. Our allies are our new enemies. Our enemies are our new allies. Sycophancy is the new competence. Anything that actually works needs to be smashed up. Treason is OK now. Crime is OK now. Say what you will about our two-party system we have in the USA, it is good to have a back-up unit when one of the units has a colossal malfunction, such as is the case with today's Republican Party. Of course support the Democratic Party, but more than that, be an active advocate for democracy. Our motivation: An El Salvadorian gulag aint no vacation.

Now it is Joe Biden's recession. Anyone who believes this is misguided. I anticipated this outcome. Biden created a strong economy during his term, and I knew DJT would ruin it and blame him for it, expecting the people to believe him just like all the other atrocities he committed and denied, yet his supporters believe him anyway.

I truly doubt that Trump has read the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842 and the Treaty of 1908. It's obvious he hasn't even read the U.S. Constitution!

Trump has no stomach or the intelligence to deal or compete with the European nations. He and Putin will make plans on how to deal with Europe together. Chaos is the Trump legacy on the world. As a past service member it's embarrassing to see the U.S. be ripped apart by the idiot draft dodger.

the dimwit-in-chief is well on his way to pissing off the entire world and making sure that we are isolated in the future. all within the first 45 days of his revenge tour. awesome accomplishment!!!!

Hudson thinks voters are going to reward Republicans for these job cuts? Even in deep red areas like West Virginia, people are losing jobs and realizing this isn't what they signed up for. It's not just federal workers getting hit—when thousands of jobs disappear, local businesses feel it too. Even Trump's own Treasury Secretary is warning of economic pain ahead. Hudson sounds completely out of touch if he thinks gutting jobs is some big political win.

Hard to predict what will happen in 20 months. Looking right now, his prediction seems unlikely.

The shame in the way Trump and Musk are going about this is they could have learned from the Clinton administration. Over a period of several months of reviews, led by VP Gore, the Clinton administration managed to cut 377,000 federal jobs without the chaos of DOGE.

Republicans will find out if chaos is good politics. It wasn't in 2018 or 2020.

Republicans are doing so well and resonating with voters that they have completely stopped holding town hall meetings with their constituents.

Yet they can't believe that they have any constituents unhappy and have to make up a story that they're paid protesters. I know districts are gerrymandered but you still got to be pretty thick to think that every one of your constituent is happy and on board.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Pentagon Wipes Records of Famed WWII Plane 'Enola Gay,' Named After the Pilot's Mom, Because 'DEI Is Dead'."

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Trump has the mentality of a mobster and the economic IQ of a used car salesman. Lest I forget he has the morals of a snake oil salesman.

Always makes a wonderful public statement when you first blame the victim, and then kick them when they are down. He is single handedly destroying this country's reputation overseas. None of our allies will ever trust this country again. And as a result, he is voluntarily isolating this country and making us less secure. Thanks for nothing people that voted for Trump.

People in this country were mad because Trump effectively dressed down a desperate man and country trying to save itself from a fascist aggressor. And what did Trump do? he did Putin's dirty work, on live TV.

And now Trump has pulled intelligence sharing from Ukrainian soldiers on the battlefield and he's also pulled military support. He also wants to rhaibe Ukraine of its mineral wealth to consider continuing support. Who does that to an ally desperate for help from what was just six weeks ago a common enemy?

Trump needs to be impeached, convicted, removed from office and arrested. He's effectively acting as a Manchurian Candidate for Russia.

It's not a mineral "deal". It's unilateral extortion. Who even gets these minerals, which corporations? The American people do not get the minerals. Trump elites will steal them for pennies on the dollar.

Posted before the election:

The Constitution, with its checks and balances and citizens' rights, is what protects the people from the excesses and abuses of government power. Laws are written by the government for the governed. The Constitution is the law for the government.

Be concerned when Trump, Musk, etc. tells you they want to "terminate" the Constitution, talk of using the military against the "enemy within", only want to "be a dictator on day one", seek to undermine any accountability for a president, talk of imprisoning people without due process, praises dictators across the world, incites an attack on another branch of government to disrupt the certification of an election for his own gain, plots to steal voting machines, hire people in government that will place their loyalty to him ahead of their loyalty to the Constitution, truth and country, etc.

Does Trump or anyone have the authority to "terminate" or "suspend" the Constitution? No, no one does.

Without a Constitution, you open the door to tyranny.

Preserve, protect and defend the Constitution from all threats, foreign and domestic including Trump and his Republican accomplices.

Is it any surprise so many people are getting arrested in their attempt to end Trump's life? It seems the only one benefitting from Trump's policies are the very rich. Trump can't treat Americans the way he does without blow back.

Trump said no one's been tougher on Russia than he has. I gotta say I started laughing. I mean that's one of the funniest things I've ever heard. Trump's tougher on Ukraine giving in to all Putin's demands with no concessions.

I for one am questioning Trump's allegiance...

What good are contracts or any signed agreements if Trump can sign the US-Mex-Can trade agreement and not stick to the terms of the agreement? Are leases, NDA's and other agreements also not worth the paper they are written on?

Don't fret, Trump and his billionaire buddies will manage just fine in a recession. As a matter of fact, they will be able to purchase distressed assets for pennies on the dollar, thereby accelerating the transfer of wealth to the 1%.

Trump declines to rule out recession? I didn't hear that when he was campaigning. Oh well, not to worry. The majority of Americans who voted for him think he can do no wrong, so it's not a problem.

That's what Americans voted for - 77 million people voted for giving most of the economic rewards to billionaires, and are we really surprised? The new Dark Ages ruled by Oligarchs and Evangelicals, that is what we have now, and perhaps most disturbing is that almost 100 million voting age Americans did not bother to vote - that is bad news folks.

This isn't a peace deal, it's a surrender.

So he wants him to hold elections in the middle of a war when a few million of his citizens are refugees in other countries, his military is in active fighting, land mines have been planted by the Russians, and many cities/towns are in rubble. Sounds like he and Putin want to install a pro Russian leader. I am sure the elections will be fair just like they were in the Crimea.

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You're right on target - And it's not just eggs either. EVERYTHING is more expensive because of his tariffs. I was tracking a small piece of furniture for \$1,200 and it went up to \$1,400 overnight immediately following his announcement of tariffs.

Thanks tRUMP!

In the meantime rising inflation, rising unemployment, shrinking GDP - all pending stagflation and economic recession. It's time to bend over, open your wallet, spread your legs, and kiss that soft-landing goodbye, because we're about to auger-in!

I suspect that Trump will blame Biden for everything for the next four years just like he blamed Obama and Hillary during his first term. If Trump's take is that he can't do anything about egg prices I'm somewhat sympathetic to that argument. But he ran on the promise that he would do something about it on Day 1. People are allowed to blame him when he doesn't fulfill his promises.

The problem with that argument is that MAGA spent four years demanding Biden fix egg prices. And then Trump ran saying he'd lower prices on Day 1. If Trump can't lower prices than neither could Biden. You can't have it both ways. "The President controls prices" is one of the biggest lies in recent times. If the President had control over prices then we would literally have communism.

The longest government shutdown in history occurred during trump's first term. trump inherited a great economy and, due to his business 'expertise' we are on the verge of another shutdown (and the Repubs control all 3 branches of govt.), and possibly a recession-all for no good reason. Dems should make clear that they will vote only for a clean CR. If the GOP wants to pass a budget, let them do that. But no tinkering with a CR that is stacked with DOGE priorities.

The MAGAs are trying to pull a fast one.

Since Trump took office:

Job growth slowing to a stop

Unemployment increasing

Stock market and your 401k crashing

US trade deficit exploding

US Budget Deficit increasing

Inflation going back up

Thanks Trump

I hate to say this, but I hope that there is a shutdown. The Republicans are still recalcitrant enough to try to keep backing the Big Orange Blob in the Oval Office, witness that they are willing to spend the money that should go to help our most vulnerable Americans to buy weapons we don't use and to deport people that are doing mostly the jobs we Americans don't want to do or don't have enough of us doing it.

I fail, personally, to see the need for such deportations, If any of you want to dig ditches, gather the garbage or carry bedpans in hospitals, I'm sure that there are job openings aplenty. On the other hand, a skilled doctor will come to our country this way and can only get a job as a nurse for my disabled mother, well, that's better for her all around, isn't it, not that I want to waste a valuable asset as a doctor under any circumstances.

I don't support deportations, nor the border walls, if we are going to build a wall, shouldn't we dig a moat as well, and add a few crocodiles while we're at it? Plus some archers on the walls, I mean, if we are going to use Medieval answers to a modern problem, why not go all the way?

This season of The Apprentice is terrible so far.

**We warned you. Enjoy the inflation, recession, and eventual depression.**

Just go ahead and say it, we are in the recession. Recessions always start 6 months before they tell the public. I feel it now.

odds of martial law being declared in the next few months have dramatically increased

So Biden works to bring down inflation and MAGA hates him. Trump is actively trying to ruin the economy, openly admits it, and MAGA loves him. The Orange Kool Aid must be really strong.

Trump claimed in 2020 Biden would crash the stock market.

Trump claimed in 2024 the market did so well because of him.

Now Trump says "You can't really watch the stock market."

Great job Republicans. You sent us into a great depression.

Stock Market is down over 1100 points today, economy is collapsing, inflation is at record high & recession has started. Time for Trump to resign.

The sad part is that anyone asking a tough question or presses him on any fact; they risk being banned. We know Trump does not believe in our constitution and the SC lets him walk all over it.

Can't get over 77 million (if that's accurate) zombies voting for this gift from hades we need a younger president. age restrictions should be put in place. after 70 no more runs SNL stopped being a comedy show years and years ago. It became a propaganda tool for the political left. It was an outlet for Trump Derangement Syndrome, and showcased nonstop and unfunny parodies and hateful impressions. None of this was entertainment. But its weaponization was useful to the Democratic Party. And all of the late-night interview shows went off the deep end as well. You can keep all of the unfunny "Jimmy" shows out there.

Hilarious faux news. SNL at least has some truth to their sketches.

The right has created such a bogie man with the word "woke." In its simplest form, woke means having awareness of bias, discrimination, and harassment of others, i.e., women, people of color, LGBT, handicapped/disabled, etc., and trying to eliminate it. It involves having empathy for others and not allowing traditionally oppressed/harassed people to continue to be treated that way. What the right is saying is "who cares." It is sad that millions of people can act with such indifference toward others and would treat those who try to help as if they are crazy. Remember you good Christians, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Practice what you preach.

Even back in the 1970s, SNL was left of political center. As to its relevance, it is as much so as it ever was. SNL didn't change; conservatives just lost their sense of humor about everything.

Why is our economy tanking all of a sudden, it's because of Trump. Nothing more nothing less.

The stock market is NOT controlled by the President--but stupid economic policies enacted by the President can certainly affect the stock market. These are Trump's tariffs and they are what is negatively affecting the stock market and the economy. Read a history book sometime, particularly the ones about the tariffs and the Great Depression.

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The Stock market is made up of much of the American public's 401Ks and IRAs for retirement. The fact that Trump doesn't think about the effects on the stock market and what ripple-effects they could have, shows us he is just in this for himself. Congress, take ownership and begin to rule the country to the extent that you can!

Grave consequences? What do you call a 25% tariff? Do they not have a right to respond? And now Trump is saying he is raising the tariff to 50%. The man is a bully and is quickly making out (former) allies despise the United States.

Prediction: Leavitt will last 3 months. Going in front of intelligent people with nothing but lies is gonna get old. Fast. Then she will join the propaganda machine known as Fox, or maybe Newsmax, and contribute to the next \$787,500,000 they pay in court. For lying.

Americans voted for corruption and they got it. Enjoy it. Who you gonna blame next? DEI? President Trump is looking out for the American worker by tanking their 401k values by 10% in one month Thank you Mr. President. Hey Trump! Stop this nonsense!

We have done this the right way before. Bill C and the GOP worked on gov reform. We never had chaos like this. We balanced the budget by 2000. It took cuts and increased the top rate to 39% and no corporate rate cut. Why is it so hard for the GOP to do what worked before. After WW2 we had war debt to pay off. We made the top rate 92% for 20 years from 1944-1964. Under both Dem and GOP Potus. We never have balanced the budget and paid off debt. Unless we increase tax rate on the rich and cut costs like back then. What Musk and Trump are doing will create a mess like we have never seen before. It does not have to be this way. History shows that.

3-12-25

If it's one thing 76 year olds are known for, it is learning new things quickly. This administration is an apocalyptic nightmare.

This Administration prides itself on decisions without information.

The call it "leadership" and the MAGAs accept it thoughtlessly.

Losing 5% in your 401K is not an overreaction, it's outright disgust in Trump policies/economic agenda. I have a "concept of a voting plan" for 2026 too.....

Just think, McConnell could have prevented all of this, now his state will be one that suffers most. Trump is peeing on America's leg and telling us the new golden age has begun. 401K accounts are being drained, layoffs coming, prices higher. Bourbon providers will suffer because McConnell cast his vote not to impeach. Can you really say you're better off now than in November? Call your congressman/woman regardless of party.

20% tariff, 25% tariff... and over reacting? 10% would have been challenging... but when he raised the tariffs by 20-25%... that's just disaster waiting to happen... US has no substitute for these products whether steel or aluminum, Walmart to Amazon goods... you're going to feel the impact very badly... if any product that stays in similar price, it's probably because it's unsold inventory from 2023 (products that have no relevance). That means from your robot vacuums to air fryers (from China) to beers to cars (Canada & EU & Mexico), you're going to be paying hefty increase in price.

Overreacting?? Trump TANKED the economy in two months' time. Of course, Mnuchin is one of the guys ready to swoop in and make a fortune when things are at their lowest.

She shouldn't be "learning on the job"! The head of the Dept of Education should be a seasoned educator with both an administrative and classroom background. Why are we allowing this ineffective administration to hurt our children?

SALES TAX. Call it what it is! SALES TAX. When the item is sold to an American (importer) the buyer pays a TRUMP SALES TAX [tariff]. TARIFFS ARE "TRUMP SALES TAX".

The job of every president's press secretary is to put a positive spin on any bad news they're required to discuss, but trump's press secretaries (last time and now) use lies and belligerence as tactics. It's despicable.

We keep waiting for someone to step in and do something but so far only the courts are stopping some of it. I think the American people will rise up, both Democrat and Republican and start taking matters in their own hands. This can very easily turn into a violent and bloody civil war. There is something fundamentally wrong with Donald Trump and frankly, those he has handpicked to run this country.

A soullessness bordering on true evil.

The banana republics are looking pretty democratic, since our Republicans have gone bananas.

3-13-25

I work for a grant funded federal program and every week, my time sheet requires me to account for how I spent every hour of every day. I have to write down everything I do - with far more specifics than the 5 things ol' Elon asked for. And in 3 years, I've never sought overtime. I just do what needs to be done.

Trump doesn't have the power to annex Greenland. Sending troops to Greenland, uninvited, with the goal to annex is an act of aggression. This would be an act of war, which requires Congress to declare, not the President. Congress controls the money, so Donnie can't spend it without their allocation or approval. With many Republicans looking at upcoming elections, they need to show restraint against Trump's stupidity, or they will be "Fired."

They want to close down our national parks so the millionaire billionaire predator class<sup>[OBJ]</sup> can pillage them for minerals, metals and lumber.

3-14-25

77% of "farmers" voted for Trump. In Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana I could rely on a Trump sign on at least a third of the farms I drive past. The percentage of farmers voting for Trump east of California and west of Pennsylvania was over 85% (The Economist has a chart in the Feb '25 issue - on google too). They voted for him! It has always been democrats that support labor and farms. Always.

Same here in Ohio. I could care less if these clowns lose their farms. They are reaping what they have sewn.

Nothing is going to stop Trump until the GOP reps get some backbone. Nothing is going to give them backbone until their own jobs are more at risk from their voters than from Trump. Those voters need to make their disdain of support for Trump's actions loud and clear by communication (at least) and recall petitions wherever that is possible.

If they voted Republican, they did vote for this. From what I gather out of this article is we voted Republican, but we thought it would be someone else not us getting cuts.

The farmers in Nebraska have found out the hard way what Ludwig the MAD King of Bavaria farm policies will do to their state. It is not just tariffs, also this immigration policy of mass deportations is wreaking havoc on the available pool of farm labors. Nebraska farmers failed to comprehend what the consequences of deportations means to them, since 70% of their workforce are illegals. Now they face the prospect of not having enough workers to fill all of the jobs. If they were thinking that all of the white unemployed would flock to their farms, they are sadly mistaken. I have seen videos of farmers pleading for people to come to work to save family farms. Also farmers went into debt making improvements on their farms because they had a contract with the government to be paid for these investments. Now payments have been stopped and many family farms face bankruptcy due to the government going back on these contracts. I

have seen reports that Nebraska will go bankrupt as a state in six months, unless there is some type of government bailout.

“We’re just in such a state of shock. We just don’t really even know how to respond to all this. We thought that this was sacred and really untouchable,” Gilkerson said. “Everyone thinks all farmers voted for this, but we did not vote for this.”

What this statement means: they didn’t vote for farmer’s to feel economic pain, however they voted for others to feel economic and social pain.

If we cut the department of education, created when we were falling behind in math and science to the soviets (and now China), we should also abolish the department of agriculture, which apparently has done nothing to make the farmer more competitive. It had only made large farms Federal welfare queens.

78% of farmers voted for Trump and are getting exactly what they deserve. 🤔 China has invested billions into increasing Latin America's agricultural output since 2016 due to Trump. China has moved away from depending on US farmers to feed its 1.2B people and 800M livestock. The US farmers' business with China is slipping daily and soon that market may be permanently lost.

6 out of 10 farmers voted for trump, 4 out of 10 Americans did not vote. For those who did not vote or voted for trump it is called karma. All fertilizer comes from Canada last I heard it is 10% tariff, if he does raise it to 25% you will see some family farms sold off. Your vote does have ramifications.

maga gaslighting is political reality.

Trump's M.O. has always included CONFLICT OF INTEREST, plus, fraud, lying, bullying and being a coward, so what's new.

He's a bigger buffoon than in his first run as president... I want him to fail miserably at everything he tries to do that will do any more damage to this country than he already has.

Imagine Joe Biden doing anything Trump is doing and what the republican outrage machine would be doing. But now, they just shrug at the corruption.

3-15-25

Never in my life did I think I would watch working class people actively cheer a billionaire putting thousands of other working class people out of a job, but here we are. This is what propaganda and lack of class solidarity does to your brain.

The VA is actively being gutted and you still have people cheering it on, not realizing cutting staffing and funding from an understaffed and underfunded organization won't fix it. It's like watching sheep celebrating being put on the truck to the slaughter house.

3-16-25

I thought MAGA took our country back? I don’t recall the Emperor talking about tariffs during the election. Why do we now need them so badly? Probably because the Emperor said so and his Ketamine infused billionaire buddy agrees. Tuberville certainly doesn’t have a clue.

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Trump doesn’t get to decide if a previous president’s executive orders are valid or not. Besides, the Heritage Foundation wrote Trump’s executive orders and I guarantee he didn’t read a single one of them.

We are heading to a bad place and we need to come up with a plan instead of just complaining. Trump is destroying our institutions, ignoring court orders and questioning the role of the judiciary. He is chipping away at our democracy bit by bit, and I have a feeling we will watch helplessly or just fight each other. The Dems seem incapable and the republicans lack a backbone. How do we right this ship?

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Republicans want to officially classify 'Trump Derangement Syndrome' as a mental illness."

Absolutely. However, it should be a diagnosis for those who blindly follow Trump without any regards to facts and/or reality.

Some conservatives like myself that are still objective and have ethics do not like Trump because he lacks character, ethics, integrity, etc. This is not a mental health disease. Conservative policy has simply been better than the alternative. Trump has been an extremely poor example as a leader because of all of his documented character flaws.

Any healthcare professional would advise that you cannot eliminate the symptom unless you eliminate the cause.

Add Trump Derangement Syndrome to the list of Alternative Facts, Freedom Fries and Cofeefee. These people are the worst. The notion that calling out lies is somehow a mental disorder-by people that don't even believe or understand science is true derangement. When the lies are so rapid fire and ongoing I'm sure it just may look like a mental disorder when you're constantly trying to keep the record straight.

It's a classic tactic - rapid fire lies at a maddening pace so the recipient of said lies looks crazy trying to keep up with them. Gaslighting to an extreme.

Something else to pump up the childish, uneducated base so they remain distracted from the thievery going on behind the scenes. Slashing jobs and social programs that help the poor and middle class to make room for more billionaire tax breaks is a hard thing to get past their constituents. Especially in those POOR RED STATES who hate government yet depend heavily on it.

Hilarious, children are running our country. Maybe they should concentrate more on governing and a little less on trolling

They don't know how to become medical experts, and they have no credentials to be making up diagnosis. There are already a diagnosis for these things.

Yes, it will describe the Republican's own inability to recognize Trump's obvious insanity. As everything they do, it will backfire.

Oh please, don't make me laugh so hard, early in the morning. So if I go to my psychiatrist and tell her I have TDS, my insurance will pay the bill for the office visit? Sorry, I have TDS and proud of it and don't care if I'm classified as nuts

I certainly think Trump is deranged. Do I qualify?

Once again we see the power of the oligarchy and the wealthy. Anyone breaking the law, even for a minor offense, will be immediately subject to incarceration, but the rich and powerful can openly defy the Courts without any real consequences.

Forget about the courts, we're way past that. Ultimately this whole situation will be resolved by the military given the fact that Congress has been relegated to nothing more than a rubber stamp. Unfortunately history has shown time and time again that violence is really the only thing that effects real change, i.e. wars. At some point Trump will issue an illegal order to the military. Now any order that is illegal can be ignored. When this time comes, each and every member of

the military from four star generals down to buck privates, will have a decision to make; "Do I follow the order or do I honor my oath to the Constitution" ... I hope they make the right choice. Trump is going to defy the courts and his supporters, those that claim to love the rule of law and the Constitution, will applaud him for doing so. If it goes to the Supreme Court, he will ignore that too. Trump will keep doing what he wants unless individuals refuse to comply with his orders and they need to do this in large numbers. This is precisely why Trump and Musk are firing people-they're leaving a small number of loyal people in key positions to enact Trump's agenda. MAGA have got what they wanted, a King.

The judicial branch is our last line of defense. If our elected officials ignore the court rulings, the rule of law in this country is lost, and we are then on the verge of anarchy.

The way Republicans have stuck it to veterans, farmers and retirees so far, they better focus on keeping their seats, at this rate Republicans will be lucky to win any seats..

Zero chance the Republicans keep the house. Trump is doing well on dei, crime, border, and womens sports, and horrible on trade, tariffs, economy. His tariff strategy just drove stocks down \$10 trillion in total value in just three weeks, solely by what he says. Insanity. He says he wants to make us wealthy but destroys \$10 trillion in a blink. It would take 40 years of his tariffs to generate \$10 trillion in tax revenue. So 3 weeks vs 40 years? Yikes. Trump is making some serious errors in first 100 days. He says he wants to bring manufacturing back? Well, in 10 years it will be all robots doing this work so this massive wealth destruction will just get worse unless he re-focuses fast.

When you deal with poorly educated voters and you are the leader of a cult, it does not matter what you tell them they will believe.

besides all other comments, when did sarcasm replace leadership as a necessary presidential character trait.

His supporters will buy this. Look, if you have friends, family or neighbors who STILL support this catastrophic mess that Trump and his cronies have our country in, it is time to play hardball and CUT THEM OFF. They are to blame. Don't put up with it so that life temporarily remains comfortable. Its time.

You were thinking this war which costs tens of thousands of lives was something to be sarcastic about? So were you also being sarcastic when you repeatedly told the American people in 2020 that Covid was a hoax, even though your own aides informed you the end of 2019 up to 2 million citizens could die from it? You know considering NO OTHER COUNTRY came close to suffering the number of lives we lost (1.3 million with 38 million with Long Covid), even those with 4X our population. So how did that sarcasm work out for America? No OTHER LEADER DID WORSE!

Remember, EVERYTHING with Trump is always coming "...in just a couple of weeks." or "very soon...". I am sure Trump Care from 2017 is just around a corner...not saying which corner...but "a" corner.

Sometimes Trump is "sarcastic." Sometimes he "is just kidding." Sometimes he just lies. It's hard to tell the difference. How can anyone trust this guy?

was he being sarcastic about bringing down inflation, food and fuel prices, not touching social security?? - his maga people [and others] bet their vote on his sarcasm and now they are left bewildered by this betrayal, but trump doesnt care about how his sarcasm is now economically ruining people's lives and shattered their future plans for a better life; it was trump who said he is going to "put lots and lots of money in people's pockets" - i guess those people are his millionaire and billionaire buddies.

Trump and his "I was being sarcastic!" is the equivalent of the bully punching another kid and getting caught. "I was just joking around!"

Sweet job Supremes. Crimes committed while performing the duty of President can't be tried. So the judge's ruling can be ignored without consequence.

Alito. Clancy. All of you on that decision. Great job. Way to take the checks and balances out of the way.

Guess this is where absolute immunity gets us. He can't be held accountable. This is where we are as a nation. We have a president with no checks or no balance of power.

Will the courts be completely neutered by Trump or can they survive? Will SCOTUS finally step up and do what they swore to do? Uphold the Constitution.

Now the justice dept and the whole law enforcement community has to decide what is legally correct the law or their "loyalty " to the president. There is a reason the USA has a check and balance as a basic principle.

That's the Trump business playbook. If the ignorant had taken the time to realize Trump has been on the sketchy side of the law his entire adult life we wouldn't be whipsawing the world with his insanity.

The flight hadn't even left the ground. Regardless, courts need to put Trump2016 in contempt and start the arrest process. Conald does not have immunity to court orders.

He thinks he can ignore all court orders because he believes that the SCOTUS told him that he can't be held accountable for anything and he has complete immunity, so he will continue to defy the courts until and if the GOP Congress decides they still want to live in a democracy and initiates impeachment proceedings against him for the third and hopefully final time, before it's too late, but I'm not holding my breath.

This is how dictatorship starts. The individual or party ignores the court and laws of the land. An executive order is not the law. It has to be passed through branches of the government. The president can't proclaim it to be a law.

Fascists will be fascists.

Just because the idiot says something doesn't make it legal.

This should scare all Americans.

The fact that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) cannot provide a clear justification for Khalil's arrest is deeply troubling. In a nation that prides itself on the rule of law, due process, and civil liberties, the government's inability—or refusal—to articulate the specific reasons for detaining a lawful permanent resident raises serious concerns about transparency and accountability.

Deputy Secretary Troy Edgar's vague response—suggesting that Khalil's presence at pro-Palestinian demonstrations is reason enough for arrest—sets a dangerous precedent. Participating in political protests is a constitutionally protected right under the First Amendment. If the mere act of demonstrating is grounds for arrest and potential deportation, it represents a significant erosion of civil liberties and a step toward authoritarian tactics where individuals are punished for their political beliefs rather than actual crimes.

Moreover, the claim that Khalil's visa could be revoked is not only misleading but factually incorrect. As a green card holder, he does not possess a visa that can simply be rescinded by the administration. Any change in his immigration status must go through a legal process, including review by an immigration judge. The suggestion that administrative officials have unilateral authority to strip him of his residency without due process is both legally dubious and indicative of a broader disregard for the rule of law.

The United States does not—and should not—“disappear” people. Arrests must be based on clear legal violations, not vague associations or political participation. If DHS cannot specify what Khalil did that justified his detention, the logical conclusion is that he is being targeted for his activism. This is not how justice is supposed to work in America. If we allow the government to detain individuals without due process or clear charges, we undermine the very democratic principles we claim to uphold.

If you have time to listen to NPR’s Morning Edition with the DHS official, we highly recommend it. Thank you, NPR!

We worry—who is next?

What would republicans say if George Soros gave a quarter billion to the Harris campaign, she won and put him in charge of “fixing” the government? Both sides have double standards but this is truly out there. Republicans won’t admit they voted for W Bush anymore. In ten years it will be the same with trump....

Can you imagine the MAGA outrage that would have occurred if Biden had stood on the White House driveway with George Soros and promoted his business interests? And this is even worse than that would have been since Musk has directly given \$250M to buy Trump votes and has pledged another \$100M to support Trump's agenda. This is quite literally a bought-and-paid for relationship where Trump is using the US government to repay Musk for the money he has contributed to Trump.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Trump Says He Was Being ‘Sarcastic’ With Vow to End Ukraine War ‘In 24 Hours’ If Elected: But ‘I’d Like To Get It Settled’.”

3-18-25

Putin won't agree to a cease fire unless every one of his demands are met.

-he wants to keep all parts of Ukraine they took back in 2014

-he does not want Ukraine joining NATO

-he does not want peace keepers in Ukraine after a ceasefire

All these things are designed to keep Ukraine vulnerable to further attacks from Russia, and that will happen should the West give in to their demands.

There's two wars going on right now. People are dying. Americans civil liberties are being violated, the stock market is in turmoil, and his administration is firing people left and right. You mean to tell me that's not enough for him to deal with, he has to spend a day at the Kennedy Center? Seriously?

Trump set Zelensky up for failure at the meeting. I think Zelensky should align himself with the rest of the EU and the NATO pack and negotiate a member status with some arms help. Putin will be forced to pull back. He doesn't want war and he doesn't want to fight Europe.

"We want to restore the Department of Justice to an institution that focuses on fighting law and order, and crime, and putting real criminals behind bars, not targeting Americans because of their religion or their political speech." I'd like to put a real criminal behind bars - Trump. And invading the Capitol and attacking police officers is not political speech, it is a crime.

Ms. Leavitt is correct, the new DOJ IS fighting law and order at the direction of the Orange Virus. She stumbled onto the correct way of describing what Ms. Bondi, Mr. Patel and Mr. Bongino are doing.

They love to say that Biden targeted people but never give any names. The only example they ever come up with is Trump trials which were mostly at state levels. Trump admitted to doing everything he was convicted of but said he was being targeted because "everybody does it".

Trump never said he didn't do any of the things he's accused/convicted of, he just says that he should either be immune because he was president, or he was just doing a normal business transaction that every company does.

Karoline Leavitt's job is to confidently stand up at that podium and say whatever her boss tells her to say - and saying it with such confidence that people will just assume she knows what she's talking about and not question any of it. If the task is to stand at that podium and tell us that the sun is going to rise in the west tomorrow, then that's the job. And she can do that. Sadly for her she has crossed that sun-rising-in-the-west line too many times already. The press corps is on to her and her job won't be getting any easier. And I have no sympathy for her.

3-19-25

**Leavitt: "We want to restore the Department of Justice to an institution that focuses on fighting law and order."**

Does anyone else miss the times when we could say we had a president who respected concepts like Checks and Balances, showed a willingness to work across the aisle in a spirit of bipartisanship, appointed qualified people to work in their cabinet, and represented the USA well on the global stage?

We are heading into an interesting time. One branch of our Government is challenging another branch. I don't remember any point in my lifetime that our system of government has been at such an inflection point. We, as citizens, need understand the gravity of the situation.

Checks and balances indeed. No one argues that the gang members deserve any leniency, but we do ask that the executive branch do things in a legal way--that's the courts. To paraphrase an infamous line, if they (Trump) have nothing to hide, they have nothing to fear.

Why if this court order is clearly illegal or not within the authority of the Court as the administration argues, do they keep pointing out that the flights left before the order? That'd be irrelevant if the order were invalid. This contradiction, imo, shows the complete bad faith that the administration is exercising when it comes to interpreting for itself what is lawful or unlawful.

Trump admin people should probably begin to consider what the consequences of their actions will be after Trump is no longer in office, Trump has immunity but they don't.

If we lose the law, we lose the country. A Federal judge ordered a stay and that should have been respected. trump has surrounded himself with judges who are willing to look the other way and he has progressed in ignoring what he doesn't like. Yes it's his job to deport criminals but I want to see proof everyone he's deporting is actually a criminal. We get nothing showing what they are doing is valid. I cannot take the word of this president as gospel, too many lies. As for Bondi, she is willing to ignore the rule of law to please him and that is a dangerous thing to do.

He doesn't have evidence. fElon will continue to manufacture evidence and MAGA Land lemmings are too far down the rabbit hole to know the difference.

FACTS are now "up for debate." You people are wild.

My favorite is asking them for proof of their insane ramblings and then just proceed to be name called and told im a sheep. The dumbing down of america in full swing.

Those entrusted with the privilege of representing the U.S. government must never speak falsehoods or intentionally mislead.

If the President is not capable of following simple orders as directed by a member of our (U.S.) Judicial System, a system this country was founded upon, then they are incapable of holding the office of POTUS.

We tried to tell you. Republicans are for the rich and corporations; Dems are for people. Are Dems always right? No. But they're generally more for the individual than the wealthy and corporations. Don't believe me? Research how the economy has done under D leadership versus R leadership historically. The economy almost always does better under the Dems.

Let's be honest here, Leavitt was an unqualified DEI hire, she was only hired for her looks, not her ability. She is taking the job of a more qualified, hard working American.

First of all, many French do speak German because unlike most Americans, they are not monolingual. Secondly, as was pointed out, there would be no USA without the French. Lastly, clearly she's not up on American history.

A lot of uneducated people in MAGA. Their lack of understanding of history is why we're doing so many things wrong. All of this stuff has been tried before. A tiny federal government with no regulations and favoring the wealthy has happened in our not so distant past. It gave us robber barons, sweat shops, kids working with dangerous machinery, pay in credit to the company store rather than a check, rampant pollution, the dust bowl, the great depression . . . and it can be found around the globe. A lot of countries have similar governments. They're not places any American would want to live. Where are the happiest places to live on earth? Hint: it isn't in a right wing utopia. And just wait until the austerity really shows on our economy. It's going to make the 2007 recession look like child's play. You can't take that much money out of the economy without a serious blow to the economic health of Americans who rely on jobs produced by that money.

We are witnessing the birth of the American fascist state. It would be fascinating to hear from any MAGA adherent to provide a comment defending this latest example of authoritarianism. No rhetoric. No hyperbole. Just a rational explanation of why they believe this is justified.

Trump was never a fan of any sort of criticism, even constructive criticism. That's how childish he is.

After his last administration, historians rated Trump as one of the bottom ten worst presidents. From what I am seeing now, he'll break that record with his second administration and be rated as the worst president in the USA's history. It is a race to the bottom and Trump/MAGA is leading the race.

This situation involving Trump is troubling, as he is undoubtedly aware that the entire world is observing his actions and is cognizant of our concerns and disapproval. Paradoxically, this awareness appears to bolster his resolve. It feels as though we are voicing our grievances in silence, while he remains oblivious and continues on his disruptive path. Even more concerning is the fact that Congress, the House, and the Justices are also aware of his conduct; however, his position as President seems to enhance his sense of invulnerability. If Trump is indeed evolving into a dictator by disregarding court orders and ignoring the voices of Americans and judges, he is failing to fulfill his responsibilities. Should he neglect the Constitution, the Justices should not feel compelled to accommodate him—his authority is derived solely from the power granted by the government

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I live in a suburb of Chicago. I pay \$12,000 in property taxes and \$11,000 goes to the schools. We have a top rated school system with state of the art facilities. I suppose predominantly Republican. Without Federal support, which has already pretty much disappeared, inner city and most maga states without a substantial local tax base will suffer. An equitable public education system should be politically blind.

Problem in most states is that wealthy districts tend to get the vast majority of school funding, in part due to it being funded by property taxes, so wealthy districts generate the most funding. Part because states often delegate schools down to the county and district level, though Constitutionally it is a state responsibility. But even within that, Red states tend to be poorer and so have less funds even within that system. Gulf Coast states often focus on funding a few wealthy districts and virtually abandoning the rest of the state. This will only get worse now. Schools will be closing and class sizes getting bigger in places where things are already pretty bad. Charter and private schools make it even worse as they consume so much more resources for an even smaller group of students, draining counties and districts of vital resources.

**Going back to under educated red states but it's what we have now. How Trump got re-elected**

So, your solution is to give the states \$ for them to do what they want? With no conditions attached? Meaning they can give it to private religious schools that teach the world is 6,000 years old and humans walked with dinosaurs? That teach a sanitized American history devoid of the accomplishments of minorities? Things like that?

Dissolving the education system is one way of creating a bigger MAGA base. literacy is one hindrance to the growth of an ignorant class of communities.

This is what happens when the brain of an otherwise functional head doesn't think for itself. It gets tripped up having to constantly regurgitate the downloaded nonsense of other people.

Seems to me a billionaire would be the perfect person to spend his time (AND MONEY) helping update arts centers such as this. He could be remembered in a similar way to Carnegie and libraries. But, Trump doesn't need to be president to do it--or use taxpayer dollars. As is, Trump will just be remember as the guy who killed a democracy in order to be king.

People are not so "obsessed" with government, as Hageman says. They are obsessed with the benefits they have paid into. They do not want these benefits turned over to the rich. Hageman's worry is that some of these people support Trump, so she can't be seen as too much in opposition to him.

It is not just Americans. The world is down on the Chainsaw Psychotic. They know Treason Trump was hired by the rich to start a world wide Recession. Picking off the Convicted Felons supporters will maybe be a way to stop the Criminals from succeeding.

You're getting a pizza. You're stopped by ICE. You say, "I'm a citizen, born and raised here."

ICE arrests you anyway. They confiscate your driver's license and your social security card, and they throw you into a van with other handcuffed people.

Last Friday, the administration defied a judge's order and deported people who had not received a trial to slave labor camps in El Salvador. Those people may never see the light of day - again, with no trial.

Now imagine you're the person who was getting pizza and is now in the back of a van. You know you are a citizen, but they've taken away your proof. (And you don't know it yet, but they are going to create a warrant to justify your arrest after the fact.)

What if you got put on a plane to El Salvador, on the words of lying agents of the government? Who would believe you? Who would know you were gone? How would they get you out? Could they get to you in time before you are worked to death in a brutal, violent prison system?

We are not yet two months into this administration, and ICE has arrested, tortured, imprisoned, deported, and/or sold into slavery

- American citizens
- people who have never had a trial <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp9yv1gnzyvo>

- visa-holders and permanent residents, who in at least one case ICE tortured the man to get him to give up their immigration status so they could deport him (important to note, he is a white German man) <https://www.wgbh.org/.../green-card-holder-from-new...>
- tourists <https://archive.is/01nLL>
- entire families, even when their child is an American citizen and has just gotten out of literal brain surgery <https://www.today.com/.../girl-brain-cancer-deported...>
- a neurosurgeon who had a legal protection from courts preventing their deportation <https://www.nbcnews.com/.../brown-medicine-professor...>

Being American doesn't protect you. Being white doesn't protect you. Being a parent, a child, talented, healthy, sick, dying, or under court-ordered protection doesn't protect you.

There's precedent for this, perhaps most recently in how we treated Iraqis and Afghans accused of terrorism during the War on Terror. Then, the government said bad treatment - the denial of basic necessities, torture, even death while in custody - was okay because they were classified as "enemy combatants" - a made-up term that the Bush administration used to describe people that it considered neither citizens of the US nor part of the military of a formal country. According to the federal government, they were in an in-between place without protections, because no country could claim them and therefore diplomacy and the Geneva Convention did not apply. Just about anything could happen to them in custody and it be excusable and justified. The same logic is being applied to immigrants.

And it's worth noting that the act they used to deport the Venezuelans on Friday was last used to imprison all Japanese Americans during World War II. The incarceration of the Japanese (also done by executive order) and the subsequent Supreme Court case, *Korematsu v. United States*, together represent one of the greatest misuses of presidential power in US history and one of the worst legal decisions in US history.

It was evil to deny people their rights then, and it's evil now.

Trump has used legal maneuvering to try and create exactly the conditions where brutal abuse can happen out of sight of the American people, but with the additional legal license to arrest anyone on American soil without legal recourse.

Again, they are shipping people out of the country or losing them in the prison system. They are doing this so that the people they arrest, whether they are innocent or guilty or completely uninvolved, are stripped them of their civil rights and disappeared before anyone can protest.

On top of all of this, the government is arguing that it can arrest and deport people if they speak against the president's foreign policy objectives. Put another way, President Trump is arguing that disagreeing with him is enough to get you deported. Everyone should be absolutely terrified of these people and what they are capable of.

Lastly: This is why they want to redefine birthright citizenship. If they succeed, they can recategorize people from citizens into noncitizens. This has happened before: German Jews were recategorized and stripped of citizenship, which created the legal justification for sending Jews to labor and death camps. <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/.../en/article/nuremberg-laws>

The road map here is very clear, and the administration has said over and over and over again that it wants to follow it. I don't know if the American people can stop what is happening at this point - the train is running away and barreling towards all of us - but the grandchildren of this generation will be asking us if we tried.

"Trump has received more injunctions" because he's broken the law more than anyone else.

"This constant lying is not aimed at making the people believe a lie, but at ensuring that no one believes anything anymore. A people that can no longer distinguish between truth and lies cannot

distinguish between right and wrong. And such a people, deprived of the power to think and judge, is, without knowing and willing it, completely subjected to the rule of lies. With such a people, you can do whatever you want." ~Hannah Arendt, (Oct, 1906 - Dec, 1975) German historian and philosopher

This quote sums it up for me: **"We've been in a constitutional crisis since we elected an insurrectionist,"** and until we get him out of office, which I think will be difficult as he plans to keep his job for a 3rd term, we will continue to go down the drain. I'm in my 70s and don't expect to see the glory of America recover during my lifetime. It is frankly, SAD.

"I think critical thinking has largely died in the United States of America and Karoline Leavitt is probably a perfect example of that."

Could not agree more and it is a very bad omen for our Nation, in terms of our Constitution, the Rule of Law, our democratic values and our individual rights and freedoms.

Will there be free and fair mid-terms next year?

Don't bet your next paycheck (assuming you still have one) on it?

I disagree with Jolly. We still have critical thinking in the United States – but not in the GOP, which has morphed into a Trump-MAGA cult. Fortunately, the rest of us are still able to think for ourselves. That is the primary reason why Trump wants to gut Education!

Moana 2: An art rainbow comet... Dancing with your ghost-spirit grandmother... "What lies beyond!"... "The ocean is my friend"... "You got sucked inside a giant clam"... "Get a little lost!"... Moana acts like an over eager theater kid that is way too eager to please... "I've been low before"... Violet tornados... Overly kid-centric... Head of Story: Ryan Green! Directors of Cinematography Lighting: Sucheta Bhatawadekar! Additional Story: Fawn Veerasunthorn!

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Very telling that Republicans had no issue with the overreaching of Federal judges ruled in their favor and kept Trump out of jail but now it's a major issue. The more overarching issue is allowing the cherry picking of jurisdictions and judges in order to receive the wanted verdict: this "she'll" game is the antithesis of Justice. Everything about the overreaching Trump will end up at the Supreme Court so let's cut to the chase and have them rule on the extent of a President's unilateral powers and authority.

Republicans cry "far left judges" but we're perfectly fine with installing 'far right' supreme court justice's who said under oath they would not touch Roe vs. Wade, but immediately reversed it when they were sworn in. Impeaching a judge would take two thirds vote of the Senate, which will never happen in this case. Just another waste of time and taxpayers money. The new MAGA GOP

I still find it amazing that trying to overturn the will of the people and disrupting the transition of power is considered "acting within the scope" of the presidential office. I am pretty sure if Biden tried to do the same thing this past January, the maga sheep would have gone out of their minds. Unfortunately that is the difference between Donald and those who believe in Democracy.

3-22-25

This is the end result of a Supreme Court that ruled that a sitting president is immune to prosecution for "official acts". So instead of a President feeling restrained and being cautious about the result of their actions, they can now do whatever they like with impunity. It's like when the kids act up in a class whenever there is a substitute teacher because they don't fear punishment.

One party used to be about smaller government and limited government interference. My, how things have changed.

Like Congress and the judiciary, lawyers represent the potential for pushback to Trump's administration and must be cowed into subservience. Next will be the people. Trump has claimed that ICE personnel can enter homes without a warrant if they suspect the presence of a gang member. Historically, all dictators have used a despised or feared group to diminish the rights of everyone.

Republicans are ALWAYS the victim. Not very "masculine".

A surge of disapproval doesn't matter. As long as the GOP keeps up with the long term goal of a much less educated public, it bodes well for their continued political power. It is not an accident that almost all of the best educated states are blue and the worst are red.

After winning the 2016 Nevada Nevada primary, the president told the cameras "I love the poorly educated." Just do a basic youtube search and watch the victory speech.

An uneducated man running the country....no wonder he wants to get rid of education

That same fox polled showed trump is down to the 30s with independents overall. Obviously, his ratings are nearly nonexistent with the libs. Hes still strong with fox news viewers. Especially the older ones. I think trump could cut off their social security and some are so conditioned by fox news, they would still support him.

Cognition patterns are changing. Things are leaning toward aggression and the feeling that opinions are just as good as fact. Education and intellectuals are not looked up to, they are reviled. Simple answers for the masses. don't have a direct explanation for this, but it feels like we have entered the dark ages.

I think you're right. This reminds me of the Covid patients who, just before they died in ICU, still claimed Covid was a scam or that masks and vaccines were evil. Some people will never take in information.

Each of the monuments/structures that get named after him, should have a plaque listing his outstanding achievements such as: 1. A president impeached 2 times 2. A felon, who was found guilty of multiple charges 3. A liar, who lied/exaggerated facts thousands of times in his first term 4. A woman abuser 5. A person who never took responsibilities for his failures. Always blamed someone else for them 6. A self-centered person, who destroyed many of his close supporters 7. A person who declared bankruptcy 6 times 8. A person who could not take criticism. Would publicly humiliate and try to destroy those who disagree with him.

1. There is NO COMPARISON between the Presidents at Mt Rushmore unless you're trying to defame the existing Presidents.

2. Trumps legacy is the destruction of what the other Presidents stood for

3. If you have a need to immortalize his features; build and put in Florida Everglades where snakes and alligator's habitat the area. Of course, there might be a full exodus of the habitat.

4. If you place him on a \$250 bill they won't be circulated due to lack of jobs and economy; he and the rich buddies may be able to use as wallpaper.

5. You can name the airport but expect the air traffic to be really hazardous for the changes to FAA and of course ICE representatives ready to deport citizens and deport to the wrong Country  
GO BACK TO YOUR THINK TANK!

SURELY YOU CAN COME UP SOMETHING MORE OUTREGEOUS AND DISGUSTING.

I'll pray for you because the Lord says "thou shall not have a IDOL before me." So check your passport may not get you in the Pearly Gates.

What happened to all the Christianity that Republicans talked about?

3-23-25

How anybody could believe that not having restrictions on Insurance companies and banks would be beneficial to the majority is beyond me. For a prime example take a look at 2008. That was accomplished by the Reagan era deregulation of banks. Show me the middle class person who would like more of that. When you look at who is pushing most for deregulation it is the people who will benefit most from it. That alone should make you stand against it.

I am 74 years old. Been around a while. Mechanical engineer by degree and had a management job in the chemical industry for most of my 40 year employment. We had an impeccable safety and environmental record because we followed OSHA and EPA regs. Without these regs, many companies would not bother. trump is doing away with many of these regulations which kept workers and the community safe. In 2008, the financial markets crashed due to greed and lack of regulation. trump undid many of the regulations put in place to prevent another crash. Get ready! He has completely turned our foreign policy upside down. Foreign policy was a republican strong point but not any more. While I support a "leaner and meaner" government, what is happening is destructive. We won't know for some time how bad it will get. Republicans in Congress who know better, are doing nothing and democrats are powerless. Republicans who opposed trump are no longer in office. Hopefully, Congress will flip during the midterms. I really believe trump and his tariffs will sink the economy and with it the stock market. No telling how long it will take to right our ship after he's gone. American voters better wake up, and soon. Let's be clear: the Department of Education exists because states wouldn't fund poor schools, wouldn't protect kids with disabilities, wouldn't follow civil rights law, especially in the South. Anyone calling to abolish it is calling to turn back the clock – and we can't let that happen.

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This administration better tone down its attitude before a major confrontation explodes and hostilities take place. The US is overstepping its bounds and the Trump administration is trying to copy and follow the methods of intimidation used by Putin and Russia. It seems Trump is trying to imitate what Putin can do and we know what happened with that. I know on thing...if war breaks out with the US I will not be fighting at my age and just sit back and let the MAGA followers do off to war.

If Greenland's Prime Minister views this visit as aggressive, it's his Nation therefore it's his job to protect his citizens from outside sources which means he isn't doing his job if he's not turning these flights away. Deny those flights and American citizens from visiting. Problem solved.

**Her problem was she tried to make him look presidential. There's not enough paint or gloss to achieve that magic.**

Wow, glad he's finally getting around to the important stuff in his presidency. Hey, how about those lower gas, food, fuel and housing prices you promised us you'd fix on day one back when you were campaigning? You know, those same things the rest of the GOP said they would also fix if we voted for them in 2022? Hello? Hello? Sir...? Are you there...?

The Department of Veteran Affairs has been gutted.

Medicaid and Medicare cuts are quickly becoming a thing.

The Department of Education will be a skeleton of itself.

Federal workers laid off live across the country, including red states.

Measles is spreading nationwide, and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s response has been largely gibberish.

Trump's tariff war has sent the economy reeling.

The Trump administration has openly threatened judges.

It's going to be hilarious when the US goes into a 2008 level Recession or even better a ten-year 1929 Level Depression all due to Lord Trump's excellent "concepts" like sporadic tariffs, massive job cuts with no concern if they are valuable employees and not paying obligated contracts Lord Trump got what he wanted from the uneducated, uninformed MAGA cult - their vote (he even said he didn't need them just their vote on 06/01/24) - now they are no longer needed and the real plan for the rich can get underway - very hilarious that the 100aires and brokenaires voted for the billionaires it's great that DOGE is cutting benefits like food stamps, health care and funding for rural hospitals in the Southern Poverty States and farm aid contracts for farmers - it's time to kick the freeloaders like grandma off of Medicaid and war vet grandpa off of VA benefits - this benefit slashing must be in order for the House to pass their tax cuts for the rich hooray for the GOP wanting to slash \$2 trillion in benefits for the POOR and cutting \$4.5 trillion in taxes for the RICH and hooray for - also exceptionally great that the GOP wants to PRIVATIZE everything so the billionaires can get even richer and Americans just taking it like the sheeple they are my favorite words are tariffs and groceries and never-ending military conflicts Promises Made Promises Kept since Day 1, LOL

Since October, Israel murdered 50,000 Palestinians and now demands concessions or it will continue murdering more. The same situation with Russia and Ukraine. Sounds like MAGA diplomacy is to invade and then promise cease fire only if given territory.

JD Vance is an accomplished liar, to be sure. But even an accomplished liar on the level of JD Vance cannot cause people to "unhear". If that were possible, people would have "un-heard" and "un-saw" JD's own disgraceful performance of double-teaming and bullying President Zelensky in the Oval Office- and they have not.

Daily we are bombarded with news of what Trump is doing that seemingly make not sense. Few of his actions seem to have the best interest of the US at heart. The Russian theory is just about the only one that makes it all make sense.

Trump the genius of the Evil Genius Theory is destroying all things good about America. The Judicial Branch granted the Evil Genius immunity, The Legislative Branch controlled by the Autocratic Party is afraid of the Evil Genius refusing to hold the Evil Genius accountable to Constitutional Law. The hope for America remains with the Constitutional Voters organizing across all divides selecting people that are not afraid and will uphold Constitutional Laws. No exceptions. The midterms are coming, and it is the best time start voting in Constitutional Representatives. Enough of the Autocratic Party's authoritarianism attack on working voters. Constitutional Law voters must prevail.

Even if Trump did an immediate 180 on his Canadian tariffs and other things he's doing regarding Canada,, I think the damage has been done.

Isn't isolationism just a wonderful thing? Attack and insult allies, neighboring countries and suddenly you are left with a failing economy, high unemployment and supply chain issues like shortages and soaring inflation. Stagflation here we come. Is America great again yet?

Imagine the Secretary of Defense making this mistake prior to the Bin Laden raid. Now imagine the Republican response had this been a democrat administration. Gym and Gomer would have hearings lined up until Rapture.

Give it up Democrats, liberals, & independents!!! This gov't has been taken over by MAGA extremism and ran by a regime and a tyrant with a side of a jester. This country is more divided than united because everyone is pointing the finger at someone else. We will never know the

truth until this cruel people are out of the gov't. It looks like Americans don't want to fight enough for Democracy...they want a dictator to take care of them! NOT a democratic country that is run by the republic for which it stands!!! America is gone if we don't stand up to this tyranny!!! We are almost cleared to be a Dictatorship in less than 6 months!!

A HUGE part of this story being overlooked - this administration is using Signal for discussions that are REQUIRED BY LAW to be recorded and filed. Signal deletes the conversations, so there's no record. What ELSE have they discussed? How many of those calls have included Putin, Orban....?

Today's question: Is loyalty really more important than competence? And the correct answer is, "No".

Had this happened under the Biden Administration, Secretary of Defense Austin would be facing immediate calls from the GOP/MAGA to resign, they would getting ready to hold multiple hearings, and would be blaming DEI but since this the Trump Administration, they will be given a pass.

Remember the fuss over Hillary's email conversations. Wow, in this administration they just give out the most secret communications and no one cares.

I agree with other poster's if this had happened under the Biden Administration the Republican's in Congress would be going bananas... Fox News with it's Sean Hannity hosts would be running major stories about the Incompetence of the Biden Administration. INSTEAD we hear cricket's from the GOP AND FOX... The Atlantic's Goldberg is a patriotic American journalist who didn't reveal this info. BUT what if this chat had added a Journalist sympathetic to Middle Eastern Countries and notified Yemen about the details of the operation? This could have lead to American Military lives being lost. It's not farfetched if an unsavory journalist had gotten invited to this chat. What if the journalist went public before the attack?

This administration is embarrassing itself on a global scale.

Waltz, Hegseth and Vance should all be forced to resign and apologize to the people of this country. Our allies see things like this and probably won't be sharing intel with the US anymore and I don't blame them.

I'm glad all of Trump's picks are going through a rigorous vetting process to make sure they are the "best". Nothing like leaking secret military plans to the press.

Hegseth should be fired. Texting an attack plan to a journalist, and not knowing who he was sending the plans to is inexcusable. This guy needs to go, and Trump has no excuse for him staying as defense secretary. What if he would have sent it to someone who supports the Houthi? Unbelievable.

It's almost like a tv show host who was fired for gross incompetency and mismanagement in 2020 is completely unqualified to be running our country, and now has appointed someone similarly horrific for our military. Who knew that qualifications were important?

Trump even says not to hire people because of their characteristics but on merit. Trump's whole cabinet is on characteristics of letting Trump do whatever he wants and not on merit. Why would he hire an alcoholic TV Saturday morning talk show host ad the head of the department of defense. That was a DEI hire according to Trump. Or maybe a DJT hire. No qualifications. Just for everyone to understand Rubio, Radcliff, Gabbard and Vance among others were all included in the chat and no one realized or questioned who Goldberg was.

The American government is currently being run by a collection of incompetents. Most of the professionals have either been fired or fled. Loyalty is the only requirement.

Trump voters are not happy, but they completely understand how this could happen and really it's not a big deal. You know, the same people that wanted Hillary put in jail for using an email account that wasn't secure (as Trump currently does BTW).

You just can't pinpoint the level of absurdity these Trumpers will accept because the target just keeps going lower every day.

If this had happened during President Biden's administration, the Republicans would schedule an inquisition and be calling for President Biden's head.

But, since it's Trump, the MAGA GOP will circle the wagons and protect Trump at all costs.

If this happened during a Democrats tenure it would be national news for months and big fodder for upcoming elections. In the MAGAverse this is just one of a never-ending stream of incompetence, law breaking, chaos, inflammatory remarks, and eroding of democracy and will just be ignored and forgotten within a few days. That is the genius of Trump, if the horror never stops no one can focus on any one thing.

This entire administration from the top down is incompetency on steroids.

Hegeseth should never have been confirmed and the US Senate Republican are complicit in putting our national security in jeopardy. God knows what else has been leaked and to whom.

Loyalty to a would be demagogue named Trump will be the Republic downfall and it's coming.

The downfall of America. Donald J Trump should never ever have been given the keys to the nation. And I suspect Pete did this while under the influence of either alcohol or some woman he was chasing. Either way, America is toast unless God or some brave person steps in to end things.

Wow. I was Air Force for 4 years. 'War planning and Intel'. This is UNACCEPTABLE on any level of rank but more egregious considering the SoD and his office. That would've been grounds for court martial/dishonorable discharge for folks under the SoD or deputy SoD. Imagine the implications. WTH is going on?

Worst Administration in History, and don't forget these people are canceling our Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Education, Healthcare. Outrageous bunch of clowns.

This is more serious than a "blunder." It's a major catastrophe. This is confirmation that our current Secretary of Defense is not qualified or experienced enough for such a high profile position. Congress should demand his immediate resignation and initiate a hearing on such a dangerous matter.

Had this happened under the Biden Administration, here's what would've happened:

1. Immediate calls for Sec Def Austin to resign or be impeached.
2. The term DEI would've been use repeatedly.
3. The GOP/MAGA would've launched multiple investigations into this.

But under the Trump Administration, there will be no accountability.

This article explains the reason that America is not Great Again, along with a few other facts.

On Jan. 6-

-Gas was \$2.89. Today \$3.29.

-Eggs were \$3.99. Today \$7.99.

-Canada was our friend. Today ?

-Greenland was our friend. Today ?

-Denmark was our friend. Today ?

-Panama was our friend. Today ?

-Russia was our enemy. Today ?

-Federal workforce was fully staffed. Today ?

We are all waiting for things to change, but they haven't. MAGA's said give him a few months. Well, today is Day 77.

But, her emails.

Hegseth refused to even admit they messed up. Flat out chose to lie instead today rather than do the right thing.

Hegseth's response by insulting the Atlantic's Editor in Chief reveals his carelessness and stupidity!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Incompetence is staggering": Trump admin accidentally leaked Yemen war plans to Atlantic editor."

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The only thing that qualifies most Trump loyalists to hold the positions they were given by Trump is their loyalty to Trump.

Imagine a reality where a person running for president has their choice of any American to be their Secretary of Defense and they say I'd like that weekend anchor on Fox TV to be my secretary of defense.

No need to imagine it because that's the reality we live in.

It appears that at least 10 government officials were members of an illegal communication channel and a subset actively participated. No one involved reported the security breach. The story isn't about the reporter being included accidentally, it's about people from the President's Chief of Staff to the National Security Advisor participating in an illegal communication of top secret information on personal devices. The software used isn't installed on their official government devices and isn't cleared for use for government purposes.

Just remember: It was Republicans in Congress who gave the green light for these incompetent individuals to be in key positions that are vital to our safety.

Hegseth has to go. If not for what happened, then for lying about it and saying it was a made up story by Goldberg. How anyone in this country can have any confidence these rubes are remotely qualified to be in their positions is baffling at best.

The only takeaway worth noting is if Democrats did this there would be articles of impeachment and calls for treason trials the next day. Republicans do it and it's no big deal and the only villain is the media for daring to report on how badly the DUI hire at Defense fouled up.

Definitely an indescribable moment!! What the fudge! Perfect example of how an auction was held to fill the Trump cabinet -- no experience or brains necessary, just lots of money. Nothing "sleepy Joe" did could EVER top this mess. Thank you to the reporter who made this public so Trump could find out before there was a cover up. Makes wanting to sign up and serve our country under the present Commander In Chief not even on our radar. And to think Trump knew nothing about this operation being planned? If nothing else, every single military personnel would have been wiped out.

The Donald Dump scorecard: Prices not lowered. Wars not ended. Stock market in the toilet. Deportations fizzling and immigration revealed as a fake issue. Environment destroyed. Global trade wars. Alliances destroyed. Military dysfunctional. Federal workers persecuted for no reason. Debt ceiling canceled. Wealthy getting wealthier at the expense of the poor.

Congratulations, America.

Trump's Keystone Cops DOD Secretary made three mistakes: first using a public platform for sharing highly sensitive information; secondly, failing to ensure that the vetting of everyone on the chat; but most tellingly, failing to own the failures. The first two could be chalked up to

rookie mistakes. The failure to own those mistakes is a serious character flaw that indicates he is not qualified for the job he holds. His faults all came out before he was confirmed by the Senate. But the Republicans, in blind allegiance to "Dear Leader" confirmed him anyway.

They have spent twelve years chanting "Lock her up" and that was just accidental and inappropriate use of a private server for non-classified intel.

This is intentional use of an unsecure phone app. Doesn't matter if it's encrypted, if it is visible on either end of the phone, that is unsecured. And they may have not given details, but that is the point of intelligence gathering, gather enough tidbits to put the whole plan together.

The amount of info they discussed would be enough to endanger people if the wrong phone number gets added or if any of their phones had been compromised.

They wanted Clinton in jail for very very little, they all should be spending time in prison until the investigation determines just how often they have used signal for unsecure conversations of confidential information.

This is what happens when you replace a 4 star general with decades of experience with a Fox News host with nowhere near the experience. Total incompetence by Trump for nominating him and for those who approved the nomination. This is the first of many of these type of issues that will continue to happen. They put our military personnel at risk and honestly they could care less.

Real men step up and admit their mistakes, and face the consequences of their actions. Hegseth.....not so much.

If Hegseth had acknowledged the poor judgment and mistake -- and maybe said he'd learned a tough lesson from this -- I might have had a little respect for him. But he didn't. The fact that he knowingly & blatantly lied -- when the texts clearly show he was lying - is deeply disturbing. It's bad enough that Hegseth is highly unqualified for this post -- but his blatant dishonesty makes it even worse.

But Hillary's emails ; but General Milley's call to the Chinese ; but this , but that .... What about Obama ; what about this , what about that .... I'm waiting for them to blame Joe Biden for this It is Biden's fault. Or Hillary's. Or Nancy Pelosi. Or John McCain. Or Dr. Fauci.

President can't make law, and no states are under any pressure to follow this, as it can't be enforced. Interesting that election rules and laws have always fallen to the states, and Republicans seem to want states to have more power, but then want Trump to force states to do what he wants. Why haven't we seen an uptick in whiplash cases?

It's not about law. It's about attacking the results of the next election before it even happens.

Purging ballots is how the right intends to stay in power forever.

It seems as if the American Farmer (AKA MAGAt) has found out that the messiah is simply the con man that many suspected he is. The Farmers pulled a FAFO and now they see the impact of their actions. The farmers need to take accountability and own their decision.

I often drive through the farm country of western Virginia. For years I have seen lots of Trump signs, flags, and stickers. Big support there. I don't know if Myers-Benner voted for Trump, but it seems many of his neighbors did. Too bad they did not understand that Trump has always lied, and in this term specifically planned to implement all of Project 2025. Now the farmers, along with everyone else, are subject to the clown show of this administration, resulting in the sudden stoppage of government work in almost all departments. This article does not mention the damage to farmers also caused by the shutdown of USAID (U.S. farmers provided much of the food distributed internationally), nor how the tariff wars will result in temporary and permanent closure of foreign markets for U.S. farmers.

Farmers have been receiving Farm Welfare under the guise of subsidies, grants, conservation, and many other programs for over 95 years or since the Great Depression and Dust Bowl! Time to take the burden off the taxpayers and make farmers, ranchers, and dairy farmers responsible for doing what is necessary to keep their lands fertile and productive. Funny, most rural folks sneer at those city folks on government handouts but don't think twice when it comes to asking for grants, subsidies, and such. Time to take the mask off the true abusers of government handouts! Trump paid over \$109 billion dollars to farmers, ranchers, and dairy farms to keep them from bankruptcy and the bankruptcy rate still rose!

DOGE isn't doing a line item audit to find waste or fraud. They have fired people in mass by trying to remove all probationary employees, had people resign with promises of a buyout that is not funded, shown a full lack of understanding just how contracts, grants, and money in general flows through the various agencies, and forced their way into every agency trying to gain access to every means of payments and PII they could. That isn't even mentioning the hiring of questionable people for these roles. We the people are all for digging out waste and fraud, we just want it done right.

This cult is flat out pathetic to the point its disgusting. I saw supporter go on a rant about how Trump is a descendent of Judah and a true follower preparing for the return of Jesus and here to bring back religion and take his throne. And blah blah blah. Truly shows the mental health of this nation right now.

We get it, "Make Autocratic Grifters Ashamed" would look a little too wordy on a hat.

Over the weekend, a man who lives in Sisimiut, Greenland, named Aannguaq Reimer-Johansen posted an image to Facebook of a red hat featuring the words, "Make America Go Away." The simple statement is a clever play on President Donald Trump's infamous slogan, which has been adorned on red hats for years: "Make America Great Again."

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Incredible. Jesse Watters & Laura Ingraham have been saying that Goldberg hacked his way into the chat. Literally accusing him of espionage. Outrageous lies from this group. And don't forget that Witkoff was in Russia when he joined the chat. I want an apology, Waltz. From all of you incompetent Trump sycophants.

Not a political party specific comment... Walz is in damage control or cover-up mode. But to be fair it is early in the investigation. Goldberg getting in to the meeting is the result of either incompetence or intent. The sending the text without knowing who was present was very sloppy and it should be lesson learned for all politicians but they forget quickly..

HAHAHAHA!

Marjorie Taylor Greene just tweeted "Gulf of Mexico"

Trump will now deport her back to Dumbfuckistan.

This is my county. I voted blue in this election. I also voted by mail. I can not stress how red my voting district is. A rural farming area with a large population of Amish and Mennonite families. It takes quite a bit to turn this area blue.

Watching town hall meetings explode with anger. What exactly did you think was going to happen? Decimation of our country by two dangerous fascists. Ask the brave VETS what they think. Ask anyone on Medicaid/Medicare and Social Security (which is not the government's money) how they feel.

2026 can't get here fast enough.

Democratic pushing the progressive left agenda too hard contributed to Republican wins. Republicans pushing the right agenda too hard may cause the republicans to lose power in congress. I believe the majority of the country will take something in the middle. Just my opinion.

During Trump's first term, they had qualified people around him, and he argued with them constantly.

This time around he went for incompetent people that would do anything he said and never push back.

This is the result.

In Trump's world, loyalty isn't earned—it's demanded. Loyalty over country. Loyalty over competence. Over truth. Over law. Even over the Constitution. Not loyalty to principle, but to himself. This isn't leadership—it's a warning. And the consequences of that kind of governance won't just be symbolic. They'll arrive at the doorstep of every American, fast and unforgiving.

Blaming a reporter for their own inebriated ineptness is so Trumpy

Should've voted Harris, America. Would've been ten times more competent and patriotic than whatever MAGA is giving us.

And now, it's too late. Every single MAGA appointee committed perjury on the stand, and a serious country would have mass-arrested them already.

But thanks to MAGA's cultism, it isn't anymore. "Sad!"

"Signal has been an approved app for government use." Perhaps this is true; however, as a former intelligence officer, I can't believe that it is approved for sensitive information. Rather, it likely was approved for administrative issues -- information considered "Sensitive, But Unclassified -- SBU," i.e. information that could not include details of operations or intelligence methods. Signal isn't encrypted to the level necessary for discussions of classified info. And, because it is not closed, i.e. it can include folks from outside government and the intelligence community in conversations, it is inherently unsecure. It certainly doesn't appear to be idiot-proof.

3-27-25

With run of the mill average new vehicles demanding terms in mortgage territory in order to put one in your garage today, after nailing a 25% tax onto a new vehicle, who is going to be able to afford one? Average payments are hovering in the \$600 to \$1000 a month arena, add the full coverage insurance necessary to own and drive one, it's \$1200 a month.

Trump promised to raise prices of everything. Now the big corporations will add more gouging on top of Trump's price increases and the billionaires will make out like bandits. Cars already cost as much as buying a house did less than 10 years ago as it is already.

The Golden Cow bellowed into the microphone at every campaign stop that on day one he was going to fix everything, everywhere, all at once. I still recall 2015 hearing that Mexico would pay for a wall, exploding national debt would be cut in half, health care would be fixed in a day, etc. I'm happy President Trump is in office. Maybe now the American electorate will finally learn that elections have consequences.

Sadly, when the auto layoffs start, those clueless MAGA red hatters will still wear his MADE IN CHINA merchandise while in the unemployment line.

Automakers are deciding if they want to move production (expensive and unlikely), swallow the costs (oh please, don't make me laugh), or pass the cost on to the purchaser (ding ding ding, we have a winner!).

Have faith in Trump, and everything will be okay. He knows how to fix an economy—by destroying it. He has been able to make many of his companies profitable by bankrupting them. He is fantastic at it. Just have faith. It has to get worse before it gets better. Be ready for skyrocketing inflation and a rising unemployment rate. That is how you fix an economy.

Trump is living in the '80's.....trying to bring back manufacturing. That sector of the US economy died over 30 years ago....especially in automobile manufacturing. Why do you think they call certain parts of the country "rust belts"? Because all the manufacturing plants rusted 30-40 years ago.

The "Left" isn't radical, most of us just want civil rights, and the government not taking away those rights. The "Right" claims they want less government, but they are all for taking away the right to choose, and free speech. That's more government.

This was always in the cards. It was brain dead to begin with to nominate any GOP Representative to another post given the GOP one or two seat majority in Congress. Too bad, because the Congress would almost definitely have flipped since the country wants a check on Trump's madness.

The first bill pass after democrats win the majority would be the impeachment of trump.

Sources have revealed Trump intends to nominate Kid Rock as UN ambassador. Apparently no one at FOX news wanted the job.

Republicans are scared. Her district is republican +9, yet republicans are afraid of losing it. With this withdrawal Trump admits that he has no mandate.

Also on Truth Social... Donald Trump nominated Snooki to replace Elise Stefanik as his nominee for US Ambassador to the United Nations. The MAGA faithful wildly cheered their support for his decision, many chanting, "All hail our mighty and powerful savior!" Mike Johnson was overheard saying, "Well, it's a better decision than Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense, so I suppose it's good."

**Just 2 months in and already realizing how unpopular Project 2025 is!**

I generally avoid celebrating the misfortune of others but am so happy to see Stefanik getting the first taste of what is coming for her. She's one of the smartest but also disingenuous of the Trump loyalists and staked her future on this appointment. It's a huge setback and a great thing to see. She's the canary in the coalmine. The outlook for Republicans is gloomy to hold onto their seats. Trump is destroying America with his trade wars, making enemies with our friends in Canada and Mexico, putting tourists from Europe like Germany in ICE detention for as much as 10 days. Even Canadians are being put in detention. Hotels and hospitality jobs will suffer because of Trump. Airlines already see a drop in sales tickets coming to the US. Canadians have cancelled their vacations to the US and so have some Europeans. New York might be one of the few places where hotels are still full because New York is not representative of the rest of America.

Tulsi Gabbard should resign due to her terrible memory. She doesn't recall anything.

If Tulsi Gabbard's memory is that bad, then she's not qualified to hold the office she does as she doesn't have the competence level.

GOP knows it's all over in 20 months, the circling of the wagons is a sure sign.

Yes but taking a scalpel to the government programs is one thing, bringing a chainsaw is entirely another. None of the people making the decisions (Musk) care one bit for the average American. They are there to serve their own interests by procuring government contracts and gathering power. None of this is to our benefit.

The smug, smiling face of idiocracy telling me to be thankful that top cabinet members used an unsecure channel to discuss classified information which also included a journalist and nobody

checked. Thankful that Gabbard, the person on top of the intel chain was perfectly OK with this exchange, thankful that Hegseth, the head of DOD gave detailed plans with timing on departure and anticipated arrival of U.S. assets, and thankful that Waltz indicated that the person whom they were targeting was in the place that was being targeted - that last part is important because it indicates that the CIA either had satellite confirmation or an embedded agent providing that kind of intel - if its the latter, that agent is in very real danger, if not compromised by now. Lastly, I'm supposed to be thankful that this administration would prefer to lie about it and cover it up rather than admit their littany of mistakes.

Folks, MAGA and Project 2025 are in full swing. Our country is in deep trouble. The scariest part of this whole thing is a chunk of America has drunk so much of the MAGA Kool-Aid they believe everything Trump and his MAGA cohorts spew out of their mouths. Our allies are bailing on us because of the constant threats from Trump, and he seems to be siding with Putin, our enemy. Midterms may be the only way we can stop this, depending on if we still have the right to vote.

Leavitt calls it a "misinformation campaign", but the news outlets are reporting direct texts that came from Hegseth.

What was texted may not be \*complete\* war plans, but launch times are definitely war plans and US pilots and aircraft were jeopardized.

I cannot for the life of me understand why Hegseth, Waltz, Gabbard, Vance, Trump, etc... did not come out and say "Hey, look...we made a mistake. You are correct, we should not have added a reporter to the chat and should not have been using Signal to discuss attack plans. We understand the gravity of what happened, and we will reevaluate going forward to ensure this type of security breech doesn't happen again. Thank you." This would have gone a long way on both sides. We are human, we do make mistakes...but when you lie to cover and then lie again to cover and then have to lie again to cover the cover its a hole you can't get out of, and it just makes you all look more and more incompetent. Nothing that comes out of your mouth at this point can be believed. Typical narcissists move DARVO = Deny, Accuse, Reverse Victim and Offender.

3-28-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump order targets 'improper ideology' at famed US museums."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump directs JD Vance to go after 'woke zoos'."

How does this help with the cost of groceries & inflation?

Trump's and the GOP's definition of improper ideology is anything that is not in line with their twisted ideology. With each passing day, we are drifting headlong into an authoritarian, fascist form of government.

How far are we from a Ministry of Truth and Freedom?

Trump is wrecking what America is known for centuries. If we let this insane POTUS go berserk, America will suffer the same fate as Trump's failed companies. Is it extremely difficult to bankrupt a casino but he did it six (6) times.

Trump is completely out of control and focused on things that have nothing to do with the well-being of our country, our relationships with our allies, our trustworthiness with our allies, the state of our economy, our healthcare system - the list goes on. Is that because he is completely incapable and inept in dealing with them? Or, he just doesn't care and is more interested in

disrupting (or destroying) our democracy, our healthcare system, our economy, and our relationships with our allies?

Smithsonian teaches "science", so it is woke. Lord, Deliver us!

He is...evil personified. Almost every single thing trump does, is fueled by racism, misogyny...or money.

It's going to be so much fun to undo all of this once this guy is voted out and in the rear view mirror of our lives.

Once again he is trying to rewrite the US Constitution with an executive order! "Woke" Is freedom of speech and expression! He CAN NOT change that!

Trump said this should include a drive to "remove improper ideology from such properties." And replace with what?

Charles Ponzi scheme that shows how to scam people out of money by promising 50% profits. Museum of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Display of David Duke and his accomplishments.

Of course there has to be a tribute to the J6 Capital rioters.

Greenland has a publicly financed, universal healthcare system, which means that healthcare services are free at the point of use for all residents.

Additionally, Greenland offers paid maternity leave. Parents are entitled to parental benefits during their leave, provided they meet certain residency and employment requirements.

Considering these factors, one might question why Greenlanders would want to be a part of the U.S.

As per usual, Trump is going about this all wrong (about Greenland). The very reasons he says he wants it- national security, access to mineral wealth, etc., are the same reasons Putin would want it. As the ice melts and sea levels continue to rise, control of the Arctic becomes more and more important to the countries of the Northern Hemisphere. And most of it is already either Russian or Canadian. Trump could have made a compelling argument for Greenland to consider stronger ties with the US, or with Canada, but of course, he only knows how to bully and insult and ultimately alienate people.

MAGA CANNOT RELATE empathetically. They don't seem to have the capability to understand that they wouldn't like a leader from another country telling us what we are going to do, whether we like it or not. They also don't understand consequences at all.

I can't. We have a base there and the U.S. has never threatened to take our allies country or territory. He's done it 3 times which is totally unacceptable. Our allies are beginning to distrust us and that is dangerous. Canada made their position well known yesterday and I applaud them. Right now I'm not very proud of my country.

3-29-25

What is this attitude? "We MUST have another people's territory, even if they do not want to give it to us."

What is that but obvious imperialist thuggery?

3-30-25

While Trump won't rule out seeking a third term, I just don't see him being successful. I don't see even those voting for him this last time putting him in a third time. MAGA standalone can't do it. They don't have the votes.

The big issue is can we trust Trump administration (DOGE) tampering with the election process across the country. Dictators have elections but the ballots are not free of manipulation.

"There are methods" and all of them unconstitutional. Time will tell if the McConnell/Roberts Supreme Court upholds the Constitution or not. Unfortunately with their recent rulings it's not a given.

I need to repost historian Dr. Heather Cox Richardson's post from yesterday in case any of my Facebook friends haven't seen it.

It's a frightening, factual account of what is currently happening in America (despite the inference of sexual activity hinted at in her first paragraph).

March 27, 2025 (Thursday)

Today, Wired reported that it had found four more Venmo accounts associated with the Trump administration officials who participated in the now-infamous Signal chat about a planned military attack on the Houthis in Yemen. A payment on one of them was identified only with an eggplant emoji, which is commonly used to suggest sexual activity.

The craziness going on around us in the first two months of the second Trump administration makes a lot more sense if you remember that the goal of those currently in power was never simply to change the policies or the personnel of the U.S. government. Their goal is to dismantle the central pillars of the United States of America—government, law, business, education, culture, and so on—because they believe the very shape of those institutions serves what they call “the Left.”

Their definition of “the Left” includes all Americans, Republicans and Independents as well as Democrats, who believe the government has a role to play in regulating business, providing a basic social safety net, promoting infrastructure, and protecting civil rights and who support the institutional structures Americans have built since World War II.

In place of those structures, today's MAGA leaders intend to create their own new institutions, shaped by their own people, whose ideological purity trumps their abilities. As Vice President J.D. Vance explained in a 2021 interview, he and his ilk believe that American

“conservatives...have lost every major powerful institution in the country, except for maybe churches and religious institutions, which of course are weaker now than they've ever been. We've lost big business. We've lost finance. We've lost the culture. We've lost the academy. And if we're going to actually really effect real change in the country, it will require us completely replacing the existing ruling class with another ruling class.... I don't think there's sort of a compromise that we're going to come with the people who currently actually control the country. Unless we overthrow them in some way, we're going to keep losing.” “We really need to be really ruthless when it comes to the exercise of power,” he said.

This plan is central to Project 2025, the plan President Donald Trump insisted before the election he knew nothing about but which, now that he's in office, has provided the blueprint for a large majority of the administration's actions. Project 2025 author Russell Vought, who is now Trump's director of the Office of Management and Budget, called for a “conservative President” to “use...the vast powers of the executive branch” aggressively “to send power away from Washington and back to America's families, faith communities, local governments, and states.” Last month, journalist Gil Duran of The Nerd Reich noted that Curtis Yarvin, a thinker popular with the technological elite currently aligned with the religious extremists at Project 2025, laid out a plan in 2022 to gut the U.S. government and replace it with a dictatorship. This would be a “reboot” of the country, Yarvin wrote, and it would require a “full power start,” a reference to restarting a stalled starship by jumping to full power, which risks destroying the ship.

Yarvin called for “giving absolute sovereignty to a single organization,” headed by the equivalent of the rogue chief executive officer of a corporation who would destroy the public institutions of the democratic government. Trump—whom Yarvin dismissed as weak—would give power to that CEO, who would “run the executive branch without any interference from the Congress or courts.... Most existing important institutions, public and private, will be shut down and replaced with new and efficient systems.” Once loyalists have replaced civil servants in a new ideological “army,” the CEO “will throw it directly against the administrative state—not bothering with confirmed appointments, just using temporary appointments as needed. The job of this landing force is not to govern.” The new regime must take over the country and “perform the real functions of the old, and ideally perform them much better.” It must “seize all points of power, without respect for paper protections.”

Earlier this month, Yarvin cheered on the idea of hacking existing infrastructure “to operate in an unusual way that its designers, its previous operators, or both, did not expect,” and complimented DOGE for the way it has hacked into existing bureaucracies. The key performance indicator of DOGE, he wrote, “is its ability to take power from the libs, then keep it.”

Far from saving money for the United States, as Jacob Bogage at the Washington Post reported on March 22, billionaire Elon Musk’s “Department of Government Efficiency” has cost the government \$500 billion, 10% of what the Internal Revenue Service took in last year. Bogage reports that the administration has demolished the IRS, firing nearly 20,000 employees, especially in the divisions that focus on enforcement, and dropping investigations of corporations and the richest taxpayers. Officials project that these changes will result in more tax evasion, and they are expecting a sharp drop in tax revenue this spring.

If the administration is working not to save money but rather to destroy the government, the cuts that threaten the well-being of American citizens make more sense. Today, Emily Davies and Jeff Stein of the Washington Post reported that Trump officials are looking for cuts of between 8% and 50% of the employees in federal agencies. They obtained an internal White House document that calls for the Department of Housing and Urban Development to be cut in half, the Interior Department to lose nearly 25% of its workforce, and the Internal Revenue Service to lose about one third of its people. The Justice Department is set to lose 8% of its workforce, the National Science Foundation 28%, the Commerce Department 30%, and the Small Business Administration 43%.

Cuts to the government have led to the Social Security Administration’s website crashing four times in ten days this month, and there are not enough workers to answer phones. Yesterday, Sahil Kapur and Julie Tsirkin of NBC News reported that lawmakers, including Senate Finance subcommittee on Social Security chair Chuck Grassley (R-IA), have been kept in the dark as the men working for DOGE have cut SSA phone services and instituted new rules requiring that beneficiaries without access to the internet prove their identity with an in-person visit to an SSA office.

Washington Post reporters Lisa Rein and Hannah Natanson warn that “Social Security is breaking down.” Senator Angus King (I-ME) told them: “What’s going on is the destruction of the agency from the inside out, and it’s accelerating.... What they’re doing now is unconscionable.”

In a televised Cabinet meeting on Monday, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said she planned to “eliminate FEMA,” the Federal Emergency Management Agency that responds to national emergencies like hurricanes. This news comes on top of Trump’s executive order last

week calling for the Department of Education to be shuttered, along with cuts of about half of its workforce.

Yesterday, Apoorva Mandavilli, Margot Sanger-Katz, and Jan Hoffman reported in the New York Times that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has suddenly cancelled more than \$12 billion in federal grants to states. That money supported mental health services, addiction treatment, and programs to track infectious diseases. Today HHS announced it will be cutting 10,000 employees on top of the 10,000 who have already left and the more than 5,000 probationary workers who were fired last month. These cuts will include 3,500 full-time employees from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and 2,400 employees from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In addition to slashing and burning through government agencies, the administration is trying to undermine the rule of law. Trump has signed executive orders suspending security clearances for law firms that represent Democratic clients and barring the government from hiring employees from those firms.

Trump and his team have challenged the judges who have ruled against Trump, working to destroy faith in the courts. House speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) has suggested that Republicans in Congress could eliminate some federal courts, telling reporters: “We do have the authority over the federal courts, as you know. We can eliminate an entire district court. We have power of funding over the courts and all these other things.”

Trump’s administration is also working to take over colleges and universities, beginning with a high-profile fight against Columbia University in which the administration withheld \$400 million in grants, allegedly over antisemitism at the school, until the university bent to the administration’s will. Columbia’s leaders did so, only to have the administration say the changes are only “early steps” and that Columbia “must continue to show they are serious in their resolve to end anti-Semitism...through permanent and structural reform. Other universities...should expect the same level of scrutiny and swiftness of action if they don’t act to protect their students and stop anti-Semitic behavior on campus,” a member of the administration said.

Chillingly, on Tuesday federal authorities in plain clothes took Tufts University international student Rumeysa Ozturk into custody on the street in Somerville, Massachusetts, saying she had “engaged in activities in support of Hamas,” apparently a reference to a pro-Palestinian op-ed she had written for the Tufts newspaper. On Wednesday the Department of Homeland Security said she was being held at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement center in Louisiana.

The administration is also working to reshape American culture according to their vision. The project of stripping words like “climate crisis,” “diversity,” “health disparity,” “peanut allergies,” “science-based,” “segregation,” “stereotypes,” and “understudied” from government communications are an explicit attempt to reshape the way Americans think. Today, in an executive order “restoring truth and sanity to American history,” Trump tried to change the ways in which Americans understand our history, too. He called for Vance, who as vice president serves on the Smithsonian Board of Regents, “to work to eliminate improper, divisive, or anti-American ideology from the Smithsonian and its museums, education and research centers, and the National Zoo.”

The problem for those who embrace this vision of America is that it is not popular. Before the election, only 4% of voters liked Project 2025, and it has not gained in popularity as the dramatic cuts to the government have hurt farmers by killing grain purchases for foreign aid, cut funding for cancer research, and thrown people out of work. Because Republican-dominated counties

rely more heavily on government programs than Democratic-dominated counties do, cuts to government services are hitting Republican voters particularly hard.

On Tuesday, Democrat James Andrew Malone won a special election for a state senate seat in a Pennsylvania district that Trump won in November with 57% of the vote. Today, Trump was forced to withdraw New York Republican representative Elise Stefanik's name from consideration for ambassador to the United Nations out of concern that a Democrat might win her vacant seat, although Trump won her district in 2024 by 21 points.

Question for those of you who have studied Ohio's SB 1 more closely than I have:

My cursory reading of the bill suggests that an instructor teaching 20th century European history could get in trouble for not presenting Holocaust denialism as if it's a legitimate interpretation of the facts.

Am I right about that? And if I am, shouldn't we be very concerned about that?

The bigger problem is that it's vague, as you said, what is "a legitimate interpretation of the facts" for some differing views of subjects? But that vagueness can both encourage people to go after teachers they disagree with, AND encourage the teachers to be more cautious, to self censor out of fear of risking their job by teaching about "difficult subjects" like slavery, war, human rights, civil rights, etc.

It's insidious, and that's the point.

Teaching slavery and the Civil War could get rough.

I'm just gobsmacked. Not living in Ohio but I can't believe this. It's crazy!!!

This guy (Hegseth) was a captain in the national guard, and he was tabbed to replace a 4-star general, with 40 years of service, as Secretary of Defense and head of the Pentagon. His obvious qualifications are his television career and his lifelong dedication to right-wing politics. His complete admiration of the President also boosted his resume. I wonder if he ever even visited the Pentagon before being placed in charge of it.

Enough of the right-wing idiots. Lets get back to economics. If we want to get rid of stagflation, the deficit needs to be cut responsibly. Since the deficit crisis originated in the Reagan tax cuts which caused a 186% increase in deficit spending and allowed the top 10% to accumulate 90% of Americas assets which then became less taxable because of tax breaks, and things like Citizens United. Failure to increase taxes on the upper 10% will result in continued deficit spending which will eventually make the dollar worthless. If you are against communism then know that Lenin said that the best way to destroy capitalism was to debase the currency. That is what the conservatives have been doing and what Trump now is taking all the way. The whole tariff thing is an uniformed deflection to avoid the unpleasant tax issue. It will simply make an economic crisis that will affect the huge majority of the population severely, come sooner.

3-31-25

Trump is totally out of touch with reality and has zero understanding of economics. Is this really what MAGA folks want... increased taxes? Tariffs are taxes that negatively affect regular people.

Navarro inadvertently gave away the game: shift as much of the tax burden as possible to low and middle income families that have to spend all of their income, while providing additional enormous tax breaks for the wealthy.

Trump talks about getting rid of income taxes, which are at least mostly progressive in nature, and replacing them with Tariffs which, like the sale tax, hit poor and middle income people the hardest.

Unfortunately, about 30% of the population won't believe that fundamental concept. If Trump tells them it's a tax cut, then that's what it is. No questions asked.

The biggest tax cuts in history were the \$4.5 TRILLION to the 1% and corporations which Trump and the Republicans gave during his last administration, and the additional \$4.5 TRILLION giveaway planned for this administration.

Eating out post pandemic has just skyrocketed.

Even going out for fast food can easily cost a family of 4 \$40+.

Going some place even mid level, you're looking at \$20+ per person before tip and taxes.

So yeah, I can see why people are not going out as often.

Economy is contracting, GDP will fall as compared to prior years, unemployment is rising, Fed is panicking and signaling it will slash Fed Funds rate which will just increase the inflation on top of the impacts of the tRump tariffs. So America's great depression has begun.

Biden - even as he is now - understands foreign policy and how to be PResident 10x better than Trump. I would rather have Biden than a narcissistic moron trumpboy who does not know what the hell he is doing.

At the moment Democracy is burning.

My issue with you conservative women is the lying.....the lying that they do themselves and the support they give to the ultimate liar, DJT. In my lifetime, I have voted Dem, Repub, and Ind for POTUS. Sometimes I won, sometimes I lost. But not matter who was POTUS, I ALWAYS respected the office. But here's the big thing for me.....THERE HAS NEVER, EVER BEEN A POTUS WITH WHO I AGREED 100%. NEVER. There were times I did not agree with a statement, a policy, or an opinion. MY ISSUE WITH CONSERVATIVE WOMEN EVERYWHERE IS HOW THEY 100% AGREE WITH EVERY SINGLE THING DJT SAYS OR DOES. That is simply not humanly possible.

BINGO! It's not the "women" that are hated in conservatism, it's the fact conservative women degrade themselves as a woman from the intelligent, free thinking beautiful human beings that they are and make themselves subservient to mostly men, which is disgraceful and disrespectful to all women including themselves.

If she supports the Hate, lies for the Hate, it's not prejudging- it's judgement of her actions!

I am of the live and let live. My beliefs may be different from other people and that's okay. It's what makes us a wonderful country. The frustration I have is that there are people in political arenas that are taking away rights because it's not something they believe in. If you don't believe in abortion, fine and wonderful. Don't have an abortion. But don't take away another woman's right to make that decision for herself.

If you support trump, then you do not value women. Simple as that, no explanation needed. Traditional values and conservative ideas are no where in the MAGA world. These two things are neither Democratic or Republican. Christians deliver God's word, not trump's - that is idolatry.

"Refuse to conform to the molds that the left tries to force us into" This. This is why you are so hated and "demonized" because you cannot grasp that is YOUR beliefs, YOUR party that want to force everyone, and especially every woman, into a mold and absolutely cannot stand that some people don't conform to your idea of what a woman should be. But instead of standing with all women, you instead choose to restrict the rights of woman in the name of being a "good conservative". Open your eyes

There's nothing wrong with being conservative. Democrats and Republicans have gotten along for years and years. The problems started, oh let's see, around 2015. Now what happened in

2015? Oh yea, the orange demonic despotic demented clown switched to the Republican party because he knew his playbook would work on that side and he divided the country into two camps. His MAGA cult members and everyone else. The Republican (conservative) party no longer exists. The few that remain are too scared to lose their power and positions and bend the knee to the clown. The United States isn't going to heal until the clown and his clown car of billionaire flying monkeys in suits are run out of town.

Some of the comments on here are meant to separate and anger us. I am now a full-blown Democrat, never will I say I am an Independent anymore. I don't disrespect your right to be a conservative man or woman, I certainly do not care about who you worship or how you worship, I do think I have a problem with you voting for someone who is so utterly corrupt, and you are so utterly unwilling to see how he is hurting and killing others. You are either unwilling or uncaring enough to see the harm and hurt he is causing those who are not like you, and if they are not like you, you do not care about them. That is the problem we have. That is our difference. Author, you do not seem to see the big picture and the world around you. I admire conservative woman, and I am still conversative. Modesty aside, I am highly educated, passionate in my professional career, serve the community where I live and work, respected and successful. I am a single woman raised two children who are working professionals, and self-sufficient. I made adjustment when changes occurred, honest and straightforward but also kind and humble. I am a product of the eighties and nineties, a witness how the world around changes from the internet to AI. This day and age are entirely very different. Not only did I make the effort to be flexible, but I am so privileged to understand the millennials and Gen Z, enjoy every moment of it. We are closed tight family, family of immigrants who have been in America for over 5 decades. America is home. We believe in God. Fortunately, I don't get mocked like you because respect is earned, and kindness goes a long way. There is really no difference, the question is why we are divided?

What does she think Conservative means? Uneducated, Trumpist without regard to laws or the Constitution, sycophant loyalty in the face of truth, business advantage over individual rights, freedom of speech is only for lies?

4-1-25

Whyte Powah is being restored. Maga.

The deportation of undocumented immigrants takes precedence, their humanity reduced to mere political rhetoric. Due process, a cornerstone of justice, is dismissed as an inconvenience in the rush for swift, headline-grabbing action. The machinery of enforcement grinds forward, driven by fear, sustained by indifference, and justified by long-standing myths too rarely challenged. The party of Lincoln, once known for its leadership, principles, and fight for unity, has now devolved into a party driven by lies, conspiracy theories, and a rejection of truth. What was once a beacon of progress and integrity has been overtaken by misinformation, political theatrics, and a willingness to undermine democratic institutions for power.

The lack of due process has led to serious mistakes, and the complete lack of accountability and empathy from the Trump administration, is sickening.

The attitude is "so what if a few innocent people have their lives ruined, they're foreign in any case, inferior to us, and don't count".

Never been so ashamed of this country.

Our global reputation and standing is in the gutter.

MAGA is a cancer.

20 years for "throwing a fire bomb" at a CAR?

But if you go to the Capitol, to STOP a PEACEFUL transfer of power and BEAT COPS, you are good and will be pardoned!!!! Even though 3 PEOPLE Died????

Yes, 20 years for a firebomb at a Tesla dealership, and pardons for the goons that tried to overthrow the government--fascism at work.

The double standard is so clear. 20 years for firebombing the Tesla dealership taken to a federal level rather than a local or state vandalism charge. This, while insurrectionists who participated in the death and injuries of capital cops, vandalizing the national capital building, in an effort to overturn a legitimate election get total pardons.

Typical tactic of Fox News and this administration. Try to take an item that has a simple explanation and twist it in a way that makes it sound like significant fraud. If this is an example of the qualifications of DOGE staffers, it explains why the courts are ruling against many of their actions. Rather than look into why noncitizens are receiving SSN, DOGE and FOX automatically claim something illegal is happening.

Remember when MAGA complained about President Zelensky not wearing a suit in the Oval Office? This was what Kid Rock wore earlier and suddenly, MAGA is silent.

MAGA lost their minds when President Zelenskyy didn't wear a suit to the White House. His excuse is that he's fighting a war for his nation's survival. A good excuse. Where's the MAGA outrage for Kid Rock dressing up like a clown in the Oval Office?

My father, who lived through the Depression, often said that wealthy people back then welcomed the high unemployment and poverty of that era. They didn't want it to end because they could get people to fight for scarce jobs and work for peanuts. The rich were insulated from all the misery and in fact benefited from it. I fear that is what Donny boy and his billionaire class friends want now. Destroy the economy and make the middle class grovel for low paying jobs. Trump has now surpassed FDR for the most executive orders ever. FDR was leading this country out of a depression and WWII.

Trump doesn't have any real plans. Just ideological actions without the analytical information or special studies.

He just wants to play the power game and golf instead of actually working with people to do the right thing.

Stagflation is the worst of all possible worlds in economics. A recession made worse by high inflation.

Biden managed to get inflation down to manageable levels with a good economy. Now Trump is going to bring on higher inflation again along with Trump Recession #2.

Very, very bad news for the former middle class of the new Western Russia (formerly known as "America"). But guess who gets the worst of the deal? If you said "MAGA's", you'd be exactly right. Most of them are blue collar, paycheck-to-paycheck with little or no savings and will figure prominently in the unemployment lines and welfare offices in the coming months and years. Many will be destitute with no healthcare.

The funniest part? They will keep doing what they did to put themselves in that position, and if you don't believe me watch what happens in Florida and Wisconsin on April Fool's day.

It truly will be a day for fools.

The US was turning the corner on inflation, the economy was growing, stock market recovering, unemployment was low, gas prices were coming down. Then Trump came in and reversed every single positive economic metric. ON PURPOSE!!!

Back many years ago when I was a young man in the 1970s, just out of the military serving my country in a foreign war, America was a different place. People didn't always agree with each other but they worked things out. You didn't have a divided country. If one political party lost, they supported the party that won because it was for America. Where did the American values go? Why are there so many hateful people?

Yes, it is a shame there isn't more decorum like days of old. I think two big reasons are 24 hour news cycles and the proliferation of social media. **Algorithms have figured out that anger, conflict and disinformation drive engagement.**

GOP died in 2000 with Bush v Gore. That was the real coup. The USA just didn't realize it.

Outrageous. If Trump can never be found guilty of anything by a judge, then what's the point of even filing a complaint when you know Trump will always win - no matter how egregious his actions.

Anyone who cannot see this is the corruption of our judicial system is wearing blinders - or really wants a dictatorship.

Vote them out, they have Trumpian values, not American Values!

Mental health crisis is a very serious disorder. Republicans seem to be exhibiting such crisis.

Inasmuch as they seem to have forgotten the Constitutional provisions of the U.S. Constitution - requiring check and balances.

Thus, the dictator regime could never muster a Constitutional amendment that restricts the 3rd branch of government.

This is as "silly" as getting (you know who) a 3rd term in office.

What's wrong with these people?

Who needs courts? Who needs judges? Who needs justice? Who needs laws? Not when we have Republicans calling the shots. Just do what they say and mind your own business.

Well, Republicans finally told the truth.

They're coming for Medicaid.

They're coming for Social Security.

And they're coming for Medicare.

Never forget the fact that Medicare only exists because private insurance doesn't want to cover old people.

zero empathy for others, a cavalier attitude in playing with people's economic lives, absurd statements like "Soc Sec is a ponzi scheme", attempting to run gov't like a business instead of policies to help improve lives and of course the absurd 'lies' are all reasons to hate his actions.

I know why. It's because Elon is eliminating government positions and entire departments without knowledge of what they do or their importance to Americans. The first time Elon fired someone, then rehired them back two days later, should have been the first clue that he was clueless. The second time he did it should have been the clue to fire him. But no, MAGA and Trump think he's doing great! So, it's not so much that everybody hates Elon, it's that everybody hates that nobody is firing him for incompetence.

On the other hand, even though Clinton's initiative eliminated more than 377,000 federal roles between January 1993 and September 2000, it was conducted over a period of eight years.

However, there's a key difference between how Clinton's NPR cut jobs and what Trump and Musk are attempting to accomplish. Clinton's National Performance Review lasted six months and made 384 recommendations to improve the federal bureaucracy. The implementation of those policies took a lot longer, and some required legislation to be passed through Congress.

Obviously, there is no comparison between Clinton's performance review methodology and Trump's chainsaw, wholesale layoffs.

I'm not sure which I dislike more - Musk, or the system that allows him to do what he's doing in our government, unabated, and without regard for the laws, norms, values, or ethics that used to govern those federal workers he so cavalierly had fired. But I know that before Musk inserted himself into our government (with Trump's blessings) my feelings about him were neutral - I recognized his intelligence and his ability to secure billions in government subsidies, which allowed him to earn billions for himself. But I didn't hate him for that. Now, watching as he danced around onstage waving that chainsaw, gleefully soaking up the applause from the MAGA crowd - now, I resent him and the system that allowed him free access of our government agencies. And now, watching him handing off million dollar show-checks to the lucky winners of his extremely questionable vote-buying scheme in Wisconsin, I resent him (and whatever system allows this) even more.

Buying elections and huge conflicts of interest are not a factor in the dislike?

So, Trump was insulted by what Zelensky wore to the White House but was perfectly OK with Kid Rock's attire.

Lookit Gene , Elon Musk is not "brilliant"..ok? He does have a nose for finding emergent technologies which he doesn't have any engineering or technical understanding of--he just sees an opportunity to piggyback on someone else's work. Like a parasite. And it's comments like calling working people the "parasite class" that make him unpopular. Then's there the whole thing of calling Social Security a criminal scheme that really gets people's hackles up. You need any more examples of things the guy has done and said to understand why people want to yell at him? Plenty more where that came from Gene.

Musk is a good shopper, not the smartest man on the planet. A visionary maybe, but also maybe not. The article is right about why people hate him. Also, because they see through the fraud, waste bs, but can clearly see the abuse Musk is heaping on our government agencies, the errors Doge has made, the lies and lack of transparency.

Elon Musk is not the most brilliant of humans. He is a great entrepreneur, but he purchases other people's great ideas. He purchased Tesla, and built on someone else's idea. If you listen to his proposals to rescue kids stuck in a flooded mine, they were laughable, and not the product of a "genius" mind.

President Trump possesses the qualities and personality to have been an OK leader during the US industrial revolution of the 18th & 19th centuries. However, the 21st century has ushered us into a highly integrated world, encompassing nearly all aspects of life, with vast collaboration opportunities for further developing a united world to improve and sustain the needs and comforts for all mankind. President Trump clings to a bygone era is acting like someone trying to navigate modern traffic with a horse and buggy – He can do nothing but create a mess! In today's fast-paced world, living in the past is a surefire way to trip over the present.

4-2-25

Thank you to Wisconsin. You proved you can't be bought. Thank you for standing up and voting for the rules of laws and the Constitution and for standing up against power and money that doesn't buy morals or integrity. As for FL. We knew that would be a hard one. They can keep paying those high cost for property and insurance. While they watch Trump and Musk dismantle all the help and resources they will miss coming their way. Trump has a 2025 plan. The American people have a 2026 plan.

But while the republicans won the two races in Florida, it wasn't really a loss for democrats, because in one of the districts, trump won by 30 percentage points, and in the other district trump won by 37 percentage points.

But in last night's elections, both democrats were within 5 percentage points of winning. So that shows a net gain of at least 25 percentage points for democrats, in a deep red state.

There is a significant difference in how classified information breaches are handled, and this raises legitimate concerns about fairness and accountability. The public debate around Hillary Clinton's email server and Joe Biden's handling of classified documents have been closely watched, with calls for impeachment or investigation often dominating the headlines. However, situations like "SignalGate" – where sensitive military plans were allegedly discussed on unsecured platforms – have received much less attention, and such differences can lead to perceptions of unequal treatment or selective accountability. These disparities undermine trust in the systems that are supposed to protect national security and ensure fairness in the application of the law. It is often argued that political or partisan interests played a role in how these cases were handled, undermining public confidence in the integrity of the process. When it comes to national security, consistency in the application of the law and a clear commitment to transparency are essential. When violations occur, regardless of political affiliation, they must be thoroughly investigated and dealt with seriously, so that no one feels exempt from responsibility. Otherwise, there is a risk of creating a situation where the rule of law becomes conditional, depending on who is involved, undermining the very principles the system is supposed to protect.

Look, there's nothing "seemingly" about the disparity in dealing with these breaches. It is clear as day that Republicans regard these actions as trifling and unimportant when they're committed by Republicans - but as illegal major earth-shattering, if not dangerous breaches to national security - when the same actions are committed by Democrats.

It's a political shirt. Keep politics out of public school.

So, your taxes just went up. If I owned a retail business I'd make sure that every item in the store had the tariff portion of the price clearly marked.  $\text{Price} + \text{Trump tax} = \text{Total}$ .

Yesterday a Fox News Anchor stated that "401K Using American" (Retirement person?) needs to look at this as WWII again ALIKE when the country banded together to help with the war effort by saving materials, etc. to go towards armaments, grew their own food and animals, sewed & recycled their clothing, etc. for the good of the country. Women entered the work force then to receive some type of income and products were built while the men were overseas. America was more rural then, the majority of us "older" people, less those receiving SS at 150, were NOT even alive so we do not remember "those days". However the more important question is why we are being "advised" to sacrifice what we have legitimately worked for and earned for the benefit of the Uber Wealthy?

Much more educated, qualified, and merited presidents have never laid off/fired thousands of federal workers without legal cause nor dismantled federal agencies simply because he wanted to.

The same is applied to ways to improve an economy. Tariffs aren't the sole economic solution because it's been proven ineffective to succeed.

All I see is this causes countries move to trade amongst each other and avoiding the US market. Protectionism only leads to a reduced market access.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Breaking News: Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariffs pummel markets; Dow drops 1,700 points.”

I could have sworn Joe Biden got slammed by the right for inflation. If we were to bring the entire supply chain home to build a car people would be getting 15 year loans to pay for them. The American consumer / voter is so confused to believe you can build it all here and we'll also lower the costs of things.

I would rather have hard-working, loving immigrants as my neighbors than hateful maga.

“(About Kamala) we are going to have a crash and we’re going to have a crash like a 1929 crash if she gets in” -Trump

Someone who is good at bankrupting companies can also bankrupt a country.

Those that voted for him, should be ashamed as they voted against their own best interest and that of the rest of the country as a whole.

Will the constitution be valid in 4 years???..... feels like it's gone already

Don't forget, Trump's short-term pain will inevitably lead to long-term agony for everyone not named Trump and Musk.

Happy Day-After-Liberation Day to all who celebrate.

Lots of Americans today are being liberated from the burden of their retirement accounts.

This is what MAGA doesn't realize. They are supposed to be loyal to THE COUNTRY, not the president.

REPORTER: The markets today are way down. The worst day in years. Because of the tariffs. So, how's it going?

TRUMP: I think it's going very well. It was an operation like when a patient gets operated on.

Save your money. Pay down your credit cards. Move your money to safer investments.

I keep asking myself all the employees being let go from the Federal Government where are they going to find jobs? Private businesses are announcing layoffs. Business hiring is softening. Private and federal employees are pulling back on spending. GDP is going to go down. The damage is done. 2Q and 3Q results are going to be brutal

The way to make America Great Again is to get rid of every single maga pie there is.

Today, US Stocks dropped, US Bonds dropped, Gold dropped, US dollars dropped. What is it saying, foreign investors are taking their money away from US markets. Great job, MAGA President, Make America Grim Again.

I'm a conservative and Republicans are going to face a mega blue wave in the future. It's one thing to have a recession caused by something like a pandemic, people will forgive that, this is going to be ugly. Probably will be the most self-inflicted recession we have ever seen.

Recessions cost TRILLIONS to the economy and trillions more to dig out of.

Trump wanted to reverse everything Biden did. I guess that includes stock market gains and economic growth.

If only someone warned us that Trump would enact tariffs...

Oh wait! @KamalaHarris did over and over and over again.

I love how they always say Americans will adjust to the new prices and changes. How about this...you tax the top 1% at 60% and let them adjust...since it's not that big a deal and so easy. Funny how the top 1% is NEVER asked to adjust to anything when the GOP rules. It's always the lower classes that have to tighten their belts on things like food, clothing, etc. How dare we ask the wealthy to not have 4 mansions, give up one of their trips to Vale or Aspen, have a Mercedes instead of 2 Ferraris, etc.

How many more times does Trump need to explain how little he understands economic mechanisms, economics, and general cause and effect before Vance and Congress lean hard into that 25th Amendment?... Seems like it should be discussed very soon here.

Sure Vance will be a terrible second choice but... I think he would at least be more responsive to the effects of his policies being that he will face reelection prospects. Knowing that Trump may be so terrible that he tanks any possibility of Vance having a successful run into the presidency after getting tied to this Administration, Vance may see this as the only way to reach that goal... It also, interestingly enough, allows the Heritage Foundation a number of important and monumental "successes" while still allowing Vance to ride in and save the country from these terrible Trump policy choices. A Win, Win, Win of sorts for Republicans that may actually give them a chance to hold onto power for another term.... But what do I know...

I'll take my meds and head back to bed now.

4-4-25

US companies are not going to invest to build a t-shirt factory and pay workers \$20/hr. when they can import from Bangladesh or El Salvador for cheaper even with tariffs.

Either way the consumer will be paying more.

It's amazing how much people cry for these manufacturing jobs to come back, but have conveniently forgotten that the ones we got rid of (yes, we got rid of them. They weren't taken from us).. are the ones that pay the equivalent of about \$3.50 an hour, no overtime pay.

I'm willing to bet none of these people wanting manufacturing back are interested in that pay level.

The other thing that these people seem to forget is that more than 95% of the world's population do NOT live in the US, and even talking about GDP (BEFORE the recent and future crash), we're barely over 1/4.

In other words, it's a lot easier for the rest of the world to just ignore us, and get on trading with each other. We won't get manufacturing jobs back, and we'll lose existing jobs, and pay.

So in other words, rather than stand up to trump, he like almost every other republican senator, accepted trump's actions, even though he expects the actions to have dire consequences on our economy. Party before country.

I have never built any manufacturing plants... but doesn't it take 2-4 years to plan out, build, and get it operational?

It seems like trump thinks companies can start producing here right away, but in reality they cannot.

Today's stock market decline is reminiscent of the Pandemic and 911. At least those were more black swan events though. This is self-inflicted. This has the potential to make the Republicans unelectable for a VERY long time if they don't get it fixed quick. If you want to make that extreme far left wing of the democratic party powerful, do some really destructive stuff to the economy.

govt is NOT a business. it's a SERVICE. it's not supposed to make a profit, and it IS supposed to benefit the most people who pay for it. for YEARS people like trump paid NO federal taxes, yet they benefited from our society and infrastructure. WITHOUT contributing.

“When a clown moves into a palace, he doesn't become the king. The palace instead becomes a circus.” -Turkish proverb

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Leavitt: Trump tariffs won't lead to ‘pain’ for American-owned businesses or US workers.”

The stock market is crashing, the dollar is going down making imports more expensive, the U.S. is putting a new tax on all imported goods, taking money out of consumers pockets, and other countries are putting tariffs on U.S. goods, decreasing our exports. In what world can this have any effect except to cause pain on both businesses and consumers?

And the taxpayers have already paid out more for Trump's entertainment then what he would have been paid salary wise.

The stock market has no doubt that Trump is wrong about tariffs. The White House says the downturn in the market has nothing to do with Tariffs. That should be a scary thing for them to say, but we did not expect to hear the truth.

China didn't panic... they did exactly what they said they would do if trump imposed those stupid tariffs. I hope the Americans who voted for trump enjoy their self-induced price hikes

I'm not an economist, but:

The world not buying US products

The world not travelling to the US

Add this to the tariffs crazyness...

Americans, you're going for one hell of a ride.

I hate to say it: We told you so.

Yes there is a trade imbalance with some countries. The US cannot grow coffee, bananas, fruit and vegetables in winter. There's nothing we can do about this. Now prices on everything from cars to electronics will go up significantly. We can't build manufacturing overnight, but even if we could, prices will still go up because the cost of American workers is allot more than foreign workers. So if we move manufacturing back to the US, we'll still pay significantly more for those cars and electronics. And who is going to work in these factories, our unemployment rate is at all-time low. Maybe all those people MUSK fired from the government can work in the factories. Or robots will do all the work in these factories. The economy recovered from the inflation spike and was doing well. Now the world markets, including the US are crashing. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

The Dow Jones dropped 2,232 points today, 3,900 points the past two days & 5,000 points since Trump was inaugurated and Trump's response to causing the biggest drop in Stock crash in history aside from the Pandemic crash? 'Only the Weak Will Fail' - He's just a truly awful Human.

His tariff chart was all made up lies. Not only is he imposing higher tariffs than almost anyone expected, but he's justifying them with completely false claims about other countries' tariffs. I don't know where his numbers are coming from, but they have nothing to do with reality

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Dow plunges 2,100 points after China retaliates against Trump's tariffs."

4-5-25

This will be fought and won by the schools.

More Republican over reach.

Republicans always say they want less government.

But in reality its the Republicans that always have more executive orders and put their hands in jars that do not belong to the federal government.

States rights unless it's not what Republicans want.

4-6-25

Russia and North Korea aren't on his tariffs list. I would call that a pretty major loophole, especially considering we still import some items from Russia.

I've watched Navarro on CNBC for years before he became one of Trump's pets. One thing that was always obvious, he was arrogant, smug and had a personal hate for China. I'm not surprised at the comments he made things up in his book. And like Trump, he blames everyone else for his lacking self-decency.

4-7-25

NO SUBSIDIES for these people.

They do not get the luxury of voting against their own interests and having responsible people bail them out of their self-inflicted predicaments.

Most of them voted for tRump and they need to pay the consequences of it. The rest of us who didn't aren't getting a subsidy to help with the higher prices. They shouldn't get one either.

The billionaires will get their tax cut, and the deficit will increase. And Trump supporters will tell him he is the greatest. It's a cult that is out of control.

The most socialistic programs in America are already there for farmers and this just adds more. Farmers elect someone like Donald Trump and then rail against socialism. Makes sense if you are a MAGA, I guess.

All Trump had to do to "fix" the economy was NOTHING. In less than 3 months, he has: deliberately increased inflation, increased unemployment, tanked the stock market, decreased consumer confidence, thrown the entire governmental apparatus into chaos, alienated our allies, emboldened our adversaries and stretched the limits of our fragile democracy. Don't blame me, I didn't vote for him.

Trump is planning a military parade for his birthday while he skipped visiting fallen soldiers because he was busy with golf. This juxtaposition has sparked discussions about priorities and respect towards the military among political commentators and the public alike.

He wanted this in 2018 - it would have cost then, \$98 million, not including another \$21 million to repave the streets, after tanks and heavy equipment would destroy them.

Yep, that's your tax dollars. Estimate now \$130 million for parade, and another \$40 million to fix the roads.

Estimated \$170 million of your tax dollars. Wonder if he'll show off nuclear missiles, like they do in Russia?

Let's get this clear:

Trump pardoned a self-described white nationalist (Neo-Nazi) convicted of felony assault on law enforcement.

and then:

Trump refused to return a legal US resident with no criminal record who had been illegally exiled by the Trump admin without ANY form of due process because he was bilingual while brown?

Each member of this administration, including Trump and his supporters, displays a lack of understanding of life and are idiots. Their belief that they are secure in their positions for an indefinite period is misguided. They should recognize that their tenure is limited to four years, and ironically, they will soon find themselves ousted by the next President. Trump, nearing 80 years of age, is approaching the end of his political career and will inevitably have to surrender his authority. Time is on our side, as nothing can prevent the inevitable passage of time, which will ultimately lead to his departure from the political scene and earth. Furthermore, the

Republican Party should take heed, as they likely wish to extend their own tenures beyond Trump's current term. It is the citizens, not Trump, who will determine their future. Alienating a significant portion of the country and the global community is counterproductive and may inadvertently benefit us. This situation exemplifies the cyclical nature of political fortunes, characterized by victories and defeats. We have not previously experienced a president with such a troubled mindset as Trump, who has misused his power, making this a rare occurrence in a century.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Strongman vibes': Trump plans military parade amid market crashes and federal job slashes." President Donald Trump is trying to get the military parade his "generals" blocked him from having during his first term, reportedly planning to spend millions of taxpayer money to honor himself on his 79th birthday in June.

4-8-25

What's wrong with supporting women or minorities in the workforce. In my trade there are few of either so letting high school students that are women or minorities that they have equal opportunity is not a bad thing. With diversity comes different solutions to problems.

4-9-25

As I have posted before, we can not cut our way to prosperity. It takes equal parts of raising taxes and cuts to non essential services. Although I question this administration's ability to even begin to figure out what is nonessential. Food aid is a good example. Farmers are paid billions for their crops that are contracted for aid, both domestically and foreign, are now without that market and tariffs will tank the rest of their export ability. We will be sending them billions again and that is not what efficiency looks like at all. Bamboozled voters better wake up. America is going to be in another recession caused intentionally by the Trump bad policies.

People voted for decreased grocery (no this isn't a word we all just learned) prices and relief from inflation in general.

Dismantling the government and their 401(k) wasn't on the menu.

The billionaire donors who backed Trump's campaign must be happy that if things continue on the same path, they will be reduced from Billionaire status down to Multi-Millionaire status. A lot of us that supported Harris saw all this coming 8 months ago because of how things were run from the first Trump Administration and now as we predicted its coming full circle. Sad how Trump was handed off a stable economy and at least he could of improved things, but like usual Trump fare let his ego do the talking and dictate policy. Glad in just under 4 years he will be out for good.

Huge tax breaks for the wealthy. Huge tax increase on the poor and middle class thru tariffs. The national debt set to go up by trillions. This is the absolute worst idea ever. The incompetence of this administration, in every area, is staggering

The House will cave to Trump, right up until midterms when they will lose their majority. Not smart, but predictable.

While he plays his power games, the American public will pick up the bill. And will continue to do so as prices will not go down. China has already retaliated with a much higher tariff against the U.S. What happens if other countries do the same. We will go into a recession and he has no plan as to what will happen then.

Trump can't stop patting himself on the back. If there turned out to be a world wide depression because of his tariffs, he would still be congratulating himself.

4-10-25

Tourism literally brings other countries money to America. So we are isolating ourselves from the world with tariffs, will either continue those tariffs or not continue, but either way lost basically the revenue tariffs would have gave through tourism that literally supported American businesses.

Whose winning again?

People in other countries are afraid of us. Those that are not afraid of us hate us. We are no longer safe without our allies. Trump wanted America first, now he got America alone.

All we did is insult long time allies, threaten to annex foreign nations, and make a mockery of long standing trade partnerships.

The MAGA Cult Era is going down as the most shameful and most despicable episode in all of modern American history.

The orange criminal's legacy will be reviled for centuries.

Clinton's 2nd term was the only time in my lifetime the value of the dollar increased over 4 years. During that time, Democrats raised taxes and Republicans cut spending, the budget was close to being balanced, the dollar increased in value, and gasoline was \$1.50 per gallon. If Republicans cut spending, and let Trump's first round of tax cuts expire, this might create conditions similar to Clinton's 2nd term. But obviously, this will not happen.

Tax cuts for the Rich, billions for the defense contractor's budget

Big cuts on every social safety net health care education program.

While saddling consumers with the largest tax increase in modern history.

And increasing the deficit by trillions.

Trump has immunity, remember. He texted, so that's considered an "official act". Thanks to his scotus, he has no guardrails. He can do whatever he wants.... and he is. Even if it's not his area of responsibility. Tariffs.

About 1962 I had a 5-year-old neighbor boy who was 'different'. He was nonverbal and had other differences. By today's definition he would be autistic. There wasn't a name for it then. As a student teacher in 1973 I had a boy in my Montessori class who was obsessed with Indians. Knew everything about them and every subject had to be taught to him referencing Indians. By today's definition he would be autistic. We have more autistic children today because they are recognized as such. As simple as that.

The ignorance is staggering. The diagnosis of what is on the autism spectrum has broadened. So it only makes sense there are more diagnosed today than years ago. And it's pretty obvious there is a broad spectrum in the differences. You can have one person that's completely non-verbal or one that has milder symptoms and everything in between.

"Propaganda Barbie"

Over 400 provable lies at this point

Karo-lying Leavitt is so condescending and arrogant.

Spinderella! Love it!

"Fascist Barbie".

4-11-25

The whole Studio Ghibli AI trend honestly gives me second-hand embarrassment knowing how hard Hayao Miyazaki has fought to retain the identity of his films and how many of you are this willing to make a farce out of decades of artistry because you don't actually value it

OpenAI has stolen Studio Ghibli's artwork & these morons are cheering and clapping for it as if this crap has actually achieved anything. They're literally advertising a plagiarism program that hasn't compensated nor sought permission from Studio Ghibli. Fuck these people.

I'm amazed he still has 49% approval rating. Considering prices are up, jobs are down, stock market is down, our country is now probably the most hated in the world, An unelected Trump Donor is in charge of wholesale cutting of jobs that they have no understanding about and he's privy to a whole lot of data an average American should have access to. Most of our pain the past 3-months has been caused by Trump and his administration. As we are in the brink of a recession. None of which he ran on. Come in 49% explain to me how your 401k has dropped, prices have increased and will go up again with the 10% tariffs and our allies hate us. What's going well so I can see the light?

Trump stubbornly refuses to accept criticism and will certainly be destroyed beyond recovery by voters. When the goodly are an authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan. I think You/We have been duped my fellow American citizens. Yes we demand accountability to end fraud. But, this is the way dictatorships get going, Indifference allows corrupt leaders to ignore the Constitution, manipulate laws to serve their own interests, and silence those who dare to speak up. People get afraid to say their opinion to Trump. This isn't the economy Trump promised. Trump's promises of an instant economic boom was always nonsensical...and you all knowingly realize that they are spreading very dangerous/harmful misinformation to manipulate hundreds of millions of American people for their own personal gain. Trump/Musk republicans are dismantling the American system of government even if the economy was doing fine. Reducing spending was never the goal, wrecking our federal systems was, and they've succeeded. Trump and his republican supporters do not care if his or their lies, or speeches are true. They only care about you believing it. There is ADDITIONAL HEAVY LOSSES COMING... Of course there was insider Market manipulation ...trading disclosed to the republicans and their friends. They made millions.

In the midterm elections it is the duty of all sane Americans to make sure the Republicans are slaughtered. The Democrats can take over Congress and then save the USA by impeaching Trump. We need to send a strong message to Trump's Republican allies that if they continue to support Trump's insane legislation their party will become extinct. I'm not a Democrat. I'm an independent and don't like a lot of the Left Wing philosophy of the Democrats but they are now the Lesser of the two evils. Trump's unhinged tariff policy will cause the USA to go into not only a recession but there is a high probability of a Depression. When that happens even the blind and deaf supporters of Trump will reject him and hopefully vote Democratic or for independent candidates.

If we "demand" accountability - we should demand it of everybody, and for institutions such as banks, too. Taking away overdraft protections is just one of such things. Those people, advisors, that knew what DJT was announcing and bought or sold stock - they also should be held accountable. Who is looking into Musk's wheeling and dealing? Has he been paying taxes? What about the Secy of Commerce with his 94-yr-old mother-in-law (who wouldn't squawk if HER SS check was late) - but freely he declares that ALL people who do speak out because they DEPEND on getting their check are hucksters? This mess is so deep one wonders if we can ever come up from under the muck. Giving that orange thing the power to "disappear" anyone with criticism against him is so against the law of free speech - while he can use free speech for all kinds of lies. People! Think!

Trump, a billionaire oligarch, has inexplicably become the champion of the working and non-working, stupid and poor, who don't even have 401k plans with money in the market. None of the bad things he does even affects them, because they are absolutely locked into their station in life, are jealous of the successful and educated, and want nothing more than to join them in their misery. Pandering to these red state lower class voters is what put him in office.

Most Americans are tuned out. They don't pay attention and instead of trying to figure out the sources of their problems, they drown themselves in endless video games, streaming services, or propaganda programming.

4-13-25

In a UFC arena filled with people who cannot tell the difference between real wrestling and the make-believe acting in front of them, it is without any wonder why The Rump flock to these types of events. He is enlightened by their make-believe world of fantasy in the minds devoted fans of make-believe strength and power.

Thought he wanted to trim the waste. Maybe he as our president should be the first to eliminate wasteful spending (set an example for our country) such as UFC and golfing. He is spending our taxpayer money while laying people off who are possibly losing everything. I do agree there should be audits and then layoffs (if needed) but not just blindly laying everyone off.

I do not trust a UFC crowd to know which direction is best for the entirety of a nation, any more

4-14-25

And even scarier, Trump is now saying that he is considering sending US citizens to this same prison, meaning that he could "accidentally" ship a citizen there without due process, and then claim that the administration is helpless to undo this action because the citizen is no longer on US soil.

Trump going after them speaks volumes about Trump and his level of integrity.

60 minutes is one of few news magazine shows that have always acted with the utmost integrity in journalism.

I can not say 60 minutes has never made mistakes or been wrong. But unlike our president, they have publicly admitted their mistakes, when those mistakes have come to light. And what they have been is mistakes. 60 minutes has never attempted to mislead the public.

The journalists at 60 minutes are some of the most well-respected in media. This is not some tabloid TV program or a vehicle for partisan propaganda. If Trump doesn't like what is being reported about him and his administration on 60 minutes, he should be looking at the mirror, not at CBS.

Our president acts like little kid instead of a grown man.

He has never grown up, so this is what you receive from a spoiled kid.

The tantrums and outbursts. When someone says something negative about him, he lashes out. So expected. When you think back, when have you heard prior presidents act like DJT?

The problem is when you have a POTUS called trump. He doesn't care about the Constitution, he doesn't care about the Country, he, his worshipers and his enablers only care about destroying the very fiber of the Country.

Trump would do well to stick in his lane and deal with the many issues of this county in a thoughtful, informed and well-engineered manner. However, I know this is not going to happen as he is not capable of anything more than what we are seeing now. There is a reason it all seems

so chaotic. We will just have to endure and hope brighter minds speak up and lead him to where we need to go.

Trump is quickly becoming an autocrat. While some of his attacks on the media, the Academy, the courts, law firms, Article 1 of the Constitution, free speech, etc will result in SCOTUS losses, we have already seen that SCOTUS is willing to give Trump a lot of what he wants. And, we've already gotten glimpses at how Trump may simply defy the Supreme Court anyway.

He's always been an autocrat, a spoiled man-child handed his daddy's money. The only change is that there were some safeguards in place in his first administration. He's destroyed them this time around.

Who are the people downvoting this? How is it that the people who were so concerned about tyranny when the President wore a tan suit one day are jumping all over themselves to support Actual, REAL, Tyranny and the unwinding of Freedoms that the US was the leader, bastion and modern day creator of protecting since 1776?

At this point you can NOT call yourself a 'patriot' if you support Trump.

CNN may or may not "hate our country"...but the really DO hate Trump. From Harvard study on news media coverage during his 1st term as president: "Harvard researchers found CNN's Trump coverage was 93 percent negative, 7 percent positive. "Trump's coverage during his first 100 days set a new standard for negativity," wrote the authors of the Harvard study."

because his actions since he took office have been negative for America 93 percent of the time. Let's not forget trump is the one who questioned the integrity of our Presidential Elections in 2016 as he led up to his believed defeat to Hillary. Of course, after he WON, the elections were totally legitimate. The man IS a moron. State TV is the place to go IF you seek positive messaging about trump.

Bravo to Harvard, every government should respect free speech. This government is going rampant, we need checks and balances. This is the United States of America, the free world.

Trump is not a dictator. He does not get to set the rules at Harvard or any other University. Congress controls spending not the Executive branch. We have 3 branches of government. Trump is one. He thinks he's all 3. This is the point.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump urges the FCC to punish '60 Minutes' over reports on Greenland and Ukraine."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump calls for deporting some citizens to El Salvador, testing US law."

Some Trump supporters "held their noses" when casting their votes for Trump. Yet, still, the stench of voting for Trump still lingers heavily on them. It's never gone away, and probably never will.

4-15-25

Yes, the federal government may put conditions on grants, but those conditions may not violate the Constitution, and the Trump administration is attacking the rights of the school and the students 1st Amendment rights.

Sorry, trump, Harvard is a place of higher learning... they understand fascism and your moronic mindset!

Go Harvard... most of the world supports you!!!

Congratulations to Harvard for reminding the world that universities should challenge authoritarianism, not cater to it.

Dear republicans, why are you surprised?! You literally voted for the devil, yet you expected the deal would benefit you. SMH!

Probably not the first time a Trump received a rejection letter from Harvard.

None of the major EU countries have any desire to work with Trump. They are going to work with China instead. Vietnam has also told Trump to pound sand. For that matter, the US needs China far more than they need us. We were lucky to have the alliances we did before Trump. Now the rest of the world will make the Euro the default reserve currency. This will cause economic collapse in the US.

Understand that there is no reversing this. This is already under way. We are staring into the abyss of economic collapse.

All Trump cares about is the appearance of "wins" to produce media sound-bites. We've lost trillions from the economy, but Trump will take any deal that he can claim as a "win" even if the US loses money on it.

The two greatest strengths of America have been: rule of law & economic stability. Trump is undermining both for no real reason other than this is how he believes the world should work - even for the most powerful man in the world, there are realities.

I miss "sleepy Joey" as the MAGA RINO CULT loved to call him. At least with him and his administration I could sleep at night.

"President Trump is taking this economy in a different direction. He ran on that. He promised it" jd vance

Yes, trump is taking it in the direction of a deep and lasting recession (if not a depression).

Don't EVER let the trump supporters forget that they are SOLELY responsible for America losing our spot as the world's largest and most dominant economy (to China).

Trump is picking up where he left off in 2020, Crashing the Stock Market, Raising Inflation, Misleading American, Shorting our Supply Chains, RAISING THE DEFICIT. Penalizing the Middle Class and helping the BILLIONAIRES. Yeah this is what we voted for.

Harvard didn't immediately bend the knee and so must be vilified and attacked. The Cult's reactions to failing to adopt ideological purity is really quite predictable. Stefanik really is the first lady of the new Nazi Party.

Good chunk goes to medical/technological research that could save lives. That has nothing to do with their endowment. That is another Trump smokescreen to drive a fascist "how dare you not agree with me" agenda.

Even the Supreme Court, with 6 conservative judges, ruled Garcia must be brought back- that's how illegal his particular deportation was and is.

I'm all for deporting illegal unvetted border jumpers, but not when he has a legit asylum court case going on.

Trump and Musk have the thinnest skin in the world, they do care. they really really do.

This is all about revenge for Trump. If I recall Zelensky was the one who would not bow to Trump when he tried to get Ukraine to dig up garbage on Biden in 2019 before the election. Zelensky refused and now he is another target in Trumps revenge presidency. Blame goes where blame belongs. Trump is just getting even, and we all know it. Look at all of the people he has targeted since he came into office---all people who have defied him in the past are being targeted. This is no way to run a country. This blame belongs to the people that voted a psychopathic narcissist into the highest office of our country.

4-16-25

Wow. Just Wow. Trump voters have no idea how tariffs work, apparently. The one saying we should tariff Canada at 5000% is laughable, because the US doesn't collect tariffs from other countries, they are collected from American importers and the cost is passed on to the consumer. Then you have this gem:

*But think of this: a lot of corruption has been exposed in a short time. The depth of it sickens me, and he's not done. But we need indictments, or it's all for nothing. Liberals hate everything he does. I really like that.*

What corruption has been exposed? Haven't seen anything notable. And yes, if you find corruption, there should be indictments, but they haven't actually found anything so there haven't been any. This guy likes stigginit, but doesn't actually live in any sort of reality adjacent plane.

"I'm a Democrat who voted for Trump. Why, you ask? Because I'm smart enough to take the long view. After Trump is done, middle America ain't gonna vote GOP for decades."

I liked this one. This will be the only chance America has left.

"Trump is not a politician, he's a businessman and that's why I voted for him."

Perhaps you haven't heard about his bankruptcies, his fake school and fake charity to name a few. He is NO businessman he's a CONMAN!!!

When a president is lying, constantly, their press secretary can get a bit testy.

Karoline, presumably you are career driven. What may have looked like a great opportunity is turning you into a worldwide joke. You are being asked to stand in front of a group of the most distinguished journalists in the world and spout Trump propaganda that everyone in the room - including you - knows are lies. Resign. Retain some dignity.

Deporting him because he is in the U.S illegally is one thing, and I don't necessarily disagree with that. However, deporting him to a PRISON without due process from either country is wrong and, goes against EVERYTHING our constitution is supposed to stand for. Whether he was illegal or not, or whether our constitution should or shouldn't protect him is irrelevant to the way a CHRISTIAN society should act.

Due process is due process. No amount of pandering will change the constitution. This just shows how they are trying to use fear to control their base. This doesn't work on people with critical thinking skills.

Another person used by Trump.

They trotted out a grieving mother.

This is pitiful. This is not about Democrats vs. Republicans. It's right vs. wrong. Bring the man home. Give this lady the space to grieve and stopped trying to dupe people into believing that one has to do with the other. And the trickery of bringing up the domestic case between the kidnapped individual and his wife. Ma'am, do you know who your boss is? Are you sure you want to open Pandora's box as it pertains to heinous crimes against women? I mean, you really can't make this stuff up.

What is mind boggling is how she consistently is able to say all this nonsense with a straight face. If only I could use (as fertilizer) what White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt is spewing perfidiously about, I could grow some mighty fine veggies.... or maybe not because the soil could be as toxic as her?? !!!

The evidence shows that immigrants commit crimes at a far lower rate than American citizens. The number of American women killed by American men is a sad part of our culture. Every time that Morin is willing to do the bidding of the GOP to promote a false narrative of immigrant violence in America reduces my regret for her loss.

**Straight up lying.**

No morals at all .

Too bad purgatory is not a real thing

The Democrats would rather defend the gang members than the families the gang members murdered. Sad but true.

Your comment is a great example of one reason we Independents and anti-trump Republicans feel trumpsters are so Ignorant. SCOTUS and the multiple Republican officials simply say that the deportations need to be carried out legally.

I've watched the video of this incident. The guys breaking into the car are not wearing law enforcement insignia. They have velcro'd tags that say police, but not a department name. You can get those online. They had a name they were looking for, but didn't show a warrant. They had no probable cause to break his window and drag him out. He wasn't threatening them - he said his lawyer would be there in half an hour. This wasn't an arrest - it was a kidnapping.

I am old enough to remember when "conservatives" worried about a "tyrannical gov't", but now that we have an actual tyrannical gov't they all seem to be OK with it. I guess it is all ok as long as the tyranny is directed at the "others".

Back in 1776 Americans cared more about unchecked government power, lack of due process, unreasonable search and seizure than their very lives. Study some history and respect this country's real values

I think Democrats do care just as much about issues as Republicans. I think the bigger issue is that we have a two party system where it benefits the other party to make their opponent look bad. It is easier to divide than work together. If we changed our voting system to give other candidates a better chance then destroying one doesn't necessarily mean you will be the winner vs the others. In a multi party system it is easier to show your own strengths than to show the weaknesses of every single other candidate.

Much easier to complain about the other party, then to actually fix a problem. Too much of that going on.

Being deported to his home country and being sent to prison in El Salvador are two different things. He initially fled El Salvador because he was being harassed by gangs. He committed no crimes here in the U.S., and he was not a part of a gang. Mr. Garcia was not given due process before he was sent to El Salvador.

Trump has not had to put up with anything from anyone. Trump has been a rash that won't go away for the last ten years no matter how much ointment is applied. Trump is the same IT that lied saying what would happen on day one when he lied his way back into office. He claimed he would end all wars. He claimed he would lower grocery prices. He claimed to he would handle the immigration crisis. So far, he has been successful at playing golf on the taxpayer's dime. Save your pity for Trump. He doesn't need it. Reporters should ask hard hitting questions especially when an elected President lies daily to the American people.

4-17-25

Powell doesn't unilaterally decide what to do with rates. He works with a team of Fed Governors who make up the Federal Open Market Committee. Trump can replace Powell when his term is over but it is the FOMC that effectively sets the rates.

It's not Powell's fault that Trump started a trade war with the world. Stagflation is more likely than deflation. The higher the tariffs, the more the consumer pays and the lower the consumer confidence because they have less disposable income. It also decreases exports because retaliatory tariffs make US products more expensive.

What we're hearing from Trump is heavily disputed allegations and no evidence. This is what due process is all about, and it was denied in this case. If the man is truly a violent MS-13 criminal, surely the DOJ has a boatload of credible evidence to support this. If not, the American public deserves to know this as well. A full airing of this situation is in the best interests of our country, and anyone who opposes this needs to answer for why they fear the truth.

It's not about who the Trump administration plucked off the streets, stuck on a plane without due process, and sent to a torture chamber. It's the fact that he did it. That's why they chose these characters. So they could frame the opposition as "sympathetic to gang members". The next time it'll be his political opposition.

What happened to innocent until proven guilty? The current administration has repeatedly failed to show evidence that that poor man and the others are not gang members. They are trying to ram this down our collective throats in a veiled attempt at cleansing....the Germany 1930s way. I really think Donald Trump is from an alternate universe. He seems so convinced various things happened (like Ukraine started the war with Russia, Tariffs get paid by the country sending goods, Trade imbalances mean you are ripped off, Garcia was in MS-13, etc. etc.). He clearly lives in a different universe than the one we are in.

The FCC is mad at MSNBC because they won't lie to their audience? Seriously?

While the administration refuses to seek Abrego Garcia's return and publicly accuses him of being an MS-13 "leader" and member of a "foreign terrorist organization" who is "involved in human trafficking," the government's attorneys have yet to make these claims in court and they haven't been supported by any evidence presented.

Perhaps the fact the MSNBC is not calling Garcia a MS-13 gang member is because there has been NO EVIDENCE that shows he is actually a member of the MS-13 gang. Trump, who personally complains about people accusing him of things without any evidence (so he says) should appreciate due process and should not be throwing stones.

Never thought I'd see the day where the FCC reprimanded broadcaster for not lying to their audience.

Autocrat wannabe tRUMP is turning our government into the same farce he is. Installing all his sycophants in government positions so they can do his bidding and exact vengeance. He would ban the media and emasculate the courts if he could. He wants no opposition or criticism. He'd turn us into Russia. He wants to be Putin. Is this what those who voted for him really want?

Getting cut from a great job that I really believed in with no notice has been extremely traumatic. It's still raw, but I feel so personally betrayed by those that voted for him. I can't see past the politics anymore when I look at these people I care/cared about. Some have been contrite and apologetic, but then turn around and support him and VP [Elon] Musk on social media.

What a horrible, hateful, soulless creature (Robert F. Kennedy Jr.). I have reached a level of disgust I never knew was possible. My child is a beautiful, intelligent, young lady who will one day be a strong, amazing woman who will likely pay far more taxes than these parasite billionaires.

What pains me is how utterly hurtful, ignorant, and cruel his uneducated "facts" are. He is an unethical monster monetizing off of conspiracy theories.

We've allowed right winger's solution to our gun problem long enough and it hasn't worked, isn't it time to try something different for once?

Thoughts and prayers but no mental health or gun reforms or accountability.

Back in 1989 tRump ALLEGED that the Central Park 5 was guilty of murder and called for all of them to get the death penalty. DNA eventually proved them INNOCENT. People should be careful using the word "alleged." They should be even more careful without DUE PROCESS!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump's FCC chair blasts MSNBC for 'news distortion' and refusal to call deported man a 'violent' MS-13 member."

4-18-25

Bondi and several of Trump's other cabinet members should focus on their responsibilities to follow the law rather than spin with irrelevant smear campaigns. The admitted their mistake, SCOTUS order them to get him back so do that and drop the spin games that don't matter.

Wanna know what's scary? The Trump admin goes to the mat with EVERY issue. Absolute refusals. Complete denials. Hyperbole at warp 10. Doesn't that, by itself, suggest a dictatorship and not a democracy? Seriously, set aside the topics or even the meat of the matter and just look at the behaviors. That is where the danger lies because those same behaviors will be applied to everything they covet.

After it's determined that the vast majority of these people who were denied their due process rights had no criminal record and were illegally detained, we will demand her apology, disbarment and incarceration.

9-0 Supreme Court ruling. That almost never happens. If the president can openly defy a Supreme Court Order, we are in big, big trouble.

Some of us knew this prior to the election and shared all the reasons why. And, here we are...

Trump is angry that the ES government facilitated the visit. The senator should be commended for seeking assistance for one of his constituents. The only person coming across as cold, angry, and vindictive is the current President of the United States.

Moved on from thoughts and prayers to simply just saying I don't care. Absolutely disgusting," said David Hogg, Parkland survivor and current DNC Vice Chair.

He said more about Tesla dealerships

Thank goodness they only shot up a bunch of college kids and no Teslas were hurt.

Sorry about the dead people, but I love guns.' Their ashes are not even cold yet. Completely disgraceful and unchristian.

Trump's 'things like this take place' is a gut punch to victims' families," said another, citing NPR data showing the US had a gun death rate of 4.31 per 100,000 people in 2021. "Leadership demands action, not apathy. Shameful

What's funny is a convicted felon, woman abuser, six-time bankruptcy clown, and fraudster telling anyone he's going to hold them to a higher standard. When is he going to live up to those standards.

At this point, what difference does it make? The only thing that matters is that Dumb Don the Moron lied to the American public on the seriousness of Covid and throughout January 'til the middle of March I watched him playing golf rather than taking serious action to prevent Covid from exploding here. And then he denied it was any problem, calling it a hoax to make him look bad (his words). And then blaming his own people for it! And then he did too little too late! Then 1 million+ dead people later, he's still blaming others for his refusal to deal with it! That's ALL THAT MATTERS!

Autism has been around since the dawn of time. They were just called weird or a little off back then. Non-verbal kids were just mutes. Nowadays we have better ways of diagnosing things therefor it seems like it's happening more often. Just like the 24 hour news cycle effect. Makes

you feel like so much bad is happening all the time now when it was exactly the same 50 years ago.

4-19-25

At least Trump is consistent on this one, consistent with his bloated sense of importance. The U.S. is willing to give away Crimea. That's really big of us, willing to sacrifice another's territory so handily. Hypothetical: Suppose a conflict between Mexico and the U.S. Britain steps in and says, after the nearly three year conflict, that she's willing to give Texas back to Mexico to resolve the conflict. Americans would be cheering in the streets, celebrating the end to the conflict, RIGHT?????

I would agree but add in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi to sweeten the deal.

MAGAs love Trump because Trump hates every group they hate. Hatred is all these hard core MAGAs care about, even more than putting food on their table and a roof over their heads. The more Trump hates the happier they get. It is disturbing and sick.

That's my take too. Trumpers are 'other' focused, so they will endure almost any hardship if they know that the people they hate (and it's a long list) are getting 'owned'. Would probably take a psychiatric team working 24-7 to understand it. I don't.

I've always said this. This is a CULT of HATE. Trump gives them the courage to spout hate about "others"...

“These MAGA voters are willing to 'suffer' — if Trump is 'hurting' others even more” Through the comments section the right-wing feelings toward the Left are distinctly perceived. They accuse the left of all kinds of TDS when it is them who suffer from it. Classical Trump's modus operandi.

Considering many maga voters are lower educated males working in blue collar industry or retirees on fixed incomes, I highly doubt they have the financial means to "suffer" longer than most.

True. Hard-core MAGA is mostly about bigotry - bigotry against anyone who isn't a straight, White Anglo-Saxon Protestant male. They - especially lower income MAGA - would rather stay down themselves than rise and risk "those people" rising too.

Wow, that's low, and this is supposed to be the president...

However, no matter how low we think Trump will and has gone, He always surprises us with being able to go lower.

Next election please pick a president with some values and character.

Although Trump never professed to have character or values and that's what he delivers, void of character or a good or evident value system.

It's all about campaign contributions to influence our elections. We should pass a constitutional amendment to prevent all campaign contributions and allow only public financing after getting 5% of the population's signatures. Maybe allow electronic signatures as well.

In the USA, we have medical care for profit. Did you know that:

Canada's universal, publicly funded health-care system—known as Medicare—is a source of national pride, and a model of universal health coverage. It provides relatively equitable access to physician and hospital services through 13 provincial and territorial tax-funded public insurance plans.

Also "Citizens United" is to blame for the current disaster we're facing. We are now an oligarchy under the smoke and mirrors of a false democracy.

4-20-25

Hillary realized that the coal industry was on the decline, and offered the workers a program to retrain them for better jobs. So the people voted for Trump, who promised to revive the coal industry. Of course, Trump never kept his promise. Now the people have lost their jobs and haven't gotten any training for anything else either. Nothing like voting against your own self interest.

It's a striking irony, isn't it? Hillary recognized the coal industry's decline and proposed retraining programs to help workers transition to more sustainable jobs. But Trump's promise to bring coal back—though ultimately unfulfilled—felt more immediate and appealing to many voters. Now, with jobs gone and no training for new opportunities, it's a clear example of how short-term promises can overshadow long-term solutions, even when those solutions might have been in people's best interests.

They're sick of people getting government handouts- other people. Meanwhile they fill out stacks of paperwork begging for government handouts while complaining the government isn't doing enough for them.

They're waiting to see if increased tariffs will make prices go up when there's literally no other outcome.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Slams Biden and Courts in Hate-Filled Easter Message."

Just spreading the message of faux Christian love, demonstrating that he has no concept of the message that Christians are supposed to stand for.

Wow - does he know how to be moral or even kind? This is horrific to see/hear from the US alleged president.

He simply hates everything American and loves everything dictatorship-friendly. Simple.

4-23-25

The administration says he was there because they welcome diverse unbiased viewpoints.

It's the twilight Zone. This is beyond anything any cult member can plausibly deny. You are officially pretending to be in denial from here on out.

Trump would be threatening prosecution to ANYONE on the left who has done ANYTHING he has done so far in this presidency.

4-29-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Civil rights leaders alarmed after bible and other artifacts are removed from Smithsonian African-American museum."

The cause of immigration is largely on Republican led industries such as construction, agriculture and food that employ them. If they really wanted to hold those responsible accountable, they would be arresting the business owners.

Watching the deterioration of the WH is not only concerning to millions of people but watching our Constitution being torn apart just might be a major concern, while I see a man who wants total control one has to wonder if he's ever read it or just doesn't care. We are a nation with a written script that he feels he can just abandon with ease while our congress and senate fail in their jobs to stand up and protect the very words written hundreds of years ago. the biggest question is WHEN.

trump's claim to "restore truth and sanity to American history" is, in fact, part of his administration's racially charged agenda aimed at implementing a "Separate but Equal" doctrine

that existed in the U.S. for over fifty years, allowing for racial segregation. While that doctrine did require the appearance of equity in segregated facilities, Trump and the Republican Party promote the idea that we are all equal (not the same), implementing a policy that there is no need to identify different races. Ultimately, their planned approach is to erase the history of all races except for their white narrative one.

Trump, Miller, and PROJECT 2025 want to erase the darkness of the early American History. But how will they erase the darkness of the present PROJECT 2025 American history?

I'm hoping by the returning of loaned artifacts to the owners, it is meant to keep them safe until the day comes when we are all safe from this fascist government.

If placed into storage of unknown they may be lost for eternity. That can not happen.

4-30-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump decries 'Biden's Stock Market' after capping worst 100-day market performance in decades."

The lies never stop. He is always shifting his disasters to others and taking credit for others' wins. What a man (hardy ha ha)!

Biden's stock market was great. Trump has singlehandedly caused the losses with his tariffs and chaos that he's caused. It's not going to get better, only worse, and that's a lot worse. That blaming Biden won't work with any investor, who can see that Trump is the culprit. Since 61% of Americans own stock, either outright or in a 401K or retirement plan, Trump's lies won't get him anywhere.

GDP shrank from +2.4% last quarter, to -0.3% in Q1. Meanwhile, private payroll growth slowed to 62,000 jobs in April - which is half of the expected 120,000 jobs.

The worst part is that the full effects of tariffs haven't even happened yet. We are weeks or probably months away from the inevitable price increases and empty shelves as retailers sell off their remaining inventory but won't be able to replenish orders from China. Then we will really be feeling the pain.

Normally, an economic slowdown includes job losses and price declines. Won't happen this time with tariffs kicking in. So fewer jobs, more unemployment and higher prices. MAGA rules.

So this is all about consumer and investor positioning for the Tariffs? The Tariffs haven't kicked in yet? Amazon has priced them into their, WHOOPS, not any more. 90 day pause or some parts not now on the list. China won't answer the phone and Modi looking forward to a meeting.

Kansas City rocked by 28,000 federal employees axed. Oh, that is not a tariff is it. We are being taken down a road of a giant Ponzi Tariff Scheme as Trump tries to bluff his way through as he sees it, a World Economic Card Game holding all his Project 2025 Fantasy Cards.

It's called stagflation. It was the same in the late 70s, early 80s.

It frequently amuses me to hear the people who created this political environment whine about the environment they created. Perhaps they should have thought through what happens when their tactics are used against them.

That sure is rich. Repubs complaining because they are getting the wrath from their opponents the same way they deal with opposite opinions. They sure don't like being treated the same way they treat people.

Who is the Felon going to blame when we go into a depression?

Why would the Felon be against posting the price of his tariffs on goods when he so often states that "tariffs is a beautiful word"?

I've lost 15K from my 401K since Trump took office. Now, I have to try to prepare to spend more for literally everything to take care of my family. I wish I was a little more optimistic, but this chaos and ham handed approach to economics makes it really hard to be.

5-1-25

There are plenty of trade deals being made. Among other countries, cutting out the U.S. entirely. I see a pattern of the answer to every other question posed to DT " We are making Billions of dollars" etc. Very disturbing when the only focus of a nation is how much money it can collect from tariffs, cutting all agency budgets as seen as success. Many in office seem to have forgotten their primary responsibility as leaders of a free nation is to serve and protect its citizens in all ways, not just financially. I do not hear DT talk about healthcare, education, employment, scientific research, national security, global relations or any humanitarian subjects, ever..

Yes, nothing shouts clear path to victory like a president polling at 39% approval, an economy heading into recession, inflation getting ready to skyrocket, and shelves becoming empty. Never mind the gutting of government and services which will only be truly apparent when they are needed. I think it is a safe bet many services will be needed in the next 2 years that won't be there like people are expecting or used to them working.

And then they woke up. Special elections in Iowa for the state legislature in three Republican districts. Democrats have won 2 of them. This only 100 days into the Trump presidency. When the real effect of the damage done not yet being felt by the majority of Americans. At this point it's pretty obvious that at least two of the four Iowa US House seats, all held by Republicans, will be in play for democrats in 2026. There is no way Trump can undo the damage he has done by 2026. And it seems there is no real effort to try. Deporting US citizens. Including a 2 year old that was receiving treatment for stage 4 cancer. Another US family in Oklahoma City that had their home broken into by federal agents. Their home trashed, phones, computers and even cash taken by these agents. Who had a warrant for another family. The agents made the woman and her young daughters stand out in the rain. These stories will continue.

Question, how long is MAGA cult members going to use the Biden excuse train for Trumps shitty performance? Why would they mention Bidens policies? Trump is the president now and it's his policies that made it worse for everyone. By the way, TDS for the MAGA cult members, eaten up every word from his mouth even when you see zero change around you to better America. Stop deflecting....it's a bad look.

I call it trump devotion syndrome and it's a bad, bad disease

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Lindsey Graham Asks Conclave to 'Keep an Open Mind' About Naming Donald Trump the New Pope."

5-2-25

The party that loves the constitution doesn't believe in the constitution, imagine that.

"..more than 6,600 soldiers, at least 150 vehicles, 50 helicopters, seven bands and possibly a couple thousand civilians, The Associated Press has learned..".

Millions of dollars to be spent at taxpayer expense. Is this not waste? Hundreds of thousands of employees of all Fed Govt agencies have been fired for no fault of theirs. We are told that it is reduce trillions of dollars of waste and fraud, though no evidence of such waste/fraud has been provided.

And yet we were told that we can't afford Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, the EPA, the FDA, the FDIC, and pretty much every other government agency that Musk got rid of to get more government contracts for his companies.

I'm not sure why people are surprised that Trump—a leader with authoritarian tendencies—plans to spend \$100 million of taxpayer money simply to elevate his status alongside Russia's Putin and North Korea's Kim Jong-un. When will Americans wake up to the reality that he does not prioritize the needs of working people? This is precisely how dictators operate.

Wait until the federal benefits many of them now receive are either stopped or drastically reduced. That's when some will finally wake up. Trump, Johnson, Thune and the rest of them plan on making states pay a significantly larger portion for their Medicaid expansion, which will lead most states to drop it and millions will lose their health coverage. Then, Trump et al will lay the blame at the feet of the governor and pretend it's the state's fault.

If televanulists can get into politics, and not lose their tax exemption, why is a school being threatened?

The def of Fascism:

Fascism is a far-right, authoritarian, and ultranationalist political ideology characterized by a dictatorial leader, centralized power, militarism, and suppression of opposition. It emphasizes national unity and often features a cult of personality, with individual interests subordinated to the perceived good of the nation. Fascism rejects democracy, liberalism, and other ideologies it sees as threats to national strength.

It's the churches/religious organizations that should lose their tax exempt status for their deep involvement in politics. Not the universities. Hence the division of church and state, not education and state.

A tax exempt status is a right that can't be taken away simply because a president doesn't like something you do.

Now The many Things that our nation can depend on of Trump:

Defies the Supreme Court's rulings. Trump lied when he said he respects the Supreme Court. Rarely be truthful. Trump will never admit he is wrong.

Play the blame game against the Dems when something goes wrong.

Take credit for successes of other politicians.

Always disparage Biden's past accomplishments. Rarely fulfill his campaign promises.

Always be loyal to his Billionaire oligarchs/donors.

Ignores the US Debt and wants to eliminate the debt ceiling.

Raise taxes on the average citizen to reduce taxes for the rich.

Always fulfill his promise of retribution. Totally Disrespect our friendly nations.

Trump blatantly insults/name-calls over half of the US population and encourages his uneducated followers to do the same thing. Develop chaos when and where ever possible.

Total Failure to understand the effect of Tariffs on the US economy and consumers.

Trump brags about having common sense. He has just proven he does not.

Continue strive to be a dictator. Felon Trump's MAGA is full of conflict and polarization. Felon Trump destroyed the economy and democratic government in the first 3 weeks.

Felon Trump has violated constitutional law every day in office. Felon Trump has destroyed the US government and our nation of laws by violating law after law. This violates Trump's America first promise. Now threatening aggression against multiple nations.

NOW: Trump initial second-term approval rating is among lowest in decades.

Now he's going to spend 4-5 trillion on billionaires tax cuts, 500 million on his birthday military parade, and another trillion on Military budget increases. Makes perfect sense, NOT!

But But Biden !!!

This will hold right up to the point that a Muslim based religious charter school or, even better, a charter school for the Church of Satan begin to demand money from the government to fund their public charter schools. Then we will see how SCOTUS handles those cases when they are inevitably denied public funding and then SCOTUS will be forced to either overturn this decision or to violate the establishment clause of the first amendment. The founders had already thought this through and devised the establishment clause which they placed into the FIRST amendment leaving a pretty big clue that the combination of religion and government will always be an untenable combination.

The beautiful irony of being condemned by these people my whole life, to them being the blasphemy of what they preached. They would deport Jesus. Case closed. Look at their hateful leader.

I had a phone conversation with my MAGA aunt who insisted eggs at her local Wal-Mart were \$2 per dozen that morning. I checked online after we hung up & Wal-Mart's cheapest dozen in her town were \$4.47 with most choices about \$1 more. People will convince themselves of anything.

My favorite is that gasoline was \$2.48 at the station near me when he won the election. Today it is \$2.78, yet him and his followers are celebrating that gasoline prices have dropped over a dollar a gallon. People have very short attention spans and considering his voting block is older one might argue that memory loss is a real problem.

It's literally crazy what people can make themselves believe - but hey, many of them believe all the animals of the planet fit on one boat too. How did the freshwater animals survive?

A few of the strongest signs of a horrible boss is someone who cannot admit to mistakes, who takes all credit for when things are positive, and who refuses to accept responsibility when things go poorly. Trump has all those in spades. He is the epitome of a horrible boss.

Trump is now publicly "OK" with a recession, after 3+ months of policies that have made one more likely. If anyone else were president, he'd be blasting them for the same thing. Intelligent observers see the pattern - Trump tries to spin negative news as part of his plan, but the facts show his own actions are a major reason for the current economic trouble.

A RECESSION won't bother Trump, but Independent VOTERS may have something to say about that in 2026.

5-3-25

Donald, during the campaign you said Americans would not be impacted at all by tariffs. That the foreign countries themselves would pay. That wasn't true. In recent interviews you finally acknowledged that US companies pay the tariffs, not foreign countries, but those companies would absorb the tariffs rather than pass them on. That wasn't true. Now you are saying consumers might actually feel some impact from the tariffs, but not much. At what point are you going to be straight with us and say what is really going to happen? That tariffs are going to drive up prices, increase inflation, and may well lead us into a recession.

Trump has no idea how the common person who lives on \$2000 a month or less lives, when he lives on more than \$2000 a minute. Families are more worried about food and electric bills, not more dolls! Has he ever eaten at a soup kitchen? Past presidents have, to show they are trying to relate to the average person.

How about the highly politically active religious right churches? Their political influence is not debatable and THEY should have their tax exemption revoked. That is not only fair, but long overdue.

The right wing is attacking everything they deem 'liberal.' What is 'liberal'?

Education.

Science.

Medicine.

Health care.

Civil rights.

Freedom of movement.

Environmental protection.

International cooperation.

Innovation.

Progress.

Alternative energy.

Tolerance.

Open-mindedness.

Empathy.

Philanthropy.

The arts.

Separation of church and state.

Opportunity for women, minorities and gays.

Museums.

Libraries.

Books.

History.

Pluralism.

Egalitarianism.

Freedom of speech.

Freedom of expression.

Free press.

5-4-25

Caregivers for Alzheimer's patients are seeing signs in Trump: bursts of rage, blaming his mistakes or problems on others, incoherent texts especially after sundown, losing his train of thought, incoherent speeches, making absurd claims and decisions, concentrating on petty things such as how he looks in a portrait, and even forgetting that he signed certain executive orders. So far, he seems to be covering/excusing delusions pretty well, but that will not last.

The conservative religious right consistently refrains from criticizing King Trump, despite the clear contradictions between his actions and their own religious teachings. This unwavering support reveals a deeper priority: for them, maintaining political power takes precedence over upholding the core values of their faith. Their silence in the face of ethical and moral inconsistencies suggests that their allegiance to political influence surpasses their commitment to religious principles, highlighting the growing fusion of faith and politics in their worldview.

Well said, and about time!! Actually, this is what 'Never Trumpers' have known and witnessed about the MAGA cultists/Religious Right since the Trump delusion began. Forget the so-called

constitutional crises we're headed for because at least 33% of my fellow countrymen are already in a moral/ethical crisis!

It shows he never read any part of our Constitution. He took an OATH to uphold it, which he has not done. It flies in the face of his predecessors, who took their oath seriously and looked out of every American Citizen and occupant (remember due process) of our great country.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "White House Shares Beefed-Up Trump Meme for Star Wars Day – Doesn't Realize He's Styled as a Sith Lord."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump, in a new interview, says he doesn't know if he backs due process rights."

5-5-25

You see how bad America has devolved where we celebrate racists and reward them and punish those who call it out. I recently read the following: "When a person of ethics enters a culture of lies, the person of ethics will be treated with contempt and as an acute threat"

Anyone going into politics should have a Master's degree at the very least. The ignorance of so many is rampant. We need people with critical thinking skills who can determine right from wrong.

Isn't it incredible how Trump always seems to have no knowledge of anything controversial connected to him—claims he didn't know, didn't hear, or wasn't involved—yet he's the first to take full credit when something positive happens? When there's praise to be had, he's front and center, claiming it was all his doing. But when there's blame, suddenly he's in the dark, just a bystander. It's a pattern that's become almost predictable: total denial when it's inconvenient, total ownership when it's beneficial.

"I Knew Nothing About That" Seems to be Trump's default excuse whenever something or someone doesn't come across very well or creates some form of controversy. For some reason he thinks those 5 words will distance him from anything bad. Like a child thinking hiding under the blankets will make the boogie man go away.

So, he shared the AI pic of himself being dressed as pope, later said that they can't take a joke and said he'd like to be pope, that would be his no 1 choice, now he knew nothing about the whole thing.

Well done

Trump released and publicized these images through an official US Government social media post used to communicate official business of the Government, as well as on his own personal social media.

but yeah sure - knew nothing about it!

I don't need a "fun" president I need an effective, ethical, educated, compassionate president, committed to the good of the people of America and the world.

Let's assume for a nanosecond that Trump DIDN'T know about the "pope" image. If he had any dignity, the computer nerd who did produce the image would be fired and an apology would have been issued privately and publicly to the Catholic Church.

Did that happen?

Nope, within two days, there was a second cartoon image of Trump on the SAME official White House platform with him inflated like a Star Wars villain.

Bottom line, Trump is loving the attention.

5-6-25

Just to make sure people understand this: the tariffs are paid by the importers, not by the "tariffed" government. So, if USA charges China for 145% tariffs on some iPhone parts, Apple which imports those parts will pay the tariff. Presumably, Apple will pass it onto the customers. So, this is actually the same as if the government raises sale tax on iPhones. So, tariffs are an indirect taxation on American customers. This may have some positive effects, such as driving up the price and people stop buying things from China. But we should all realize what tariffs truly are, not giving out wrong opinions on wrong understanding.

Trump is always plagued with interviews that are "dishonest" if HE'S being interviewed. The media, no matter which media and no matter the interviewer, cannot make the truth out of the lies he tells or make the citizens accept his interviews are honest. But before the week is out, maybe he will sign an executive order instructing the DOJ to begin the systematic investigating of every citizen who isn't buying the lies he's selling? I'll be right back, there's a knock at my door.....

Any time anyone goes against what Donnie says, even when it is a lie, he claims it was a dishonest or misleading or unbelievable interview. Every time he is interviewed and is able to, he turns the interview to what he says are his accomplishments or adds more lies to his dialogue. This man has no integrity or morals. His goals are power and money, not upholding our Constitution or helping the poor people in our land.

5-7-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump plans to announce that the US will call the Persian Gulf the Arabian Gulf, officials say."

Also released was Trump's plan to rename the Pacific Ocean to the Trump Ocean, because everyone tells him it's the biggest and the best ocean and that its extra super yuge.

Trump stated, "I didn't really want to do it, but everyone I talk to says I should just go ahead, because what better name for the largest ocean anyone has ever seen? They're right, what can I say?"

If the renaming of the Gulf of Persia does not convince you that your President is laser focused on the most critical issues facing the American people, what is it going to take?

**Next the Great Lakes will be renamed The Make America Great Again Lakes**

And how does that decrease prices or end inflation?

Trump can't do anything he promised so he is using these silly things to deflect from the things he can't get done

5-8-25

"Becoming a train wreck"? What do you call what's happening now? The real lesson here is that no matter what the form of government, the success or failure of same is dependent on the character of the people involved. Trump is a sociopathic narcissist who feels no compassion, sympathy, or empathy for anyone. He makes virtues out of ignorance, stupidity, violence, and greed. He surrounds himself with irresponsible sycophants that produce dog and pony shows masquerading as cabinet meetings and press conferences, but really only serve as testaments to his vain attempt at satisfying his insatiable appetite for self-aggrandizement and praise. He talks about himself in the third person. He's a convicted felon. Combine all of that with his second-rate intellect and third grade vocabulary, and the results are the most empty-headed, mean-spirited, and stupid thoughts and actions imaginable. Without a doubt, he is the most flawed public figure

I have ever seen in my life, a bitter, miserable old man. I don't understand how people can even stomach being in the same room with him ...

Republicans trying to help Trump fashion the Hindenburg of bills that can explode with them on board.

Don't forget. Now the Republicans are going to take the American peoples land, and sell it for profit. They'll pass that profit to the rich. They are robbing the American people.

5-9-25

Watching Trump "Drive" the US economy is like putting a teenager in a car with a stick shift and watching him try to learn how to drive it himself, with nobody to teach them:

"What's this pedal down here by my left foot for? It looks like maybe it's a 2nd brake pedal in case the 1st one malfunctions so I probably won't need it. Seems right !! "

Doesn't matter. Even if tariffs went to zero tomorrow our supply chain has been disrupted. We will all feel this when we shop very soon. A few weeks maybe a month before prices start to go up. And as we all know when go up they rarely go back down.

You never know, there very well could have been a Trump factor that influenced the Cardinals choice. We will never know for sure. Leo XIV could end up being a thorn in Trump's side.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Fears grow FBI head Kash Patel isn't taking his job seriously as he skips morning briefings and frequently attends UFC fights."

5-10-25

INDIA TODAY: Donald Trump's assertion that the India-Pakistan ceasefire resulted from US mediation appears to have been unequivocally refuted by the Indian government, which said that the ceasefire was negotiated directly between the two nations.

5-11-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Fact Check: Yes, Oklahoma's new academic standards say to teach students 2020 election fraud myths as fact."

1. Next school year, thousands of high school students in Oklahoma will be required to learn about Trump's debunked claims that the 2020 election was tainted by fraud.

The lesson will not be part of a course on conspiracy theories, but an official component of the new social studies curriculum.

It should be a litmus test for every Oklahoma student in job interviews.

If I were hiring and it stated on an applicant's resume that they graduated from Oklahoma schools, I would ask them who won the 2020 presidential election. If they correctly answer "Joe Biden", they would be considered for the job. Anything else...don't let the door hit you on the way out.

And, Oklahoma has mandated the Bible be taught in schools.

There's nothing wrong with being very religious in your own life, but religion is very personal. And, the Bible is open to some interpretation.

Conservatives shouldn't be putting it in the classroom, as a weapon of indoctrination.

This is so horrible. So when the kids start researching and they come across all the lost court cases showing fraud did not exist, how will they reconcile the inconsistency?

Kids won't start researching, they are programmed what they are taught is what it is, they don't do further research to look for the truth or fact check. That is what they are relying on.

Critical thinking and logic is fast becoming a thing of the past.

And this is how you lose a democracy. Ignore all ideals, and commit to a tribe. Once loyalty is established, then you take over the education system to ensure the subsequent generations see democracy as inherently flawed and wrong.

250 years. It appears the experiment may be coming to a close.

That is so wrong! The election was not stolen and to continue to spread the lie is outrageous. Alternative facts, lies, erasing history is what republicans continue to do.

The rich want to turn America into China. They need poorly educated people that can't ask for more pay. Congratulations MAGA, your children and children's children will play this part for them. Simp some more for the rich. They love the people that vote against their best interests.

There's a glaring double standard here, rooted in economic class. When rich women bring their children to work because they want to, they're applauded as Supermoms. When poor women bring their children to work because they have no other choice, they're treated like conniving trash and lectured about professionalism and productivity.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma is on the verge of bankruptcy due to Trump trade policies and the dismantling of USAID.

Fortunately for those lucky students, they won't be taught about that either.

Throughout all of human history, whenever the dominant social group believes its dominance is being threatened, it resorts to ever increasingly extreme measures to remain in power - even going so far as to abandon long cherished beliefs and institutions when these no longer support their narratives of dominance

Same as it ever was,,,

Imagine if Biden or Obama had accepted a \$400 million jet. They would be calling for impeachment and an investigation

5-12-25

Sec of Education (????) Linda McMahon and the Trump administration gave schools 10 days to gut their equity programs or lose funding. One superintendent responded with a letter so clear, so bold, and so unapologetically righteous, it deserves to be read in full. PLEASE READ, to see if this makes sense to you. The author of this is a school superintendent who wants to stay anonymous (I can think of several reasons).

April 8, 2025

To Whom It May (Unfortunately) Concern at the U.S. Department of Education:

Thank you for your April 3 memorandum, which I read several times — not because it was legally persuasive, but because I kept checking to see if it was satire. Alas, it appears you are serious.

You've asked me, as superintendent of a public school district, to sign a "certification" declaring that we are not violating federal civil rights law — by, apparently, acknowledging that civil rights issues still exist. You cite Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, then proceed to argue that offering targeted support to historically marginalized students is somehow discriminatory.

That's not just legally incoherent — it's a philosophical Möbius strip of bad faith.

Let me see if I understand your logic:

If we acknowledge racial disparities, that's racism.

If we help English learners catch up, that's favoritism.

If we give a disabled child a reading aide, we're denying someone else the chance to struggle equally.

And if we train teachers to understand bias, we're indoctrinating them — but if we train them to ignore it, we're "restoring neutrality"?

How convenient that your sudden concern for "equal treatment" seems to apply only when it's used to silence conversations about race, identity, or inequality.

Let's talk about our English learners. Would you like us to stop offering translation services during parent-teacher conferences? Should we cancel bilingual support staff to avoid the appearance of "special treatment"? Or would you prefer we just teach all content in English and hope for the best, since acknowledging linguistic barriers now counts as discrimination?

And while we're at it — what's your official stance on IEPs? Because last I checked, individualized education plans intentionally give students with disabilities extra support. Should we start removing accommodations to avoid offending the able-bodied majority? Maybe cancel occupational therapy altogether so no one feels left out?

If a student with a learning disability receives extended time on a test, should we now give everyone extended time, even if they don't need it? Just to keep the playing field sufficiently flat and unthinking?

Your letter paints equity as a threat. But equity is not the threat. It's the antidote to decades of failure. Equity is what ensures all students have a fair shot. Equity is what makes it possible for a child with a speech impediment to present at the science fair. It's what helps the nonverbal kindergartner use an AAC device. It's what gets the newcomer from Ukraine the ESL support she needs without being left behind.

And let's not skip past the most insulting part of your directive — the ten-day deadline. A national directive sent to thousands of districts with the subtlety of a ransom note, demanding signatures within a week and a half or else you'll cut funding that supports... wait for it... low-income students, disabled students, and English learners.

Brilliant. Just brilliant. A moral victory for bullies and bureaucrats everywhere.

So no, we will not be signing your "certification."

We are not interested in joining your theater of compliance.

We are not interested in gutting equity programs that serve actual children in exchange for your political approval.

We are not interested in abandoning our legal, ethical, and educational responsibilities to satisfy your fear of facts.

We are interested in teaching the truth.

We are interested in honoring our students' identities.

We are interested in building a school system where no child is invisible, and no teacher is punished for caring too much.

And yes — we are prepared to fight this. In the courts. In the press. In the community. In Congress, if need be.

Because this district will not be remembered as the one that folded under pressure.

We will be remembered as the one that stood its ground — not for politics, but for kids.

Sincerely,

District Superintendent

Still Teaching. Still Caring. Still Not Signing.

The GOP wants to cut \$880 billion in cuts largely to Medicaid, but they are adding 13% for defense, how is that going to help to lower \$36 Trillion debt? So, they want to take away any help to those who are lower income to get their \$4.5 trillion in tax breaks.

This bill will never pass in its current state, it's just the usual tactic of shoving as much garbage into it as they can so the next bag of garbage won't look so bad in comparison. Passing this would be political suicide for everyone involved and they know it. All they really care about in the end is getting rid of the government funding for clean energy and allowing the expedited permits for natural gas development and oil pipeline construction since the vast majority of them have heavy investments in those industries. They will make a fortune off it, that is their only real objective.

The Republicans are not cutting Medicaid. As they explain it, they are simply defunding it.

The 8.6 million people that will soon find themselves without medical coverage should be happy to make the small sacrifice for our truly deserving billionaires.

Poor people are politically irresponsible. I can't even name the last time any of them hosted a fund raiser for our hard-working politicians.

Why do we need tax cuts? If you are going to basically be a death panel for millions of Americans, at least do something useful with the savings and let the money reduce the deficit, maybe even try to balance the budget.

Nah, gotta keep those bailouts for the wealthy. Plain and simple. Middle class tax cuts? Those were a joke. They amounted to about 20 bucks a month for this middle class earner. I'd gladly give it back and not even notice it if it meant keeping 8+ million people with health insurance.

Losing Medicaid will literally kill me. I have a life threatening heart condition and cannot work because of it. However, I don't qualify for SSI. Because I can't work, I can't afford private insurance. I also cannot afford to pay for my doctors visits, bi-annual scans, labs, and medicine out of pocket. I cannot go two days without my heart medication or I will die.

See the problem Republicans are creating?

To be fair, this is a drop in the bucket compared to the multiple billions of dollars siphoned for the Saudis to the king, in his first term.

Look it up....never has one person done so little to receive multiple billions of dollars....dollars that go right back into the king's pocket.

We all know when someone gets really defensive they have something to hide and this is why TRUMP is always on the Defensive.

Let me get this straight. DOGE fired hundreds of career federal employees to supposedly save money, but Trump plays golf every weekend at public expense and now he proposes savings accounts for kids, also at public expense? What a nightmare the nation is trapped in.

No, women are not going to have a baby for \$1000.

Bad role model we have in the head of HHS.

Consistent however with the entire Trump administration.

I'm a clinical microbiologist. When I read that RFK jr doesn't believe that bacteria causes disease, I wish I could share with him first hand evidence of healthy people who died suddenly due to bacterial or viral infections. Group A Strep. Toxic Shock sepsis from stepping on an unknown sharp object, Vibrio sepsis due to cutting skin in sea water, Bordetella sepsis from skinning a contaminated boar, brain abscess from having a tooth pulled, flesh eating Strep that ate through a 15 year old girl's hand.....I could go on and on. It's his choice to swim in water that's contaminated with bacteria from sewage, but to subject his grandchildren to that is irresponsible and ignorant. His denial and ignorance is really scary because he thinks he's an authority in medicine and people actually believe he is knowledgeable. He's causing so much harm to America's public health system.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “RFK Jr. Swims in Sewage-Tainted Creek with Grandchildren Despite National Park Service’s Bacteria Warning.”

5-13-25

I have seen Baier do a decent interview with trump, but he like everyone else at FOX is always trying to create a silver-lining in trump's policies and more often than not go easy on trump when he should be delving deeper.

However, FOX is a entertainment network and not a news network.

Baier is the last news person left at FOX, all the other news people have left the network because of the programming focus is on the promotion of conspiracy theories, right-wing bias opinions and reality programming designed to appeal to Fox viewers.

FOX viewers cannot seem to distinguish between news and opinion and consequently are often parroting the opinions of the various hosts but cannot point to any legitimate facts that support the opinion.

FOX viewers think the opinions are the news.

Lately FOX has become trump's HR department from which he draws his cabinet appointments and although that has been interesting the people recruited are manifestly unqualified; and have proven to be incompetent & embarrassing.

I am an American. This country is a mess. We are uneducated, materialistic, and have no empathy for others.

There is nothing to be proud of.

We are last in everything and now it’s even worse.

Before Trump was elected his net worth 2.3 billion. Today Trumps net worth 5.1 billion. This from Forbes Magazine last month.

Fox news is not news... nor is it factual.. nor truthful.. Fox is just for entertainment and wanting to make a fortune off of fake news... FOX is in it only for money. Their greed is destroying America.

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maga brand logic: School shootings are an acceptable side effect of the Second Amendment and pornography is an unacceptable side effect of the First.

Bring it on. Banning porn at the Federal level is a guaranteed way for the Republican party to never hold power for at least another generation. Tariffs, inflation, Social Security, taxes, abortion, none of that will matter if people can't squeeze one out in the privacy of their own home.

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If this more-or-less hand-picked court won't side with Trump, it says a lot as to how much he is trampling the constitution.

The executive director of the port of Los Angeles talked about how the port is now down 35% in terms of volume.

He says truckers and dockworkers are going to be laid off. It's incredible the Trump Administration is acting like this isn't a big deal.

The GOP under Trump's leadership:

The party of law and order, except on Jan 6

The party of the Constitution except when it gets in the way.

The party of "Back the Blue" except if you're a Capitol Hill Officer.  
The party of self-determination except if Trump says otherwise.  
The party of lower taxes except for the middle class.  
The party of free enterprise except for a trade war.  
The party of respect for tradition except when their candidate loses.  
The party of pro-life, except if you are outside of the womb.  
The party of free speech except when speaking about Trump.  
The party of 2nd amendment rights and guns making things safer except when it's a Republican rally.

Springsteen's commentary was well thought out and earnestly delivered. I found it compelling and heartfelt. He has been a keen observer of our culture and society for more years than Trump. He has a tremendous audience and their respect. And, lastly, IMO he was completely correct in his analysis and believable in his presentation without the hyperbole as is usual of Trump. Just see his reaction. We are listening to voices of reason.

I notice the poorly educated stopped saying.."Chyna pays the tariffs". Have they figured it out?

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News of the Surreal (for Real): "New standards for Oklahoma high school students promote misinformation about the 2020 election."

Just keeping their people emotional. You can see it's very effective. They have them hating every party so bad, that they have been complacent and supportive of them spitting on America.

Comer is just taking up space in congress. he has no popular or effective ideas. he is a just a grievance purveyor. He is the tommy Tuberville of the house of representatives. He never has any positive input in congress. He just like to stir up mess and pretend he is cooking.

The really smart Republican voters are so convinced that Biden is guilty, yet Comer keeps investigating and finding nothing. That would mean that either he is lying or incompetent - I'm guessing both. So the question is, why do Republicans keep voting for Comer?

Thank you AOC for standing up to the MAGA CULT and their cruelty.

AOC rocks our democracy!

Trump is almost 80 years old. He's still in service. How bout a new president instead of a plane ?

Truly amazing how MAGA would only see a problem if Obama or Biden were doing this.

Some people are so against abortion that they're willing to kill people to prove it.

Trump is on tv every single day blaming someone else for his words and actions. Blaming others while claiming to be a victim is pure MAGA

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Trump's insistence on using this office/position to threaten anyone and everyone who speaks out against him and/or his actions is unacceptable ..... That in and of itself should make us all raise our heads and object ....

Authoritarians threaten those who speak the truth instead of silently covering up corruption.

They think they are a king who doesn't need to be held accountable. ABC is just reporting what it is. Trump is taking gifts/bribes from a country that Trump even stated in the past was a big funder of terrorism. Why is Trump judging the words of ABC when he stated the obvious in the past on why this is not a good idea.

MAGA is always mad. It varies from individual to individual, but most often it seems to be some variation on the theme that their lives haven't turned out quite as they hoped it would. But the

real animating force behind that anger is their perception is that other, lesser persons have been more successful than them and those lesser persons don't "deserve" to be better off than the underachieving MAGAs.

Did he call the FBI an enterprise? How is posting 8647 anything other than saying impeach Trump and get rid of him. We have all heard 86 this or 86 that and nowhere that I have been in the company of others has it meant to kill someone. You get rid of bad employees and we should get rid of Trump and his gang of criminals now running our country. I believe Republicans do not want liberals and the majority of the country to have a simple quick and iconic way of saying get the felon 47 and criminals out 86 of our government.

MAGA is based on hate and fear. If any of these people ever has an experience in their life that humbles them most if not all of the hate and fear would dissolve. Watch them, watch their expressions and mannerisms. They need the swagger and gun toting tough guy act to make them feel like anybody other than themselves.

Being "86'd" has ALWAYS meant getting thrown out of an establishment for unacceptable behavior. I know, because I bartended at one time and have personally "86'd" a few rowdy patrons in my day. But, NO, Republicans want to turn it into some veiled threat to the criminal in the WH. But the 91 felony counts across four prosecutions, and a 34-count indictment and conviction, were just "Trump being Trump?" But let's prosecute Comey for some "ALLEGED" seashell accusation. So, GTH out of here with that "death threat" crap.

And yet it was trump who incited an actual insurrection and tried to overturn the democratic election results. Trump should face a military tribunal.

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I think trump can't stand the idea that people take those like Springsteen and Taylor Swift more seriously than they do him. When Springsteen gets up on stage and says he loves America, people believe him. I think very few regular folk believe that trump loves anything except trump.

Sure seems like trump is getting comfortable with the idea of using the government to silence people who criticize him. It's all about free speech, just as long as it's in support of them. Remember how Musk claimed he was buying Twitter because he was an advocate of free speech? Until he started banning reporters, and threatening politicians with primaries if they criticized him or trump. Lots of snake oil being sold since the election.

I don't think Springsteen has any political ambition, but the truth is he would make a better president than trump. There's a simple formula that trump refuses to acknowledge. Love America, and surround yourself with intelligent, talented people who also love America. And then listen to their advice.

The MAGA CULT is all too ready to question Biden's mental state but is either too stupid or too intimidated or too gullible to question Trump's mental state. This outburst about Springsteen, one of the most successful musicians in our Country's history, who is now a BILLIONAIRE from his HONEST artistic earnings, proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that our aged, thin skinned, toddler President is "out to lunch!" mentally. Time for him to be lawfully removed (as if that is possible with the loyal-to-him cronies he has surrounded himself with).

Take note that Trump's Attorney General, Pam Bondi, who claimed that Trump could "legally accept" the gift of a 400 Million Dollar airplane from Qatar, was A LOBBYIST FOR QATAR IN 2019 earning \$119,000 annually from that job. And then was one of Trump's "personal attorneys."

Look over here! Because I don't want you to look at the higher prices at stores for food, toys, gas, and everything else we buy! And oh by the way your healthcare is getting worse and more expensive, the stock market is down, and the dollar is worth less everyday!

Now, Trump and Bessent are even calling for Walmart to EAT the Trump TARIFF TAX!

But wait... How could that be when Trump has been telling the MAGA ots that China would eat the tariff? Did Trump LIE all along??

Baseball HOF, college sports NIL, Wal-Mart pricing, Taylor Swift, Bruce Springsteen, Mattel toys. It's a wonder this poor old man can find time to play golf.

He is complaining about Bruce and Beyonce and he just accepted a \$400 million 747 from Qatar--what a farce.

Says the criminal who just accepted an \$400 million-dollar GIFT from the Saudis ... just a tad over the limit!

**When you elect a reality TV star, expect reality TV not governance.**

Distraction America - just look at the Tariff receipts online. Ya'll got what you wanted!

You chose gaslighting and bee gotry over one of the best Economy that came out of Covid-19 (an envy of the world) and turn it into this. Our credit rating is going from AAA to AA, the first time since 1917 and it's because of our debt crisis, and he's making sure we go down by increasing the deficit. See how they're fighting to pass the so-called 'Big Beautiful Bill' even though they see that it's going to hurt us.

These are the same people who'm would scream in any microphone they get about deficit, deficit, deficit, and look at the hypocrisy.

We're heading for the Iceberg!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Justice Department appointee suggests criminal charges for Jill Biden."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Is Demanding a "Major Investigation" Into Oprah, Beyoncé, and Other Huge Stars in Another Middle-of-the-Night Meltdown."

"Candidates aren't allowed to pay for ENDORSEMENTS, which is what Kamala did"

I recall Elon musk offering to pay people to endorse (vote for) trump during the election. Those million dollar payments they offered? Remember those?

They are getting sued for not paying, by the way.

The credit rating for the United States was just reduced today for the first time in our history because of Trump's mismanagement of our economy and Republicans deficit explosion bill that they are trying to get past right now where they transfer massive amounts of wealth from the middle class and the lower classes up to the one percent while increasing the deficit by 7 trillion. Don't fall for this ridiculous distraction. We are falling into recession if not depression, the entire middle class is being gutted, Trump is accepting bribes right in front of our face, and this was meant to distract you. Don't let it. Trump is destroying the country in every way it could be destroyed

What did Biden do? Trump ignored a deadly pandemic to focus on his ego/re-election, tried to cheat twice on an election, then after losing, refused a peaceful transfer of power, ultimately, treasonously sending a violent mob to attack the Capitol. Biden never wanted to run for first term but needed to keep the dangerous lunatic out of office. He only ran for second term because Trump was given a free pass and allowed to run again instead of being sent to jail.

**Maga is a cancer to the US**

Here's where Republican's win, however. They can simply say these cut spending on Biden initiated programs and Trump voters, especially here in the South, will automatically believe it's a good thing because it's against something the Biden Administration advanced. They won't make the effort to actually read and comprehend what this bill really does and what it really affects.

Southern Republicans have been voting GOP for fifty years and they're still the poorest part of the country. The problem isn't immigrants, or environmental regulations, or the media, or socialism. The problem is that they keep voting for people who care more about giving tax breaks to corporations and billionaires than helping their citizens obtain the basic necessities of life.

Illegal immigration continues, because nothing happens to the employers who hire them. It's like my Trump loving neighbor who owns a landscaping business... he knows his employees are illegal and yet, that's what he's using. How about some accountability for the companies giving them jobs. It's not like you can't validate addresses and social security numbers... the government, because of big business, doesn't do it so Kid Rock can get cooks and Trump can get cleaning staff at his hotels.

Page 1 of the MAGA play book...Do as we say, not as we do.

Trump's a Las Vegas lounge act, not a president. Trump wrecks institutions then complains when he tries to put them back together---when they were doing fine in the first place. Or, Trump does the exact same thing Biden did anyway before Trump wrecked it --- and then Trump claims that he FIXED it. Trump LOVES making all these circus side shows (going after Bruce Springsteen, T. Swift) to distract from the fact that Trump HAS NOT lowered prices, if anything my bills are higher, Trump has not ended all the wars like he said he was going to do on day one. All Trump's really done are these constant side shows, Trump is making tens of billions grifting small investors with his various Bitcoin scams, and we have to see his old catcher's mit of a face every minute.

All gave some. Some gave all. One gave none, and he wants a parade.

Bruce Springsteen, unsilenced by the criminal in chief, says it perfectly on his second night in the UK: "In America, my home, they're persecuting people for their right to free speech and voicing their dissent. That's happening now," Springsteen said. "In America, the richest men are taking satisfaction in abandoning the world's poorest children to sickness and death. That's happening now. In my country, they're taking sadistic pleasure in the pain they inflict on loyal American workers. They're rolling back historic civil rights legislation that led to a more just society. They're abandoning our great allies and siding with dictators against those who are struggling for their freedom. That's happening now. They are defunding American universities that won't bow down to their ideological demands. And they are removing residents off American streets without due process of law and deploying them to foreign detention centers and prisons. That's happening now."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Donald Trump Says Joe Biden Has 'Stage 9' Cancer During Press Briefing: 'I Think It's Very Sad, Actually!'"

trump has stage 9 dementia.

tRump a stage 9 cancer on america

America's last 2 presidents.. Sad. One of them has cancer, while the other one is cancer!!

If Trump's disastrous tariffs continue and he fails to take meaningful steps to address inflation and rising food prices, the reality is that many Americans won't be eating much of anything anymore.

His base actually believed China would pay the tariffs. Trump repeatedly called tariffs a tax on another country and never admitted until now that American importers were the ones who would actually pay the price.

He said eggs were down 98%. He said gas is down to 1.98, yet the stupid media doesn't call him out. We are so screwed

When Trump was asked about what the Declaration of Independence meant to him, a document literally hanging a few feet away from him daily in the Oval Office, he replied, "Well, it means exactly what it says, it's a declaration. A declaration of unity and love and respect, and it means a lot. And it's something very special to our country." The stupid that is rampant in the MAGA party is simply staggering. God help us all.

Are we surprised Noem had no clue what it meant? Are we surprised that she thinks the Trump has all the authority to do what ever he wants? No.....some of us are not surprised at all. He's the ring master and she is just one of the performers in his circus.

Blind trust is likely the reason for the uptick in poll numbers. Then again, I do not put much stock into polls as a whole - historically they've been way off the mark - past three elections as a few examples.... Either way, what goes up, usually comes down - except higher prices the past few years.

So basically MAGA are making America worse and removing how Great it ALWAYS has been. It makes sense though. All any of them can do is lie about every single thing. So the whole name, Make America Great Again, was just another way of claiming America isn't Great already, and another lie of their intentions as well.

Watching her lie to TEN YEAR OLDS will go down in American history

Trump revels in being a tough guy. Compassionate governing is not even on his radar. Being cruel and vindictive is his goal.

We need to eliminate all political parties and have people run on their own merits. And we need to fix the political monies involved in politics. For example, only registered voters in a Congressional district can make contributions up to \$1,000 dollars. In Senatorial races, only registered voters in that state can make contribution. After all, these are people who are supposed to represent the people in their district and state.

Also limit donations for presidential runs.

How can anyone in congress see pass a 38 trillion dollar debt and the lower credit rate this country has moved into. This the problem that needs to be address, not Trumps big beautiful bill that will take this country to even a lower level or even bankrupt this country. .

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"He also warned that taxes would go up for American households if Congress failed to extend the breaks he had introduced during his first term."

That ship has sailed...it's called TARIFFS.

He is wrong, Tariffs are the single largest tax increase on the American public. Trump will go down as one of the worst failures in our presidential history.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "House GOP lawmakers are proposing nearly \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and food stamps."

The "big, beautiful bill" =

The largest Medicaid cuts in history – threatening health care for 14 million Americans.

A \$300 billion cut to SNAP – slashing food assistance for 40 million people who rely on it.

A repeal of the Inflation Reduction Act's clean energy initiatives – halting billions in investments and driving higher energy costs for families.

Another massive tax break for the ultra-wealthy – while working Americans get left behind.

"Trump has repeatedly vowed not to touch Medicaid." Hey all you Trump supporters how does it feel to be gaslit by Trump and the Republicans? I'm not a democrat, previous republican now an independent and I see what the republican party really is all about! You don't care about the lower and middle class!

Question for Massie: Would he support a bill that raises taxes on the 1% if it reduces the deficit and the debt? Why does it always have to be massive spending cuts, especially in areas that support the poor and vulnerable? Why not also increase revenue, just like any business would look to do if it was in financial trouble?

Good for Massie for standing up for what he believes in and actual Conservative values of fiscal responsibility. Whether or not I agree with him, he is voting his conscious and that I can respect. Cutting taxes while increasing spending is the Republican way, has been for decades. The uber rich are Trump's constituency. He has no intention of helping every day working people.

We need to cut debt, not create more. Stop giving the wealthy more tax breaks.

I wish the GOP would realize he is not their boss and would listen to the American people and what they want. That is who they should listen to and work for.

"We were taught by Nelson Mandela that whenever there are problems, people need to sit down around the table and talk about them. And this is precisely what we would also like to talk about," he said.

Trump doesn't talk about things. He tells you what HIS truth is and you must accept it. Trump should never be mentioned in the same breath as Mandela.

No matter how Republicans try and dress it up and lie, it is a bad bill for most Americans, other than the top 1%. It guts programs for those that need it most while giving huge tax breaks to Trump's wealthy buddies. The people that support Trump will moan and wale in private, but don't have the guts to admit that they have been had by Trump and Republicans.

This bill is not good for the working class. Mike Johnson should be ashamed of himself for continuing to pander to the orange guy. He calls himself a Christian, but Christians don't do this to their fellow man. He needs to stand up to orange guy and get a backbone. We're all for less government programs, but don't take from the people who need it most.

How many Republican and Trump voters realized they were voting to double the deficit, send the country into a recession, and shut down half the basic functions of government?

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From the guy who promised to end deficit spending, but added a whopping 8 trillion in a mere 4 years, here we go again.

Trump's press secretary, when asked yesterday if Trump was concerned about the debt being added to, actually said there wouldn't be anything added to the national debt.

Of course, the exact opposite is true, according to our own government.

Can't wait to see the reaction from his many low income supporters who are about to lose their Medicaid benefits and subsidized food allowances.

Is anybody else looking at the treasury yield? Yikes! The house just voted for to add 4 trillion to the deficit to benefit billionaires. We are headed for a major recession..

"The plan will also raise the nation's debt ceiling by \$4 trillion after Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent warned America's borrowing authority is at the "warning track" and could be exhausted by August." last time I checked, the goal was to LOWER the debt.

60% of US households (210 million individuals or 84 million households) will be directly and negatively impacted by the provisions of this budget bill. The irony is that the greatest impact will be in Republican congressional districts since many are dominated by rural populations that rely heavily on health care and food subsidies. Marjorie Taylor Green's congressional district is the poster child of what the loss of federal dollars will do to her constituents - die hard supporters of Donald Trump. By my calculations, her congressional district will lose over \$200 million in direct and indirect payments. The loss will be felt the most in hospitals, nursing care, grocery stores, local government services, and higher education. It will be absolutely devastating. But, of course, Ms Green doesn't care about the health and welfare of her constituents since she is moving on to greener pastures to run for the Senate.

Republicans know their base is very bad at simple math and will not realize the little tax cut they get will be dwarfed by the taxes they will be paying on Trump's tariffs.

Big beautiful bill which is a tax break for billionaires, raises the debt ceiling to record levels and sticks it to the poor and vulnerable.

The bill also includes a provision that prevents federal courts from enforcing contempt of court orders. If the provision remains, Trump is free to ignore court orders, including the US Supreme Court.

The Republicans cut Medicare by 500 billion. I wonder how the seniors who voted for Trump are OK with this-if they are not part of the 1% of the wealthiest that will gain from it.

Where is the parade of Republican legislators with their passionate floor speeches and TV appearances, one after the other for months on end, about the urgency of lowering the deficit, paying down the nation's debt, and putting a halt to raising the debt ceiling? The previous 4 years not a day went by we didn't hear about the urgency and national crisis of our nation's debt, leaving it for future generations on and on and on. What happened?

They all talk tough. In the end they will vote Medicare and Medicaid cuts and a huge increase in the deficit. Then they will tell us how they are fiscally responsible.

Our march toward authoritarianism continues apace. And if the Supreme Court were even inclined to step in while there's still time, they have already lost too much ground.

Then, when the Big, Beautiful Tax Bill passes, the gig will be up for the federal courts, as the bill contains a provision that removes the authority from federal courts to issue injunctions against the administration and its officials -- thereby depriving them of the tool they rely on to ensure compliance with their orders.

This is not a fairy tale, people. Our descent into the nightmares of the 1930's is real, and it's happening fast.

A cult of personality, or a cult of the leader, is the result of an effort which is made to create an idealized and heroic image of a glorious leader (Trump supporters - check), often through unquestioning flattery and praise (Trump supporters - check). Historically, it has been developed through techniques such as the manipulation of the mass media (Fox/Newsmax/right wing podcasts and publications - check), the dissemination of propaganda (Fox/Newsmax/right wing podcasts and publications - check), the staging of spectacles (EVERY Trump speech, cabinet meeting, Oval office assembly, signing of EO's is a spectacle - check), the manipulation of the arts (Trump taking over the Kennedy Center, Smithsonian, Library of Congress - check), the instilling of patriotism (Trump and his supporters claim to be the ONLY and MOST patriotic people to ever exist - check), and government organized demonstrations and rallies (J6 -CHECK, Trump rallies - DOUBLE CHECK).

There are MANY examples of cults of personality throughout history and they have ALWAYS turned out destructive and caused suffering of untold numbers of humans. Before Donald Trump I thought Americans (by which I mean Trump supporters) were smarter than they turned out to be.....I was wrong.

To use a term of cult leader Trump.....SAD!

They are going to turn the government to an authoritarian regime. It's going to be my way or the highway, German style. We need to revolt right now before it's too late!!

Trump's attacking Harvard for antisemitism but is in bed with Qatar who funds Hamas.

Just remember that one of the first things that dictatorships do is go after universities and colleges. They don't really want people to have individual thoughts.

Trump is afraid of the educated. Hence, why most of his followers have never went to college. Trump won't win.

Noem said. "It is a privilege, ... to enroll foreign students and benefit from their higher tuition payments to help pad their multibillion-dollar endowments." When is Homeland Security concerned about Academic price gouging of foreign students tuition and Harvard's financial revenues. Noem needs to learn what Habeas Corpus is first. She is an international embarrassment for the Trump Administration.

This was foretold in Project 2025. The executive branch will interfere with, and wrest control of, every aspect of society, industry, culture, religion, the arts, the press, the courts and education. Egregious over-reach. Forget about "state's rights." It's happening and it's creepy.

I think we are living in an increasingly totalitarian state when the government believes it can control everything, every body and every organization. Smacks of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, Salazar, Mao, Stalin and their best friends. How about a government that cares about democracy and freedom.

Fall in line with the dictators demands or else it seems. The illegal behavior of this administration is astonishing. Another item that will be challenged in court at taxpayer expense of course but it is enjoyable watching donnie lose.

Trump is going to have cases litigated in Courts 25years AFTER he's dead and buried.

Who at this point is surprised that he lied again? In April he revoked legal status for 530,000 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans immigrants in the US. Now he is bringing in South Africans under false pretenses but still insists he knows more about what goes on in the country than its own president..

Pyrrhic victory, a success that brings such significant harm to the victor that it differs little from defeat. Although the triumphant party in a Pyrrhic victory is considered the overall winner, the costs incurred and their future repercussions diminish the sense of genuine success.

Can ANYONE explain to me how the Trump Trojan Horse just walked into the GOP and took it over? Where were the long-time Old Guard politicians to stand up to Trump and say, "Just who do you think YOU are?" No one, not one, stood up for We the People and for the best interests of our nation. They just went back to business as usual of feeding at the Government money trough and stuffing their pockets.

Our founding fathers were very intelligent people. They came up with some guidelines that have worked really well for over 200 years to make our nation great. In a matter of just over 100 days the current administration has managed to take it all down. It is a sad time for nation.

Imagine the evil that is behind this idea, one that strives to remove all possible accountability from government officials... sounds just like how Russia operates.

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This is a game of: How much damage can Trump cause to this country until the American people really start to notice it?

Welcome to 1936 Germany. People were complacent about all the things Hitler was doing then. They kept telling themselves it couldn't get any worse.

4%-5% of Americans will lose healthcare. I'm one of them. If you take everything from a person and they have nothing to lose, that makes that person very dangerous. Now, imagine 14 million people with nothing to lose.

Of course Americans don't need social security, Medicare, or Medicaid, everything that goes to that should really be going to the billionaires, so they can have mores houses, cars, boats, planes,

women, drugs since Americans can completely take care of themselves especially those Trump and Doge fired, they hardly need jobs....

Raising the debt ceiling by 4 trillion dollars so you can give billionaires a tax cut is the most out of touch thing I've ever heard of.

House republicans will learn a valuable lesson when mid term elections roll around next year. The lesson will be that Trump doesn't care one bit about the damage this legislation will cause. Most importantly, he doesn't care about the reelection chances for GOP house members. Republicans who voted to slash Medicaid, SNAP, and other vital programs will be REMEMBERED. Senate republicans are expected to rewrite most of the legislation.

Too funny.

This hurts red states hard.

It's going to completely cripple the hospital and healthcare access in rural America.

There are many children in the autism spectrum. Technology has improved dramatically. There are adults now who are just finding out their autistic and struggled all their life. Now they know why.

And yet his "big beautiful bill" will take away Medicaid and durable medical equipment from children with autism. I guess that's like being against abortion but not willing to support programs like Medicaid and other community programs that help children overcome disabilities? Not to mention cancelling research grants at universities researching causes of autism, and childhood cancer. Renowned scientists are going to Europe and Canada where medical research is valued more than giving rich people more money.

If this is Trump's proposed theory for the cause of autism, then by that logic, we might as well say narcissism is caused by eating too many Big Macs.

Diagnoses of ASD has gone up significantly due to education on how to recognize and take early action on it. Parents now are more engaged in getting children the assistance they need, if only the dept of education wasn't being gutted right now.....

Diagnosis of breast cancer went up 300% from 1973 to 1992. Was it a sudden spike and breast cancer? No... It was better testing and better education to identify it.

Another condition that's escalated in recent years is Trumpism. It's a condition where the truth is discarded and replaced with lies. Those at the next level ignore science, mathematics and physics.

The more advanced levels involve people who remain silent and pretend this is normal - while brushing off normal people as abnormal.

And the worst cases involve people with severe Trumpism. These individuals want to change our military, our schools, our doctors and scientists, and our universities to accommodate their reality - all the while not having a clue as to why the rest doesn't trust us anymore.

Hopefully a cure will be found before the syndrome gets worse.

For context this is the same guy that still says he won an election he lost. He rationale was pretty similar too "has to be!"

The working class doesn't need healthcare when the wealthy need a 3rd or 4th home.

Trump tells Family & Musk, America is easiest Grift of Career

Health Care for All v Still working on Concepts

3 Branches Govt. v Dear Leader

Hiring only the Best v 23 Former Fox Staffers

Science v RFK Jr.

Progress v Project 2025

Cake w/ 79 Candles v \$45M Parade w/ 7000 soldiers, 370 Tanks & 70 Aircraft  
Multicolored Chips v Stale White Potatoes  
Harvard v Trump U  
Daughters v Ray psst  
9-5 v Trickle Down Economics  
Rainbow Community v Closet  
FEMA v Passing Around a "Help" Plate at Church  
Fibs v Conspiracy Theories  
American Authors v Mein Kampf  
Christians v Thumpers  
Benjamins v Bitcoin  
Thank You v Bone Spurs  
Bud Light v Tesla  
Mexicans v Afrikaans  
Choice v Women 2 the back of Bus, again  
Due Process v Tattoos  
Step by Step v Golden Escalator  
2 Dolls w/ no hair, eyes or clothes' v \$400M Plane  
Gulf of Mexico v Gulf of America  
The Boss v The Don  
Traveling out of the Country? I would not tell the cook you're from the US  
Give a bully your lunch money today.... he'll be back tomorrow  
Agent 86 Maxwell Smart says, Deep State working hard to Expose Agent 47  
Kiss my split cheeks or Kiss the Ring  
Best part of "living the Dream" in these times.... Can't Deport Me  
3 1/2 more years of this?

In the 1960s I went through correction for being a left handed female that was considered a birth defect in girls. Well I come from a family of left handed people. Despite the correction I still think left handed, use my left hand. My cousin also a female born at the same time I was went through far more correction as a left handed girl. Her hand was broken on purpose by a doctor where that was thought to rewire her brain to be normal. She would get screamed at by teachers and her knuckles rapped with rulers as correction therapy. Polite well bred females from good families do not use their left hand to write was what the teachers said. We were told that left handed girls was a sign of poverty, poor education and mental defect. Our family were more than left handed people. Many were artists and highly skilled craftsmen. We were different and born that way.

Trump is such a more on.

This is from the same mind that brought you, "if you stop tracking COVID cases, then COVID just magically 'goes away.'" It's maladjusted four-year-old logic.

I am so sick of these people only caring about what happens to them directly and not giving a crap about anything else only when it affects them directly do they care

50%:of Americans cannot read or write above the 6 Grade level:This administration seems to want to make it worse Not better

Lisa: Stop the Dictatorship! If you want a Putin, go to Russia. If you want a Kim Jung Un, got to North Korea. Our country is so much better than this 😞. I want our US Constitution. I want our freedom of speech. I want equality and inclusivity. I want our freedom of religion. I

want checks and balances. I don't want a congress and a judicial system who cower and cater to a false idol, willing to ignore the wants of their constituents, just to receive a little praise of their false god and to avoid his retaliation . I don't want a ruler who demands unwavering loyalty, no matter what evil he commits. I want a leader who can't be bought by money and shiny planes from those who want undeclared favors. I want America back!

5-25-25

He is blaming problems caused by wealth inequality all on feminism.

"We had a woman VP" but y'all treated her like shit.

many women are choosing not to have children or be married and are very happy

Charlie Kirk seemed like he was defending the Handmaid's tale to non-Americans and got roasted.

As an Army veteran myself, remember this cadets: Your oath is to the Constitution of the United States, not to some fascist dictator President who is a domestic enemy.

West Point graduates would do well to remember that during the Nuremberg Trials, people who used the defense, "I was only following orders" met with a rather harsh fate.

The last great GOP president and 5 star general that ended 2 wars quickly was against wasting money on war mongering and warned against greedy low lifes looking to profit from it. That was Eisenhower, who had 92% tax rate for the richest.

Republicans are no longer the party of fiscal conservatism. They're the big spenders, and their plan is to spend on tax cuts for wealthy people and their corporations and make the little people pay for it. I haven't heard about a dime being allocated to pay down the deficit or the debt. Is that what MAGA voters wanted to see?

Blame the American voter. The debt didn't hit 1 trillion until Reagan's 1st full year in office 1981. In Trump's 1st year in 2017 it 20 trillion for the 1st time. It was all tax cuts by both parties and Bush's middle east wars. Now yearly interest is higher than our debt was for our 1st 200 years as a country. Tax cuts for the rich? Double and triple their taxes until the debt is pre Reagan era again. Tax income for social security up 500k. Fix 2 problems at once.

**NO TAX CUTS DURING DEFICIT.**

5-26-25

It's a good thing George Washington and his cohorts didn't bow to the more powerful British. Sometimes one has to fight for what's right, no matter what the odds are.

Ukraine could certainly get peace by surrendering to the Russian invader and that seems to be what Trump wants. I suppose it would have saved lives if we had never rebelled against Britain, if we had just let the Germans keep Europe and skipped WWII, and if we just turned the other cheek after Pearl Harbor. So far, Trump's plan seems to be undercut Ukraine so they have little choice but to surrender rather than being able to negotiate through strength.

Trump was never right on Ukraine. His only plan was to appease Putin and basically hand the Kremlin's war criminal Ukraine on a silver platter and implied as much BEFORE any attempt at negotiations. As a result , Putin just wants more & more when actually he's in rather desperate straights , with stagnation militarily and a shaky economy.

I miss the days when we had leaders that consistently pointed to and rallied our better selves, even if I didn't agree with their every policy. I was able to respect that. We were better off for it. We should do that again.

Whatever happened to “dignity” and our President projecting traits of a role model? Now, it’s how low can you go.

We're not having elections again. Project 2025 made that clear, and it is almost 80% complete. The latest budget bill includes a provision that courts will no longer be able to enforce their judgments, effectively making Trump king. This is all going according to their plans. MAGA is ok with this - remember that.

There was genuine, unwritten rule, respect for each other. Because at the end, its a win win for all.

This is the worst thing we have seen in decades and the gop are happy as well with it, after all, with trump giving billionaires tax breaks and dont care what happens to anyone else.

It is sad to say but I am seriously considering that it is time to fly our flag in the distress mode. Under attack mode, We have gone so far backwards that it is insane. The world laughs at us, 40% of our citizens actually believe that trump is helping them out with his decisions, and they don't realize the amount of money that he is pocketing from all of this. Total corruption right in front of our eyes and they cheer for more. Reality is going to set in soon and we will see those 40% quickly turn.

How unfit is Trump to be the POTUS. It seems that every day he shows the world. I hope some of the MAGAs can finally see what the world is seeing !

5-27-25

It is clear our democracy is under attack. I read from time to time that many in the GOP don't agree with what is going on in Washington but fear the consequences of pushing back. Seems to me, if our government is for the people by the people and those in congress are elected to make and enact laws they should be moving to impeach President Trump. They have the numbers if they band together. Trump would have no recourse and we could be done with him once and for all. The Republican Party needs to get a spine. We either save our country or kiss it goodbye because Trump is on a roll, he is well organized and is steamrolling over our democracy, ignoring rulings, making business deals in addition to running the country. He ignores due process and constantly threatens the constitution. He is out to destroy great Universities, reduce medical research and cut back critical funding all while expanding the nation's debt. It's time somebody did something, and it is the congress who should step up.

And if they don't start standing up for the people and the country, they need to be voted OUT next year. We are in an impossible situation here and if things don't start turning around our democracy and our country will be done.

The blood of dead Ukrainian civilians is on MAGA hands now. Putin didn't escalate things under Biden because Biden would answer with increased sanctions and increased aid. Trump does nothing but talk about his surprise one time, disappointment another time, frustration the next time and anger the time after that. But still Trump takes no action. Trump and MAGA are pissing off THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

When Trump was elected, I was wondering when this moment was going to come.

I also wondered how many MAGA supporters genuinely believed in Trump's promise to end the war on Day One with his Special Dealmaking Powers. (Or was it before Day One?)

I want this war to end, and it's sad to see ordinary Ukrainian and Russian soldiers die because Putin's territorial ambitions. But, of course, I keep wondering what the MAGA diehards thought was going to happen.

Wait. What?

MAGA, faced with a choice of supporting the US president or the Russian president, the fellow who started a war of aggression against Ukraine and began and maintained it with attacks on civilians, is split between whether to support the US or Russia?

This confirms a lot of that we suspected about the MAGA supporters.

-(VOTE Midterms 2026)-

Long overdue for huckster Trump to "put up, or shut up."

Hands down, the worst president in U.S. history...

No one does derangement and denial better than the tariff king.

One of the biggest celebrations in U.S./global history will occur when the orange stain has been removed...

Disastrous Trump administration predictably self-imploding...

MAGA cult misfits who voted for the buffoon, got us into this mess...and they're still clueless.

Time for the grifter and his circus to pack it up...

Trump's "Final" Term Ends in: 1334 days (if not sooner)...The pathological liar and convicted felon is not well; imperative he steps down/vacates the office of president. Unfortunately, as is and has been readily evident in the inept Trump, we have an unhinged, deluded school yard bully and dictator wannabe who's in a position he's unfit and unqualified to be in. Lacks all common sense and completely out of touch with reality...

It is absolutely amazing that some of these MAGA's think they know Putin well enough to think he is anything but what he is that of a dictator who wants to revive the Soviet Union. It sort of shows why/how Trump has them all in his control. They live in a fantasy and he feeds it.

A criminal should not have the power to pardon other criminals.

The power to pardon needs to be stripped from the Presidency.

So, who's next for a pardon? Jared Fogel? Nothing would surprise anyone anymore.

Character matters, and now we're on the brink of an Autocracy!

Just making things up do not make them facts

Trump is starting to get carried away. How do you pardon people who did what they did? I generally support him, but this is really stupid, and it's not the first stupid thing he's done. By the midterms, all the good vibes that helped get him elected will be totally gone. He is setting his party up for a big downfall with some of his foolishness.

It seems that in order to be pardoned by Trump is that you prove you are a liar, fraudster or self dealer. If you can meet those requirements Trump will love you as he wants people like himself to be allowed to break all the rules and get away with it.

What I extremely dislike seeing Trump-supporters do is "sane-wash" Trump and his cruel, sadistic actions. They dismiss what he's done or just ignore it. How insanely infuriating! As long as he is against abortion, MAGA is fine with whatever Trump does even if they (may) recognize that he isn't a good person let alone a Christian.

5-28-25

Wall Street is beginning to understand the president's roller-coaster foreign trade decisions with the help of a trendy acronym: TACO—or "Trump Always Chickens Out."

TACO Trump? President lashes out at 'Trump Always Chickens Out' talk. Hilarious.

Anyone selling TACO hats yet? I'll buy one!

Trump is so tough he's letting Putin walk all over him.

What a snowflake.

Just like his deplorable base, he does nothing but attack others and spew venom.

But when any comes his way, he clutches his pearls and says everyone's so mean to him.  
I can't believe the MAGA base are such simps for him. Absolutely pathetic.

He's a Karen and a TACO at the same time. I'm surprised he didn't ask to see that reporter's manager. DON'T YOU KNOW HOW I AM?

Goodbye due process, the new battle cry is now taco.

We have a 4-year-old in the Oval Office who runs off and sulks whenever anyone disagrees with him.

TRUMP  
ALWAYS  
CHICKENS  
OUT  
TACO!

and dodges the draft!

Trump represents the Seven Deadly Sins: pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth. He has ZERO redeeming qualities.

Trump is creating as much chaos as possible to hide what he's doing with our money. He's giving tax breaks to the wealthy, gutting benefits to handicapped, old, and children, destroying the government in the name of saving money but we're going to be in more debt with his bill.

You mean, after they fired all the Inspector's General who were investigating his companies. Disbanded 4 different regulatory departments investigating his companies. Then paid off the DOJ to not inquire into anything he was doing in any of his 7 companies.

Yeah, it really didn't work out for Elon at all.

Best \$270million anyone has ever spent.

He may be gone, but the damage he did will last for decades, and some of it is permanent.

5-29-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "White House's 'Make America Healthy Again' report cites nonexistent studies."

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said Wednesday he's planning to ban government scientists from publishing in established medical journals,

These journals include JAMA and others that have been internationally used for centuries, they are peer reviewed and highly regarded. He wants only government scientists under his control to be published.

Now we know why. No peer review, no need for ethics and accuracy, which is in line with all the Trump policies.

I think lie addiction is a real thing. MAGA loves the lie.

I expect nothing less from this administration, lies and misinformation is the standard.

Amazing how every other president has been able to move forward with their agendas without needing all American universities to "go along with what the administration is trying to accomplish."

Didn't Trump make the Dept. of Ed. a non-entity department, so Ed. Sect. comment doesn't mean anything.

The same Republican hypocrites who self-righteously complain about "indoctrination" in schools are now, apparently, attempting to extort America's universities into conforming with and submitting to Trump's brand of Fascism.

What Linda McMahon advocates is not education, but fascism. What RFK Jr. advocates isn't health, but fascism. There's no need in listing all of Trump's cabinet, but in every instance, it isn't the support under the Constitution for their appointed areas, but for a transition from democracy to fascism. They call it a democratic mandate, but they interpret Trump's election to be a mandate for fascism. "He told you he'd be a dictator on day one." I'm just not sure that Americans knew that meant giving up their rights under the Constitution.

Trump was projecting as usual.

Every accusation is a confession.

Funny how republicans always wear a cross so prominently, and talk about God and Christian values, but then legislate totally opposite. I'm not a religious person, but the way he and his teachings have been described to me, he would have nothing to do with trump or republicans

Trump is NOT right in the head! People thought Biden was not well. Biden may have had issues speaking but Trump has issues with anger, vengeance, lying, cheating and greed. Going against the constitution and the world of God. He uses God when it suits him but the man cannot tell you anything about the bible, what his favorite verse is and never goes to church. I stand with the Pope, someone who's devoted his life to God.

How are "Christians" so easily fooled by this guy?

Every lesson in the bible is about not being like Trump.

Maga folks are fake Christians. They try to use the bible as a shield to cover their racism and hate.

Do they honestly think Jesus would be on Trumps side?

5-30-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Blames 'Mental Anguish and Confusion' for Rejecting \$15M CBS Offer."

The court should throw it immediately this is a blatant use of presidential power. It is a clear conflict of interest. If a sitting president can't be sued for a potential criminal act, then he shouldn't be allowed to sue for cases that happened when he was not yet president.

Allowing him to do so is a mockery of justice.

President Donald Trump and House Republicans have figured who and what causes "fraud, waste, abuse" and raises the national debt. We should have known all along. It's the poor, elderly and children ripping us off! Just look at Medicaid and food stamps.

Fortunately, the wealthy will be rewarded for being wealthy; they receive more!

Thus, we now have a big, beautiful budget.

Conservatives, help us out; What is it called when someone loves giving snide nicknames to people yet cries when they get one themselves?

It would be SO interesting to find out how many of the people who end up being negatively effected by this bill voted for the politicians and lawmakers who are pushing it. Not that we'll ever know, but boy would that be a fascinating data point.

Typical, tone deaf GOP moment. They truly don't care whether you live or die. I'd say the French Revolution is a relevant cautionary tale, but none of them have the slightest understanding of history (or anything else, really).

Earlier this month, Sen Josh Hawley, hardly a "woke" democrat, wrote in a New York Times op-ed that slashing health care for the working poor "is both morally wrong and politically suicidal."

“Republicans need to open their eyes: Our voters support social insurance programs,” Hawley wrote. “More than that, our voters depend on those programs.”

He cited concerns about the impact the House bill’s Medicaid provisions — most notably a freeze on provider taxes — would have on rural hospitals.

Most of the GOP are cruel and evil. MAGA loves to call free medical "socialist", yet they would be the biggest beneficiaries. They have fallen prey to the GOP propaganda and lies. They refuse to look at the rest of the civilized world to see socialized medicine working. The idea of American exceptionalism has only led to a wide swath of America that has become too lazy to learn, and they only listen to politicians. Who was the last honest politician. Wouldn't it be great if they started to listen to experts that don't rely on lies to be reelected?

Actually, Congress would have to pass TWO amendments: One revoking the 22nd Amendment (no more than two Presidential terms) and ANOTHER amendment re-defining how many terms a President may have (three? four? unlimited?) and under what conditions.

"Support" is a squishy word. Just because a members of Congress say they "support" a third term from Trump doesn't mean they'd actually vote for it. They would need a 2/3 majority in the House and a 2/3 majority in the Senate. THEN they would need 34 states to ratify the amendments. And that could take a LONG time--much longer than Trump will likely have on this earth.

Trump is a lame-duck President. Make your peace with that, whatever side of the aisle you're on. The best we can do is minimize the damage he is causing while waiting for him to finish his term or to leave this earthly life.

America electing Trump to this term was the biggest mistake in American history. He will likely be removed from this term no later than the midterms if not sooner. The man is a criminal, and we should pass an amendment to not elect a criminal. Especially when he continues to do illegal things that our being called out by the judicial system!!

**TACO is at it again.. collapse the economy and allow billionaires to buy real estate and businesses at a discount..**

One thing that Trump has absolutely no control over is history; and it won't be kind to him.

5-31-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): “GOP Senator Joni Ernst on Fears Medicaid Cuts Will Lead to Deaths: ‘We All Are Going to Die’.”

No trillion dollar cut in the government and yet still Billionaires will get a two trillion dollar tax cut bill and ADD TO THE DEFECIT. Way to go Republicans! By the Way; The Tariff taxes will be paid by the Consumer, along with the Wholesale and Retailer markups, which means that working class Americans really will be paying more taxes and higher prices for goods and services, but still have lower wages, and less government services.

Nothing says I'm a good Christian like denying poor people health care and food. These people just take the cake

"...THIS is your brain on MAGA. Any questions?"

Lt Governor in Texas Dan Patrick said that COVID restrictions should be lifted during the pandemic because older people should be willing to sacrifice their lives for a stronger economy for our grandchildren. Personally, I think my grandsons preferred wearing masks and keeping me and their great grandmothers around. What happened to principled Republicans like Senator McCain? The current party is vile.

Indivisible and a coalition of pro-democracy partner organizations announced the NO KINGS Nationwide Day of Defiance on Flag Day (June 14). The actions are set to take place during Donald Trump's military parade in Washington, D.C., on June 14. Instead of allowing this military parade to be the center of gravity, activists will make action everywhere else the story of America that day.

Right wing evangelical Christian fundamentalism is a helluva drug. The Pope should step in and speak up, it would only take a few words.

6-1-25

I'm all for people working, but there are valid reasons why some can't. There are way too many variables to lump every one into one category.

What concerns me is who is going to determine if a person is "able-bodied" enough to work. There are all sorts of disabilities out there that render a person unable to work. I agree that people should be working, that's it good for them to work, but I've also seen the people who are working, still making nothing but poverty-level wages, who are deemed to be making too much money to qualify for Medicaid. What happens then?

I know a lot of MAGAs. They are the biggest bunch of cry babies in the country. Hands down. It's not my problem some of them refused to get up with the times and would rather wallow in self-pity about being left behind. As my Depression Era grandparents would have said to them, "Friggin' grow a set and stop whining".

OH BOO HOO!

America got what it voted for. It got scammed by a highly financed rightwing propaganda machine and now must suffer the consequence for being so absolutely gullibly stupid..

It's hard to fault one crazy old man for being crazy. It's the people that put him in power and keep him there that concern me the most.

Millions of us voted for Trump's business and negotiating skills. Just because YOU can't play chess several layers deep does NOT mean that Trump can't.

Odd that you mention nothing of all the Lawfare used against this man- and all of you TDS haters were mute as church mice in defending any of us for our choice, our support of ending corruption in this country.

You rail against DOGE finding wasteful spending. You flip out over people coming here illegally being escorted out ... with an invitation to come back-- legally.

Millions of us voted for EXACTLY what President Trump is trying to do to restore our Republic. Y'all have been lied to for decades by both sides of the aisle.

The complicit media told you to hate this man on your tv sets and phones. They fed you lies like pablum and WOW did it work! You fools are so blinded by hate that you cannot even allow the medicine to be administered.

SHAME on every one of you haters, D's or R's for your ignorance and arrogance! If Jesus soon does judge America harshly, it will be richly deserved.

Killing babies in the womb and not supporting Israel will be two reasons Jesus should smite us! Jesus knows exactly what he is doing with President Trump. Maybe you could ask Jesus for some help in discernment because to millions of us it is CLEAR that the haters are taking on an evil assassination mentality!

May Jesus Christ REBUKE anyone with this evil mindset!

“trump defense syndrome”? You have it bad.

oh gods... the “4D chess” argument!

It's astonishing to run into people that believe that clear and obvious cognitive decline and rambling, barely literate tweets and speeches are the product of "4D chess".

6-2-25

During the Reagan administration, Republicans lowered income tax rates while SWEARING that those cuts would pay for themselves due to increased economic activity.

What happened?

During W's administration, Republicans doubled down on the "trickle down" LIE (in SPITE of ALL evidence to the contrary about them paying for themselves) lowered income tax rates AGAIN and SIMULTANEOUSLY invaded two foreign countries after LYING about the reasons for doing so and while keeping the costs of those two wars off the books.

What happened?

During Trump's first reign of terror the "fiscally conservative" Republican party, once AGAIN, lowered income tax rates because, AGAIN, in SPITE of ALL evidence to the contrary, they CLAIMED that those cuts would pay for themselves. To boot, Trump campaigned on the PROMISE that, if elected, he would ELIMINATE the national debt over the course of the next four years.

What happened?

Now, the Republican party is AGAIN going to do the SAME EXACT thing because, fourth time is a charm?

Anyone who votes for a Republican after 40 years of EVIDENCE demonstrating that they increase the national debt FAR more than their Democratic Party counterparts is INSANE or simply LOVES debt!

Wasn't trump president from 2016 to 2020, why didn't he fix the border problem then? Kicked the can down the road and now he has fixed nothing... EOs are temporary solutions, until congress acts, no President can resolve the problem for good. trump may not know this, Miller, Thiel, P2025, say it is okay though, you just grab the power and unilaterally do it.... Since we are still democracy, until congress comes up with a bi-partisan solution, the problem remains..

Oh, of course—how silly of us to think otherwise! Every single bad thing that happens? Totally the Biden Administration's fault. Stub your toe? Biden. Rain on your barbecue? Biden. But if anything, good happens—like your toast landing butter-side up—that's clearly the genius of the TACO Administration at work. Truly, a masterclass in selective credit-taking!

"Yesterday's horrific attack in Boulder, Colorado, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED in the United States of America," unless, of course, the act of terrorism was at the nation's capital at the behest of Trump. Then it is ok.

**The GOP says this all the time and in the end, 3 will vote against the bill and Vance will sweep in and get it passed....But it's a nice try by the right wing....**

If OUR Senators don't take a meat ax to this horror of a bill we are going to get the King we've always dreaded. There is a section that legally permits the Executive branch to ignore the Judiciary = the end of the American way of life. Equal branches until Trump.

The GoP's PROBLEM is that a SIGNIFICANT portion of their population is on Medicaid, and dying voters is a BAD LOOK...

America voted for this. They brushed off all the warnings as fearmongering. So, here we are!

6-3-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump FEMA Boss Baffles Staff with Bonkers Hurricane Comment." Donald Trump's FEMA chief left his staff scratching their heads when he said he was unaware that the U.S. has a hurricane season.

What responsible government public servant jokes about hurricanes? It is one who is unqualified, without substance, who thinks serving citizens is a joke. Just like everyone else Trump has appointed.

Trump and his bunch have such a great sense of humor. So funny. From acting like disasters are no big deal and telling people about to lose their health care that we are all going to die. Such a funny bunch. Never a dull moment.

In 2026 there will be midterms, that can change the majority in congress. It's a chance for us to elect candidates who will do their jobs. Trump should be impeached and removed from office.

The GOP refuses to do it. It's up to the voters.

Headline should be "Trump blasts Rand Paul for using his own brain." GOP has lost all credibility. They talk fiscal responsibility and then get in power and all just cave to the Orangeman for fear of this type of retaliation. GOP has allowed Trump to become King by blindly going along with anything he says because they are afraid. I voted Trump but did not vote for a King. This stuff needs to stop. This budget is completely irresponsible.

Plenty of us knew that the goal was never for DOGE to meaningfully cut spending. It was to target programs conservatives don't like and provide a smokescreen for tax cuts much larger than the actual savings.

Trump Defender Syndrome seems pretty serious to me. It shows that some people simply REFUSE to see the truth about Trump.

So the extremely obvious prediction that Musk and Trump would last 3-4 months before they got into a huge fight and broke was, in retrospect, pretty much 100% correct

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Hegseth orders US navy to strip Harvey Milk name from ship amid Pride month."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "After DOGE firings White House asks new job seekers to write Trump loyalty essays, from lawyers to janitors."

So what happened to merit based hiring. Trump is hiring ppl not based on merit and skills but based on loyalty to Trump and political ideology. Only MAGA need apply.

How do you advance Trumps executive orders and defend the Constitution at the same time. Those are two completely different and opposite actions.

I cannot even express in words the level of disgust I feel. If I was a young working professional, I would be taking my family and moving to Canada, or any other place that would have me. Lots and lots of Germans did that in the thirties. They were the smart ones. Thank God people like Einstein saw the writing on the wall.

This is exactly Project 2025. Doge got rid of the current, experienced employees, and is replacing them with loyalists.

Remember that EVERYTHING beyond this point in time is SOLELY on trump and republicans. So....this time next year when we have been suffering the worst recession in decades, services to the working / middle class are non-existent, we have NO trading partners or allies, are not trusted around the world, lose our spot as the most innovative, dominant, most resilient economy on the planet, when investment in the U.S. has ceased because of the instability, IT'S ALL ON TRUMP....NO blaming Biden and Obama anymore.

Eradicating the stain of the present administration will take some time, but it will happen - and future generations will look back in wonder at this unhappy blip in time.

I'm reminded of McCarthyism. History will not be kind to the Trump administration and the MAGA zealots that enabled their regime.

6-4-25

This article makes the situation sound somehow like business as usual. When the bill is about increasing the national debt by more than 3 trillion dollars over the next 10 years (by REPUBLICANS who forever who forever have presented themselves as the party of fiscal accountability, AND will mean 10+ millions lower income Americans will lose their healthcare AND will mean a dismantling of government services (and jobs) that countless people rely on (except the very wealthy) AND a HUGE tax cut for those same extremely wealthy Americans... wake up people, this is a complete disaster in the making for most Americans!

This is all just noise. The Republicans will eventually pass the bill. The only question is how long will it take? We are a long way away from the Tea Party Republicans. Everyone will make as much noise as possible, but in the end it will pass.

When I hear Mike Johnson spew nonsense about all the able-bodied young men on Medicaid - knowing 95% are seniors, disabled vets, single moms, mentally handicapped, and homeless people, while promoting tax cuts for the richest - pretending this won't increase the deficit and tank the economy - I can't help but think the G. O. P wants a depression!

This is war on the American family. As bad as our invasion of Iraq, except this time the American poor and middle class will be the victims....so those that already have the lion's share of wealth and income can grab even more. A mortal sin to Americans.

Americans are asleep. Once again, this Congress is bending a knee to Trump. It is so hard to believe that people voted for this. They are about to cut funds that have already been approved that would help the American people, so they can give breaks to the Wealthy.

And call the Left Woke. The irony.

Doesn't sound like the senators really get a choice. If Trump wants it, he and his lackies will twist arms until they snap. This is what happens when a dictator takes over our country.

Vote people. Vote them out and repeal and claw this thing back with every dollar given to them from this taken back. This won't save the lives that will be lost by this though so we should hold them criminally responsible for that too. If a US court won't allow it, show them the same treatment they've been giving people and send them to a foreign prison with no due process. The time for going high when they go low is over! No more playing nice with the RepubKlan.

I hope Republicans are happy with the legacy they will have to explain moving forward. Why did you cut all programs to give a tax cut to the rich over 10 years. I guess those are the real undeserved population of America. Congrats Republicans

At this rate, the Democrats will be running the country at mid-terms. The GOP is going the way of the Dodo.

A truly powerful military wouldn't need a parade to show their power.

Sick irony, millions for a parade using the military.. As they cut vet benefits and services.

Taking away health insurance from the poor so you can give tax cuts to the rich is one of the most monstrously evil things I can imagine.

Trump steps in and revenue is down 82%.

Tesla profits are down 71%.

And these are the people that say they want to show us how to run things.

The Trump Center simply needs new types of programs in order to attract Trump's kind of people. Perhaps a NASCAR Very Short Track race. Or, maybe, a fashion exhibit on the latest in

KKK Robes, with Confederate Flags sewen onto the hoods. Wrestle Mania can use an additional venue, as well. Evangelical book sales, where only the New Trump Bible is displayed and sold could also be a big draw. People would come from all around for these programs!

1/3 of the FEMA workforce slashed. Should be an interesting hurricane season. Good luck Texas and Florida

I bet any lack of response from FEMA this season will be blamed on the last administration. That's how the current administration will be able to play the blame game without paying victims a dime from the federal government.

Any crisis will wreck this media circus of an administration. these people are almost universally unqualified for their jobs and it seems to me their only compass for decisions is to "own the libs". if we have a major hurricane or any other difficult crisis i expect them to fall apart. that's what they do every time. the fake GOP doesn't solve problems, they just blame others

Noem is a Trump loyalist. Nothing else matters. She's a clownish character in Trump's parade of mediocrity and incompetence. Noembo dresses up in her weird costumes, baseball caps and jackets adorned with patches to look like she's on the job when the truth is, she isn't on top of anything. It's embarrassing.

Each and every time they (Trump and company) mess up they blame the media. Anybody else see a pattern here.

What's grotesque is that mostly maga leaning billionaires and corporations can't forgo their giant tax breaks and take one for the team for a change, instead of expecting seniors and the poor on medicaid, medicare and social security to give up much needed benefits to try to balance the budget, which the BBB won't do anyhow.

And the really sick part is that quite a few maga and their relatives will be losing medicaid, medicare and social security so billionaires and corporations can keep their huge tax breaks.

6-5-25

The House's best is an abject failure. When a bill is 1000+ pages with budget irrelevant riders, pork barrel projects, and earmarks, something is going to be missed, misinterpreted, covered up, or not read at all. The bill is a slap in the face to all people including those who elected Trump, House Reps, and Senators. Make Congress work for us: Stop rubberstamping an abusive, irrelevant bill--rework the bill and divide it by budgetary relevance.

Trump and Musk are now at war.

-(VOTE Midterms 2026)-

Trump's "Final" Term Ends in: 1324 days (if not sooner)...

Hands down, the worst president in U.S. history...

No one does derangement and denial better than the tariff king.

One of the biggest celebrations in U.S./global history will occur when the orange stain has been removed...

Trump Derangement Syndrome is when someone acknowledges a truth about something Trump did wrong. I take it as a compliment.

So no pretending anymore- federal grants and immigration status literally depend on being nice to trump. Do even hardcore Maga think that is how our system is meant to work??

No more mask, no more myth—Trump made it plain: loyalty is currency, and dissent costs your citizenship. Federal funding and legal status are now prizes in a loyalty game. If this were happening in another country, MAGA would call it tyranny. Here, they call it Tuesday.

If Trump is on the Epstein List, does anyone else wonder why whoever was running the country during the Biden Administration didn't release the list? If the list would have been released in October last year, Trump most likely, wouldn't have won the election. Suspect that there are quite a few members of Congress, governors, and mayors on that list also.

2000% tariff on Tesla coming soon.

This is going to get good and nasty.

Typical administration #45 & # 47. Chaos and dysfunction, inner bickering and mutual humiliation. As is the presidency so is the nation. When will the people start to care? People actually voted for this clown... twice.

This is HILARIOUS!!!

Trump has now publicly threatened a US citizen for utilizing his free speech.

Isn't that the textbook example of the government's violation of Musk's 1st amendment rights? the fascists are imploding ....let's add some fuel

I sure hope the tariffs don't disrupt the supply chain for popcorn.

What a disgrace to the United States. But, keep talking guys! So far today we have Musk admitting that he may have 'helped' Trump win the election in a underhanded way. We have Musk divulging that while digging through the business of EVERY American, he discovered Trump's involvement with Epstein and his perversity. We now have our President admitting that he is operating a pay to play administration.... Just keep talking guys, keep on talking... And MAGAs, thanks, you created this.

Christians who voted for Trump already demonstrated they have no morals, but there can be no ignoring this

6-6-25

Protest Sign #1: Trump's actions are not legal, not normal, not ethical, not moral, not Christian, not lawful, not OK.

Protest Sign #2: America is not okay.

Protest Sign #3: I don't have enough signs for how angry I am.

Protest sign #4: "YOU SHOULD BE SICK AND TIRED OF IT, TOO!"

Protest sign #5: How do you explain to your children and grandchildren that you did nothing to stop this insanity? Seriously.

Protest sign #6: "Trump stole our flag. We're stealing it back!"

JUST IN - Rep. AOC on Elon Musk and President Trump: "Hoh, man. The girls are fighting, aren't they?"

"These 2 huge egos were not long for being together in this world as friends."

Hail President TACO-PEDO!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "A West Virginia prosecutor is warning women that a miscarriage could lead to criminal charges."

6-7-25

Republicans believe that it's ok to cut Medicaid, Medicare and a whole host of safety net programs for children, women, seniors and minorities, along with educational programs to help the disadvantaged. All this to make the rich richer. Republicans tell us not to worry about these cuts because we are all going to die. And yet the believe that this great Country is Christian only. I recall something about the separation of church and state being important. There should be

public prayers in the halls of our government. Silent prayer, ok. Advocating 1 religion over others is against our Constitution.

America was founded on the principle of religious freedom, enshrined in the First Amendment to the Constitution. This amendment guarantees the right to practice any religion, or no religion at all, and prohibits the government from establishing a national religion. While some founding figures held Christian beliefs, the Constitution itself is secular and does not mention Christianity or Jesus Christ.

So, there's that.

It is funny watching the right lose their collective sh\*t after supporting Musk and making fun of the left for freaking out when DOGE started. Trump usually has the upper hand to turn on someone but when you have Musk's wealth, he could care less. He doesn't need Trump.

The Trump administration doesn't even bother to make intellectually consistent arguments because they know that their supporters won't bother to critically analyze them.

Trump's good. Fauci, Biden, and Hillary are bad. Trump supporters will accept any argument that supports these preconceptions, even if it contradicts the argument they were making a few minutes before — which is how we can have completely contradictory arguments in defense of the tariffs, or how the strong stock market is Trump's every time it goes up and Biden's the next day when it goes down.

6-8-25

Kym Murphy: In the years I taught English with Welcoming the Stranger, I got to know dozens of immigrants and refugees who came to the US from places all over the world. Many were escaping war-torn countries or corrupt governments. Some came here of their own volition. The one thing they had in common was a belief that life would be better for their families here, and they've worked hard for that to happen. They believed more in the American dream of possibility, safety, and upward mobility than any natural-born Americans I know.

I'm seeing so many otherwise smart and well-meaning Americans buying into hateful rhetoric about immigrants, including who is or isn't "legal." The lies being told about "illegal" immigrants crumble under the slightest scrutiny, but they make an easy scapegoat for our country's issues while the real problems persist. And the cruelty with which immigrants have been treated — even those who are trying to legally earn their residency or citizenship — honestly makes me feel ill.

National borders are man-made and arbitrary. No one has control over where they were born, nor under which circumstances they are forced to uproot their lives. It's really heartbreaking to see the lack of empathy for fellow human beings, especially from people who claim to be religious and are descendants of immigrants themselves.

How did we get to this place where kindness and empathy are considered weaknesses? Is this really the example we are setting for the next generation?

I'm not a particularly religious person these days, but I've always liked this bible verse that happened to inspire the name of Welcoming the Stranger (Matthew 25:31-46). Make of it what you will!

I wish President Trump had reacted to 1/6 as forcefully as he's responding to the protests in California.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" will add \$2.4 trillion to the deficit, and that is even before you consider interest costs. This bill puts the US

closer to a national default on its debt. The numbers don't lie, even if all the Republicans talking about it are.

There are 813 US billionaires today. In 1970 there were 5. Billionaires in the US hold 6.72 trillion in wealth. The ten richest billionaires increased their wealth by 365 billion in the past 12 months. They pay a tax rate of 8.2 percent with the average American paying 13 percent. The debt is estimated to increase 2.4 trillion with the Big Beautiful Bill, and this is with 10.9 trillion Americans losing health care and the wealthy getting another tax cut? Vote them out.

The average billionaire, counting in the VAST SUBSIDIES they get from governments, is paying between 1% and 3% today. And this bill will lower it even more.

“What we’re trying to do is help hardworking Americans who are trying to provide for their families and make ends meet,” Johnson insisted.

Said with a straight face. How does he do that?

**The Christians want the country to be run by taliban like leaders. Authoritarians**

Conservative American values are the biggest hypocritical institutions on the planet. They speak of their high moral values but rarely live them. These people are the most dangerous in the country.

let's get some maga-themed entertainment in there, tractor pulls, monster cars, UFC, and line dancing!!!

Ironic that the opening show is Les Miserables. It portrays a revolution of the downtrodden poor against the ruling class of well to do Parisians. Does anyone else see a common denominator here? This whole Kennedy Center takeover thing is a huge tragedy for those of us who like to celebrate other cultures!

The insurrectionist mob who tried to overturn the government on J6 wasn't enough to invoke the Insurrection Act even though they threatened to hang the vice president. However, Trump has no qualms about escalating a protest by deploying the military.

The 1/6 projection and false equivalency are staring us right in the face. ICE protesters are not insurrectionists. Trump is a fascist liar, not even a good one, who spreads hate and fear, and seems to really want violence against his "enemies". He promised us retribution, and for once he's keeping his word. Now he's about to use the military against US citizens and residents opposed to his gestapo tactics. What's next - another Kent State or worse?

Yes. Those two dozen people protesting in LA are sure scary. Send in the Air Force, send in the Army, send in the Navy.

Come on now Don is what 79. Has poor eating habits lots of greasy fried food and cokes, gets little sleep and no exercise except for hopping on and off his golf cart. When my husband who was a business man played I insisted he walk the back nine but to be fair I actually cared about his health. Any little misstep President Biden made was blown up like some kind of a disaster, at least he was in good shape and rode a bicycle. In all fairness we really need younger people. There is plenty of talent out there and hopefully we will get somebody like Pete Buttigieg or Andy Beshear both in their 40's. Time to give another generation a chance. On thing is for sure they could not possibly mess things up any worse than we have.

**Christians voted for an orange American Caligula. “Christian” Caligula.**

6-9-25

Noem is now in the Cabinet and will say and do whatever Trump instructs her to do. She is not an independent thinker and clearly not a student of our Constitution. She just wants her image in

the Press as much as possible while she demonstrates her unwavering loyalty to the man who would be king.

This is typical Autocratic posturing. Exploit an already volatile situation making it even more volatile convincing people that only HE can solve the problem. That way he can get people used to the Military in the streets controlling the masses. After that it becomes a small step to conduct the voting and ballot counting in elections. Now I am not saying any one person is thinking that far in advance (especially if that have a habit of not reading anything) but bannon, stone and the writers of the "Project 2025" plan collectively would be vary capable. So who is in control and to what means.

Distraction is the point.

Deflection is the point.

Inciting violence is the point.

The cruelty is the point

Installing fear is the point

Overthrowing democracy is the point

And if you couldn't stop Trump in four years when he wasn't in power. And had all the criminal charges piling up ..

The odds of getting rid of him now is less than zero.

RIP The Divided States of A

Dumb Fascist

**It's our country. Not trumps.**

Elect a Fascist Regime

Get a Fascist Government

Chaos is the point for TACO don.

Sadly, he IS tearing this country apart.

**"The bar is what I think it is".....that is the MOST dictatorial statement ever.**

The U.S. military is set to temporarily deploy about 700 Marines to Los Angeles while additional National Guard troops arrive in the city, a U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told Reuters on Monday.

We knew this about him for years, and yet he was allowed to run for president.

What a freak show the US has become! Taco Don is not right in his head, just look at him, listen to him, he is a total and utter nutcase! Love from Denmark.

I hear a convicted felon with 34 felonies is talking about law and order.

If anyone was really so invested in law & order he wouldn't be committing all the crimes he's doing and he would be sitting in jail doing his time for 34 felonies.

The Trump regime Gestapo!

This has to be a bad dream .This cannot be reality .If it is, it is hell

As a resident of California, I'll say this much. Time to secede from the union, it's only going to keep getting worse under Trump.

I read two months ago that he wants to declare martial law in April so that he can finally do what he wants. Apparently, that's what he's planning to do now.

Law and order coming from a Lawless President

Statue of Liberty is crying

Full fascism....going nationwide!

It's an American Kim Jong Un

Donald Trump Lord and Savior of the White Race

First, the Trump administration agreed to pay nearly \$5 million to settle a wrongful death lawsuit filed by Ashli Babbitt's family. The lawsuit, brought by her estate and the conservative group Judicial Watch, alleged negligence in her fatal shooting during the January 6, 2021 Capitol riot. The settlement does not include an admission of wrongdoing by the government. Let us remember, she choose to be there, no one forced her. Secondly, whoever shot her was doing their job, which was protecting the capital and the people inside from people who were trying to attempt an insurrection.

Trump has insisted that for everyone's benefit, the nation will have to feel, "some pain", during his administration. In a way, he's right.

Of course, he was talking about economic pain, but now he's using the military to go after protestors. Pain, under Trump, isn't limited to the price for autos or eggs.

By next year's midterm elections, those Americans who voted for Trump but aren't MAGA diehards, will have felt enough pain to change their minds.

If if Blue wave overwhelms the election, and power in Congress is returned to the Democrats, the change will have been worth the pain.

false flag operations are the beginning of creating an environment of military state in the name of keeping law and order... then it becomes a matter of whom the guns get turned on next...

**To all the Trump supporters, a message for you:**

You were a tool cheaply bought, not with dollars but with words. You have outlived your usefulness now that he's back in power, based on your votes and campaign contributions. And, accordingly, you have been discarded.

Unless you're a major corporation or a multi-billionaire, you have no place in Trump's world or plans. He may occasionally toss a bone your way to appease you, but otherwise, you don't even exist within his vision of America.

Him and his Billionaire friends are going to exploit, capitalize and cannibalize this country to make themselves as rich as possible and guess who's going to pay the price... You and everyone else but them.

You knew exactly who he was, you knew the things he said, you knew the kind of person he was because time and time again, he showed the world. From degrading women to degrading POW veterans, from alienating allies that stood with us after 911 and more to cozying up to dictators that threaten the world with war.

You maintained blind loyalty and degraded anyone trying to tell you the truth.

This is on your hands.

**This is your new reality.....**

Now... May the odds be ever in your favor,

Meanwhile here in Florida we have even more Latinos with questionable documents and yet Trump doesnt attack Florida, arizona, Texas or any other, just California because it is the bluest of states. And the National Guard only inflamed tensions, they did not solve any problem. Just a distraction PR stunt by Trump to try and look tough against an imaginary foe. The truth is Trump's vile wild exaggerations about 15 million invading our country was always a big lie. They cant even find one million to deport. also a huge waste of money as is trump's border wall, an outdated way of providing border security in an era where large drones could carry people over any wall. But that is 250 billion down the drain (Trump budget border and ICE spending) which means every person deported costs us about \$250,000, a huge in crease from Obama and Biden who also deported 14 times as many as Trump has including all known criminals.

I am waiting. Waiting for the first shot of live ammunition. Trump wants it so badly. So do the members of his regime. So do his handlers at the Heritage Foundation. I think that they'll all be in for a shock, however. I don't think the public will be cowed into obedience. If they do go that far, I think they'll end up with a full-fledged revolt on their hands.

I am utterly exhausted by his demonic and petulant temperament. MAGA, how can you tolerate him, aside from the fact that he reflects your personality, hopes, and dreams? That is truly sad and pathetic. Karma is approaching in a significant manner, and Trump, along with MAGA and his administration, remain oblivious, still basking in the euphoria of their victory, with their narcissism and arrogance blinding them to the growing intolerance and resistance in the world around them. Trump's statements, which I am certain MAGA will dismiss as fake news, despite him likely having uttered them either aloud or on his social media platforms, serve as a prime example of his penchant for thriving in chaos, confusion, torment, and violence. This situation resembles that of Russia and North Korea, except Kim Jong Un has managed to subjugate all of them, not just one faction of loyalists. Furthermore, why is everything Trump does hypocritical and divisive? What do the terms radical and lunatic truly signify? Trump embodies the very essence of radicalism and lunacy, as well as thuggery. He behaves like a gangster mob leader, a troublemaker inciting purposeful hatred, division, and stress among the American populace. His army of mean-spirited, hostile, and corrupt MAGA supporters is rendering America trashy and ghetto. Congratulations.

How did Trump deal with Right Wing Rioters who he was encouraging to Riot.

When asked what crime Newsom should be arrested for, Trump said, "his primary crime is running for governor because he's done such a bad job." No other President could get away with a statement so far beneath the office in which he holds, but everyone seems to excuse it.

People are angry because ICE was initially presented by Trump and his administration as focusing on illegals with criminal histories and individuals with outstanding deportation orders, but that's not what is happening. ICE is going after anyone who appears to be of hispanic heritage or "looks like an illegal". They are going into businesses, both large and small, schools, state and federal buildings, stores and shopping areas, work sites, and residential areas. They are apprehending, detaining, and in some cases deporting individuals who don't fall into the initial category sold to us. ICE is intentionally concentrating on "blue states" and leaving most "red states" with their high illegal workforce alone, employed in slaughter houses/meat packing, all manner of oil production/manufacturing, and every aspect of the agricultural industry, just to name a few. That's why people are angry about ICE and how it's being delivered.

MAGA so far:

"Small government" actually means Authoritarian state.

Masks are ok to hide ICE and other authoritarian agents from any accountability, but not for protestors, or heaven forbid not for COVID or to keep diseases from spreading.

J6, where they STORMED AND BROKE INTO the U.S. Capitol building, beating up police officers along the way, was "not an insurrection, but a peaceful protest" that did not require the national guard.

"Free speech" for them means "only we can say whatever we want without consequences. But if you say something we don't like, we will threaten and enact violence."

"Free thinkers" = "believe only what we think, or else."

Trump's arrest and convictions were "politically motivated," but not Trump possibly arresting Newsom?

Yeah good luck escaping the Nazi allegations, lolz have fun on the wrong side of history.

I bet you are fine with Bear mace, stun guns, zip ties, the gallows to hang Mike Pence, firearms, a pipe bomb, flag poles to beat police officers who subsequently died from the beatings; more than 100 police officers suffered injuries, including cracked ribs, gouged eyes and shattered spinal disks. All of whom were pardoned - sit down hypocrite!

The GOP remind me of Germany in the early 1930's

GESTAPO U.S.A

We have become a 3rd world country now.... so sad

Trump in 2020: We have to go by the laws. We can't move in the National Guard. We can't move in the National Guard. I can call insurrection, but there's no reason to ever do that, even in a Portland case. We can't call in the National Guard unless we're requested by a governor."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump supports Tom Homan arresting Newsom over California protests."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Can't you just shoot them?' Inside Trump's threat to deal with 'radical left thugs' in America."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "L.A. immigration protests latest: About 700 Marines will deploy to the city in the coming hours, while California sues Trump admin. over National Guard deployment."

6-10-25

Trump has been "cleaning" house in all sections of the government for total loyalty. I just hope the military remembers its oath is to the Constitution and not the president. Unfortunately, Trump has already said he didn't know if he had to go by the Constitution.

90 million people couldn't bother to vote in the last election because "they didn't like either candidate" of "all politicians are the same" are about to forever regret their decision.

There are over 1,500 protests scheduled to take place throughout the country for next Saturday. Trump knows this and he is petrified to find out just how many people are outraged by his policies. That's why he's test running the military, to scare people into staying home. Get out there and keep it peaceful.

So JAn 6th people pardoned; but LA protesters are called insurgents ?????

Johnson, backing Trump's LA actions, says Newsom should be 'tarred and feathered' - - -

Which is how the majority feels about Johnson and Trump. Imagine the reaction that would have caused if Biden said the same thing about them.

For a Christian, Johnson likes to talk violently. If he and the rest of the Republicans had done the job that they were elected to do and not given up all their power to this man, this probably wouldn't be happening because they would have kept Trump within the laws of our Constitution. Now they are abettors.

The army has stated that their cost will be 45 million dollars. now fund all other factors, closed streets; airspace shut down; planes rerouted; barricades transported and placed, police overtime, clean up and other factors other than what a 70 ton tank vibrating on the street. Cost is estimated at 90 million dollars. Now how many of the cuts by trump and DOGE by firing people can be reinstated.

After all, does anybody really want their big birthday celebration disrupted from protesters?

The entire world knows this is for him, and not for the military...

Peaceful protest banned by the TCO (Trump Criminal Organization) to be met with extreme violence. Anyone surprised?

Americans can protest anytime, anywhere they want.

America's first dictator. Sounds like something Kim Jong Un would say.

Fascism is a far-right political ideology characterized by authoritarianism, ultranationalism, and militarism. It emphasizes the supremacy of the nation or race over individual rights, often advocating for a strong, centralized state with a dictatorial leader.

Maybe there should be some transparency on what constitutes waste, fraud and abuse. So far, DOGE has cut a bunch employees and stopped some funding, but no information on what made those employees or funds wasteful, fraudulent, or abusive. If you're cutting, you should be able to articulate why.

It really is getting old and tiresome to read all these hate filled posts regarding a President who has done more for us than any other one in memory. The news media has certainly lowered the bar for what we have out there today compared to those years ago who actually worked for a living just by stating the facts. They were simply not that desperate they had to sensationalize everything they called news.

Have you ever heard of reality?

Honestly, what has he really done to help the "average" Americans?

Sure, it's the medias' fault that he keeps saying things that are factually not true.

Done more for us than any other President in memory. President of what country, Albania? Stop making me laugh.

he has done more to us and more for himself.

I keep hearing about ALL THE GREAT things he has done for US. He has turned most of the world against us, destroyed what was government support systems. THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS COUNTRY IS NOT A BUSINESS, they are in place to HELP AMERICANS. Now his minions are firing top medical professionals so they can cancel Vaccines

CHINA AND RUSSIA ARE CHEERING HIM ON, EVENTUALLY THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT AMERICA ANYMORE. WE WILL ALL BE DEAD.

Look around and see what is happening to this country. How can one possibly defend this criminal. Why is he so attractive to MAGA when he does nothing but hurt them?

He really is clueless too the man doesn't think just speaks like a 6th grader with a D average.

YES, in some households legitimizing stereotypes and making it ok to be openly racist again IS THE GREATEST THING ANY PRESIDENT IN RECENT HISTORY HAS DONE"" so stop being shocked people feel that way. and stop expecting an actual answer to the question we all know the answer too

We don't like his personality, is just the beginning. You need to include his lack of leadership ability, integrity, honor, humility, and honesty. And those are merely a few of his 'personality' flaws.

you bet wrong, normal people don't like his illegal chaos, hiring incompetents to run the government, and a "budget bill" that adds trillions to the debt to name a few nutty things he's done.

This guy is going down in history as the most corrupt, the most incompetent person ever to occupy that office. The shoes are beginning to fall around him. Our judicial system is resisting his attacks on our constitution. His party is beginning to cavil at his more vicious assaults on the rule of law. This is not even a good man, let alone a great man. This is a petulant, vindictive child in an old man's body.

Let's see...he mucked up COVID something fierce first time around. He installed totally unprepared people in high offices. Raised prices even more by tariffs. Trashed old and valued alliances. Fired thousands from their jobs for no good reason and, as he did last time, is on a pace

to be the most expensive president ever. Oh, did I mention enriching himself every chance he got?

Thank you. It is not the media's fault that we have a person who is our president who is unwise, uneducated and not empathetic. It is the voters of the United States. and the folks who stayed home in 2024.

Gotta give it to FOX News, they really keep these people in a misinformation bubble, completely unaware of what is actually happening in this country AND entirely untrusting of anyone that tries to tell them the actual truth. One of the finest forms of brainwashing I've ever seen

Perhaps you should read up on the man. He is worth the outrage.

Trump's like, "Check it out! I have them talking about everything other than how china is eating my lunch, how prices are still going up, how wars are still ongoing, how cuts to medicaid, medicare, and social security are pending, and how I've destroyed relationships with our allies!!"

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Johnson, backing Trump's LA actions, says Newsom should be 'tarred and feathered'."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump warns 'any' protesters at military parade will be 'met with heavy force'."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump wants 20,000 troops to hunt, transport immigrants. Cost estimate: \$3.6 billion."

6-11-25

THIS is the energy that democrats the Congress and Senate need to have, all day everyday! Governor Newsom's address was very POWERFUL!! This is just what people needed to hear!!

This speech was BRILLIANT!!!!

This guy is what we need in a president!!!!

FINALLY someone with BALLS!!! STAND FOR AMERICA!!!!

I'm barely a couple minutes in and he's nailing this. Thank you, Governor Newsom. Put the truth out there and protect everyone. Call it what it is. If they can do it in California, he can do it anywhere else. The constitution and the truth matter.

The reason FEMA exists is because states lacked the resources and expertise to cope with large natural disasters on their own. Those disasters will only intensify as the Trump administration turns its back on actions to deal with climate change which will increase the quantity and intensity of weather events. Not to mention gutting NOAA which will make forecasting weather events much less precise in the future.

Trump won Florida in 2024 with 56.1% of the votes. If he proceeds to dismantle FEMA, Florida's citizens would thereafter bear the cost of cleanup and restoration following each hurricane. It would be forced to change its Constitution and for the first time impose a State Income Tax on residents.

Good. People who voted for him deserve this. People who didn't vote for Kamala because "they're all the same" can finally see that no, they're not, in fact, all the same.

Again, taking our country back to a third world state. Ok if a state government is in charge of their own disasters then the entire state would be taxed heavily to pay for this. Is that a good plan? This guy is so full of meanness and disregard for humanity.

No FEMA? Home owners will default on their mortgages, banks will go bankrupt on defaulted loans, credit cards, and mortgages, huge numbers of homeless people, lack of food and drinkable water ending in country in chaos. The perfect set up for a dictator to be the black knight.

Marine combat veteran Robert Rolls wrote in an opinion piece for the Detroit Free Press: "Some Americans cheer this on. They call it 'law and order,' as if safety is more valuable than freedom. But order without justice is not peace — it is submission. Security without liberty is not safety — it is fear. We don't salute uniforms because they exist — we salute the principles they're supposed to uphold."

Project 2029

Campaign finance reform (ending Citizens United) Limits on how much can be spent on a campaign at every level!,

Universal healthcare,

Term limits for congress and Supreme Court, Supreme Court ethics requirements,

Mandatory prison time for ethics violation for all 3 branches of government,

No stock trading while elected,

Voter bill of rights update the voter rights act,

No presidential immunity the Donald J Trump act which enables any sitting president to be prosecuted for a criminal act! And if a sitting Attorney General refuses to uphold this they can and will be prosecuted as well! With a simple majority in the house and senate!, Balanced budget amendment,

No congressional gerrymandering in any State, End wage caps on Social Security funding,

Truth ethics rules in media with large civil penalties and loss of licenses, Mandatory 5 day work weeks for congress and the president, Mandatory random drug testing for all -congressional, executive, and judicial branch, Constitutional amendment banning felons from holding executive office, Limits on presidential executive orders with bipartisan debate on limits. Or perhaps with immediate Supreme Court rulings on constitutionality before the order is excepted., Pass a high school equivalent civics exam with at least a 90% for all elected officials

It feels like nothing is sacred in this country anymore. We've lost our sense of purpose, and the values that shaped this nation over the past 250 years are being cast aside. One day, history will look back on our generations and hold us responsible for the beginning of this country's decline.

As a retired paratrooper, I am dismayed current soldiers were allowed to jeer and cheer during a political speech attacking political opponents. Clearly violates DoD and DA policies. The Chain of Command is to blame for cowardice as best or encouraging at worst. Shameful. We protect ALL Americans, like the motto: All American Division.

First congress, then SCOTUS now the military. I am completely ashamed of being an american right now.

6-12-25

Trump suggests suspending the Constitution, tries to steal an election resulting in heroic cops getting beaten, and Rand Paul loses respect over not being invited to a picnic?

What I find sad is that he had any respect for him in the first place. He's watched Trump take revenge on numerous political opponents why not members of his own party.

You are not allowed to disagree with our Dear Leader. We now live in a North Korea type country. It only took 6 months for Trump to destroy our Republic, from within.

All anyone needs to know about this bill is that it boosts the debt ceiling another \$4 Trillion.

Every penny WILL be spent. More debt for our grandchildren.

DJT seemingly spends 90% of his time angry and 100% when he's in front of the camera. He is a master at keeping MAGA angry by making up things, attacking others, etc., because that's where they are happy and oblivious.

A surgical approach that targeted true criminals would have been a great option that many people (left leaning me included) would have supported. Yet here we are, with another poorly planned and executed effort by Trump and his crew. If these people would THINK just a little bit before taking actions that are likely to disrupt our nation they might get support from folks beyond their loyalists. This is the same model DOGE followed, with the same results...chaos, confusion, frustration, distrust...and ultimately taking America backwards.

Trump told farmers and everyone else who voted for him that he was going to do this, so I don't know why they're so mad

Many farmers are having second thoughts about how they got used for their vote. Now they have huge problems, but Trump doesn't want to hear it. Many are going to find voting for Trump is the worst thing they ever did to themselves.

Who in their right mind believes that "gang members" are laboring on farms in the hot sun 10 hours a day for low wages and no health or safety measures on their behalf. If this keeps up, farmers will be filing bankruptcy over crops rotted in the fields, the government will have to bail them out, grocery store produce availability will diminish while prices skyrocket. This will affect every single person in America.

I am confused. Farmers For Trump, or Farmers Against Trump? Didn't they sign onto his program voting him in?

What are they complaining about?

Same for other Maga who employed illegal immigrants but had no problem voting trump in.

It's almost ironic when you consider that many of these farmers and business owners who voted for Trump and supported his anti-immigration stance are now the very same ones lamenting the loss of workers to ICE raids. These are the same people who, during the campaign, rallied against immigration, but now they're complaining about the policies that Trump promised to enact. It highlights a glaring contradiction in the MAGA rhetoric: immigrants are blamed for taking American jobs, but when it comes to filling those very jobs, it's clear that many of those "patriotic" MAGA supporters are nowhere to be found in the fields or working in the kitchens. In Florida, for example, we saw an attempt to weaken child labor laws, allowing children to work more hours under harsh conditions. This exposes the hypocrisy in the system—on one hand, immigrants are blamed for labor shortages, while on the other, efforts are made to exploit vulnerable workers, including children. The irony here is too much to ignore: Trump's own policies are hurting the very people who supported him. It's hard not to wonder how long they'll continue to back a man who is so out of touch with the realities of labor needs in the U.S.

This hits very close to home, having lived in a rural, farming area from 1968, until now. Farmers supported Trump, but not for the immigration issue. They did not expect a war with Canada, provider of fertilizer and other farm aids, causing prices on their goods to rise. They did not expect that their visa-held MSFWs (migrant seasonal farm workers) would be at risk of losing their work visas, at the whim of DHS and ICE. These same farmers were hurt during his first term, with workers afraid to come here for their seasonal jobs. His promise to go after criminals, lead to a false sense of security. With others being sent out of the country, even after having worked with our system, it's terrifying. Unemployed people don't want to work long hours, out in the elements, getting their hands dirty. No one to pick crops? What happens next?

I have no sympathy for these farmers and other employers because it's in many cases, what they voted for. The orange menace said this was what he was going to do, so you got what you voted for. And having someone as twisted as Miller calling the shots and demanding 3,000 arrests per

day, this has gone way beyond just going after "criminals" since there were never as many as they claimed in the first place.

It's important to understand that the people who are being removed from courthouses, are immigrants who are trying to follow the law and process to be in America. The court/house they appear at is NOT a federal or state court. It is the Immigration Court that is operated exclusively by and through the US Department of Justice. The WH issued a MEMO to DOJ to take down anyone appearing in immigration court, automatically, by "dismissing their case" with no hearing, just pull their case off the docket, which makes them subject to immediate arrest and removal.

So all you people out here claiming they "need to go through the proper channels" need to know and understand that these deportations are against due process that is afforded to every person who is "present" in the United States. They are doing this so their "numbers" look high when in fact they are violating the U.S. Constitution and destroying the very fabric of our nation. STAND UP - FIGHT BACK.

Donnie and MAGA are learning about what happens when you drastically lie about immigration numbers and the people that supposedly came into the country. When the bad guys don't actually exist, they have to go after others, then weakly spin stories to make it look like it's not their fault. Between Trump's tariffs and deporting the migrant workers he is savaging farmers' livelihoods. This is typical of Trump who never thinks before he acts. Farmers cannot operate or produce without farm workers and not having them will reduce the nation's food supply and cause prices for farm produce from eggs to grains to rise. This benefits no one. Since agribusiness is the main source of income in many red, primarily rural states the question must be asked why so many farmers voted for Trump knowing his attitude towards immigrant and migrant workers. Was it OK to deport not the people he claims were criminals but guest workers as well? Did you really believe Trump would only deport criminals while he would protect your workers given his well-known attitude toward black and brown people. Where have you been since 2016? You don't like woke people, how does sleepwalking help you to feed your family? ...william

6-13-25

Everyday there is something new with this administration. Why? Just why would there be contingency plans to invade Panama or Greenland? Greenland does not want to be a part of the US, and Panama certainly does not want a change in the current control of the Panama Canal. Yet, there is this talk about doing just that. Unbelievable. Some people just don't like peace, and just hellbent on conflict. Whose children are they planning to send to these potential wars.

No, it isn't because every day they create and manufacture a crisis then they lie about it nonstop. There was nothing going on in LA until ICE showed up and began accosting people at their jobs and then this administration played the doom and gloom card and pretended and lied about LA being in total chaos and unrest when that was not even remotely true.

Trump would not pull this stunt in NY and you can probably guess why. He's mad that he never won an Emmy for "The Apprentice" so he decided to retaliate.

He is a power hungry, money hungry man. Congress and the Court system need to get some control over him or get him out.

Meanwhile, let's look at the Big Beautiful Bill. Deflection, deflection, deflection. That's what the Republican Party is all about. We already went through this months ago with Greenland and Panama. This is about the rich getting richer and us bowing down to them.

But all the Trumpies before the election were singing praises about his ability to end the Ukraine war and bring us peace and prosperity....

Now the Middle East is flaring up, there's talk of military action in Greenland and Panama, troops are on the streets of LA, and the war in Ukraine grinds on...and Mexico still hasn't paid for the wall.

Captain Chaos at it again if it's not tariffs and disrupting the economy, it's invading a foreign country when Trump can't even run this country well.

There WAS a deal worked out under Obama, and by all accounts, Iran was abiding by it. Trump unilaterally revoked it in his first term for little other reason than it was enacted by "Obamna." After that, Iran went ahead with their program -- why should they trust the U.S. after that? Ultimately, this is all in Trump's lap -- the "president of peace."

The President who claimed over and over, "None of these Wars would have started if I was President" or "I will end conflicts with a phone call". Now Maga world celebrates more death and destruction.

trump getting us into WW3 real fast with his support unwavering of Israel.

If we only had a nuclear arms deal with Iran. Oh wait, we did, and it was working. That is until Donald decided that since it happened during the Obama administration, he had to trash it.

trump is minutes away from getting us involved in a sixth war.....and he has also declared war on 25% of our nation.

October 14, 2024

"I'm the only president in decades who didn't start a new war. If I'm elected again, there will be no new wars — I guarantee it."

Yet another Trump lie.

The new world disorder is more deeply entrenched. There are bad actors in Tehran, Jerusalem, and Washington. We are in grave danger as a result.

I am just so weary of all the hate and vitriol. We are heading for some really sloppy times. It's worrisome.

We pay their salaries. We feed them, house them, pay for the arms they train with and may have to use in battle. We pay their veterans benefits. There can be no politics in the military. How can I trust the military, if I know they support a man who wants to end democracy?

Exactly. We veterans swore an oath to protect and defend the Constitution, not a traitor who literally led a violent and deadly attack against it. In my opinion, any veteran supporting him is directly violating their oath to the Constitution.

So here is my thinking. Under Trump's upcoming totalitarian dictatorship my choices will be: Death, Slavery, Concentration Camp or Refugee. So I choose to stand in the rain or sun and protest Trump's coup attempt. If far right groups want to come to our city and shoot the peaceful protestors. I will not be going home but will attempt to stop the bleeding until the ambulance arrives. Like Jan 6th, I'll sure the shooters will get no convictions or will be pardoned by Trump. But Trump is not getting his Dictatorship without Americans standing up, even if Congress and the Courts won't. THAT is what NO KINGS is about. We don't not want slavery again, we don't not want concentration camps for immigrants!

Over 2,000 "silly" protests planned across the country and counting. The real patriots are pissed, and we're coming out to reclaim our flag. America, you are still beautiful. We will continue to be a light and a beacon of hope for those in countries where the authoritarian take over is already complete. Let's make the ancestors proud. NO KINGS DAY JUNE 14TH!

I fear what might happen at the parade and not from our own citizens. Hegseth is incompetent and has fired anyone who knew what they were doing. There is no security department any longer to monitor threats. We have never been less secure in this country. This parade is a joke and congress should have stepped in to say no. But, as usual, they are useless.

**I will ignore this joke and insult to our military, but will mock it as often as I have a chance. Dictators hate to be ignored or mocked.**

"Very Worried About Optics"! With Trump, it's always been ABOUT THE OPTICS! He is "The Emperor's New Clothes" children's story to which no one dares speak truth. He is a former reality TV show, failed businessman, multiply convicted felon, adjudicated you-know-what, etc.! And so-called leaders are worried about the optics!

It's time to put him in check.

The military parade is a joke just for trump vanity

If I was in Washington DC, I would hold a sign that said "Army YES, Trump NO."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "‘Shoot a couple, the rest will go home’: Far-right groups are sharing scary messages ahead of ‘No Kings’ protests."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Former U.S. Military Officials Fear 'Tiananmen Square Moment' At Trump Parade: Report."

6-14-25

In America, we don't put up with would-be kings. NO KINGS is a national day of action and mass mobilization in response to increasing authoritarian excesses and corruption from Trump and his allies. We've watched as they've cracked down on free speech, detained people for their political views, threatened to deport American citizens, and defied the courts. They've done this all while continuing to serve and enrich their billionaire allies. 🇺🇸 On Saturday, June 14, we're taking to the streets nationwide. We're not gathering to feed his ego. We're building a movement that leaves him behind. 🇺🇸 The flag doesn't belong to Donald Trump. It belongs to us. We're not watching history happen. We're making it. On June 14th, we're showing up everywhere he isn't—to say no thrones, no crowns, no kings. Check out [nokings.org](http://nokings.org) for more information. A core principle behind all No Kings events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values.

Vance Luther Boelter runs an armed security service with his wife, thus cosplaying a cop when he murdered the Rep and her husband. He also has been affiliated with at least one evangelical organization. He had a hitlist in his car which included politicians, abortion providers, and pro-abortion rights activists. He was appointed by appointed by MN Gov Mark Dayton to the Governor's Workforce Development Board and then reappointed by Tim Walz.

Trump says political violence is unacceptable. This is the same guy who sent a violent mob to the capital to hang Mike Pence if he didn't do what Adolph Trump said. They also threatened the lives of Democratic lawmakers. This hypocrisy is expected but not surprising. Trump and his enablers are responsible for stoking this behavior.

**The suspect, according to his fb page is an avid MAGA and Trump supporter! Of course, he is!** We have a constitution that is in place, but we also see everyday, the same representatives who are supposed to enforce it, let the President do what he wants to do and not say a word. Every time they do not speak, it emboldens Trump. I fully understand that they know it's illegal and that it will be struck down in court (like so many things have), so they really don't have to say anything. But, when someone does something wrong and you don't call it out you get a President

and an entire generation of entitled people who will keep pushing until they get what they want. Which, in Trump's case, is to control or be king of the world. Which has actually come out of his mouth.

To the guy waving his MAGA hat at my kids during a “No Kings” gathering... where exactly do we disagree???

If you had told me 20 years ago when I was protesting unjust wars that we'd be fighting for actual democracy? I'd be gobsmacked. This is soooooo insanely stupid. We did this shit in the 1770s... what the actual fuck already.

“No Kings” Protest in Westerville, Ohio.

My personal favorite signs were:

“Catholics Against Cruelty”.

“My outrage cannot fill up just one sign.”

“Not a Paid Protestor. I hate Trump for free!”

“We're not radical. We just remember history.”

“America, you in danger, girl.”

“Our huddled masses will defeat your fascist asses!”

“Stop pretending your racism is patriotism!”

“I should be home reading a dystopian book – not in one!”

“It's bad when an introvert attends a protest.”

I also delighted in seeing a prophetic Rod Serling "The Twilight Zone" sign!

There was also a good Neil Young sign based on “Ohio”: “Tin soldiers and ~~Nixon~~ Trump coming.”

“NOT a paid protester... Standing UP for OTHERS, like JESUS did!”

“I am a fellow America – not ‘scum’. I, too, love my country!!”

“We The People ARE PISSED OFF!”

6-15-25

There was a glaring sign that Maga's are more into confrontation than supporting Trump. There were more in attendance for counter protests than there were in attendance for the parade itself. Just saying it says a lot about Maga.

He did not need attendance - he needed (and succeeded) as confirming that troops will follow any of his orders (parade in Washington, marine deployment in LA) and they will follow this order when it will be time to arrest opposition in congress, courts and other institutions. One baby step at a time toward military dictatorship.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Trump admin claims parade attendance was '250,000 patriots' despite empty fields.”

Of course, the chosen T. V. channel was probably Faux Noise, Noise Notion, UnAmerican News, or NewsMocked.

There are videos upon videos of this "Sharade" that show a very low turn out, pretty empty stands, and little to no cheering going on. This was worth the tens of millions? Really? That money could have gone to actually help people, but we wasted it for America to puff its chest, and to stroke the very fragile ego of the toddler in chief..

The park service issued 250K permits - not 250K showed up...

Being from the area, there was very little attendance, partially due to big storms throughout the area all day, and the heat was horrific - close to 90 and super high humidity - very muggy. Not to mention today is Fathers Day.

The actual estimates coming in from reporters on the ground are closer to 10K attendees. The fact that Dump's birthday parade was such a flop only means that he's going to order another one. Next time though, he's going to want high-energy goose-stepping soldiers and missiles, done North Korean style.

6-16-25

The reality is that momentum is turning against the red hat cult. Watch them complain online about how their families and friends are rejecting and isolating them. Listen to how in denial they are in the comments sections about polls and election results. Listen to how detached from reality they are about current economic conditions. They are fading. Fast

Compare and contrast scenes from yesterday in America. On the one hand, Trump's low-energy Dear Leader parade And I'll bet a lot cheaper. Trump was met with "big force".

"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'MY ignorance is just as good as YOUR knowledge.'" - Isaac Asimov

FYI, to the other maga conspiracists out there.

Vance Boeler was a registered Republican, registered in 2022. His male roommate when interviewed indicated that Vance liked, supported and voted for trump. Walz never knew him. Appointed Vance to an advisory committee as a private sector representative. Boeler was anti-abortion, had a 70 person hit list, Dems, clinic workers.

Trump's suggestion to protect only certain immigrant workers—like those in agriculture or hospitality—while ramping up immigration crackdowns elsewhere is not a serious immigration policy. It's political theater dressed up as selective economic self-interest. Are we now choosing which immigrants “deserve” protection based on whether they mow the lawns at Mar-a-Lago or pick vegetables for Trump's donors?

This isn't about national security or rule of law. It's about protecting labor pipelines that benefit Trump's businesses while scapegoating other immigrants to rile up his base. A fair immigration system doesn't pick winners and losers based on who cleans hotel rooms. It ensures safety, dignity, and economic strength for the entire country—not just sectors that personally enrich one man. If Trump suddenly sees value in immigrant labor, he should say it plainly and stop playing both sides.

I am sure he enjoys the side benefit of crushing the economic well being of all those Democrat led areas in which he is focusing ICE's attention. Inflicting pain and suffering as a side hobby is not what I look for in a president.

Makes perfect sense to me and fits right in with trump's non-stop agenda of throwing, empty, symbolic bones to his base while keeping his rich buddies, cheap-labor on tap.

Truthfully, maga republicans don't want the border issue fixed because it's a great fund-raiser every election cycle.

This is why many Republican administrations over the decades never fixed it, and never will. His "best friend" also a Trump supporter, stated that Boelter is a big Trump fan who hates abortion and listens to InfoWars. He's also reported as a Christian Nationalist.

Trump has mental health and social issues. While Republicans point the finger at Biden, they turn away from what is so apparent with Trump. How can world leaders expect to deal with Trump? He's like a stick in the spokes of a bike. There's no moving forward.

Finally got my physical printed copy of the G5 U3 book on Friday. I was pleased to see how well the alien graphic novel story printed on that Student Consumable paper. It really pops!

Nice to see how everything came together as well with the Teacher's Edition and all the other printed materials in the Sample Box. Now on to Marketing!

Ironically, the "fun and whimsy" is what make it "pop" so much. To me, that graphic novel part is what made me appreciate this book MORE. I found it absolutely appropriate for a Grade 5 student (and us visual learner people as well)! As a former assistant professor, it is vital to find a bridge to make learning engaging. To me, the graphic novel element does just that.

6-17-25

There was a video of a farmer a few months ago who said if Trump starts deporting farm workers, then the United States would be out of food within 3 weeks. That's a very plausible outcome. Roughly 70% of farm workers are immigrants, with an estimated 42% being undocumented. What do you think will happen to the food supply if you deport 70% of the workers?

And ICE is running out of money. Probably bankrupt the US because they are not collecting taxes, giving tax breaks, migrants are not spending, the rest of us that oppose Trump are not consuming except for the necessities and tourists are not coming to the US

The daily flip/flop is getting to be too much. Who would make any kind of deal with him? There are times he changes his mind several times a day and apparently he has imaginary phone calls with people, etc...

Trump administration is so incompetent.. they just make up policy as they go. No research, no experts, no congressional approval or funding. What an absolute disgrace Trump is

Morning all,

I'm trying to understand conservative support of these recent actions.

If the goal was to remove MS-13 gang members, drug and human traffickers, and other such criminals, well it appears this isn't what is happening, and it's not even close.

They are removing children, mothers, fathers, grandparents, all of which were not mentioned on the campaign trail by Donald Trump.

Maybe the truth was that there weren't as many of that criminal element that was sold to conservatives, in America.

What I find sad, is that the goalpost has now been moved to just claim "Well, they entered illegally".

It just looks like the reasoning is more nefarious and evil.

To be honest... It's a lot racist.

I'm so hungry I could eat 8647 tacos!

This is the administration we have. Pete Hegseth wasn't fired for talking about security issues on an unsecured phone app. but he might lose his job because of the parade he staged for Trump's birthday. Glad our president has his priorities straight.

Real leaders do not make war time threats and international diplomacy over social media. But then again, what would Trump be with his cult minions without his social media sounding board. Furthermore what does he mean when he says "WE have complete control....."? Is it Israel or Israel + USA waging this war?

Netanyahu has been saying repeatedly since 2012 that Iran is only a few weeks away from getting a nuclear bomb. It's been 13 years now of constantly saying Iran is weeks away. What

changed, and are they going to release information regarding Iran's nuclear progress to justify this attack?

I agree with Trump that Gabbard has no idea what she is talking about. Trump should find the person who hired her and give them a stern rebuke.

Anyone remember "weapons of mass destruction" and a different republican president drawing the USA into a needless war? Here we go again!

The Mango Mussolini to a "T". Never listens to anything or anybody else. No wonder American foreign policy is in shambles. IMPEACH!

Is the US at war with Iran? Has Congress declared war against Iran? Has the US formally aligned with Israel and will support their attack on Iran by using US weapons and/or sending in our own military?

And, if Iran decides NOT to surrender (most likely), what happens from there? Is Trump TRULY up to the job of leading this country through possible terrorist attacks and yet another war in the ME?

Questions, questions.....

He cancels the Iran Nuclear Deal, then gets upset when they are further refining uranium to possibly build a bomb. He is definitely the arsonist that wants credit for putting the fire out.

Who removed us from the 2015 Agreement with Iran that had been working well and limited Iran's nuclear production and allowed regular inspections to verify compliance? Who ranted and raved when Iranian assets held in the US were finally released to their lawful owners, preferring theft over the law.? In short who created this mess in the first place, the guy Putin plays like a drum accompanied by a Trumpet?

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump raged at Hegseth over birthday parade where military had too much fun: 'He's p\*\*\*ed off at the soldiers'."

6-18-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Russia tells US not to strike Iran, warns of nuclear catastrophe."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Hegseth says renaming military bases after Civil War soldiers who fought for slavery is 'important for morale'."

it doesn't matter. Whatever Trump does, his fans will obey and repeat whatever reasoning he gives without question.

When Steve Bannon becomes a voice of reason we are in The Twilight Zone.

Steven Bannon accusing Fox News of pushing "pure propaganda" on Iran. Just Iran?

In Trumpworld, projection isn't a defense mechanism—it's a prophecy.

Does anyone think democracy is supposed to work this way.

Three coequal branches of government?

President threatens congress if they don't agree with him. Congress withholds or speeds through SCOTUS judges.

SCOTUS gives appointing president unlimited power.

You might agree with all these things.

If you do you don't want to live in a democracy.

I cannot believe Donald Trump is the president of United States. So that's an understatement.

The man is an ass. It just seems so bizarre that Americans would put everything on the line for him. Something has to give.

6-19-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Donald Trump's national park tip line flooded with angry messages."

What People Are Saying

An email sent by an Independence Hall visitor obtained by Government Executive: "Putting up signs like that doesn't protect anyone, [it] just tells visitors that the truth is a problem. And I can't think of anything more offensive than that."

Theresa Pierno, president of the National Parks Conservation Association, told Government Executive: "If our country erases the darker chapters of our history, we will never learn from our mistakes. These signs must come down immediately."

Alan Spears, National Parks Conservation Association senior director of Cultural Resources, said in a press release: "For more than a century, National Park Service staff have worked tirelessly to provide park visitors with a truthful accounting of the people and places at the center of that history. That truthful and factual accounting of history should not change, regardless of which political party is in power."

Executive Order Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History: "Museums in our Nation's capital should be places where individuals go to learn — not to be subjected to ideological indoctrination or divisive narratives that distort our shared history."

What was the point of the statement about "leaks"? We aren't allowed to know that this is happening?

Maybe our government should be more worried about enacting unpopular policies than about concealing popular reactions to them.

Intelligent people learn from history. Sometimes negative history is a lesson to ensure it is not repeated. Positive history provides lessons as well that hope is always possible. People with very low intelligence, whitewash history. They are incapable of learning any lesson from history.

The Trump administration has been asking national park visitors to report any language they see in the parks that is "negative about either past or living Americans or that fails to emphasize the beauty, grandeur, and abundance of landscapes."

I went to grade school in the 1950's and 60's just after WWII and during the Cold War. We were taught to be alert for the signs of fascism and communism. This action, and many others the administration have taken, sure look like what we were taught to look out for.

American history is both amazing and horrifying. We need to learn everything...not just some "trumped" up version of what TACO and his minions think we should know. Treatment of indigenous people, slavery, horrible treatment of woman and children in the Industrial Age, etc. Americans who know our true history celebrate our greatness and try to improve what are our deficiencies. However, now we have a bunch of ignoramuses in America who don't read or do research on their own therefore they are reduced to parroting these awful politicians. We had a beautiful country, with lots of wonderful people, but now we are just a sad caricature of what was once a great and promising nation.

6-20-25

The U.S. has eleven paid holidays while Europe only has 9.

The difference is that everyone in Europe gets at least 4 weeks vacation while in the U.S. it is zero to two weeks. Most bigger companies start with two weeks and you gradually earn more weeks by years with the company.

If Trump wants to give the U.S. less paid holidays and everybody gets 4 weeks vacation, I'm in.

Trump Always Wings It

One day he supports tariffs, next day he is looking for a deal, the next day he has reciprocal tariffs (whatever that means), the next he says countries are waiting in line and so on.

Ditto for any other topic.

No solutions. Only daily chaos

Funny, we never hear Trump complain on Columbus Day or Veterans Day or July 4th, only on a holiday to commemorate something focusing on a minority group.

Trump is an embarrassment to our country. He is everything a President should not be: criminal, malevolent, abusive, lawless, self-serving, amoral, greedy, unreliable, and a threat to the country. He embraces the values of the corrupt, not the ethical.

These situations no longer come with shock value, as it's now expected.

He has no class, respect, or care for anyone other than himself.

Even those who have fawned over him, at one point in time, have seen themselves demeaned and mistreated, at the mere hint of disloyalty.

Even those in his current administration (Recent example: Tulsi Gabbard).

History will remember those most responsible for electing such a human being to the highest office in the United States.

Laziest man in the world (Trump) wants you to work harder.

Hate has to find a way out of the core of our country - I am pretty sure Vance won't be able to bring us together and after seeing Don Jr spewing hate on some of the videos out there he is definitely not a candidate. Prayers that a dynamic unifier is coming our way.....

6-21-25

Iran has been "two weeks away" from having a nuclear weapon for the past 10 years. They must be keeping their bomb plans in the same place Trump keeps his plan for Healthcare reform. Or at least the concepts of a plan.

I'm not MAGA by any means but give credit where its due for this action. I disagree with rounding people up (legal residents included) and putting them in detention camps with awful condition for long periods and how he plans to give away our national forests to timber and mining companies so no, don't give him the Nobel.

Trump is the last person to give the prize to. He has aided the war in Gaza, pandered to Putin and after trying to negotiate a cease fire in Ukraine things have only gotten worse. Now if he had managed to get North Korea to give up all its nuclear arms and decommission their missile program, then maybe, but he got nowhere there either. Last, his war on both legal and illegal immigrants and against freedom of speech are the opposite of things people get the prize for.

Supplying weapons for Israel to start a full-scale war in the Middle East, and refusing to sanction Russia or honor our commitments to defend Ukraine. Deploying armed Troops against Americans on American Soil....

So very peaceful.

The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to a peace builder. A person who believes that "we are all in this together". A person who is advocate of human rights and sustainable development. A person who uses such peace building rhetoric as cooperation. A person who engages tabula rasa diplomacy i.e. diplomacy without preconditions, preconceptions or historical precedent. A person who declares the end of war and the origin of the global cooperation re: climate change. A person who believes that the military role is that of first responders i.e. saving lives instead of killing people. Trump is obviously not that person.

There is power in uniting people. Only the weak try to divide.  
Those with true power and vision solve problems.

There is also power in providing misinformation to those that aren't able to think for themselves.

Exploitation of National Grievances and Resentment: Capitalize on feelings of national victimhood. Promote an idealized past and blame external or internal enemies for current problems by scapegoating specific groups (ethnic, religious, or political) for the woes.

Cult of Personality: Characterize the leader as infallible, above criticism, and capable of restoring the nation to its former glory cultivated through propaganda and displays of power.

Promotion of Nationalism and Militarism: Emphasize the superiority and interests of the nation above all else and promote militarism, obedience, and loyalty.

Suppression of Opposition and Dissent: Suppression of political opposition and civil liberties through violence, intimidation, and propaganda to silence critics and dissent. Target independent media and civil organizations.

Erosion of Democratic Institutions: Undermines democratic institutions like free and fair elections, an independent judiciary, and the rule of law. Use propaganda, disinformation, and violence to delegitimize democratic processes and institutions

Creation of an Internal Enemy: Identify a group within the nation perceived as a threat to national unity and purity.

Manipulation of Public Opinion: Direct public opinion through propaganda, censorship, and control of the media. Use emotional appeals, simplification of complex issues, and the spread of disinformation to create a sense of national unity.

Our democracy is moving from populist nationalism to fascism.

A Christian group that says Trump was divinely appointed by God... isn't this what monarchies were? Isn't this why we split from Britain in the first place.

Separation of church and state is there for a reason. Also, Hegseth is on his third wife and had his most recent kid while with a new women while married to his last wife.

These are not Christians. These are people using religion as a way to gain power.

Sorry I'm a practicing Roman Catholic and I find this Christian Right THING way out of line.

This is extremeism to it's end point. Plus I don't believe in the mixing of Church & State AT ALL.....AND MOST IMPORTANTLY I DON'T WANT THESE GROUPS SHOVING THEIR BELIEFS DOWN MY THROAT. When you start saying that GOD and Trump are in the same group and the rest of us are outside of that. I DRAW THE LINE.

I'm an American, who has beliefs in a Supreme Being and I want the RIGHT to exercise these beliefs in the way that I choose.

Also I don't believe ( if these Christian Right ) people had any brains they would know that Trump could care less about RELIGION OR GOD. Just look at his behavior toward his wife(s) and women, how often do you see him attending any church ,and Hegseth is another fake believer. For such HOLY MEN THEY SURE ACT LIKE PIGS.

Christian conservatives are far and away the most predictable and easy to understand group.

They have no opinions of their own. They want a theocracy and they will ignore any and all of their own teachings to get it. . They would broker no opposition and demand that everyone else fall in line.No opposition. Everyone get in line and do as you're told. This is, in essence, conservatism in a nutshell. For all their talk about "freedom" and hating "big government" conservatives value obedience above all else.

Religion is personal. Not politics.

If CREC and it's zealots wish to practice their doctrine, very good.

Our country offers religious freedom for Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, and any other faith.

This is NOT Christianity. Christ NEVER taught this. These are power mongers using the Christian religion as a weapon to further their own ends. We all know this.

Under obamas deal iran enriched uranium to a maximum of 3.7%

Since trump tore up the deal iran has uranium enriched to 60%

Looks like they made good use of the time trump has given them...

Trump announces attack on Iranian nuclear sites

President Donald Trump announced on social media Saturday night that the U.S. attacked three nuclear sites in Iran, "including Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan."

"All planes are now outside of Iran air space. A full payload of BOMBS was dropped on the primary site, Fordow. All planes are safely on their way home," he wrote without giving further details.

No authorization by Congress. This is now Trump's war. The United States is beyond the point of return.

Iran has a nuclear capability like Saddam had WMDs. Trump has just assured their wrath. No they don't have stealth bombers but Iran will do something underhanded, worse than the 9/11 hijacking through stateless proxies.

Welcome to the start of world war 3.

So..we have a war going on in this country right now in all major cities..and now we are at war with Iran...horrible leadership

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Iran has been supplying Russia with drones for the Ukraine war.

What is to stop Russia from supplying nukes to Iran?

If SNL writers came up a skit in which Pakistan nominated Trump for the Nobel, and, on that same day, Trump bombs nuke facilities in Iran, SNL might have rejected it for being too unrealistic to be effective comedy.

A while back George bush stood on the deck and said mission accomplished. Then we spent trillions of dollars, killed and damaged many thousands of people including American soldiers, two decades of war and in the end Iraq is far worse and Afghanistan went right back to where it was. And multiple terrorist organizations were born. Now we are doing it all over again.

The market will tank on Monday, oil prices will surge, commodity prices will surge as the cost of transportation rises. Yep, Trump did that.

We have entered a period of extreme risk for Americans all over the world. Not just military installations, but business interests and travelers. Not just in the Middle East, but everywhere. Not by armies and soldiers but by Iranian sympathizers.

Not long ago, Trump was yelling at Zelensky for potentially starting WWIII, even though it was Putin who attacked Ukraine and the Ukrainians were only defending themselves. Now it looks like Trump is intent on actually starting WWIII.

Will this help us get that big beautiful affordable health plan we have been promised?

The health care plan is going bye bye for 7.6 million people very soon. But the wealthy got the goods, so all is well.

If you were wondering how it starts, you have just witnessed it. If you are wondering what is next, you have not been paying attention to history.

How much more to the national debt is this new GOP Middle East war going to add? So much for the GOP pledge to be fiscally responsible. While they slash Medicaid and Medicare.

Trump ran promising to end wars and keep America out of any new ones. Another promise made promise made promise broken. I just pray that the aftereffects are not too serious.

I am old enough to remember when trump promised to be the President of peace and no wars. Promise made, promise broken, it is trump's way.

I'm all for defending America against our enemies, both foreign and domestic, but Iran never hurt us directly. Whatever happened to America First policy of DJT? Pulling us into wars ain't what Trump supporters voted for, right? Or was it all a part of Trump charade?

Expect oil and gas prices to rise.

Iran is also expected to retaliate. While Israeli strikes have weakened some of Iran's capabilities, Iran still possesses drones and other means to target American bases in the Middle East.

Trump has put nearly 40,000 U.S. troops stationed nearby at great risk.

The risk of direct attacks or proxy retaliation is high.

I fully expect that they bombed sites involved in making nukes.

How did those sites start? Trump cancelled the no-nukes deal.

It took 7 years, but that bad decision led to this strike.

AGAIN:

1 -- make bad decision based on lies and ego;

2 -- disaster follows;

3 -- claim credit for partly cleaning up mess;

TRUMP DID THAT

Imagine what Trump and his cult would say if Biden did this.

If Trump wants to be in this war, then let him pay for it. Start taxing the rich like heck. god help us.

Whatever happened to America's ideal of defending the oppressed and protecting the weak?

How much money does the tRump crime family stand to make off the Israel war against Iran?

Cadet Bone Spurs tRump claims victory now for its sneak attack on Iran.

What will Cadet Bone Spurs tRump be saying when the body count of our soldiers start to mount: 3 months, 6 months, a year, 2 years, or 5 years from now?

It appears Donny has embraced the role of a warmaker after failing to establish himself as a peacemaker. Truly disturbing behavior.

Trump cancelled the global agreement that forced Iran to close its labs, remove all its enriched uranium, accept round the clock invasive inspections, with multinational enforcement. He claimed he'd negotiate a stronger "deal", which he completely failed to do. This is the consequence of his total failure - war is what losers resort to when they can't negotiate.

What happened to lower food prices, \$2 gas, balanced budget, no wars.!

I guess my question is this: What makes Trump think the Iranians will respond in a way he or we expect? You would have thought that after the wars we've waged in Iraq and Afghanistan that we would have learned our lesson. Nothing in the Middle East or Near East is clean. It's so much easier to walk into a conflict than it is to resolve one. Before today, the U.S. was seen as a non-combatant nation in this conflict. Those days are over now.

Stock up on food and supplies. I believe prices will skyrocket. It doesn't hurt to have extra.

Everyone knows Trump reads and hears all of the social media out there and I'm sure he's well aware of the term TACO. I wouldn't put it past TACO that this strike on Iran was just to prove a point that he doesn't always chicken out. That is a scary concept.

Just because other presidents acted unilaterally doesn't make it right — it means we've allowed the Constitution to be ignored for too long.

Trump's strikes on Iran weren't small or defensive — they were escalatory and could provoke war. That's not routine, it's reckless.

Citing Obama or Bush doesn't let Trump off the hook. The scale, timing, and lack of intelligence consensus make this different.

Congress can reclaim its war powers — and some are already trying. This isn't business as usual, it's a line being crossed.

There was no immediate threat that justified bombing. This wasn't defense — it was preemptive aggression.

Acting fast isn't a pass. Skipping Congress isn't strategy — it's a power grab.

The Constitution gave war declarations to Congress for a reason. We're not supposed to have one man pulling the trigger unchecked.

We have 40,000 military in the region, they are now in great danger. US intelligence said they were not close, but he dismissed our information. Thoughts are with the military that are over there, war is ugly. The aftermath on our soldiers last for years.

Is attacking another nation without Congressional approval something that a dictator would do? Or not?

Feeling less safe today than this time yesterday.

8+6+4+7=25th Amendment

I guess Iran should have gifted Trump an airplane.

Written by my friend. Iran wasn't close to building a nuclear weapon, nor were they an imminent threat to US citizens. Trump has ignored our own intelligence, which informed him that they weren't close. It's Netanyahu, who's an international war criminal, who wants this war and has been saying so for the last 20 years. Israel has a nuclear weapon, not Iran. There's no need to bomb Iran. There's no need for a war! Also, enriching uranium doesn't mean they're building a weapon, but unfortunately, now they have an incentive to.

Donny has promised retaliation if Iran retaliates. This will again encourage Iran to retaliate once again. Sure does sound like war. At what point is Donny going to allow Congress to step in and do their job?

Iran is poised to shut a major oil “choke point” in the Middle East as retaliation for US strikes on its nuclear facilities, in a move that risks triggering a fresh energy crisis and global recession.

That's not how it works, MAGA man.

We already produce more than we use.

1) Oil is a global commodity, a disruption anywhere affects prices everywhere, and why OPEC can easily manipulate the market.

2) There are grades of crude we need not found here.

3) You so own this mess.

This time our “Israel First” president has NO ONE to blame but himself and he should prepare the body bags for our poor soldiers in the Middle East.

Isn't this a repeat of Iraq? "We have intelligence of weapons of mass destruction". Turns out it was bad intel. Netanyahu has been pestering Trump to get involved on their intel, but is it actual intel? Or is it actually intel or their own wishes. I think latter. Perhaps this is something that could have ended in a diplomatic solution but that isn't how Bibi wanted to play it. So now that is over. Netanyahu got it's wish and can continue to act aggressively towards its neighbors with impunity and that is what he wanted in the first place. Bibi played Trump like a fiddle.

The US president has committed an act of war on a country that currently had done nothing. We don't have to like them but there was no reason to start a war.

SC, Congress, Senate, GOP have done Nothing, Nothing.

So, if another country thinks that we are using Three Mile Island, Peach Bottom and Salem Nuclear power plants to make weapons grade uranium we all think they have a right to bomb those sights in the USA?

We can no longer believe any information from this administration.

They are obviously lying about their criminal action and pointing fingers at other administrations who have no power anymore to act on any of this insanity.

It's interesting to see how the MAGA crowd is spinning this: From "Trump will ensure the US is not involved in any wars while he is president" to "There can't be peace without war, let's punch them before they even think about swinging at us!" Just call a spade a spade and admit you don't care what Trump does. You're happy with ANYTHING he does. The amount of shifting (with video evidence of him and regime contradicting themselves) is tiring.

If the headline was acted on, it would not be a good thing for either Russia or the world. The escalation would almost certainly result in the US or NATO providing a nuclear capability to Ukraine as retaliation. Things would very likely get much worse from there.

Our hero, our Burger King, strikes again.

America needs a regime change.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Pakistan condemns Trump's bombing of Iran - a day after nominating him for Peace Prize."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Marco Rubio Says It's 'Irrelevant' Whether U.S. Intel Showed Iran Building Nuclear Weapons."

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This is the man calling for regime change and with his hand on the nuclear codes, marching us into war: DONAKD J. TRUMP.

To my Republican colleagues with the power and numbers to stop this, what say you?

If Joe Biden has misspelled his own name in a tweet, Fox would be calling for his removal and running it on a loop 24/7.

as they should. It requires people to put up a bond before they can sue the government. It also removes the courts ability to enforce injunctions. This isn't a budget bill. This is a totalitarian bill. It adds a min of 2.4T to the deficit. Cuts to Medicaid and SNAP. Disables Contempt of court enforcement. It does nothing for healthcare or veterans or address inflation or job creation.

How did Vlad make his statement with a straight face? His condemnation of the US bombing is like Ted Bundy criticizing the Boston Strangler. In any event, it's not clear Russia has the strength to join in the fracas. China, OTOH, is the country to watch. They like Iran's oil.

November 2011, Mr Trump said: "Our president will start a war with Iran because he has absolutely no ability to negotiate."

Things in the US are getting bad. Inflation, social divisions, hate and anger in the streets. Now we are involved in a war that may last for years. I always said Trump will make things worse in America, and he has.

Imagine your kids dying because a narcissistic reality tv show host wasn't getting enough attention. This cult needs to be stopped.

**REMOVE THE ORANGE CALIGULA**

If you voted for him, I straight up loathe you.

I truly dislike the inflexibility of the Republican party. You must either be all in, or completely out. There is no discussion, no room for disagreement or improvement. I think it's killing the two-party system.

ICE would deport Jesus if he was alive and living in America.

Wow! 77,000,000 people fell for the polar opposite of Jesus!! There's a massive lesson here America. I don't think they're learning it though!

The antichrist is orange

the country would be a Hell of a lot better off if the "christians" would FOLLOW HIM instead of just talking about Him.

God indeed sent trump to us. As a test. We failed the test.

Jesus was a radical!

His cabinet members in charge of the health agencies are anti-vax conspiracy theorists that base their beliefs on any number of health related problems more on "feelings" than science and back them up with questionable studies that in many cases have been debunked and even when you show them empirical evidence to counter their position they discount them because "you can't trust the experts," a trend that has been growing in the Republican circles for 30+ years because they view those with a college education as elitist, socialist, communist and an enemy to America.

The uneducated rubes without science degrees or a history of scientific research are setting the scientific standards moving forward....what could go wrong. We've truly become a dystopian society.

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Trump doesn't realize both Israel and Iran are telling him - you aren't driving this train. He is so anxious to get ahead in the news cycle - taking credit for things that he doesn't own. He gave Israel the advantage with the preemptive bombing but he doesn't own the battle cadence. If he really wanted to make a difference - stop arming Israel and get Qatar to the Iranian table.

It's so weird. It's almost like Israel and Iran honor agreements in exactly the same way that trump honors agreements.

70% of Americans want an end to endless wars, need Single-payer Universal Healthcare, need the cap removed from Social Security so that the wealthy pay their fair share of Social Security all year long. We need Social Security to be untaxed into perpetuity, not for four measly years. And we need the wealthiest to pay much more in taxes not less.

The discontent of this stealing from the poor to make the rich richer will grow. The people are very very very angry right now.

We may NEVER know the truth. Our only source of misinformation is from a cabinet that has zero relationship with the truth. We get better facts from the other countries than we do from our own government.

The pressure of the job is getting to him..

Past 72 hours Trump has made MAGA change their talking points about 5 times

Trump declared a ceasefire. Too bad the parties involved weren't in agreement.

I sincerely pray that people indeed believe in prayer and in God. We are in the midst of truly serious times and we have a President and administration that know absolutely nothing about diplomacy and tact. Trump, Hegseth and their peers are woefully unprepared for the world stage. Blessings to all.

First he was trying to buy Greenland and Canada and make them apart of the United States. That made Trump angry when they said No.

Next it was Zelensky and his first time talking to him publicly in the Oval Office where he displayed how angry he was at him for not praising Trump and not bringing gifts.

Then came Putin, ("Trump's Master") promising ceasefire between Countries and not even 2 days later he bombs Crimea in Ukraine. Trump got mad at him.

Trump got mad at mainly China's Leader Jinping after he raised his Tarriffs because Trump raised America's Tarriffs

Trump got mad at Elon Musk for his betrayal.

Trump mad at social media for blaming him about the "His Economy" and what his Mega and Big Beautiful Bills will cost for Americans to pay off.

Now he bombs Iran. A Country we are not at War with. He still hasn't made peace between Ukraine and Russia and is mad at Israel and Iran.

Trump just hates everyone and only loves himself.

What? Israel and Iran didn't obey The Great Pumpkin? I'm stunned.

Our 3rd grader in chief, yelling at foreign governments to do as he commands, then jumping up and down in fit when they ignore him.

Trump, I want a noble peace prize! I want it! I want it! I want it.

Iran never openly confirmed that there was a ceasefire and Israel was firing rockets actively while Trump announced it. He's the only one who seems surprised.

"Why are you always criticizing the president? It's almost like you want him to fail so you can show how right you were!"

If someone tells you that they intend to jump off a building and fly by flapping their arms, do you stay quiet, hoping that it's actually going to work? Or do you warn them that their plan is stupid, and likely to get them killed?

How do we know that those guys wearing masks and vests that say "Police," grabbing people off the street but refusing to show ID, aren't members of Iranian sleeper cells?

President Donald Trump stumbled through a bizarre press conference aboard Air Force One Tuesday, apparently confusing potential terror attacks with storm systems

Responding to questions about possible Iranian retaliation following recent strikes on nuclear sites, Trump launched into a confusing critique that appeared to conflate terrorist "sleeper cells" with meteorological phenomena. "Biden let a lot of supercells into the United States," Trump declared. "He was an incompetent president. He had no idea what he was doing."

Our convicted felon president has been in office for 6 months now. If the "supercells" were as serious as they now seem to be, why hasn't he already addressed the issue? Or even mentioned it? At some point, I suppose, what happens during this administration will definitely be attributable to him and him alone.

Supercells, MANY big, burly supercells with tears in their clouds. There are so many intelligent people in this country who have courage, empathy, and want to do the right thing for ALL of us, yet we are stuck with a narcissistic, multi bankrupted convicted felon who is in some stage of dementia as our leader, and a court full of sycophant jesters who grovel at his feet.

In charge of our security. We'll be swamped by these supercells. He should ask his 22-year-old gardener turned intern turned intern turned intern turned Director of Counterterrorism what to do. Galoshes? Umbrellas? How do we defend ourselves?

Trump is attempting to insulate himself and his inept administration from political fallout in the event that Iran launches a successful terrorist attack in response to Trump's bombing

campaign. It is plain as day: If there is an incident as a result of Trump's recklessness, he will blame Biden.

What did Trump do during his first term to combat these supercells? Besides trying to redirect one with a Sharpie?

It's uncanny, how SPECIFIC the projection always is. Just as he's carping on about Biden's incompetence, he is flagrantly displaying his own. He didn't need to bring Biden into the discussion, but that's generally a clue that he's about to confess something.

From "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall" to "Biden let in a lot of supercells". We've gone from commanding the world stage to fumbling through weather metaphors. America didn't just lower the bar. We buried it. Thanks maga.

Everyone is well aware of the continued deflection attempts by this president trying to divert the attention from his administration's chaos and failures. The truth is we are all witnessing true incompetence in real time right now.

Maybe he should check with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in order to understand what "supercells" are.

Trump is showing signs of cognitive decline, mixed with anger, resentment and narcissism. It's horrible to think that he has control over the Nukes.

79 nine years old and the mind is slipping under the tremendous stress this poor, poor man is living under. Imagine trying to survive as president with a mind that is out of control. He is an old man with too much on his plate and the pups on his teats are draining him completely. What a wild ride he is on. I pray for his eternal rest.

When Trump calls Biden an incompetent president, and says he had no idea what he was doing, Trump is just PROJECTING. Whenever he accuses someone of something bad, you can bet he is guilty of whatever he is accusing the other person of.

6-25-25

Hypocrisy is their favorite virtue of the GOP.

Republicans, especially MAGAs, aren't embarrassed by hypocrisy. They believe they're superior beings, above everyone else, above the law, above social norms. "Rules for thee, but not for me." He bombed a mountain in Iran and thinks he won a war and deserves a Nobel peace prize. This guy is so out of touch. Somebody remind him he is a war dodging coward.

Blaming the media for reporting an assessment from the Pentagon. A pathetic president.

The embarrassment is almost unbearable at this point. Everywhere he goes, he makes a damn fool out of himself and out of the USA.

Unfortunately, my mother is a manic narcissist. Can you imagine how much this dude triggers me. I (47 yrs old) know how the better half of Americans feel about having this MENTALLY DISTURBED person leading the country. It is damn near impossible to help a person like this. He should NOT be running the USA.

Sure we have Rand Paul, but other than him, how many budget-conscious Republican lawmakers are there? Instead their priority is tax cuts that mainly benefit the rich no matter how much that increases the deficit.

The US is a broke empire 2 weeks away from collapse every Friday. If you're not redundantly diversifying your money across the world you're bound to get bit when it does happen and it will happen one day. The drop will be switch and severe to the point where 50% drops in asset value won't be uncommon.

Once again, Mr. Trump discloses compelling evidence of impulsive and arrogant behavior. Much of the Trump rhetoric is nothing more than exaggeration, misrepresentation or outright lies.

There is no doctrine, there isn't even a concept of a plan. Trump does everything on impulse, fueled by profound narcissism. He will go down in history as the very worst president this country has ever had. We, as a people, may never recover from this...

Tax cuts do NOT pay for themselves.

We need a flat tax of 25% on all income above 50K for everyone and eliminate all deductions. Then we need a balanced budget amendment to the constitution. If we started paying down the debt at 100 billion dollars a year and did not incur any new debt, it would take 370 years to pay it off.

The USA is headed towards bankruptcy.

Trump's plans are coming to fruition.

There was never a concern about the USA or its citizens.

It's all about him. Always was. Always will be.

Has Trump ever admitted a failure? How can anybody take this man seriously! True leaders are honest and admit mistakes!

Common traits of a Sociopath, often associated with Antisocial Personality Disorder, is characterized by a disregard for the feelings and rights of others, a tendency towards manipulation and deceit, and a lack of empathy or remorse.

While these traits can manifest in anyone, some common characteristics associated with sociopathic males include superficial charm, impulsivity, and a tendency towards aggressive or even violent behavior.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Biblical prophecy': Christian nationalists pushing Trump to 'usher in the End Times'."

6-26-25

Without a strong middle class this economy will collapse.

Never thought it would be the Senate Parliamentarian that kept this country from Crashing. Who had that on their bingo card?

So let me get this straight. Republicans want to remove birthright citizenship and have the right to revoke a naturalized citizen's citizenship. They want to turn the US into some private club where members are determined by them.

Vance has the maturity level of a 3rd grade schoolboy bully. Imagine, the Vice President of the United States of America resorting to childish name calling. So disturbing. He is a disgrace and embarrassment to the office he holds and to the country. He is completely devoid of any honor, integrity, human decency, and morals

Trump is counting on Iran backing down and negotiating. What if they don't and attack our bases elsewhere in the Middle East or a terrorist attack here, then what? Trump just opened Pandora's Box.

Transparent reporting by the government - on issues like this - instead of writing and pushing their own narrative, would go a long way towards restoring trust in the White House. Show us the reports that confirm "obliteration" of these facilities. This is all just speculation until we have boots on the ground confirm the facts. The USA public is jaded by the obvious lies repeated by this administration. It is no wonder that reporters continue to push back.

The maga attack against truth, expertise, knowledge, decency and democracy continues unabated.

If your party cannot write a bill that fits within the rules, do not blame the parliamentarian. The bill needs to fit within strict parameters and that is well know. Stop trying to sneak in things y'all know would not have passed the rules but Trump wants. For example issues like the contempt process. How does that have anything to do with fiscal/budget issues?

The bill doesn't even have to follow the rules. It only has to follow the rules if they wish to pass it with a simple majority instead of required 61 votes. But rather than try to work across the aisle to propose a bill that will actually have a chance of passing and work FOR the American people, Republicans decided to try to cram their radical political platform through.

And BTW, the rules are pretty simple and logical: you can't use a simple majority to overturn a law that required a super majority to pass. In other words, 51 Senators can't undo what 61 Senators already did. Seems to make sense, right? Unless of course, you represent a minority of the population and want to force your personal beliefs on the majority.

6-28-25

Racism. The love of money. Police state. That's what they voted for! And, they put Donnie back in the White House. Very revealing of the people in our country when they put him back in. Shows where values and priorities are, and the lack of character and true nobility and honor in our culture.

They have 1.5 yrs to do their dirt. The field changes after midterms. But, it will take a veto-proof majority in the house and senate to right the ship. Good luck American voters! YOU are the key.

The greatest threat to American women are themselves. They vote for candidates that will continue to make laws treating them like second class citizens. Ask yourself if men would do that.

**Christianity has been keeping women down for 2000 years.**

"The latest Senate draft bill will destroy millions of jobs in America and cause immense strategic harm to our country!" Musk wrote on X on Saturday afternoon. "Utterly insane and destructive. It gives handouts to industries of the past while severely damaging industries of the future."

"This bill raises the debt ceiling by \$5 TRILLION, the biggest increase in history, putting America in the fast lane to debt slavery!" he added.

**Let it pass. Repubs will suffer for at least a decade if it does.**

Trump's polls are ugly. Across swing states and suburban districts, independents and soft GOP voters aren't buying the "Everything is Great Again" line, especially when they're paying still eyeing persistent inflation, spendy groceries, and praying their credit card rates don't jump another two points.

And for all of Trump's bluster about the economy being "the best in the history of the universe, maybe even better than God's economy," people aren't feeling it. They're not idiots. They have wallets, and brains. They've seen the trade war costs coming home ... to them. They know that the vaunted "90 deals in 90 days" is as real as Trump's hairpiece. They've seen the immigration ICEstapo raids wrecking farms, construction, health care, and other pillars of the economy.

Suing for unpatriotic reporting? Has he never heard of freedom of the press? The "freedom" isn't just the freedom to print the news that makes him and/or his administration look good, it is an unqualified freedom. The only restrictions would be for libel or slander.

6-29-25

Now we see if there are enough Republicans with the courage of John McCain to vote thumbs down on this disaster. It is immoral to slash funding for healthcare for the poor and food programs for kids in order to pass billionaire tax cuts. It will also devastate small town hospitals in rural areas. The Republicans who vote for this are basically voting against a lot of the people who put them in office.

Public lands belong to the American people. If this bill passes, it will represent the biggest gift in American history. Shame on Mike Lee and the others attempting to covertly transfer our nations treasures to private interests all in the interest of profit.

Yes, let's make the rich richer. All we have to do is slash Medicaid and SNAP. Take from those that need it the most and give it to the rich. I don't mind paying taxes. It would just be nice to have a say in the spending since it is our money. Nothing ever justifies giving those that don't need it, more. But no matter the bill's flaws, republicans are going to pass it because our president needs to pay back his donors.

With the passing of this bill, this country will never be the same. Health coverage, food assistance, and many other things necessary for survival will be taken away from those who need it the most. Tax breaks will be given to those who need it the least. National Park land will be destroyed by logging and drilling. There is so little in this bill that can actually help this country and Americans, and it is shameful that our elected representatives will vote for it, just to keep their jobs and appease the worst president in this country's history.

Is another victory on the horizon? Why are Republicans not worrying about the deficit these days? They lamented about it for four years, but now prioritizing tax breaks for the wealthy seems more important. I question whether the affluent would suffer any consequences, like missing a meal or losing their homes, if these breaks were eliminated. Meanwhile, the working poor are at risk of going hungry and losing their healthcare. The red states that voted for this will face the most consequences, so they essentially got what they chose. Best of luck to them!

The \$6000 is nothing when they have to pay back potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical bills medicaid didn't cover. This will lead to a medical crisis in America where many will lose their jobs and patients will die bc clinics, nursing homes and hospitals will be going bankrupt. Unbelievable!

That may be true, but most of these patients that will die voted for Trump. They were willing to give up their lives for his agenda, They knew the cost and were willing to bear it, same with the middle class. Long live Trump!

Keep in mind....that while trump and the gop are eliminating consumer protections, slashing funding for child cancer research, is cutting Medicare (and Social Security is next), cutting VA benefits, eliminating FEMA (now some places will NEVER recover from future natural disasters), slashing funding for firefighting, increasing prices on ALL consumer goods through his tariffs (a MASSIVE tax on the middle / working class), etc, etc.....but he is spending more than a Billion \$ for HIS personal Air Force 1 (which he will use and taxpayers will pay for for the rest of his life) \$100's of millions of taxpayer \$ on HIS personal frivolous lawsuits, \$100's of millions on HIS weekly golf trips (he has ALREADY cost taxpayers more than \$70 million and is on track for a 4 year total exceeding \$700 million), more than \$45 million (this is trump's estimate - the actual total is likely MUCH higher) throwing HIMSELF a military parade for HIS birthday....it is CLEAR that trump COULDN'T CARE LESS about the middle / working class...he ONLY cares about himself...and he will spend as much taxpayer \$ he can get his hands on for HIS OWN personal benefit.

For those who say Medicare isn't being cut.....

"CBO late Tuesday said the legislation will increase the debt by \$2.3 trillion over 10 years. That will trigger as much as \$500 billion in Medicare cuts starting as soon as 2026.

I worked for an agency, after I retired, that dealt with people with handicaps. Many had downs syndrome and other various handicaps. Many had part time jobs but relied on Medicaid for their medical needs. My son is a nurse who travels to give medications for people with mental disorders. My oldest daughter is the CEO of an agency that takes care of people that need daytime care and they all use Medicaid as their health insurance. Between my Son and my Daughter they give back to society in a big and caring way.

Then we have those heartless low lives taking it away, We aren't much of a Christian nation anymore

This is exactly what Josh Hawley said he wouldn't vote for. Yet there he is voting for it.

Collins and Murkowski will certainly state their indignant discomfort with this decision, and then they will vote for it anyway.

Reverse Robin Hood mentality on display by Trump and the Republicans: Take from the poor and middle class and give it to the wealthy and corporations.

When Rand Paul is the voice of reason, that's reaaaallllly bad.

How awful. This administration has to infect every aspect of everything in this country. Like a virus. And the Supreme Court keeps adding power to all the illegal actions. SCOTUS has misinterpreted or just flat ignored the constitution on nearly 2 dozen cases and counting. This country has fallen folks. And 77 million people apparently are thrilled with the idea of no more governance. They have welcomed the age of the dictatorship. They voted for it, and they got it.

Books teach history. Monuments teach values. Racist monuments dedicated to traitors have no place in America. How many statues to Hitler do you think Germany has? How many SS soldiers have national parks or military bases named after them in Germany? How many German schools are named after SS soldiers or members of Hitler's inner circle?

We don't name our military bases after vanquished enemies, otherwise we would have Fort Hitler and Yamamoto Naval Air Station and Camp Mousilini. These places were named after CSA heroes as part of the bargain in their surrender to give the USA the property for our military use and name it after their former officers.

for any of you who are old enough to recall the McCarthy Era when law-abiding Americans were hauled in front of a kangaroo court to report on those who committed "un-American activities"....take heed. this is no different, a shredding of TRULY American ideals

Any public place, building, military base, or statue depicting or named after a Confederate general, soldier, or politician is, by definition, anti-American. They were literal traitors; nothing more. Any argument to try and twist or nuance this fact is fundamentally based in racism.

I am not anti-American. I am anti-Trump. There's a huge difference.

Seems we've lost sight of the fact that the president's job is to unite people - this one does nothing but divide people.

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This bill will pass no doubt. Some are just waiting to be bribed with the clauses for their special interests to be added to the bill to agree. No American should have any misunderstanding that any republican is holding back for the fiscal responsibility reasons.

The most economically efficient way to reduce the deficit would be to roll back the tax cuts for the wealthy (Google Diamond and Saez, 2011 for the economics) and INCREASE funding for the IRS (there are some \$650 Billion in legal taxes that are not paid each year), Republicans are doing the opposite of what makes economic sense.

The outrage here isn't just about policy—it's about the staggering hypocrisy of an administration that has, time and again, trafficked in inflammatory rhetoric, targeted marginalized groups, and undermined democratic norms, now positioning itself as the arbiter of civil rights and moral conduct.

To accuse others of “deliberate indifference” while having a track record of downplaying white nationalism, mocking the disabled, and stoking division—it's not just ironic. It's galling. It's the kind of projection that turns justice into a weapon, not a principle.

This isn't about defending Harvard or excusing any real instances of antisemitism—those deserve serious attention. But when accountability is selectively applied, when power is used to punish dissent or coerce institutions into submission, it stops being about justice and starts being about control.

The "Onion" scooped its media competitors by obtaining a draft of Trump's letter: "Dear Charmin Powell: Interests RATS are too high. Interest RATS in foreign countries are much lower than ours. Please lower interest RATS immediately or: 'YOU'RE FIRED!' Sincerely, DJT" Musk hates this bill. All the democrats do. The vast majority of average Americans hate it, and secretly, so do most GOP members of Congress but it will get passed because they are afraid of Trump and the billionaires behind this. This is the Billionaire Bailout Bill and its passage will prove they have taken over our country for their benefit at our expense.

Sad but true.....this bill IS going to pass.....this bill IS going to hurt 10's of millions of Americans (A LOT of magas included)....this bill IS going to MASSIVELY INCREASE both the deficit and the debt (that's why they are INCREASING the debt ceiling by \$5 TRILLION)....this bill IS a disaster for the middle / working class.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Elon Musk vows to defeat Republicans who vote for Donald Trump's mega bill.”

7-1-25

Yet again, Republicans doing things they accuse Democrats of doing. After all their posturing about spending, this is just a nail in the coffin for that party when the seats come up or vote in 2026. Trump will be a lame duck his last two years guaranteed.

If birthright citizenship becomes retroactive, this will be quite interesting to see who can actually stay.

There is no money in solving the homeless problem. There is no money in curing cancer... Similarly, there is no money in giving people a proper hearing and then deporting those who need to be deported. Instead these privateers (contractors) are making money at detaining and then holding people in their private facilities. Later on, they can use these facilities to hold the next target.

The Republican leadership platform is to cut taxes for the rich, balloon the deficit, gut services for the poor like Medicaid, and increase military spending.

Trump also started a trade war with the world. Stagflation is more likely than deflation. The higher the tariffs, the more the consumer pays, and the lower the consumer confidence because they have less disposable income. It also decreases exports because retaliatory tariffs make US

products more expensive, as well as decreases imports because retaliatory tariffs make those imported goods more expensive.

I find it very hard to come to terms with the devastating consequences of what Chaos this bill is bound to damage our Nation. From astronomical Trillions in National Unrepayable Debt, The Devastating Harm It will cause for Millions who rely on Medicaid, Food Stamps and Nutrition assistance. Who Are We To Intentionally Harm Our Most Vulnerable?

They passed the BIG BOTCHED BILL. RIP USA. We had our chance for common sense legislation that did not dramatically increase the budget deficits, but the CONSERVATIVES (Hah) decided they would rather spend away, while also cutting Medicaid and our environmental future. So sad.

I just finished writing stern but polite emails to Senators Husted and Moreno for voting for this Bill. I feel better however, I am not naive enough to believe that they will even read them or have read them in the past. I know that there are plenty of people who voted for Trump who have been affected by his "tantrums" already, but I am wondering when the die-hard MAGAs will be affected, and I will not feel a bit sorry for them.

If republicans thought the town halls were bad before all this, wait till the effects of this bill hit the constituents who rely on Medicaid.

There should be a 60 vote threshold to pass any legislation or approve judges to the federal bench. This would ensure that both parties have input into the process and bring some fairness and sanity to what gets accomplished.

Well that does it for me, changing my party to Independent. Was waiting to see if the GOP would do the right thing for the American People, but they didn't, again.

Now it comes to marketing. Let the GOP own this bill. Do not let them blame democrats in 2028 for this bill just because there is a new democratic president. All of the budget issues and woes that this country faces are squarely on the responsibility of Republicans. When rural hospitals start to close - republicans did it. When people lose medicare and food stamps, republicans did it. When lower and middle class taxes go up, republicans did it with this bill.

And to successfully do that, we have got to get rid of aging democratic leadership who think Facebook is a polaroid in a yearbook.

Math isn't mathing. So you have a bill that cuts cuts cuts, but yet we still add an additional 3 trillion to the deficit because of this bill, and American's get uninsured and go hungry. Tell me there is nothing wrong with this picture.

Have patience people, these things have consistently back fired through out history. It will be a most glorious sight when the opposing party gains all of the control, because it always does and always has throughout American political history, and when these political abuses are returned ten fold... and you can be assured that will happen. So enjoy these moments while you can maga because soon those deafening maga cry's will sound like a chorus of angels singing.

It will take a miracle to bring us back from this disaster.

Breaking: US National Debt Breaches \$37 TRILLION DOLLARS

NOT A PEEP FROM THE GOP ABOUT THE DEBT NOW??

Current debt-to-GDP ratio is 123.04%

The last time the U.S. government budget was balanced was 2001 (it actually ran a surplus from 1997 - 2000).

The national federal debt stands at \$37,044,877,320,468 as of a moment ago.

Do you really want a bill that adds \$4-10 trillion to that over the next ten years? And that doesn't take into account the current budget deficit of over \$2 trillion or any other future deficits that

Congress decides to run. Interest on the national debt is \$1.2 Trillion per year now and costs more each year than what we spend on defense.

We don't need more deficit spending or TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH!

Why have they cut everything , but the Deficit ?

The Doomsday Clock just went forward.

Vance's career will end with this administration and he will be a vaguely remembered stain on the political blotter of history. Hopefully with his participation in this tragic bill, which is akin to treason for the damage to our country's security, he may be put on trial some day.

Big Brutal Bill that will destroy GOP, and will inflict immense pain to hard working people. GOP -- the Group of Punks think they are invincible, but interestingly they are crafting their own doom. This is called nature's way, you wouldn't even know how you are going following a path of self-destruction. Go ahead GOP, I am now rooting for you (your audacity and absolute lack of empathy).

51-50 vote. All this does is reaffirm how divided this country is.

GOP just shooting themselves in the foot with this one. Once their constituents feel the effects of this it'll be the midterms and they all be doing town halls answering angry MAGA's about why they would vote for such a bill. Sounds like this "big, beautiful bill" is going to cause a big, blue wave. And Vance being forced to break the tie... good luck succeeding Trump as POTUS now.

And America just lost. Don't have any faith that the House will stand up for America do the right thing. No tax cuts for billionaires and nobody loses health insurance or have their premiums skyrocket.

Red states are being gutted. Rural clinics closing. Seniors rationing meds. But hey—at least the yacht tax break survived. Priorities, right?

Josh Shapiro: The bill Donald Trump and Republicans in DC are trying to ram through Congress right now does the following (according to Congress' own independent, nonpartisan authority):

👤 Knocks 11.8 million people off of health care — including 310,000 Pennsylvanians who get their health care from Medicaid. And for those who try to justify their votes by claiming “we’re just knocking ‘illegal immigrants’ off and eliminating ‘waste fraud and abuse’,” note that in Pennsylvania, it is against the law for an undocumented immigrant to get Medicaid and we lead the nation in rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse.

👤 Takes food assistance away from more than 7 million people — 2 million children — including 140,000 Pennsylvanians. These people are working and just need a bit of extra help to feed their families. This is cruel to them and to our farmers who do the noble work of growing crops to feed their neighbors.

📈 Adds \$3.3 TRILLION to our national deficit — limiting our freedom, harming the generation that has to clean up the mess long after Trump is gone.

👤 Threatens 26,000 Pennsylvanians' jobs — including thousands of union Building Trades members who work in our energy industry — who will lose their jobs because the bill raises taxes and eliminates funding for affordable energy development. As the second largest net energy exporter in the nation, this will crush the fastest growing parts of our energy sector. As an added insult to all Pennsylvanians, you'll see higher electricity prices that will more than offset the important work my Administration has done to control electricity bills.

The republicans are against big govt and for state and local govt rights until they are not.

Their hypocrisy is profoundly alarming.

They actually don't know what real conservative means anymore.

Trump is calling Mamdani a communist. He doesn't know the difference between communism and socialism. Under communism, most property and economic resources are owned and controlled by the state, while under socialism, all citizens share equally in economic resources. Mamdani is not a communist as Trump claims. Just another of the ways Trump spreads disinformation to further divide Americans. Putin's lovin' it.

7-2-25

Tom Homan fails to understand. It's not the policy, it's the heartless enforcement, lack of transparency, and cavalier attitude toward Constitutional rights. Most of the country is for deportations. Just not the cruelty.

Could it be that the average American is uncomfortable with the way the immigration problem is being handled? I know I am. Masked men jumping out of cars, no documents, no questions, just accosting people, seems a bit over the top. There are legitimate procedures that could be used. Why not use them?

7-3-25

All Republicans want to do is "own the libs," "make Dems cry" and so on. Even if it hurts them in the long term, from worse health care, to higher inflation, to lost civil liberties. It's a dark time for our country.

The only problem is that they've timed it so the Medicaid cuts will go into effect right after the midterms. So people won't feel it before they vote, and if they're not paying attention, they may not even know what's about to happen and who's to blame. The only hope is the polling on this bill is really bad...so maybe more are aware...at least the midterm-voting-type of people. Nice, right?

We're facing a recession anyway- and cutting billionaire's taxes, raising military spending, and doing nothing to actually cut the deficit aren't helping it. At all.

I got news for you bill o'reilly you're not as smart as you think you are. This bill has absolutely nothing for 95% of Americans. The republicans will lose the house and senate in next years mid terms regardless of whether the bill passes or not. I will vote against every republican on the ballot...no exceptions and no mercy. And I encourage all Americans to do the same.

If it passes, Republicans can ever complain about spending deficits. Not that the cult members care.

The bill is historically unpopular, polling anywhere from -22 to -39 points. The entire point of the Republican party is to steal from the working class and give to the richest in the country. Literally cutting healthcare and services from millions of poor people to pay for the tax scam for billionaires that will still raise the deficit by trillions. Unfathomably immoral and transparently corrupt.

The way djt constantly badgers and threatens people you know it will pass. He's the conman mafia criminal boss!

And if it does pass, it will obliterate the GQP in next year's midterms, once it becomes common knowledge how much this bill has benefited the rich at poor people's expense. Just wait until folks start losing their healthcare and food stamps, especially in poor rural (red) districts. Republicans in Congress will be on their heels for the next 18 months trying to defend it. This will be an enormous gift to the Dems, which is why I hope it passes. The GQP seems to forget that Dementia DonOLD can't actually run for reelection in 2028. MAGA Duuuuuuuuurp

Trump doesn't "want what is best for this country". He wants to hurt people he doesn't like, and that's exactly what he is trying to do. He also will do anything to safeguard himself so he cannot be prosecuted for anything he does. He is not helping the country. He is easily the most destructive president we have had in modern history, possibly ever.

I nominate this guy for the most MAGA of all the MAGAS that ever MAGA'd. Trump takes his wife and he still supports him, I really don't see how it could get any worse than that, but maybe he'll change his mind when they take his children.

So he loves Trump more than his wife ? He probably called ICE and reported her 🗿 This is also giving off some Jim Jones or David Koresh vibes ,the men gladly gave their wives and kids to those two because they believed Jones and Koresh were God.

Nothing says cult member like this. I've seen magas lose their life savings to one of Trump's various Bitcoin scams, or Trump manipulating the stock market so Trump and his cronies can cash in--- Trump announces Tariffs --- then pulls back from them --- and Trump's friends know ahead of time and they buy, big time, at the dip in the stock market. Magas lose money on their 401 k's but they STILL pledge their allegiance to who they call their Daddy. Magas lose their jobs and personal income, their wives who are not criminals but who have been here nearly all their lives, but they still adore Trump! A good con man knows who his pigeons are and Trump can see these people a mile away, that's why Trump has doubled his net worth to 5.4 billion in the past 6 months of his presidency. I don't feel sorry for them.

It is hilarious that people are highlighting one or two points and not asking the appropriate question which is....if there are cuts to medicare and all these other areas why is it increasing our deficit significantly....

Forgive them, for they know not what they do

But not the american people's approval. Democrats or Republican what difference should it make? We're all Americans and some need to grow up and act as we're of one heritage, American. The only way to Make America Great Again is by unity, NOT division, as the current admin shamefully promotes and wrongly demands. To quote the constitution "We the people, in order to form a more perfect union" establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. True patriots know the preamble must be adhered to. The 47th is applying an age old 'divide and conquer' tactic to steal our country for himself to his profit, his BBB is vital to his plan to do this that's why he's been impatient to have it passed. To the trumper's I say wake up, get rid of him. Everything in between is academic and a moot point. 86 the greedy rotten 47th, he's a parasite.

Rep. Foxx of NC called the bill: "Historic tax relief for working families. Massive investment to secure our nation's borders. Capturing generational savings. Slashing waste, fraud and abuse in government programs so that they may run more efficiently."

If this was all about waste, fraud, and abuse, why not pursue the ~97%? That's right, only ~2% of Medicare and Medicaid fraud is committed by recipients. Providers and others in the healthcare industry commit the bulk of the fraud.

Why do MAGA's vote against their own interests and support Congress people who lie about what they are going to do for them?

I don't think anyone voted for Trump to raise the national deficit by 4 trillion dollars or reduce Medicaid spending by 900 billion dollars, a move that will cost families in rural communities the most. Rural clinics and hospitals will close forcing people, including seniors, to drive hours away

to get care. Doctors will stop practicing in underserved areas because they won't have a payor source.

Don't fool yourselves that it will help the middle class. There may be a few bones they threw in to keep MAGA happy, but by and large, this bill is for corporations and the wealthy.

Our deep financial divide between the middle class and the rich is the main driver of our social divides. It's not AB, or 2A or even immigration, it's financial security. And yet all the MAGA's and people who vote for Republicans truly believe their Congress person and Trump care about them.

Back when corporate taxes were around 70%, is when the U.S. middle class was the strongest and a force to be reckoned with. Reagan is the one, under the direction of Paul Weyrich, the founder of the Heritage Foundation, who decided to use social issues as a wedge between people in the middle class. They did this so they could get Reaganomics up and going while the middle class fought amongst themselves over social issues.

Nothing Reagan implemented, nor the reasons why they were implemented, have ever come to fruition, yet folks keep voting for people who have some pipe dream that eventually they will. Why is it that we have been most prosperous under Democratic POTUS's since Reagan? Because Democrats actually believe in a strong middle class, it's not just lip service.

The "pro life" party of "fiscal responsibility" and the "working class" voted to add \$3.4 trillion to the national debt, shift even more wealth from the poor to the wealthy, and are willing to let countless lives suffer or die. Everyone who voted for or defends this has no moral compass. The outcomes of this will be on your hands.

It's going to be really easy to see how popular this bill is - when Biden passed his infrastructure bill, republicans that voted against it went back to their home districts and bragged about it. Wonder how many republicans are going back to their home districts this weekend will brag about this bill.

And yet they keep voting for the same people they aren't happy with, because otherwise they'd have to admit that "owning the libs" isn't worth the damage it's doing to themselves.

Why do you think they were told to not have town hall meetings anymore. They don't want to hear from their constituents. Just bow to Trump's threats.

This stupid country. I guess this is where we sit - an isolation nation run by greedy, gluttonous, low-rent hoods and bullies. When did it become unpatriotic to have empathy? Or you know, a soul. We don't need a birthday party, we need an exorcism.

**While no surprise, it is still heartbreaking.**

Meanwhile people that claim to be Christian are celebrating all of these horrors.

To the Trump Republicans. Is grandma in a nursing home? You better make some space in your home.

Live in rural America? I hope your child doesn't need lifesaving care because in many instances, you will now need to drive hours for that care. I sincerely hope that baby gets there in time.

Lost your job? Maybe from one of those hospitals that are closing? Oh, no! I hope you can afford private insurance and someone is kind enough to buy you food. Maybe your church will do that for you.

Your senior in HS wants to go to college? I hope you were able to save for it. That pell grant that helped to educate many of us isn't going to do it now.

You have a beloved family member that relies on medicaid for mental health care? Someone that needs substance abuse care or they will likely die? That breaks ny heart (it really does).

Do you understand that your president doesn't give two shits about you or your family? He used you. It's going to be tough coming to terms with that, I would guess.

Just know that you did not just screw yourself. You screwed all of us.

This isn't Trump's fault. He showed us exactly who he is. I expect no more from him or the others that know better but follow his lead anyway because they want to stay in congress with their good pay and health insurance.

I am blaming the voters who couldn't be bothered when we begged and pleaded for you to see what is right in front of your eyes.

Signed, an ANGRY American

**This is heartbreaking and infuriating.**

7-4-25

What the Trump Administration Predicted in 2017

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) was sold as "rocket fuel for the economy."

Officials like Kevin Hassett (Council of Economic Advisers chair) and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin claimed:

GDP growth would reach 4% to 6% annually.

Median household income would rise by \$4,000 to \$9,000, with Hassett even suggesting a long-term boost of \$20,000 per year.

The tax cuts would pay for themselves through increased growth and revenue.

📄 What Actually Happened

GDP growth averaged 2.5% in the quarters following the tax cuts — exactly the same as the average before the cuts.

There was a brief bump in 2018 (e.g., 3.1% growth from Q4 2017 to Q4 2018), but it quickly faded.

Business investment growth averaged just 3.5%, below the 4.6% average of the prior seven quarters.

Real median household income rose by only \$550 in the first year after the tax cuts — far short of the promised \$4,000 to \$9,000.

The Congressional Budget Office projected the TCJA would add \$1.9 trillion to the national debt over 11 years

Every time it the same old lie

According to the Brookings Institution, revenues fell in FY2018 compared to pre-TCJA projections — by \$275 billion, or 7.6%.

Corporate tax revenue dropped nearly 40%, matching the cut from 35% to 21%.

The TCJA did not pay for itself, and most independent analyses agree it fell short of its growth promises

I think that Republicans will lose Congress after the next election, definitely the House anyway, and Democrats will have political ammunition to use against them.

But, Democrats need a legitimate nominee after the disaster after the last election. They also need a new playbook other than ivy league liberalism coupled with neo liberalism

They need to focus on a more populist economic message in order to win the rust belt States that Trump won.

**Lisa Murkowski just admitted that Trump's bill will hurt people even after she voted for it "I know that in many parts of the country, there are Americans that are not going to be advantaged by this bill." The Republicans are spineless cowards.**

She said she voted for the bill because she was given assurances that citizens of her state would be shielded from the harmful provisions in the bill. Well, if she had voted against the bill the citizens of Alaska would have been shielded from the harmful provisions as well as citizens from the other states. So, she got her tax breaks, and hurt middle class and poor in the other states. Good for her. I hope she is kicked out during the next election.

I wish her a long life of thinking about what she did.

I used to admire Murkowski, now I see she is just a common Republican sell out.

7-5-25

Cancun Ted got 85 million \$\$\$ included in the BB bill just passed by Congress to move the space shuttle from DC to Texas. I think that money could be spent on more important things.

DOGE fired close to 2000 people from the National Weather Service and NOAA which raised concerns about their abilities to continue forecasting weather accurately.

Watching Chip Roy and MAGA Republicans talk about a disaster that happened to their area, stating they are needing help from our army and state and local officials... knowing they are the same ones that agreed to defund FEMA and assistance for such events to aid people is just sad. Its even worse knowing kids suffer for what adults do.

“National Weather Service forecast this week had called for only between three and six inches.”

This is what happens when you take away funding from an important national service. DOGE thought we didn't need accurate forecasts and Ai could do it.

(1.) Texans vote for Trump. (2.) Trump's DOGE makes drastic cuts to local offices of the National Weather Service. (3.) Campers are washed away by a flash flood. (4.) Texans put authorities "under increasing scrutiny over whether the camp and others in the area received proper warning." ... You reap what you sow.

I am 75 and grew up during the period that we built many dams, covered the nation with highways, poured cement everywhere we could and started the most massive attack on our environment (all in the name of profit) that this world has ever seen. Yes, we saw the changes to the weather caused by all these things, and we ignored it.

Climate change? Just another weather cycle long overdue? I have no idea. We had tornados and hurricanes prior to this and also cells that sat over an area and dumped torrential rains, but nothing like what we see today.

Something is wrong and left unaddressed will only get worse. Denying that there is something wrong is only going to kill or harm more of us and maybe make this planet unlivable. Instead of popping off with cliché comments like tree hugger, weather liberal, etc., we all need to get on the same page and admit something is a foot and it is in our best interest to figure out what it is, can we fix it or can we somehow live with it. Look at what is going on in Texas today and in the Carolinas. We cannot afford the wanton loss of lives and cost of damages.

If we cannot fix this, we have doomed our grandchildren.

No FEMA help, let the states rescue themselves. Everyone pulls themselves up by their bootstraps. That's what I hear from all my MAGA workmates from 2023 to present. They will soon come to their senses when they finally wake up to reality, when disasters strike and they need help, they refused when they entered that voting booth last year.

It's time to heed the warning. Now, is it better to be a God-fearing liberal, a law-abiding citizen that loves your country, democracy, our constitution, and the rule of law, or is it better to be a racist masquerading as a Christian, an orange-stained, demonically possessed individual, a golden-calf-idol-worshiper who has abandoned their moral wholesomeness, knowingly ignoring

the criminal of the century's diabolical transgressions here on earth? That's being a fake Christian, and you will not be allowed to enter the kingdom because you knew better and you chose to worship a criminal poisoning you. He knows every thought that you've had today in ways that you can't even remember. And he knows every desire you have had. And he knows every word you have said, will say, everything we have done; he sees it all. He sees you persecuting the traveler who is robbed, beaten, and left for dead on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and not loving your neighbor, even if they are considered an enemy, for true neighborly love extends to all, regardless of background or social status. He saw the inhumane floating barrier of buoys with circular blades that spun to dismember his children. He will remind you that you saw that he raped E. Jean Carroll and got it reduced to merely sexually abusing her. That you saw that he stole. That you saw that he fornicated. That you saw that he molested. That you saw that he lied. That you saw that he divided. That you saw that he incited. That you saw that he terrorized. That you saw that he hurt and injured. That you saw that he murdered Americans, i.e., Ashli Babbitt. That you saw that he cared only about committing the next crime. That you saw that he committed crime after crime with no conviction and remorse. But you chose to worship him and make him your idol.

**Budget cuts kill**

Has Jodi Ernst (Iowa -R) sent out her 'everybody dies' sympathy cards yet?

7-6-25

Hurricane season is just beginning, and Trump has already decimated the NWS and FEMA, along with upping the amount of damage a state needs to take to qualify for aid. Instead, our tax money is going to Trump's Security Forces, thanks to the BBB.

Expect this country to experience many more "didn't see that coming" tragedies in the next few years.

It was his slow reaction to Hurricane Katrina that helped sink Bush's 2nd term. It will be deep cuts the weather forecasts and to FEMA amongst a myriad of other things that is going to scuttle TACO.

**THANK YOU DONALD TRUMP**

"Crucial positions at the local offices of the National Weather Service were unfilled as severe rainfall inundated parts of Central Texas on Friday morning, prompting some experts to question whether staffing shortages made it harder for the forecasting agency to coordinate with local emergency managers as floodwaters rose.

Texas officials appeared to blame the Weather Service for issuing forecasts on Wednesday that underestimated how much rain was coming."

So perhaps we are looking at the first diastorous results of the insane DOGE cuts of essential services. And with the passage of the Big Horrible Trump Budget Bill that takes more money away from trying to stop climate change, how much worse are things going to get? But the important thing to Trump and his billionaire buddies is giving them this money so they can buy faster Jets and bigger Yachts. AMERICA THE TERRIBLE.

What masquerades as the "Unpredictability Doctrine" reveals itself, upon closer examination, to be no doctrine at all—merely the dignified name given to the erratic impulses of a fundamentally disordered mind. To call it strategy grants it a coherence it has never possessed.

The harsh truth is that we have mistaken pathology for policy, confusing the random firings of a narcissistic temperament with some grand tactical design. There is no method to this madness, no deeper chess game being played. What we observe is simply the natural operation

of a consciousness that can process no information except through the singular filter of personal advantage.

Every decision, every pronouncement, every policy position must first pass through the narrow aperture of self-interest before it can be comprehended or acted upon. The world exists not as an objective reality to be understood, but as raw material to be evaluated solely for its utility in serving one man's appetites.

This is not governance but a form of intellectual masturbation—the endless recycling of external stimuli through the closed loop of ego gratification. What appears as unpredictability is actually the most predictable pattern of all: the reliable reduction of every complex issue to the simple question of personal benefit.

The tragedy is not merely that we have entrusted power to such a creature, but that we have collectively agreed to dignify his limitations with the language of strategy, as if calling chaos a doctrine somehow transforms it into wisdom.

In short the felon never had a plan except for revenge and grifting. He let PROJECT 2025 do their worst damage to our country with being as racist in policies as they can to minorities!

Don't give the Orange Felon credit for devising a clever strategy for winning on the world stage. Trump is not that smart or clever. He is simply, by nature, a spoiled, impetuous, petulant child who for the moment sits atop the most powerful nation in the world with whom other nations need to maintain good relations. Trump's day of reckoning is coming.

Trump is a psychopath. He has shown the world that US "diplomacy" and "negotiations" are a con to get another nation to let its guard down thinking the US was sincere. Then the US turns around and bombs it---what the US just did to Iran. Silver lining is that US bombs did minimal damage to Iran's nuclear program. Horrible that Trump killed many, many civilians. Trump is destroying the world and destroying the US republic.

Mental instability is a common trait of Severe Mental Illness. It can manifest itself into many different areas and contribute to extreme mood swings and acute paranoia which can create a danger to himself and others.

**To all the Trump supporters, a message for you:**

You were a tool cheaply bought, not with dollars but with words. You have outlived your usefulness now that he's back in power, based on your votes and campaign contributions. And, accordingly, you have been discarded.

Unless you're a major corporation or a multi-billionaire, you have no place in Trump's world or plans. He may occasionally toss a bone your way to appease you, but otherwise, you don't even exist within his vision of America.

Him and his Billionaire friends are going to exploit, capitalize and cannibalize this country to make themselves as rich as possible and guess who's going to pay the price... You and everyone else but them.

You knew exactly who he was, you knew the things he said, you knew the kind of person he was because time and time again, he showed the world. From degrading women to degrading POW veterans, from alienating allies that stood with us after 911 and more to cozying up to dictators that threaten the world with war.

You maintained blind loyalty and degraded anyone trying to tell you the truth.

This is on your hands. Lying to yourself only last a little while

**This is your new reality.....**

He said it out loud during his rallies, "I don't care about you, all I want is your vote,

Trump's NOAA cuts, pushed by Musk's DOGE, slashed funding 30% and staff 17%, underestimating rainfall by 50% and delaying alerts. This contributed to the floods killing 24, including ~20 Camp Mystic girls. Facts over feelings.

Experts and pundits warned that DOGE cuts and Trump revenge firings would prove fatal as early as this first hurricane season of Trump's reign of idiocy.

Statistics were cited. Evidence was carefully explained.

MAGA didn't WANT to know. MAGA was eager for these innocent lives to be snuffed out by the mindless, tainted power MAGA felt.

MAGA is a death cult.

Many more will be sacrificed to MAGA's arrogant and desperate stoopidity.

Welcome to the Trumpocolypse!

Yes God created clean skies, rainwater, groundwater. Corporate America is responsible for smoggy skies, acid rainwater, and groundwater polluted by toxic waste. Let's stop your party's plan to de-regulate corporations from doing injecting stuff into the atmosphere above and the earth below. We all want clean air, rainwater and groundwater and sunshine as God created it and Corporate America has destroyed.

DJT is the front man for those careful planners and executors of Project 2025. He really doesn't care or have the attention span to initiate or direct all the current fundamental changes happening under his name.

He cares about shelf-aggrandizement, self-promotion and enrichment. He likes holding court as the King and demanding submission by other politicians, world leaders and those who come to him as supplicants.

There is no Trumpism only Trump without him the whole quickly constructed dictatorial house of cards falls in on itself in chaos and conflict.

You may feel powerless because you do not believe. When you truly open your heart to climate change as a real phenomenon, and is not a hoax, only then can you understand all the pieces of the puzzle. And climate change is just beginning. The Trump administration has done a disservice, not only to all Americans but to everyone with whom we share this planet, through its callous denial of the reasons why storms are becoming more virulent.

We are \$4 trillion more in debt! We can't afford to give Texas any funding to help with this. They are on their own, just like California during the fires. Oh wait. Texas voted for Trump. Send all of the federal resources and unlimited money to help Texas now!

7-7-25

Thank you President Trump! You are truly a courageous leader to force American citizens to pay more for everyday items for absolutely no reason!

Worst Republican president for the American economy since Herbert Hoover in 1929. He has absolutely no idea what he is doing. American consumers pay for the punitive tariffs as they are passed on by importers and retailers in the form of much higher consumer prices.

America used to be able to get things done. When disaster was impending, we had experts who could predict it. When disaster struck, we had experts who could deal with it.

But that was then. This is now. Mad King Donny has grabbed Good Old American Know-How by the haunches and given it a vigorous clowning to the point where, when shit goes sideways, we're lucky if there's anyone around to even answer the phone.

This is what happens when you replace expertise with the worst people in the world.

More blood on this administration's hands another 83 lives lost because of Trump and his regime's deadly incompetence. Over 40% of the National Weather Service positions in Houston were left vacant, thanks directly to Trump's reckless cuts to NOAA and the NWS. Critical emergency forecasting leadership in Texas was gutted. Had those positions been filled, had this regime given a damn about people instead of profit and power, accurate forecasts and timely warnings could have saved lives. But they didn't. And so, they didn't.

Every single day this regime clings to power, more Americans die; whether it's from preventable weather disasters, lack of health care, hunger, mass shootings, homelessness, or just the chaos that MAGA thrives on. This regime isn't going to bring us "greatness"; it will bring us death, chaos, and despair for everyday people and his cult followers will cheer him on because they love his racist fascist agenda.

Unbelievable:

Reporter: Was it a fundamental failure of the federal government's responsibility to keep us safe?

Noem: Trump is currently upgrading the technology in the national weather service...

BY FIRING EVERYONE AND CUTTING FUNDING???

The Fox Propaganda Network promoting hate and division since 1996.

7-8-25

Just two weeks ago Trump ended service of two Extreme Weather Satellites because they were Not Cost Effective. They were only three years old.

They were just as cost effective as any other satellite. AND most of the costs were already spent when they were built and launched.

The problem is that they were gathering weather data that would lead reasonable people to understand that man-made climate change is well underway.

Just like Covid, Trump sees getting rid of testing as the solution.

5 former weather service directors sent him a letter saying this would happen if he continued gutting the weather service.

Just like Trump-1.0, I have a feeling Trump-2.0 will be spending the second half of his term without a majority in Congress. History has a way of repeating itself—especially when the tax cuts flow up and the consequences trickle down.

Strategy is the same as usual, DEFLECT, LIE and BLAME DEMOCRATS. Just like how in the past, they blamed democrats for the increasing deficit and yet republicans just added 3 trillion to the deficit.

Texas is underwater—and the GOP just slashed our weather forecasting budget. While families in central Texas were fleeing deadly floods, Trump and every single Republican in Congress pushed through the so-called "Big Beautiful Bill"—gutting \$200 million from NOAA and the National Weather Service.

That money was meant to improve early warnings for exactly the kind of fast-moving, catastrophic flooding we just experienced. Instead, it was sacrificed for tax cuts and fossil fuel handouts.

Senator Ted Cruz—yes, from Texas—personally added the cuts behind closed doors. \$150M cut from forecasting and public alert systems \$50M cut from climate impact research on oceans and ecosystems

And now? Trump says we don't need to rehire meteorologists. "Nobody saw it," he shrugs.

This isn't just negligence, it is cruelty disguised as policy. We deserve leaders who protect lives—not just profits.

If churches are going to be politically active, they should lose the tax-exempt status.

A lifetime of lies, deflection, and chaos is deforming his face.

Whenever Donald is close to being exposed for the sexual predator and shyster businessman he is, he gets edgy and lashes out. He's transferring his anxiety about finally getting caught without someone to blame, and vents on those around him.

It's a typical Trump ploy: 1) Change the subject, 2) act indignant, 3) call it 'fake news'. This is what he always does. It's his basic MO and I'm surprised newscasters haven't caught on.

Trump makes accusations and BS claims of the media and people that oppose him when in reality he's doing exactly what he claims others are doing.

There is, of course, a degree of irony to the circumstances. After his defeat in the 2020 election, Trump spent years insisting that Biden had ordered an investigation into him — an odd conspiracy theory for which there is literally no evidence. Now, it's Trump who's doing exactly what he falsely accused his predecessor of doing.

I was born at the beginning of WWII and it worries me that I may not live long enough to see America stop this madness and the tyrants that are causing it. WWIII seems more of a possibility than ever before. Once started, they do not end quickly.

Deporting people merely because they are not fully legal and expecting that some on Medicaid can take their place in field is insane.

How do those wealthy people, including the entire Trump family, live with themselves and not feel anything for someone who actually needs Medicaid to survive? We have homeless people in South FL who can no longer afford rent or home insurance. There are countries who have even less.

This is not the America that 420,000 Americans died for in WWII.

Brooke Rollins just said the quiet part out loud:

“No amnesty. Mass deportations continue. We'll replace immigrant labor with machines and force the poor on Medicaid to pick up the slack.”

This is a manifesto for a low-wage police state.

Deport the immigrants. Threaten the poor. Automate the rest.

Welcome to the new American workforce; powered by cruelty, not dignity

7-9-25

Jimmy Carter submitted balanced budgets to congress. Clinton balanced the budget. Obama cut the deficit in half. Biden, after his first year of spending to get us out of Trump's recession, cut the deficit more than any other president on record. On the other hand, Reagan/HW Bush quadrupled the debt. George Bush doubled it. Trump increased it more than any other president has in 4 years. Republicans before Reagan were the party of fiscal responsibility. Now they are the party of massive debt. BTW, the increase in debt under Democrats is due largely to the huge deficits they were stuck with by Republicans who increased spending and cut taxes.

Republicans get elected because their voters are focused on culture wars issues, not economic issues.

Of course, Congress didn't heed Wall Street warnings. Why would they? And Trump will take over the Fed next. They won't listen until the markets tank and then they will blame it in Biden, Obama, and Clinton.

I remember when America was at its greatest! It was the years before I had to start paying rent - then I grew up.

Between Trump, Republicans in Congress and the US Supreme Court we are heading back to the roaring 1920s and we know exactly where that ended. The terrible social policies, the fear mongering over minor nonexistent issues and the thought that we can party forever on other peoples' money is headed to a screeching halt. Trump bragged that he was the king of debt. His son said if it wasn't for Russian oligarchs Trump couldn't have built golf courses because American banks did not have any faith in Trump. Trump bankrupted himself 6 times, including bankrupting a casino in New Jersey. Trump probably thinks if everything goes south he can declare bankruptcy on America and his sons think Russian oligarchs will bail out the country. America first is actually America the beggar. It stinks to be an adult in this childish environment. The national debt was of grave concern to our national security when Mike Johnson became speaker of the House when Biden was president. Republicans only worry about the national debt when we have a Democrat president.

That's the worst analogy ever. It's also not true. My husband is a big football fan and if the coach is doing a bad job the fans definitely do NOT just sit around saying "oh well, that's ok, we'll win next time." They complain a lot, and sometimes the coach gets fired. And there are dead children involved here, which I'm pretty sure Texans think is even more important than football.

Just to spell this out for people: among the things that Trump dismantled with this law (and his DOGE cuts) is basically the entire U.S. foreign aid mechanism. Until this point, the U.S. on an annual basis shipped out substantial quantities of medicine, food, and other emergency supplies to various hotspots around the globe. That aid has been abruptly and permanently halted. That's going to cost human lives who would've otherwise been saved had that aid been delivered. Tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands....it's really hard to know for sure.

Trump's going to be remembered in the history books as one of the single most disastrous presidencies in human history, not just for America but for the broader global community. The damage he's singlehandedly doing is beyond calculation.

Join MAGA where the truth is always optional ...

It's all working according to their plan. They have the charts and graphs and plans and studies. Devastating storms and the gutting of FEMA and the weather service and money for reconstruction and infrastructure works great for taking advantage of religiously blinded and low education and low income RED State folks. They now just have to sit back and wait to swoop in and reorder things in their favor.

Now private equity can move in. Now people with no hope and no rope will not only give up any valuable land but in their grief and self blinding hate and ignorance dig their own hole deeper. Yeah. Blame the gays and the libs. The brown people the children covered pizza eating lizard people. That fucker Ted Crude was vacationing once again! It's like a terrible comedy. Yet— they will vote for him again if he eats a hotdog with them on their loved ones grave. Says the name of Jeebus. You cannot save those who will not save or help themselves. All you can do is pity them. I hate to see people suffer but they are gonna suffer no matter what.

I am from Norway and in Norway we don't give the Nobel Peace Prize to a wanna be dictator.

7-10-25

Great leaders are encouraging and uplifting. A great leader offers opportunities, rewards, and ensure people have the tools and support needed to succeed. They never use excuses, blame others, and never punch down. Real leaders actively listen, and build trust through empathy,

logic and authenticity. Great leaders excel at crisis management and conflict resolution. The world's greatest leaders are all visionaries who take responsibility, lead by example, and inspire greatness in others. We need great leaders!

Really, the problem is where to draw the line? No the problem is the basic philosophy. The truth is we need workers for farming, construction and all the other industries the article mentioned. The US needs to stop demonizing people who want to come here to work and set up a rational system that facilitates bringing in necessary workers. You can't logically demean other countries for lawlessness and lack of basic human rights and then say people who will suffer hardships unimaginable for most of us to escape are somehow bad people

The Republicans couldn't do better than this?

Even with all this, they still trip over each other to kiss his ring...I will never understand it.

64 X In Epstein Report.

97 X Pleaded The Fifth.

34 Felony Convictions.

91 Criminal Charges.

26 Sexual Assault Allegations.

6 Bankruptcies.

5 Draft Deferrals.

4 Indictments.

2 Impeachments.

2 Convicted Companies.

1 Fake University Shut Down.

1 Fake Charity Shut Down.

\$25 Million Fraud Settlement.

\$5 Million Sexual Abuse Verdict.

\$2 Million Fake Charity Abuse Judgment.

\$93 Million Sexual Abuse Judgements.

\$400+Million Fraud Judgment.

First Full-term President in history to increase the deficit every year he was in office.

First President in history to maintain a debt to GDP ratio over 100% for his entire term.

Highest annual budget deficit.

Most added to the national debt in a single term.

Most new unemployment claims.

Largest single day point drop in the history of the Dow.

1st major party candidate in half a century to lose the popular vote twice.

Longest government shutdown in history (and he did that while his own party controlled both chambers of Congress).

First President in the history of approval ratings to maintain a net negative approval rating for his entire term.

First President impeached 2X

With bipartisan support for his conviction after impeachment (which happened both times).

Most indictments, guilty pleas, and criminal convictions of members of an administration.

First president with a mug shot.

Please go ahead and lookup every single claim here.

**Seriously? It wasn't because after YEARS of discussions at the Texas House and Senate that the REPUBLICANS there have shot down funding for emergency systems? They've discussed it**

since 1987 when flooding occurred in the same area. The last time, in April of this year, it was brought up again and the House passed it but the Republicans in the state Senate rejected it. DEI has nothing to do with it!

How do people like Charlie Kirk become influencers, when they clearly are a few cards short of a full deck. He is all about rage and animosity, and little on substance, so stop listening to people like Kirk and demand the government ups their game when it comes to preparedness and warning systems in a world dramatically being affected by climate change.

HHS Secretary Kristi Noem and FEMA failed the people of Texas during a time of urgent need. Their response was inadequate and deeply disappointing. Secretary Noem has demonstrated a lack of qualification and effectiveness in her role. Her appointment, seemingly rooted more in political alignment and optics than in merit or capability, has only underscored the shortcomings of prioritizing ideology over competence. The people deserve public servants who are prepared, responsive, and committed to their duty—especially in moments of crisis.

It is time for Secretary Noem to step down and return to South Dakota. The public deserves better leadership, and accountability must start with her resignation.

Well, it's being suppressed by the DoJ and the DoJ works for Trump. 2+2 = Donny's on the list. If found to lie as a member of America's top tier of Government, from Congress and up, that should be punishable by a three-tier rule. First time, warned; second time fined 1/2 their salary, third time out and barred from federal offices.

So let me get this straight. First there was a list. Then said list supposedly was sitting on Bondi's desk (her words). Then there was no list, never was. Now there was a list and (surprise surprise) MAGAs are putting it on Biden.

There is definitely a communication problem amongst the circus show in office. They keep tripping each other up cause they can't seem to agree which lie works best for the situation. That's a pretty ridiculous assertion. Especially since Bondi said the file was on her desk, and back in February, Alina Habba told Piers Morgan that they had the files. Why don't they just save some time and admit there is a coverup taking place by this administration?

Oh I get it. Instead of having a centralized organization that is funded, staffed, knowledgeable, trained and prepared for numerous types of disasters, we will have a state response with limited budget, limited staff, limited resources, uncertain knowledge, limited experience handling all types of disasters. Works for me.

As tragic as this is, this is a relatively small disaster. What happens when the next hurricane Katrina hits somewhere and thousands of citizens are told they're on their own because FEMA was eliminated to help pay for the billionaire tax cuts?

Remember that Trump said: "If a certain state, as an example, gets hit by a hurricane or tornado ... the governor should be able to handle it. And frankly, if they can't handle the aftermath, then maybe they shouldn't be governor." It's the governor's fault in his opinion.

Well, we can blame tRump for all the disasters he has caused while in office.

Under Donald we also see cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, Home Mortgage deductions and all safety nets but he's giving permanent tax cuts to the rich (himself). Trump calls that balanced. Now the 'Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)' under Trump can't be counted on.

Typical Republican response. Take something that's working, call it bloated and cut funding. It still works, so they didn't need that funding and cut the funding again. Then it stops working and eliminate funding because government programs never work.

Its definitely got me in a negative frame of mind. My mother-in-law will be severely impacted by the impact on medicaid.

Superman is a good-guy. Superman would be a white hat Cowboy, if he were a cowboy. Superman protected and defended those who would be victims against the evil ones plotting the harm.

Superman has always been "woke" as far as humanity and love for mankind goes.

Superman knows right from wrong.

The longer trump keeps it under wraps, the worse it'll be for him.

Trump trying to brush it off like it's yesterday's news is a great bit of gaslighting. Don't worry no one remembers he made the Epstein list a cornerstone of his campaign.

7-11-25

If Texas was a blue state, Trump and Noem would openly be blaming the state governor and the legislature, and denying federal assistance. But, Greg Abbott is a Trump sycophant and Texas is full of MAGAs, so he has no problem with federal assistance and he has been quiet about shutting down FEMA.

Texas failed those girls. Pure and simple. The failure to acknowledge this, especially after what those little girls endured before their deaths, is cowardice at its most extreme. Those girls were the heros. Excuses, prevarications, stalling and deflection by Texas officials is disgusting. Those girls deserve better.

Read them the page out of your Project 2025 book where it says that you will dissolve FEMA.

That should go over well. Trump has been too busy slapping tariffs and golf balls to get to Texas. Besides the floods are all Biden's fault.

This ENTIRE admin acts like they're ten years old...sigh. Such an embarrassment for this Country!

The "real" Donald Trump: "Lies, injustice, and the Fascist dictator way." There, fixed it so it is correct.

Their poster should read Lies, Treason and the destruction of America.

In the last 5 years Texas has spent \$11.5 billion of their budget on " the invasion on the Southern Border".

And spent zero on sirens for flood evacuation.

A sirens system for Kerr County would have cost \$1.5 million.

Trump made them look stupid, but they played a big hand in it. There has to be quite the battle going on inside MAGA brains right now. On one hand they want the Epstein files released, while simultaneously wrestling with the thought that there is suddenly no list because Trump is all over those files. Their brains are going to explode.

Trump's legacy is that of a failed man, a disgraced man. An impeached president, a 36 count convicted felon. He will go down in history as the first American president to have willingly betrayed his own country in service to a foreign enemy. His acts of treason and espionage will be taught in history books for generations to come, and the name 'Trump' will become synonymous with cowardice, treachery, insanity.

His grandchildren will have to change their name to get anywhere in life.....and the saddest part is that he couldn't care less...

He's not going to get the Peace Prize after refusing to rule out military force to take Greenland. He's not going to get it while attacking the rule of law and ignoring court rulings in his home country.

He's not going to get it by building concentration camps in swamps and making jokes about alligators eating the inmates.

He's not going to get it while rendering foreign nationals to prisons in 3rd-party countries, especially when they have not been convicted of a crime.

He's not going to get it by deporting foreign nationals to dangerous countries with which they have no connection.

He's not going to get it by openly supporting the aggressor in an attack on another European country.

He's not a man of peace. He's a rat chasing a piece of cheese.

Trump wants a Nobel Peace Prize for conflicts he never ended, solutions he never delivered, and lies he keeps repeating. He claimed he could stop the war in Ukraine—he didn't. He claimed he brought peace between Israel and Palestine—he didn't. He even took credit for resolving tensions between India and Pakistan—India flat-out said he had nothing to do with it. Trump's self-flattery isn't diplomacy. It's delusion. The Nobel is for real peace, not PR stunts and fantasy press releases.

Anyone who protects pedophiles does not deserve a "peace prize."

He sets fires and puts them out occasionally. The argument is that he should get a prize for the times he puts them out.

Truth is only an evil heartless person would not ask these questions to correct the situation going forward. Evil is ignoring the fact that mistakes and omissions were made that totaled a collectively colossal failure of the local and state government to provide the most basic function of public safety across an entire county and then claiming everybody did a wonderful job! Acting indignant that legitimate questions is the indication of someone who has no respect for those that lost their lives, and no desire to solve the problem in the future. Now that's evil, wrapped in vanity, dipped in actual inhumanity.

Trump is like a child: "oh don't ask me hard questions, that is mean and evil!" By now people should realize Trump is retarded emotionally and intellectually. A big baby in diapers! A humiliation as President. He should care more about the grieving families than about defending himself - a normal person would; President Biden at least was humble and polite. Someone should also ask him if he still maintains that "CLIMATE CHANGE IS A HOAX"!!!!

7-12-25

How's all that Republican mantra of deregulation and gutting of agencies and regulations our once bipartisan government carefully built over the years to protect the public and consumers. Trump and his project 25 is making us all less safe and less healthy. US life expectancy is falling like we are digressing to a status below all western democracies.

Trump needs to understand that criticizing him and the government is a Constitutionally protected right. That's the same Constitution that he took an oath to abide by and protect.

Trump doesn't get it because he thinks like an authoritarian. In reality, there is nothing so American as being able to loudly criticize our politicians and leaders with the right that the State won't round you up and disappear you for doing so.

America is not driven by hatred, Trumpanistan is.

7-13-25

Consider this: Trump and Bondi have calculated it's BETTER to withstand the MAGA fallout (and possible loss of support) than to endure what would come with the release of the Epstein files. It means they FEAR the truth ever coming out so much they're willing to put up with what

they likely feel is a minor, temporary revolt. Speaks VOLUMES. Do the math..... One plus one will always equal two, until Trump wants you to believe it doesn't.

Exactly, Trump has won the election and doesn't need their support again, what good can come out of releasing the Epstein files for him especially since he's had a 10 year friendship with him, it's hard to believe that there isn't any embarrassing information about Trump in the Epstein investigation.

Breaking: Trump Negotiations Fail, Deals Crumble, Announces 30% tariffs against EU, Mexico to begin Aug. 1, rattling major US trading partners

The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, enacted in 1930 during the Republican Hoover administration, Significantly raised tariffs on imported goods in the United States. While intended to protect American farmers and industries from foreign competition, it triggered retaliatory tariffs from other countries, leading to a collapse in international trade and arguably worsening the Great Depression. Republican Senator Rand Paul spoke of this Act on the Senate floor several months ago, reminding fellow Republicans that such tariffs led to 'political decimation' which damaged the Republican party for 80 years. To that I say, "We can only hope." The current Republican congress has timidly ceded its powers to the felonious president and his minions unqualified to run the government. A continuing imbalance such as this and the country will suffer.

My favorite MAGA rebuttal so far is "Epstein didn't keep a list." How does one live with ZERO critical thinking skills? I'm genuinely curious how you live your day to day life without forming a single thought that Fox or Trump didn't put there for you. Does it hurt trying to form a thought? I have questions but I know MAGA doesn't have answers.

It's not that the base is turning on Trump, Trump did the turning. DOGE went nowhere, the BBB increased spending more than it cut it, we're at Israel's beck and call and it looks like we're going to continue giving billions per month to Ukraine. Deportations are less than they were under Biden. The failure to follow through on the Epstein files was the last straw. This doesn't feel like making America great, nor even just America first.

**TRUMPSTEIN is an international embarrassment.**

7-14-25

One angle that isn't covered in this story is how republicans are shifting the financial burden back onto the states, and red states like Nebraska with an extreme low GDP and no sustained effort to induce new profit-generating businesses and manufacturing will now have even more pressure on their already empty coffers. It's now a race to see whether Iowa, Nebraska, or Oklahoma files first for bankruptcy.

It's so nice to see someone state what I have been saying all along -- the states will have to Make Up the Difference in money by taxing the people in each state -- Property taxes will raise, plus a lot more taxes will be added to your utility bills and other public services -- in reading this article, it's hard to believe that US citizens are that uninformed as to where the money is going to come from after all the cuts the tRUMP & his republican cults in the House & Senate just did to the American people to give all the billions of dollars in tax breaks to the wealthy of this Nation -- are they so ignorant that they think the Tooth Fairy is just going to drop money on their pillows each night?

People are slow alright... A great awakening has begun. First to go are these small rural clinics. Next, a plethora of services paid by Medicaid...then watch as local hospitals are forced to cut services and layoff staff. Hospitals will close.

You get what you vote for...

Most rural clinic run on a shoestring budget as it is. When the cuts come, towns like mine ( 3 stop lights) where the population is heavy with Medicare and Medicaid folks, we will see the cuts as well. I already have to drive over 40 miles to find any specialist.

Your town is bigger than ours, we have 1 stop light, and our town is also mainly Medicaid and Medicare, but this is what they voted for. As far as specialists, that's at least 100 miles or 150 miles, depending on which direction you head.

Of the 13 richest countries in the world,...America is the only one without universal healthcare. America should have been the leader in this industry.

Profit was put before our citizen's health. Greed kicked in and here we are.

“They’re huge Trumpers ... and so it doesn’t matter what he does - there’s an excuse for it.”

Now Trumpism has come for you, redhats - let's see how well you can delude yourself after a few months of a poor economy and cuts to programs you (used to) use.

Rural hospitals have been declining in numbers for many years, often the harbinger for loss of the town , no young families stay, old residents lack adequate care, saw this in both red and blue states(Tx and Maine) as a provider

We are simply witnessing, what we have always known to be true.

That wealthy, powerful, and politically-connect people, are treated differently within our justice system. They have the resources to confuse, delay, and defend themselves. Unlike, everyman, John Doe the taxi-driver, who struggles to simply pay his bills.

So, don't hold your breath for any additional charges relating to Epstein's co-offenders. That may never happen.

IMHO

You are obviously right, because Epstein made a business of peddling young ladies to the rich and powerful, and not a ONE has been charged with anything, and those young ladies have testified to their identities in some cases.

Trump is more concerned about those rich buddies... Not the girls.. That's the main reason he has no respect from other leaders!

This is his downfall, at times, for Trump, too loyal. That goes for who is on the list, which probably includes him, which means self-survival, which he is also very good at.

Promises made, promises kept?

Except the Epstein files, lowering the prices of groceries, cutting Medicaid, etc, etc

Remember when Bondi was the Attorney General in Florida? She was going to charge trump with the 5,000 accounts of fraud by students at trump University, but she mysteriously dropped the case. When it was revealed trump at the same time made a \$25,000 "donation" into her public account. (Just like Musk made a \$260 million "donation" into trump's coffers. That is trump's MO ever since we first learned trump's dad shopped for a Doctor, after 2 turned his father down, to write a diagnosis that Donny had "bone spurs" so Donny could dodge serving his country in the armed forces. Bondi is as corrupt as trump is which is a prerequisite to be in trump's regime now a full-fledged Kleptocracy replete with the most corrupt at the helm. So incredibly sad for America.

Pam Bondi on Feb 28: The Epstein Files are on my desk

Pam Bondi on July 7: The Epstein Files do not exist

If this is "crushing it" I would hate to see what losing looks like. We are headed for a severe recession. Companies cannot plan when tariffs are changed by tweet for no apparent reason on a near daily basis. Farmers cannot get their crops picked so food prices will definitely go up.

Whatever exports we used to have are gone. We are losing our allies. If the president was a Russian agent how much more damage could he do?

Definitely crushing it.

Economy down. Immigration policy still not working. Inflation. Food prices up. Bombed a country. Cut government jobs that are needed. The U.S is definitely getting crushed.

"Trump is crushing it?" His numbers are in the toilet. He's the most unpopular president in history at this point in his presidency. The big beautiful bill is a disaster and the vast majority of American people are against it. The heavy handed immigration policies are unpopular with the majority of Americans. The Tariff policy is an exercise in schizophrenia and I don't believe the Administration has signed one official trade deal. The third and especially the fourth quarter of this year is going to be brutal for consumers. The only thing Trump is crushing is the United States.

Can still? Although the GOP may well keep their senate majority, they'll lose the House in '26. And the 26-27 recession should result in their losing the WH and Congress in '28 (unless the DNC keeps listening to their geriatrics and far left instead of voters)

It is sad when some one can say 10's of millions of Americans are not intelligent enough to know what history has shown us. When an Authoritarian type government is trying to take over your country, if it succeeds, the only people that profit are those at the top of the food chain. Everyone else becomes subservient to them.

The amount of self delusion it must take to still support this monster must be comically off the charts.

Party of family values? Serial cheater who pays off porn stars

Fiscal conservatism? Fuck you. We're adding trillions to the national debt.

Religion? Give me a break. Liar, cheater, gluttonous, racist felon.

Police? Fuck you. We'll pardon everyone from January 6th.

Small government? Fuck you. We live in a police state now and are locking up our own citizens.

The constitution? Fuck you. We're going to "pray" on the house floor and do away with due process.

Oh. And Epstein's list? Not going to get released because Trump is a goddamned pedophile. Pathetic.

7-15-25

And yet still no sign of them going after the real fraud and waste: socialism for the oligarchs and defense spending. The combined salaries of all these fired employees is a drop in the bucket by comparison.

"The National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis Prevention; the National Center for Environmental Health; the Division of Reproductive Health; the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; the Office on Smoking and Health; and the National Center for Birth Defects and Development Disabilities — the Center for Tobacco Products at the FDA; the Office of Head Start; and the Division of Data and Technical Analysis under the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation."

Tell me WHY anyone with good sense would eliminate these departments with a population of 340 million people.

Same grossly misplaced resentment that dominates every other facet of their lives. In reality corporate subsidies and the military are bankrupting us. They're never even in the discussion,

only stopping healthcare from children, and protections for consumers and workers. Incessant ignorance since Reagan.

I say let it ride, and let those not vaxxed against this die off. That will "MAGA".

There's nowhere to go. The cult leader has violated a central tenet of the cult, and has not moved to repair it. Instead, he's told them to sit down and be quiet.

The cult will do anything for the cult leader. They'll change their beliefs, values, and thinking as needed. They'll give him their material possessions and their free will, too. The only thing they ask is to be led and be heard. Trump did this in 2016; the first time a Republican actually put the MAGA cult first.

Now he's broken that relationship in a fundamental way. He's told them that the very thing they've based the cult on does not exist. No, not just Epstein's "files"; the Deep State. That's the real implication here. Worse: that the Deep State DOES exist, and Trump leads it.

They've been left out in the cold.

Cuts to Medicaid and SNAP won't fully take effect until after the 2026 midterm elections, but states budget a year, or even two years, into the future. Unlike the federal government, most states are required to balance their budgets... but the news of pending cuts is in real-time.

So the States don't have the money to cover all of their new responsibilities? Like the Federal govt. has the money? How do trillions more in debt go before it all blows up?? Most people live within their means financially, Government does not. When the big adjustment comes it will not be pretty.

7-16-25

I don't know if anyone on here pays attention to the bond market, but bond holders are ditching the US dollar at the fastest rate in history. It's going down in flames like the Hindenburg. The US economy is no longer viewed as "Stable", The US has no vision, no economic plan, nor long term strategy. There is a lot of anticipation for a deep recession. Businesses are no longer hiring, they're no longer firing, and bracing for impact.

I don't see why anyone would be alarmed or concerned about a man who has declared bankruptcy over a half dozen times, bankrupted multiple casinos, and been convicted of fraud in his own private business believing he knows more about finance than the chairman of the Fed. How do you even bankrupt a casino? The mob couldn't do it, even when they were skimming them.

We need a whistleblower who had or has access to the files. It's obvious both sides could be involved and they're hiding details to protect themselves and others. This isn't a red v. blue thing. It's a right v. wrong thing. A "tell us who went to abuse kids so we can destroy them together" thing.

Where I come from, weaklings hide from the truth.

Where I come from, weaklings call names and sling insults.

Where I come from, weaklings are constantly complaining.

Where I come from, weaklings hide behind lies, half truths and deflecting blame.

Where I come from, weaklings make promises that they have no intention of keeping.

Where I come from, weaklings claim to be patriots when they revolt against their own government because a sore loser said he won.

**Time for MAGA's to decide if they are still in the cult.**

**According to the Cult Education Institute, cults are characterized by:**

**Absolute authoritarianism without accountability**

Zero tolerance for criticism or questions

Lack of meaningful financial disclosure regarding budget

Unreasonable fears about the outside world that often involve evil conspiracies and persecutions

A belief that former followers are always wrong for leaving and there is never a legitimate reason for anyone else to leave

Abuse of members

Records, books, articles, or programs documenting the abuses of the leader or group

Followers feeling they are never able to be "good enough"

A belief that the leader is right at all times

A belief that the leader is the exclusive means of knowing "truth" or giving validation

Because I am on the list and I am tired of talking about it.

7-17-25

Are we back to the 4D chess trope?

Panic and rant is a strategy?

I really hope that the republican party wakes up to the danger that trump is causing to the safety and security of our nation. The alienation of historical allies, his attacks on the stability of our economy, his destructive policies designed to enrich the wealthy and disenfranchise the poor and needy and chaotic style of leadership is destroying the fabric of our culture. I realize that a number of the republican representatives and senators support him as they believe it will enhance their chances of being re-elected to their office. What they don't seem to realize people will wake up to his infantile leadership and seek changes at the midterm elections. Now is the time to stand up for the American People and do the right thing. Support the Constitution, not trump, who has no clue as to what the constitution is or its value to America.

Weaklings are the scared political figures that know what he's doing is wrong yet still support it out of fear for their own behinds. Weak weak weak.

it won't matter. in 2 weeks maga will forget about epstein and the speedo file trump.

maga won't care that trump has been intimate with 13 year olds and will argue that it was consensual.

trump. can do whatever he wants'. GOP simply do not care.

And they say sane rational thoughtful people have TDS??

Keep turning up the heat on this pathetic excuse for a man - to say nothing of a U.S. President!

Release the file CONVICT! This is your "Watergate" calling.

NOTE: I don't acknowledge or respond to MAGA more than once, if that.

Biased is just the latest version of Fake News. It's anything any MAGA doesn't like . Usually followed by DEI , Woke, Antifa and Hunters laptop .

Magas wanted ALL of the illegal immigrants deported, but didn't understand how difficult or expensive that would be.

They also don't understand (or care) about the consequences to the economy.

True, Trump has all but sealed the border. But it took an illegal Executive Order, 8000 Army Troops and expanding military bases all along the border. He got stymied when he believed all illegal immigrants were murderers, rapists, felons of every stripe. And then he found out millions of illegal immigrants have had a positive impact on our economy working in myriad labor intensive industries. And upon finding out he told DHS to back off apprehending those illegal workers in those. labor intensive industries. Ironically hiring illegal aliens is illegal as well but when it comes to punishing Employers.....For the most part.....Crickets.

Appointing someone and being surprised they got appointed is a special kind of stupid that only Trump can trademark.

Holy 25th Amendment, Batman!

**Hey Jake Tapper, where's your book on Trump's brain turning to goo**

Jake Tapper wrote a whole ass book about Biden's "decline" while this motherfucker is running the country with the IQ of a boiled carrot.

If Trump makes such big mistakes on details like this related to him, imagine how many other mistakes he makes on a day to day basis and what the implications are for major policy issues like tariffs. We're only half a year in to a four year term folks.

7-18-25

Andy Byron, CEO of Astronomer AI, once valued at 1.2 billion dollars, now, not so much. His mistress was/is the Chief HR Officer Kristin Cabot.

In a split second your goose was cooked. You can't hide it, so stand up tall and OWN IT. If you act like you're embarrassed, it will linger.

**The crazy part is he hired her a few month back as the HR director**

He released a statement saying "I also want to express how troubling it is that what should have been a private moment became public without my consent". Dude, you consented when you bought the dayyummn tickets!! Everyone whose been to a coldplay concert knows Chris always has a kiss Cam moment where he chooses random people and seranades them, which is one reason people go there for a chance to be on that cam!! You're just sorry you got caught and now your entire business is about drink in the fountain of Phwack around and fynd out.

Andy Byron, CEO of Astronomer and Kristin Cabot, the chief HR are the two in the video.

Andy is married to Megan Kerrigan Byron with 2 kids. Cabot is married to Kenneth C. Thornby.

Andy's wife dropped her last name on all social media platforms this morning so it seems that Kristin and Andy were having an affair or at least being incredibly inappropriate.

While I hate how social media has taken over people's lives and invades people's privacy, glad the spouses of these two now know what's going on behind their back.

Regardless, it's true. You have no expectations of privacy in public

Whoopsie! That's one efficient way to wreck a career and a family all in one take.

Hopefully their spouses will use the video in their divorce proceedings.

Both are married! Instant Karma!

Anyone conducting an affair out in the open is hoping to get caught.

I would like to thank Coldplay for bringing the nation together. For a day, you fixed us.

**Cold play by Coldplay at a Coldplay concert.**

Imagine cheating and becoming the laughing stock of the nation.

Trump's deflections and excuses keep on coming:

You are going to ruin innocent people's reputations!

The files don't exist!

It's a hoax! It's Obama! It's Hillary!

It's Biden! It's Garland! It's Comey!

It's the WSJ!

It's Murdoch!

There are other things that are more important!

Stop asking!

If there were Democrats in the Epstein files Dirty Donny would have released them immediately and been waving them in the air like one of his stupid Trump flags. The fact that he didn't speaks volumes about who is in them. These two guys have been besties for decades. They reportedly first met in the late 1980s, when both were prominent figures in Palm Beach, Florida. Trump was a rising real estate mogul and socialite, while Epstein was establishing himself as a wealthy financier with a growing network of elite connections. In the 1990's pictures and videos could be seen all over the internet of the two of them dancing and living it up. According to the WSJ report, Epstein was gifted a leather-bound collection of letters and notes for his 50th birthday in 2003 that had been compiled by Ghislaine Maxwell, Jeffrey's girlfriend and partner in crime, who's currently doing a 20 year stint for luring young girls into Epstein's criminally perverse web.

Trump apparently sent Jeffrey a letter with a drawing of a nude woman, with type written text. The letter ended with: "Happy Birthday – and may every day be another wonderful secret." It appears to be hand signed by Donald. It's now becoming rather apparent why there are 3 minutes of missing footage from the video taken outside of Epstein's prison cell on the night of his death and that his demise wasn't self-inflicted. The funny thing is he met his demise on Donny's watch during his first term. Clearly, Trump is up to his eyeballs in this filth. The fact that his AG Bondi said earlier on Fox News that she had Epstein's full client list on her desk and promised a full release but is now saying it doesn't exist makes it rather obvious that Trump has a really big problem.

So very true, TDS is real...tRUMP Divinity Syndrome. conOLD has a foot in Hades, not Heaven.

Yes, TDS is a real thing. But it's those who blindly follow the orange felon who are afflicted. M A G Ats are the ones whose judgment is clouded.

7-19-25

Need to get this OUT, for the public to see. Personally, though I'm a Liberal Democrat, I don't care if #45/47 has anything to do with Epstein, even casual 'locker room banter'. My understanding is that reprehensible acts were committed over many years. The 'rich-n-shameless' shouldn't be allowed to feign ignorance of what Epstein was doing all of these years and NOT be held accountable. BOTH liberals and conservatives want to know WHAT was going on and WHO was involved.

Trump is the first to fan flame the of conspiracies to his advantage. From Pizza Gate, Joe Scarborough's aids death, deep state actors, and so on when it works for him. Trump lies like breathing. At some point his followers attempts to defend and lie will be meet with ridicule and distain. Bill O'Rielly got a good dose of that the other night trying to blame Biden for Epstein. More and more people are just going you are a Trumpster, and you can't fix stupid. It was Biden fault for not releasing a list supposedly found by Trump's DOJ and the only ones that talked about seeing it were Trump administration. Epstein's death was Bill Clinton's doing according to Trump, but it happened under Trump's DOJ that broke rules. Bill Barr looked into it and then it was all swept under the rug. Trump can't help himself but point at others while committing crimes and immoral acts that is his grift. It is illegal immigrants that cause the crime in the US even though the FBI statistics prove that to be bluntly false. The US has to tightening our belts for the good of the US. Then spends millions on going to events like the Super Bowl, Daytona 500 never talking about the security cost. The billion Trump is spending on an aircraft that he may use 1 year and then retire it to his presidential library. Face it Trump may say what

you want to hear but his actions show it is all a grift about Trump and his family getting richer and spend taxpayer's money to feed their pockets and their egos.

7-20-25

McCarthy never asked about the Epstein files either when he was House Leader.

The only reason we're even talking about this is because a certain someone ran on them and promised them, and chose a VP candidate that promised them, and chose an attorney general that promised them, and chose an FBI director that promised them, and chose a deputy FBI director that promised them. They swore they knew where these files were and were going to release them. The AG said they were sitting on her desk soon to be released.

This man appointed a slew of people to his administration solely to win over the believers of the Epstein file theories. They can't be shocked that people are making hay out of this, and asking for them.

McCarthy and other Republicans who support their GOP boss seem to forget their Republican boss promised to release the Epstein files as a platform to be elected. Their own GOP boss started Epstein files release by saying yes to a reporter's question on releasing the files.

The whole Epstein debacle happened under Trump's first term. Democrats didn't buy into the conspiracy theories, MAGA did. Now that Trump is trying to hide the files, Democrats are very curious.

@jamestalarico: "The only thing worse than a tyrant is a tyrant who thinks they're on a mission from God."

Talarico is great public servant...he's accessible, smart, well-informed, and passionate about ensuring that our society works for everyone...not just the well-connected or politically powerful. I'd vote for him in whatever race he might enter.

He's a good man.

This guy called out two specific evangelical billionaire oil men from West Texas on the floor of the Texas state legislature and pointed out the fact that much of the legislature, governor, attorney general, and Lt governor work for those two families specifically. Nobody argued, nobody rebuked his claim, nobody denied it. He's an honest guy.

When you cut through all the fear mongering & lies about "taking your freedom", you realize democrats actually care about most people having basic human rights and republicans care about the rich. Red states are broke, uneducated, and angry. They at least used to be civil & somewhat rational before Trump.

I really like Talarico. I saw a clip of him in committee going up against far right crazies in Austin. He kept his cool bringing up fact after fact. He's really good and very smart. Also he's kind and wants the best for people.

If you've ever heard James Talarico speak, you know that he has a future. And he stands up for truth and justice, in the face of the MAGA-fied dishonesty and cruelty of the ruling Republican regime in Texas.

Joe just interviewed the next President of the United States. He will restore faith in America! Kids won't have the Ten Commandments in the classroom, but they will be taught about fascism and how the Republican Party became just that!

This guy has no felony convictions and isn't connected to Epstein in any way, he would be an incredible change for this country.

Enough with the billionaire politicians.

We definitely need new and younger blood in the Democratic party!

We need the same in the republican party as well--someone as far from trump and his cult of magas as possible!

I once was an independent, voting back and forth between parties. I would like to get back to that as I feel that is the best way to keep a check on both parties, but also, if both sides can return to representing themselves, personally rather than just a rubber stamp for the party agenda, we could once again get new views, new ideas that hopefully would once again bring our country back to reasonable agreement rather than absolute polar opposites refusing to agree on anything.

I am a Boomer. I benefit from the BBB. That bill, however, will destroy my children and friends. Let me explain. As a 77 year old, I get all kinds of breaks, but the deliberate addition to the deficit makes it harder for my daughter to buy a house. It will make it harder for my children rely on the government for ss and Medicare because we spend more and more to service the debt. The rich get richer and after I am gone, they will have to endure increased taxes to pay off that debt. I have friends who are gig workers. They don't have access to company paid insurance. Their medicaid is gone. The BBB is an insult to our country. It should destroy the GOP.

Unfortunately, Reagan's war on the middle class and poor didn't destroy the GOP, either. Republicans always vote against their best interest.

Yet do you support Trump, a felon criminal, who breaks laws consistently? It's also against the law to traffic young girls. Trumpstein.

7-21-25

That's a Christian. He's not Bible thumping, he's not preaching. He believes his job is to serve the people of his state. The poor, the hungry, and the homeless. His actions and his words match. MAGA "Christians" probably hate this guy. He knows his scripture and sees right through their nonsense.

Not only does he understand the Bible but he knows American history. That's rare in Christianity I am not a Christian. James Talerico, however, is the kind of Christian everyone can feel good about supporting.

We need more liberal pastors to speak up. Conservative "Christians" are making it nearly impossible to not hate Christianity.

Wow! An American Christian who actually understands Christianity...

I'm agnostic, and this pastor rocks.

A Christian that is a true Christian and a patriot ..and not a nationalist..

As a liberal Christian, I have been baffled by the Church's hyper focus on human sexuality. The right wing has made that issue into a cult manifesto.

That's a revolutionary, in today's obfuscation of truth and morals. He takes the Christian influence I had at Catholic boarding schools in the 60's and reminded me of all the positive stuff from the time. For some reason I always got "F's" in Religion class...maybe because I also questioned the interpretations of Christ and that's was a no-no. This guy is a yes-yes!

Liberal pastors are the kindest people out there.

Gas prices are static

Grocery prices have risen -- not fallen

Rent and housing prices have risen

Manufacturing jobs have been lost and are not coming back,

Tariffs have and will continue to increase all products,

America -- unless you're a Billionaire, are NOT better off and the pain has yet to really kick in.

And that's hilarious because most people, especially in rural areas, don't even make enough now to pay federal income taxes. But they are generally on Medicaid. Or their family is  
And many live in such rural areas that they won't be able to meet the work requirements to keep the Medicaid.

Republicans lie and people will die. The “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” is 974 pages long. But here’s what it actually does to everyday Americans:

Gives the top 1% permanent tax breaks worth \$130,000–\$300,000+ per year

Adds \$2.9 trillion to the national debt for tax cuts and defense contracts

De-funds local police hiring and reform programs

Adds \$65.2 billion to military spending — while cutting food aid, housing, and healthcare

Strips SNAP from working-age adults unless they meet new work rules. And states children between 7-18 will not be counted for their parents.

Removes Medicaid ER coverage for people in emergencies before paperwork is filed

Cuts clean water, clean air, and disaster planning programs — especially in rural and flood-prone areas

Defunds school air quality upgrades — even after a national asthma spike in kids

Guts OSHA inspections and workplace safety enforcement for high-risk jobs

Weakens financial protections against payday lenders, junk fees, and debt traps

Cuts of billions of dollars from the Medicaid program and the introduction of new work requirements.

Prohibition of federal Medicaid matching funds for care provided by Planned Parenthood clinics, impacting many community clinics and the only women health care some get.

These changes are expected to have a substantial impact on Medicaid recipients and the healthcare landscape.

Bottom line: this budget protects concentrated wealth, while placing more risk and burden on hard-working American citizens.

Here's a friendly reminder --> Republicans are 100% AGAINST government interference (unless they want to do the interfering).

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Trump can do whatever he wants no matter if it's legal or not. Even if it's unconstitutional because the Supreme Court is his rubber stamp of approval. Our "checks and balances" form of government is no more.

How about the 'Washington Dictators'?

The president is supposed to be a positive, unifying presence in this country.

Instead, we have an angry, petty, vindictive man with the emotional maturity of a toddler at the helm.

And people support this fool.

I long for a normal yet powerful and respected president. One who is in charge of national and international problems... one surrounded by competent people willing to serve the country's best interest and not some clown cult leader. Where is that America? I pray for her.

The cult base knows everything these commentators are saying- and they simply do not care. For whatever reason, even knowing what a deranged man trump is, they willingly choose to follow him- and this is half the country. Only time and his age (and the ages of the supreme court justices) will take care of it, but it will take decades to undo the damage he has done and the rest of us have no choice but to wait it out and try to live our lives in a sane way.,

Trump is a very mentally unstable man / child. His loyalists and maga cult followers are not very far behind. Everyday, I simply can't grasp how we, as a nation, have sunk this low into chaos. Pathetic.

"Anyway, so Robert Maxwell... Ghislane Maxwell's dad... is buried at the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem with the highest honors. Big Mossad guy, makes sense he'd get the hook up.

Ghislane his daughter ends up big homies with Jeffrey Epstein and together they run the island we keep hearing about in the news. A place that definitely did not have any secret cameras. Then the whole thing gets busted.

Jeffrey dies alone in a prison cell under the tightest supervision, right at the same time the cameras shut off. Very normal stuff. Ghislane is in a minimum security prison in Florida and very much alive, despite the near unanimous hatred for child predators amongst inmate populations. Also very normal stuff.

Suddenly there's a list. The big reveal. They've got it in a big binder and stooges like Jack Posobiec are posing with it. We're gonna find out which of the global elite were involved in an international child sex trafficking ring. Not a made up one like Pizzagate, but a real one with evidence and convictions behind it.

Meanwhile, the United States is giving the state of Israel \$310,000,000,000 in aid for entirely unrelated reasons across decades of administrations for its military occupation of the lands it is colonizing, and has essentially written Netanyahu (who currently holds a 58% disapproval rating amongst voting age Israeli people) a blank moral check to genocide the Palestinian people to dust while being perpetually filmed in 4k doing so. Nobody can seem to wrap their heads around why. We very nearly go to global nuclear war about it.

Elon Musk gets on twitter and says Donnie is on the list.

And now suddenly there's no list, and we're being told to just shut up and get over it. Some 27 year-old who is like the 40th speaker for this clown car administration (Personally I miss the Mooch) is scolding us from the TV screen to forget about it, while they build full-blown fucking concentration camps right next to Disney World, cut the Healthcare for millions of people, bankroll a genocide, and fund the world's largest secret police using the badges of a post 911 counterterrorism agency, and the juiced-up surveillance policy of the Patriot Act.

When I say I find things insufferable, what I mean is its pretty fucking obvious at this point that list does exist, and there's hours and hours and hours of footage of politicians engaged in some of the most heinous behavior ever recorded to go with it.

And you and I have to sit in our overpriced apartments, donate to our friends' GoFundMes, watch our other friends die, and make shitty jokes, while the prices on shit go up at the grocery store every day so a bunch of fucked up boomer politicians can make it peacefully to the grave before it comes out they were on that island. We just have to live with that. Go to work and do laundry and wash dishes with that knowledge in the air.

I gotta watch a geriatric, failed gameshow host president who can't read 4-syllable words off a teleprompter and shits himself on national television put on lame ass military parades and have a UFC fight on the White House front lawn while my fucking teeth rot out of my head.

I have to watch desperation and gambling addiction do the Dragonball Z fusion dance in the hearts of my friends, because everyone is fucking poor now, while stormtroopers in unmarked cars kidnap my neighbors so Laura Loomer can look down at her phone with the lifeless eyes sunk into what's left of her face and post AI memes of alligators in ICE hats because they've actually got an extra \$450,000,000 a year to run Temu A CTFxx luschwitz with food trucks. It's pouring fucking rain for a week straight, to the point where literally 100 people drown in their own homes in the city I live in, and a girls' summer camp just floats away with the kids still in it.

And my friends reach out to me asking me if I'm okay like there's anything they could really do about it if I wasn't. Meanwhile, our senator is on fucking vacation in Greece because it doesn't actually matter what rotten spineless eels these people are, the state propaganda machine will just keep rolling out the party lines, and the fried mayonnaise-suckers who voted for them will continue to cheer like the good little service animals they are, and election after election... education and H"healthcare will just get shittier and shittier until the power grid finally fails for good and we all die with it.

Every fucking part of this MAGA Nazi party is absolutely intolerable on every possible level, and it permeates every aspect of our lives every single day, and people still have the balls to look you square in the face and say clown-shit about how they don't want to talk about politics. Or that art shouldn't be political. I don't want to fucking hear those words ever again. It's 115 degrees outside for half the year so my toaster can have AI powered Bluetooth connectivity and so kids can cheat on their essays at school.

Everything is political now. Including the fucking weather.

I have to watch politicians get arrested on TV by dudes in ski masks and it's not even cool. But there is no Epstein list. 😏"

We could use roads, bridges and infrastructure, not ICE agents breaking our cities.

The siege is beginning. The grimness will be exhausting.

I want to thank all the corrupt and criminal Republican sycophants who have allowed this putrescent pseudo-president to destroy virtually everything that made America great. I look forward to the impeachment of several Supreme Court Injustices. Just for starters. Trump is as disgusting as he is delusional. They're all disgusting. And dishonest.

Six months of bullying, lies, threats, and delusions. Where is the leadership that truly makes a country great? Being President doesn't automatically make someone a leader, and that applies to all of them. The "America First" agenda has become a hoax, leaving us Americans, especially the less privileged, to bear the cost of Trump's mistakes. A strong economy alone doesn't create a great nation; doing right by the people and for the people is what truly matters.

Let's look at the top performing countries and find out why. MAGA won't like it, not one bit.

Differences:

Universal vs. Targeted: Top-performing countries provide universal benefits (e.g., free meals, healthcare) to reduce stigma and ensure broad coverage, while U.S. support is often means-tested and fragmented.

Equity in Funding: Finland and Singapore distribute education funds equitably, minimizing disparities, whereas U.S. reliance on local taxes creates significant gaps (e.g., wealthy districts spend up to 3x more per student).

Holistic Support: High-performing countries integrate health, nutrition, and early education as standard, addressing socioeconomic barriers proactively. The U.S. relies on patchwork programs, with varying access based on state or district.

Cultural Factors: Strong societal emphasis on education in Japan and South Korea amplifies support, while U.S. cultural diversity leads to uneven parental engagement and resources. These systems in top-performing countries create stable, equitable environments that mitigate socioeconomic disadvantages, enabling students to focus on learning. The U.S.'s decentralized, less comprehensive approach leaves gaps that contribute to persistent achievement disparities. Other nations have strong, demanding, public education systems. Other nations kids are way above and ahead of the American kids. Trump is not going to do this, but it's time our education system mirrored that of other European nations, maybe even Japan. We have to stop being lazy.

7-22-25

Trump buried the Epstein files, hid tax returns for years, blocked Jan 6 records, and defied subpoenas. How tf is that "transparency"?

Remember when Republicans used to say that the government should not involve itself with decisions in business and private institutions? They were lying.

Ron Howard agrees what has been summed up as to what many of us believe. Opie Cunningham is the best!

"I'm a liberal, but that doesn't mean what a lot of you apparently think it does. Let's break it down, shall we? Because quite frankly, I'm getting a little tired of being told what I believe and what I stand for. Spoiler alert: not every liberal is the same, though the majority of liberals I know think along roughly these same lines:

1. I believe a country should take care of its weakest members. A country cannot call itself civilized when its children, disabled, sick, and elderly are neglected. PERIOD.
2. I believe healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Somehow that's interpreted as "I believe Obamacare is the end-all, be-all." This is not the case. I'm fully aware that the ACA has problems, that a national healthcare system would require everyone to chip in, and that it's impossible to create one that is devoid of flaws, but I have yet to hear an argument against it that makes "let people die because they can't afford healthcare" a better alternative. I believe healthcare should be far cheaper than it is, and that everyone should have access to it. And no, I'm not opposed to paying higher taxes in the name of making that happen.
3. I believe education should be affordable. It doesn't necessarily have to be free (though it works in other countries so I'm mystified as to why it can't work in the US), but at the end of the day, there is no excuse for students graduating college saddled with five- or six-figure debt.
4. I don't believe your money should be taken from you and given to people who don't want to work. I have literally never encountered anyone who believes this. Ever. I just have a massive moral problem with a society where a handful of people can possess the majority of the wealth while there are people literally starving to death, freezing to death, or dying because they can't afford to go to the doctor. Fair wages, lower housing costs, universal healthcare, affordable education, and the wealthy actually paying their share would go a long way toward alleviating this. Somehow believing that makes me a communist.
5. I don't throw around "I'm willing to pay higher taxes" lightly. If I'm suggesting something that involves paying more, well, it's because I'm fine with paying my share as long as it's actually going to something besides lining corporate pockets or bombing other countries while Americans die without healthcare.
6. I believe companies should be required to pay their employees a decent, livable wage. Somehow this is always interpreted as me wanting burger flippers to be able to afford a penthouse apartment and a Mercedes. What it actually means is that no one should have to work

three full-time jobs just to keep their head above water. Restaurant servers should not have to rely on tips, multibillion-dollar companies should not have employees on food stamps, workers shouldn't have to work themselves into the ground just to barely make ends meet, and minimum wage should be enough for someone to work 40 hours and live.

7. I am not anti-Christian. I have no desire to stop Christians from being Christians, to close churches, to ban the Bible, to forbid prayer in school, etc. (BTW, prayer in school is NOT illegal; \*compulsory\* prayer in school is - and should be - illegal). All I ask is that Christians recognize \*my\* right to live according to \*my\* beliefs. When I get pissed off that a politician is trying to legislate Scripture into law, I'm not "offended by Christianity" -- I'm offended that you're trying to force me to live by your religion's rules. You know how you get really upset at the thought of Muslims imposing Sharia law on you? That's how I feel about Christians trying to impose biblical law on me. Be a Christian. Do your thing. Just don't force it on me or mine.

8. I don't believe LGBT people should have more rights than you. I just believe they should have the \*same\* rights as you.

9. I don't believe illegal immigrants should come to America and have the world at their feet, especially since THIS ISN'T WHAT THEY DO (spoiler: undocumented immigrants are ineligible for all those programs they're supposed to be abusing, and if they're "stealing" your job it's because your employer is hiring illegally). I believe there are far more humane ways to handle undocumented immigration than our current practices (i.e., detaining children, splitting up families, ending DACA, etc).

10. I don't believe the government should regulate everything, but since greed is such a driving force in our country, we NEED regulations to prevent cut corners, environmental destruction, tainted food/water, unsafe materials in consumable goods or medical equipment, etc. It's not that I want the government's hands in everything -- I just don't trust people trying to make money to ensure that their products/practices/etc. are actually SAFE. Is the government devoid of shadiness? Of course not. But with those regulations in place, consumers have recourse if they're harmed and companies are liable for medical bills, environmental cleanup, etc. Just kind of seems like common sense when the alternative to government regulation is letting companies bring their bottom line into the equation.

11. I believe our current administration is fascist. Not because I dislike them or because I can't get over an election, but because I've spent too many years reading and learning about the Third Reich to miss the similarities. Not because any administration I dislike must be Nazis, but because things are actually mirroring authoritarian and fascist regimes of the past.

12. I believe the systemic racism and misogyny in our society is much worse than many people think, and desperately needs to be addressed. Which means those with privilege -- white, straight, male, economic, etc. -- need to start listening, even if you don't like what you're hearing, so we can start dismantling everything that's causing people to be marginalized.

13. I am not interested in coming after your blessed guns, nor is anyone serving in government. What I am interested in is the enforcement of present laws and enacting new, common sense gun regulations. Got another opinion? Put it on your page, not mine.

14. I believe in so-called political correctness. I prefer to think it's social politeness. If I call you Chuck and you say you prefer to be called Charles I'll call you Charles. It's the polite thing to do. Not because everyone is a delicate snowflake, but because as Maya Angelou put it, when we know better, we do better. When someone tells you that a term or phrase is more accurate/less hurtful than the one you're using, you now know better. So why not do better? How does it hurt you to NOT hurt another person?

15. I believe in funding sustainable energy, including offering education to people currently working in coal or oil so they can change jobs. There are too many sustainable options available for us to continue with coal and oil. Sorry, billionaires. Maybe try investing in something else.

16. I believe that women should not be treated as a separate class of human. They should be paid the same as men who do the same work, should have the same rights as men and should be free from abuse. Why on earth shouldn't they be?

I think that about covers it. Bottom line is that I'm a liberal because I think we should take care of each other. That doesn't mean you should work 80 hours a week so your lazy neighbor can get all your money. It just means I don't believe there is any scenario in which preventable suffering is an acceptable outcome as long as money is saved."

Ron Howard

@highlight

I've been told Ron was not the original author 🙌... the message remains the same...

Former President Barack Obama's office has released a statement after President Donald Trump has accused the Barack Obama and members of his administration of committing "treason" over alleged manufacturing of intelligence regarding Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Obama's office said in a statement, "Out of respect for the office of the presidency, our office does not normally dignify the constant nonsense and misinformation flowing out of this White House with a response. But these claims are outrageous enough to merit one. These bizarre allegations are ridiculous and a weak attempt at distraction.

"Nothing in the document issued last week undercuts the widely accepted conclusion that Russia worked to influence the 2016 presidential election but did not successfully manipulate any votes. These findings were affirmed in a 2020 report by the bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee, led by then-Chairman Marco Rubio."

I don't think the Oath Keepers would look to kindly on child abusers. It makes me wonder what happens when they realize TACO was at the top of the list of clients.

Oath Keepers Founder Pardoned By Trump Warns Of 'Trouble' Over Lack Of Epstein Files --- I have an idea for this guy

Storm the WH in protest and WE the People won't call it an insurgence.

Instead, WE will call it a peaceful protest just like the one his people threw at the capital on J6

Trump thinks that driving up inflation, increasing food prices, starting a new Middle East war, underwriting the genocide of innocent Palestinians, starting and losing a World Trade War, bullying Congress into increasing the national debt by \$4 TRILLION, lying about nuclear weapons in Iran, pardoning and releasing 1500 armed and dangerous criminals into the streets to commit more crimes, violated Constitutional law numerous times is "The Greatest Six Months." He's obviously drugged and delusional.

The entire nation got punked by Trump. I wouldn't trust a thing now they put out. You simply can't trust him nor the people who vowed to be loyal to him. He's not loyal to us but rather himself and his circle.

7-23-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Republicans propose naming Kennedy Center Opera House after Melania Trump."

Turns out Biden in a COMA would be a better President than Sex Trafficker Trump

I assumed it was satire, but with Trump irony, nuance, empathy and patriotism have all lost meaning.

America has "lost decency" under Trump.

Trump's record includes being mentioned 64 times in the Epstein report, pleading the Fifth 97 times, facing 34 felony convictions, and being charged with 91 criminal offenses. He has 26 sexual assault allegations, six bankruptcies, five draft deferments, four indictments, two impeachments, two convicted companies, and has had one fake university and one fake charity shut down. His settlements and judgments include a \$25 million fraud settlement, a \$5 million sexual abuse verdict, a \$2 million fake charity abuse judgment, \$93 million in sexual abuse judgments, and a \$400+ million fraud judgment (Paul Leintz). He also cheated on all his wives, paid a hooker to stay quiet but got caught, and is listed as inmate number P01135809.

To find Trump palatable as a human being one has to pretend is everything he has never been and never will be while ignoring everything he has always been, namely dishonest, self-gratifying, self-aggrandizing, an abuser of women, shifty, creepy, a denier of reality and truth; mostly the exact opposite of everything Christianity teaches one to try and be.

MAGA thinks the 1st amendment means they can flagrantly lie and make whatever nasty comments they like with no accountability. But when they're called out they resort to free speech rights. Like snowflake taco, free speech for maga but not for others.

Our country is one big embarrassing tabloid shithouse.

"I've known Jeffrey Epstein 15 years. Terrific guy." - Trump

Never in American history has someone been so obviously guilty of something. It would be comical if it weren't so horrifying.

I blame all of you for voting this criminal into office.

Oh, so that's explains why he is so defensive about this..Child Predator in Chief...

Nixon had to release the tapes. Trump must release these files.

MAGA 2024: Release the files! MAGA 2025: Protect the 'philes!

**RUSSIA IF YOU ARE LISTENING, RELEASE ALL THE EPSTEIN FILES**

The walls are closing in!

Trump's new airplane from Qatar should be named The Lolita Express 2.

Leak them!!!! Leak them!!! Release them all!!!

7-24-25

New reports Wednesday that Attorney General Pam Bondi told Trump in May that his name appeared in documents related to the case of Epstein, an accused sex trafficker, offered a plausible explanation for the president's growing fury over the drama.

That video is the most hilarious thing I've seen in a loooong time good job South Park. Now queue triggered MAGA pearl clutchers, i love it.

Trump is such an irresistible object of mockery and humor. Why?

He is such an insecure, thin-skinned bully.

He has such an inaccurate grandiose opinion of himself as the best human on earth, maybe even, the best ever. And he loves to remind all of us every chance he gets.

His ego can't handle 1/100th in return of what he dishes out.

And there are so many more reasons! Suggest some of your own ideas without being overly redundant. Feel Free To Pile On!

Jesus is a Big advocate of DEI, per His teachings.

Literally a day after signing a deal with Paramount, and they are already baiting Trump to sue them and cause even more chaos for Paramount and Skydance 😂

"I AM RELEASING THE LIST." "You're on the list." "THERE IS NO LIST."

It's time to impeach certain members of the Supreme Court for being unjustly biased and for only acting on behalf of the President and NOT the general public. They are overturning rulings that have stood for decades without citing valid reasons for doing so. If this is the way the highest court in our country is going to rule, it's time for we, the people to stand up to them and put them in their place

They have already gutted this agency and their power. This is the agency that went after the banks for ripping people off with outright fraud to the tune of billions of dollars. Trump came in and in February ordered the CFPB to stop nearly all its work. The CFPB says that it has obtained nearly \$20 billion in financial relief for U.S. consumers since its founding in the form of canceled debts, compensation, and reduced loans. In January, the bureau sued Capital One for allegedly misleading consumers about its offerings for high-interest savings accounts — and “cheating” customers out of more than \$2 billion in lost interest payments. This is what the agency USED to do, but no more.

From there, the action shifts to the White House, where an animated version of Trump — with a photorealistic head and a floppy mouth (usually a South Park signifier for Canadians) — is portrayed, in short order, as: an unapologetic con man pushing a fundamentalist Christian agenda as a cover to steal money from the government and the American people; a whiny narcissist who threatens to sue anyone who doesn't suck up to him and is in denial that he has a micropenis; and an all-around dictator who — like Saddam Hussein in the movie South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut — is literally in bed with Satan. And the devil is no happier in this relationship than he was back then with Saddam. He's arguably even more miserable.

It's a blistering, no-holds-barred attack on Trump — including animated full-frontal nudity of the aforementioned micropenis. And it comes at a moment when so many in the media — Parker and Stone's corporate bosses in particular — are terrified of pointing out that the president is acting like a fascist, or that the only cause or person he seemingly has ever cared about is himself. The episode is unsparing on Paramount, portraying various CBS News reporters as scared to say anything that might antagonize POTUS and invite a lawsuit. It turns out even Christ has only come back to South Park because he was sued, and he's as unhappy about all the crimes being perpetrated in his name by Trump as everyone else in town. (The episode's title is a play on the name Paramount.)

Trump is a bully, unfortunately for him, he's also not very bright. So when he tried to push around a decent human being, he ended up making a fool of himself. MAGA adores the bully, the tough guy, the simple-minded brute, every trait that mirrors their own.

7-25-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Trump administration expected to say greenhouse gases aren't harmful.”

The entire world is laughing at him, and this is only going to increase South Park's ratings. He's an absolute laughing stock and that is the legacy he will leave behind; especially at the rate he is currently spiraling. Not a single history book is going to say he used his money or influence for good, or to make meaningful change during his lifetime.

Not relevant? Fourth rate show? They just inked a \$1.5 billion deal. Lol. Poor maga...

We are living in challenging times people. It is so important to stand up for what is right and not bend to fear. Be brave. It matters enormously.

I spoke. I might lose my job because of it. But I kept my soul.

So, let me get this straight. They're planning to spend taxpayer dollars to investigate Obama for crimes that didn't exist, knowing full well that if they're successful, he will not be able to be prosecuted, as a PR stunt?

Obama's office said in a statement on July 22. "These findings were affirmed in a 2020 report by the bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee, led by then-Chairman Marco Rubio."

Has anybody heard anything from Rubio on this? I imagine that Rubio is or has "crafted" his statement and will be addressing this shortly. What could Rubio possibly say in response to the fact that he was the Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee who blessed off on the 2020 report? I imagine that he'll say that Gabbard has uncovered and disclosed "new information" and "new evidence" which was not available to the Committee, previously. I mean, what else can he say, since he was the Chairman of the Committee?

They want you to assume that the president has immunity. They want you to accept that asinine ruling by the trump appointed court that protected trump. Their goal is not to imprison Obama, but to make acceptable trumps crimes.

**Mr. Grab "Em By The ... is the perfect representative for Jesus and Christianity.**

"Mr. President, about the Epstein files.....

"Oh, look over there. Obama helped Hillary's emails Benghazi

And it starts with differentiating between news and entertainment. News should not be biased.

Entertainment can be whatever it wants, but it shouldn't be disguised as news. And last I checked, the View is a talk show, not news.

I find it particularly hilarious that when Obama was president, Trump was sprouting all that Birther nonsense. Constantly criticizing the president at almost every turn--but now suddenly no one can say anything about HIM?

This guy is trying to position America's media into a Germany's WWII state, where the media is not allowed to publicly voice any opposition to the government.

America was FOUNDED on these principles (the First and Fourteenth Amendment), that we are allowed this unique privilege, to question our government--even mock those in power with the confidence and assurance that absolutely nothing will happen to the individual.

As long as no one crosses the line, there's no logical reason for the government to threaten any media outlet with such restrictive, punitive views.

Honestly, I think there's a lawsuit of governmental harassment in the works.

'The First Amendment's protection of free speech is essential for a functioning democracy, as it allows for the open exchange of ideas and debate on public issues. '

Will the Christians forgive Republicans for protecting predators?

7-27-25

It's only been 6 months of trump 2.0 and it feels like 10 years (10 long, chaotic, dysfunctional years) trump is CONSTANTLY sticking his big nose and tiny hands everywhere instead of being a real president.

trump is not just an embarrassment to our country....he is a threat to our constitution and rule of law.

He will be gone in the relatively near future but the damage he causes will last for decades...and a full recovery may not be possible.

It makes me so sad remembering Jimmy Carter sold off his beloved peanut farm so it wouldn't be perceived as a conflict of interest.

7-28-25

It's like these people have no idea what an indictment is and how it works. Even at the federal level, prosecutors don't pick a grand jury. They're made up of everyday citizens selected by the court system, not the DOJ. Then, even if you can convince them of your evidence and how it breaks an existing law, not one you've made up in your head, there's always the chance a judge throws out the bogus claims before the trial even begins. Good luck manufacturing the evidence you'd need for that indictment.

**Bad idea to talk religion or politics in any office environment. I would consider it harassment if a coworker tried more than one time to talk religion after being asked not to...**

Every employer in my past expected their employees to do the companies business or face possible termination.

God help us -- literally.

So someone can attempt to convince others that their religion is "correct," as long as they "aren't harassing them."

That is a TOTALLY WORTHLESS CRITERION. One person's well-meaning entreaties are another's harassment. And who's to say which interpretation is correct?

**I never thought I would have to protest against religious indoctrination. If this keeps up, I will and then some.**

“During a break, an employee may engage another in polite discussion of why his faith is correct and why the non-adherent should re-think his religious beliefs. However, if the nonadherent requests such attempts to stop, the employee should honor the request,” Ok, and if they don't honor the request and continue to try and engage what is the consequence for that? Suspension? Termination?

This isn't about “religious freedom”—it's about weaponizing religion to push a divisive, authoritarian agenda under the guise of faith. Let's be crystal clear: federal workers are at their jobs to serve the public, not to evangelize to their colleagues. Encouraging government employees to “persuade” co-workers that their religion is “correct” isn't freedom—it's coercion. And when that comes from a federal memo? It's state-sanctioned proselytizing, plain and simple. What the Trump administration promoted here isn't a celebration of religious liberty—it's a deliberate attempt to blur the line between church and state, favoring one belief system over others and inviting harassment into the workplace. Imagine the outrage if this same memo encouraged Muslims, Jews, atheists, or Wiccans to convince their coworkers they were “correct.” This isn't about protecting beliefs—it's about empowering one group to dominate others.

True religious freedom means freedom from religious pressure, especially in government workplaces. Anything else is an endorsement of religious bullying—and that's not liberty. That's theocratic creep, and it has no place in a democracy.

I spent 33 years in the Federal workforce, and this is flat out unconstitutional. I will add that the ONLY people who try to talk other people into changing their views are "Christians". It's unwelcome. It's harassing. It's bullying.

I've noticed that 'religious freedom' means that the Religious Right gets to do anything they want, especially as it pertains to ramming their beliefs down my throat.

Just to be humorous, SOMEONE should read the US Constitution to trump and his staff, The House, Senate, and the SCOTUS. They would be AMAZED at what the Founding Fathers wrote.

White House Faith Office? More Trumpian wokism. Faith: belief in something without evidence or reason. It's not a virtue. It's the opposite of a virtue.

The next thing you know, the head of the USDA office in Bungsville, Arkansas, will be giving bad annual reviews to everyone who does not participate in "entirely voluntary" prayer meetings presided over by some local holy roller Baptist.

The convicted felon knows the religious right are easily conned.

I am a recovering Catholic, and while I do believe in a higher power, I do not support any form of organized religion. However, I do support the rights of others to worship, and believe however they choose.

7-29-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "US to burn \$9.7 million worth of USAID-purchased contraceptives rather than deliver them to women overseas."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump's EPA to repeal finding that climate pollution endangers human health."

It is bigger than this; it is not just what trump is doing, it is what he is being ALLOWED to do. There are checks and balances in place but not acted upon.

Each and every one of us has the power to change and stop this - how about we do not re-elect any of them? That would be a VERY loud message. The result could not be any worse than what we have.

She nailed it. Just driving down the road people are so mean, hateful. Your neighbors are hateful, Your coworkers that use to be kind and even family members, friends are pitted against each other. Because of this TRUMP guy.

Founders knew someone like Trump was inevitable. After all, they had just overthrown a monarch to win their freedom. So they set up a system of checks and balances. What they did not count on, is that when someone like Trump inevitably arrived, he would be aided, abetted, and enTheabled by half of Congress, and a Supreme Court of his choosing. That's why we are in this mess.

my mom is 94 she voted for trump . she now says that was the worst mistake she has ever made . It does not take an 80 year old senior to see Trump is a Hurricane to the USA. We went from send us your poor to come over here and we may put you in Gitmo. His pockets will overflow before he leaves and tries to put his family or someone willing to pay him more, for his seat. This is not the country I put my life on the line for decades ago.

Trump is ruining the America I have known for all of my 72 years. Sadly, I don't know if American voters will take the bull by the horns in our future elections. It will take years to reverse the damage he has done here and is doing to the reputation of our nation worldwide.

7-30-25

Charlie is a community college drop-out who figured out how to monetize telling angry MAGAs what they want to hear.

7-31-25

Mike Johnson states that he "is delivering for the people" but we're still waiting for inflation to bring down prices. We are still waiting for "all" the Epstein files. Last year the nontraditional Maga majority chased a low historical record of bills passed that goes back to the early 1900's. What we have seen in 2024 by that majority US Congress was politics. On one hand we had the

Comer and Jordan show that investigated the Bidens. Then on the other hand we had Matt Gaetz creating chaos in selecting a Speaker of the House. This clearly showed a disorganized majority congress that wasted millions of dollars in taxpayer money and this use to be a party that believed in balancing a budget. This is not the way that you balance a budget. This is not the way that you "deliver for the people".

This is a joke, right? The House of Representatives have a solid, hardworking bunch of Republicans, no way. Congress has been a total joke this year. Leaving early for breaks. Not getting much done for the country. Not standing up to a rogue Regime. We need an all-new congress in the Midterms.

Hmmm, lets see Trump, renamed a mountain, He renamed an Ocean, and he and Hegseth, are working hard at renaming military facilities. Meanwhile, we are still watching the price of groceries rise. We have still not seen an affordable health care plan for everyone. The war rages on in the Ukraine, and Trump, and his loyalist have stolen Billions of dollars from OUR Medicaid. IT appears that Trump, is more focused on putting his fingerprint on everything that he has forgotten what he was hired for.

**I demand to see a list of all the beautiful things Melania has done to support the arts. I doubt the list is worthy of naming such a revered public place after her.**

Great idea! Rename the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for the man who is working to demolish the National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities.

I think he wants to reward Melania for putting up with him and now the Epstein saga and his predatory behavior by naming something after her. We can revert that in three years. Those that are voting for it see what Russian TV is showing of this woman. Is this the dignity we see in our great Arts Center of the world? That's up to GOP, who seem to have entangled and lost in the tRump world for a while now.

Hopefully everything Trump has ruined will be reverted in 1-1/2 years. There is no way any Maga will win once the word gets out that Medicaid will be taken away.

These things can and will be renamed. Just like the Gulf of America. He can change the name all he wants, it doesn't mean we all have to call it that. I still say Gulf of Mexico, and so does everybody I know, frankly. He's just trying to distract from the Epstein file.

I'm glad to hear this and CA and NY should do exactly what TX is doing. The problem with the Dems, and this really applied to Biden, is that they don't know how to play dirty like Trump and the Republicans. They want to take the high road and this political climate is not the time to do that. This administration has no morals. The Republicans do whatever Trump tells them to do while the Dems simply complain about the Constitution being violated or hope the courts will fix things. Maga, Trump and the Repubs are playing dirty tricks in TX which is why CA and NY are even considering this move in the first place. What the Dems have to understand is that, no matter how low they go, they will always be miles above maga, Trump and the Repubs. The Dems need to do whatever they have to do to win just as Trump and his gang are doing. This is the only way to save our democracy.

The GOP is at war. Win at all costs. They don't have the votes, so redistrict, gerrymander, purge voting roles, yell fake news. They want MONEY. They are robbing us blind.

We are DONE!!! Bye, bye United States. We are officially turning into the Divided States. We might as well just split into two countries, it's basically what we are doing already.

**Modern day GOP's philosophy: If you can't win, CHEAT !**

That 1st sentence sums it up. Almost all Trumpers I know are morons in one way or another. Some are just anti-immigrant, or somehow Trump will help whatever special interest is

important to them, but I have never met one that does not have some severe character flaw. Almost all have false beliefs, contempt for some group, and tend to be aggressive and angry. Trump truly is a reflection of the average American idiocy and they relate to him.

As an Independent, I spend too much time trying to understand what is causing the divide in the US. Thank you (all sides) for your comments.

If I try to understand the right's comments, MAGA grew out of a want to feel 'special' again (not ignored) - the Dems focus on inequality of very small groups and appeasing intellectuals. Trump has seized on this ignored group and speaks directly to them giving this group a voice (I know it's more complex, but generally speaking).

However, much of this two party system is theatre as both sides have contributed to our collective downfall - as a GenX, I've seen how my parents on very small incomes could afford houses, cars, food, vacations, where multi-income families can't today. The shrinking of middle class and wealth transfer to elites is creating an environment to make this divide worse.

The reason Trump plays on these social issues is to distract from further shifting of money to his/friend's pockets - where is the Tariff income going? Not to the national debt or needed infrastructure improvements, but small tax breaks for you and me, huge ones for the rich. The Dems do it as well, just more quietly.

Social conflict will always be present in a diverse country, but the lesser educated and poorer we collectively become due to these policies, the more marginalized we all are and the US stops being a Democracy. Please vote for representatives who support the needs of the working class before we lose all our Freedoms.

Trump's election to the Presidency is the triumph of mediocrity. Trump's appalling lack of intelligence gives mediocre people permission to be themselves: Clueless, uneducated, directionless, lacking in literacy, but determined to follow Angry Cheeto right over a cliff. I have more than a few neighbors who are rabid Trump supporters. Fairly nice people, but they have one thing in common--they're just...dumb. They drank deep of Trump's Kool-Aid and they're asking for more. They believe Trump understands them. They totally ignore the fact that he's a billionaire who doesn't give a damn about them.

Trump spent \$8 trillion dollars the first time. Fired the pandemic team that Obama created and guess what, covid happened and trump didn't know what to do. He doesn't have the character nor empathy to be a great leader.

We need a middle of the road candidate that can reach the masses, both the educated and the uneducated.

Bottom line, Trump's tariffs simply result in new taxes imposed on American consumers.

Sadly seems like yet another example of what Trump does if he is unhappy with another country (i.e. a "Temper Tantrum Tariff"), or a way to bully or blackmail someone into doing as he says and afterwards being able to say "See what I made them do". That is NOT an example of TRUE Leadership. It only causes spikes in costs that cascade onward, and trickles down to AVERAGE AMERICANS. But even some luxury items will disappear because many "very wealthy" Americans do not like spending more money than they are used to doing for those same items..

News of the Surreal (for Real): “‘Pro-Life’ Republican Accused of Paying for Stripper’s Abortions.”

8-1-25

My response to the tariffs is simple. For the next several years, I will make zero non-essential purchases. I will save as much as I can. I could, but will not, buy a car, buy a home, buy any major appliance. Everything will cost more, due the tariffs. I will buy less, much, much less.

It was an odd note in his recent speech to Congress when President Donald Trump suggested that Americans might feel a bit of pain from his economic policies.

The president who had promised in his inaugural address that “the Golden Age of America begins right now” was all of a sudden suggesting that “there will be a little disturbance, but we’re OK with that.”

If they weren't doing anything wrong, why did the GOP ask not to have town halls ?

I'm thinking if I passed this awesome bill that everyone is going to like or being proud of the work I've been doing - I'd want to do town halls.

The GOP doesn't work for their voters they work for their wealthy donors. How is this not clear as day?

Will the new exhibit point out the two unique things about Trump's impeachments?

Trump is the only president ever impeached that received "guilty" votes from his own party. That didn't happen with Andrew Johnson or Clinton.

Trump is the only president ever impeached that received ZERO "innocent" votes from the other party. Johnson and Clinton both got innocent votes from the other party.

**Silencing facts doesn't make them go away — it just proves who's scared of the truth.**

They REMOVED the FELON from the exhibit. This should be criminal in itself!

Maga: everything is better now that trump is in power

Reality: Everything is better for the billionaires. Meanwhile automobile prices have increased, repairs have increased, parts for automobiles have increased. Unemployment has increased However household income hasn't increased and with the devaluation of the dollar its technically gone down...

Trump is merely following the classic reaction from Kings through ages past.

Bad news - shoot the messenger.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Smithsonian removes Trump from impeachment exhibit in American history museum.”

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Corporation for Public Broadcasting to end operations after federal cuts.”

8-2-25

As finance experts have been saying since this started, the Tariffs will take a few months to start affecting the economy. And now is when it's starting. It's only going to get worse from here on. And even if TACO removes all the Tariffs, it's still going to take a long time to recover.

Just think: people knowingly voted for this when they should have known better. They were aware that Trump planned to implement these tariffs and that they would bring increased costs (when Trump promised the opposite) but were more concerned over which bathroom somebody chooses to use, which has no direct impact on their life at all.

I think we can all agree that Trump's willingness to "shoot the messenger" & fire someone who produces a report that contains data that he doesn't like - or sue a pollster & her company for publishing a poll with numbers that he doesn't like, or a network for conducting an interview with a rival politician that rubbed him the wrong way - is proof positive that he would never, ever make getting rid of a late-night comedian a condition for approval of a multi-billion dollar

media merger. Even though he'd already said that the late-night mockery of him shouldn't be allowed, & that some networks could lose their broadcasting licenses over it.

Republicans started down the road of cultism when Gingrich opened his playbook of demonizing the opposition at every single turn, and pulling in the religious extremists.

prediction....

Boomers retiring (or dying) more and more .. less money to spend...

Purchase slowdown due to high tariffs on imported goods

Less goods need to be sold and manufactured (less jobs)

Less kids available to work due to smaller families

Less workers to do cheap labor stuff... due to ICE ...prices will go up !

Less jobs due to Ai take over of brain intensive jobs

Younger generation doesn't like hardwork ! ...me bricklayer never !

Next generation just expects Mom and Dad to pass down their wealth

Mom and dad will need their money for medical expenses & care

Real estate crash coming when fewer can buy \$800,000 homes!

Tarif revenues promised by DJT won't come if nobody buys imported goods

National deficit will soar from a weak economy ( no incoming tarif revenues) and rich folks will have fewer billions/millions in the bank !..but enough to buy a F-150 or two.

glad to be 75... hope my son and grandsons make it !

Leaving soon

Funny... Trump said that she was keeping bad information about job numbers right before the 2024 election to help Biden including the annual revision that happens in August. I am quite sure in October 2024 the job numbers were 12,000 jobs created and I don't recall Biden firing anyone!

**Authoritarianism and Project 2025 in Full Effect**

WASHINGTON—Stating that “It has treated me very unfairly,” on Friday Donald J. Trump fired his bathroom scale.

“I told it to lower my weight to 215 and it refused,” he said. “It’s as bad as Jerome Powell.”

Claiming that the bathroom accessory was “rigged by Biden,” Trump said that he had ordered Attorney General Pam Bondi to prosecute the scale for treason.

Just to be clear, Jack Smith had massive evidence against Trump. Trump knew it, too, and fought bitterly to delay the trials in the hope of getting elected president. That's exactly what happened, at which point he used his power to crush the cases against him and fired everyone associated with it.

Had those cases gotten into a courtroom, Trump would likely now be looking at a major prison sentence.

trump is nothing more than an adolescent. A vindictive child. His time will come after he's out of office when he'll lose the protections of the Supreme Court. He'll be tied up with so many lawsuits his life will be miserable.

This is liable to backfire as the evidence against Trump is pretty extensive. The public is going to hear all of that again, as criminal evidence against Trump completely justifies Jack Smith's investigation and the bringing of charges.

The Republicans cried and cried about political prosecutions by Biden, though Trump was actually convicted of felonies, and saved by his pals at SCOTUS from several other prosecutions of crimes he would likely have been convicted of, yet now those same Republicans are prosecuting people for doing their job. Like so many other Republicans prosecutions, this will be a giant nothing burger.

Get all the paperwork in order so we can reinstate the charges on 1/22/29.

"Job gains are dwindling. Inflation is ticking upward. Growth has slowed compared to last year."  
Slowing growth + increasing inflation = STAGFLATION.

trump inherited a ROBUST economy with STRONG monthly job growth and DECREASING inflation and RUINED IT with his ignorant and chaotic "leadership"....and it only took him 6 months.

In addition to RUINING A STRONG ECONOMY he is indiscriminately destroying EVERY government agency and SLASHING benefits and services to the middle / working class while giving MASSIVE TAX BREAKS to the WEALTHY and MASSIVELY INCREASING bot the DEFICIT and DEBT.

After trump's first term....he was ranked by historians (a combination of both right and left leaning) across 5 different (and independent of each other) surveys of presidential rankings as THE WORST POTUS IN AMERICAN HISTORY (in 2 of the 5 he ranked 3rd worst)

After this term.....trump will earn the DISHONORABLE and DISGRACEFUL distinction of having earned the rank of WORST PRESIDENT IN U.S. HISTORY .....TWICE.....in 2 non-consecutive terms.

Petty sure I woke up in North Korea on January twentieth.

Nominating Trump for a Noble Peace Prize. Is like nominating that man with the mustache from Germany. I think Not.

I'd nominate Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize in Bankruptcies.

I went to a small protest today in northern Michigan. We got flipped off, yelled at obscenely, rolled coal on etc. one parent even allowed their small child to give us the bird. Not one protester responded inappropriately. Trump has made their behavior acceptable but it's truly frightening when you see them actively passing that hate onto their small children. I fear for our country's future.

Midterms is the opportunity to really tell Agent Orange how you feel. I refuse to be distracted by any of his fake anger, or diversion tactics. Vote people.

just lie. no inflation. deficit not a concern. canada is our enemy. Epstein is fake news.

Trump is not a world leader but a sad representation of the Cult currently in power temporarily in the US. It will soon pass and be hinden again for another 160 years when it tries to rise up again.

8-3-25

Gerrymandering by either party is wrong. We need to install some kind of system where the people in power cannot maintain their power just by changing the rules.

Fight fire with fire. The Democrats need to stop maintaining long standing norms, while the Republicans ignores our constitution.

8-4-25

Red vs Blue! Choose your color. We are now defined by our political gang? Our society needs a serious reset button.

"Chief Justice John Roberts, in an opinion for a 5-4 court, declared that federal judges could not review extreme partisan gerrymanders to determine if they violated constitutional rights."

They grenlit States to be able to do as they please, instead of putting a stop to gerrymandering. It should be illegal, no matter the political party. Republicans only want to change the fact picking up five seats will increase their chances of keeping the House.

Voting is a very simple right that has been manipulated by the corrupt two party system. It's really simple: Set up polling places, let voters vote. All of this other nonsense is just corruption trying to manipulate the system to make voting more difficult and give one party an advantage. The U.S. is DOOMED unless we the voters clean house and vote everyone out and force a rewrite of the voting rules.

i believe during obama's term, the voting rights bill didn't pass - it was to eliminate gerrymandering and dark money from elections among other things...D- manchin voted against it with repubs...smfh

just because you earn six figures doesn't mean you're rich. it only means you have a bit more flexibility than others. still, that buffer shrinks when everything is more expensive. it is not a good feeling when you dollars only get you so much, regardless if you earn six figures or less. I don't eat out much anymore because not only are things more expensive. they require minimum tips to be 18% now, which in many cases, are just robbery. its entitlement. then the taxes. every year, sales tax goes up and up. so when you add all three things together, how much more you pay to eat out now, it takes the joy out of the enjoyment.

Under President Biden the U.S. post covid economy was the envy of the world (It's a fact, inflation was a worldwide issue impacting everyone), yet over and over I heard people saying anyone but Biden in 2024. Without a doubt, Harris would have continued the policies that were contributing to the gradual improvement in our economy while correcting course in areas that could be improved. Trump has always been about reckless chaos and knee-jerk response (he's no economic genius, that much is certain). This is what the majority of those who bothered to vote chose, now we all have to live with it. The worst part is the economy is likely only the tip of the iceberg in the long game under this Presidency.

Grocery stores and importers are still holding off price increases until their old inventories are exhausted.

We'll see the full impact of Trump's TACOs in the few weeks.

So batten up with the twin perfect storm of price increase, unemployment and shortage of produce with farm workers not showing up or indiscriminately deported.

“When I win, I will immediately bring prices down, starting on Day One,” Trump said.

“Starting on Day One, we will end inflation and make America affordable again.”

“Prices will come down,” Trump told voters during a speech last week laying out his vision for a return to the White House. “You just watch: They’ll come down, and they’ll come down fast, not only with insurance, with everything.”

“From the day I take the oath of office, we will rapidly drive prices down and make America affordable again,” he said on August 14.

"Prices will come down and come down dramatically and come down fast," he said.

“We will cut energy and electricity prices in half within 12 months - not just for businesses but for all Americans and their families”

How did we get here? No state legislature should have the power to draw these maps. It in every state should be under the control of a bipartisan committee.

Party registration is about 60/40 red in Florida and the legislature is 80% republican. And it's been that way since before 2020 when the voters were 50/50 dem/rep. The most gerrymandered state in the union

When Texas does something unlawful or unconstitutional, Florida looks at it as a challenge to one up them. America should sell those two states to China. That way the citizens of Texas and Florida won't notice any difference.

When America finally collapses, it won't be because of the greed of the wealthy. It will be because of the loyalty of the poor. The working class didn't just vote against their best interests. They slashed their own benefits, gutted their healthcare, and cheered while the country sank into massive debt so the wealthy could buy another plane or yacht. The working class destroyed their lives and their country because they were told doing so would hurt someone else.

The United States is the only place on earth where poor people shun unions, free healthcare, and free education because the rich tell them to.

It's not the poor so much as the stupid (definition: having or showing a great lack of intelligence or common sense). They lack the ability to think things through, to make choices based upon different facts put before them. Or quite simply to change their mind, when faced with facts

So I suppose a large blue state - say, California - will now engage in retaliatory gerrymandering, and a large red state - say, Florida - will follow suit (because of course it will), and then another large blue state will do it, and so on and so on.

And the whirring sound we'll all start to hear is the Founding Fathers spinning in their graves.

I think the right is working overtime to create the illusion of left outrage over the ad.

I've been hearing about the ad constantly but only from the perspective that the right needs to defend it.

My circle is fairly liberal and no one has mentioned the ad. It's summer and the right is reaching far on this one.

I was just talking to my daughter about that yesterday. I haven't heard anyone talking about the ad other than the News saying the left are outraged or something.

It sounds like manufactured drama. Even if someone made a comment on the internet about the ad, what percentage of people are actually doing that? It's like looking at TikTok and using that as a basis to see what everyone is thinking. Not many people are on social media ranting about ads.

If your elected officials don't believe they can win an election based on their own merits without rigging the playing field to their advantage, chances are they know they have nothing to offer the voters and are only serving themselves. That's the part voters tend to overlook. When it's "win at all cost" voters always pay the price.

Redistricting= Gerrymandering

Should be done with a non-partisan committee with non-partisan rules and adopted nationwide.

As it is now, everyone knows it highly partisan and probably very illegal.

It's like telling the politicians to lie and cheat all you want.

And that should worry the electorate because it compromises the vote, it's no longer fair election, it's cheating and one side will have a legitimate complaint.

Let's be clear: This isn't just a Texas story. It's a national strategy. It's not about ideology; it's about control. Trump and his allies so fear the possibility of a Democratic House that they're trying to rig the system ahead of time.

if the GOP is so confident that their actions have been received well by the entire nation, then why do they have to cheat to hold on to power?

Gerrymandering makes many votes not count and therefore should be illegal. Release the Epstein files without redactions

8-5-25

It's ABOUT DAMN TIME! I was losing faith in the Democratic Party! I'm feeling much better TODAY! As a veteran, we love a GOOD FIGHT!

“Texas will continue to fight for what is right, and that’s exactly what we are doing,” Abbot added.

Early redistricting in 1 state at the behest of a 34 count fraud felon to gain enough seats to stay in power. Sorry, that’s not right. Right would be maintaining your majority through the popularity of the policies you’ve passed and how well your constituents are doing.

If republicans cared as much about solving problems as they do about "controlling the narrative" this country would be a better place. The GOP runs LAPS around democrats in terms of politics, but at what point is it time to talk about the fact that policy and results tend to be much better under Democrats

I've always said...the GOP knows how to get elected, not govern....the Dems know how to govern, not get elected.

Manipulating, altering, exaggerating, numbers and data (like he did in his business property books manipulation) destroys trust in everything... and that is how you destroy markets, friendships, and everything in between.

This is microcosm of many of the Republican supporters right now.

They live in a different reality that propoganda has given them, everything against that reality is false, and if the data says otherwise, change the reality of the data.

Unfortunately, that is a propoganda reality pyramid scheme as at some point reality has to crash down on them and in the meantime, we suffer because their propoganda reality affects actual reality.

So no weather data because it may show climate change. This is harmful to us and he should be removed from office.

George Orwell got the year wrong.

During the decline of the Soviet Union, Russian leaders claimed the country was stable even as the economy collapsed. Citizens knew it wasn’t true, but with no clear alternative, they played along. It created a shared illusion that no one believed but everyone accepted. Today, Trump is reshaping government data to paint a picture of economic strength, despite clear signs of decline. It's the same strategy—manipulating perception when reality is too inconvenient to face.

Donald Trump has been frequently labeled as the "dumbest president" due to several factors:  
Lack of Humility: He often boasts about his intelligence without demonstrating it through actions.

Controversial Decisions: His presidency was marked by significant controversies, including two impeachments and a failed attempt to overturn the 2020 election results.

Public Perception: Surveys of historians and political scientists consistently rank him at the bottom of presidential evaluations, often citing his divisive rhetoric and actions.

In summary, while many presidents have been recognized for their intelligence and leadership, Donald Trump is often viewed as the least capable in terms of intellectual engagement and effective governance.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “How much does it cost for fascism?": Tensions erupt at Nebraska GOP congressman’s town hall.”

8-6-25

Before Fox News came about in the mid 90s, life was good...everyone with different or opposing views were forced to live under one roof (CNN for example...it was a melting pot with shows like Crossfire and others.) Rupert Murdoch comes into the picture, saw dollar signs, and created a network (brand) that has made billions off dividing this country in two. He could've

created the brand/network to be left leaning but for whatever reason it's all right wing. The point is that it's evolved into a machine that has stoked fears and hate that has exasperated across the country. Viewers of Fox love it because they feel represented and validated...then the gap between the Dems and Republicans grew wider over time as news personalities with extreme viewpoints became the mainstay bringing out the worse of our society In any case, we have a mess on our hands in this country where Americans are pinned against each other based on politics...Donald Trump has added fuel to the fire with his "you're either with me or against me" mentality, not to mention god complex that was only seen in the 1930s/40s. Trump is only in it for power and has leveraged the right to capture that power. So while people on the right are getting what they want in terms of gun rights, abortion rights, etc Trump is getting power and money in return.

and before that we had news and truth in reporting regulations. then brother Ronald Reagan gutted those guidelines that had been strengthened in response to WWII fascists propaganda machines as a payoff to the moral majority religious right, opening the door to far right agendas being promoted on the AM dial, leading to the likes of Ruch Limbaugh and eventually Fox "News" propaganda machine

8-7-25

Regardless of party, if the only way you can win an election is to redraw the lines, you might need to work on why you need to redraw the lines. On the census issue, just how much will a new census cost us?? And will we have one now and then again in 2030?

The census is about counting people. Looks like we're about to consider some people to not count as people. Three-fifths anyone? Even the slave states (that are now mostly red states) wanted to get some credit for the slaves being "partially" human. MAGAs now won't even go that far.

Laughing at Trump's presidency and his administration's absurdities. The First Amendment is alive and kicking.

"This show hasn't been relevant for over 20 years and is hanging on by a thread with uninspired ideas in a desperate attempt for attention," a White House spokesperson said at the time.

The show is so irrelevant that the Whitehouse is talking about it?

So, according to 2024 election results, Kamala Harris won 40% of the presidential vote in SC, and this guy thinks that Democrats should have *no* representation in the House delegation?? This makes no sense at all, but it is pretty much what we have come to expect from republicans. Not good.

tRump is showing US who the Deep State really is. It's the people and businesses that bend the knee to political extortion. Extortion is/was illegal for most, but not the wealthy.

When Reagan defunded programs to benefit mental health patients in the 1980's, DEMs predicted America would inevitably be overrun by the mentally challenged. And now we know how bad---they own the GOP

yep , Newt Gingrich, Rush Limbaugh and Pat Buchanan laid the ground work for the culture war republican party who does not like policy and don is fulfilling their wishes

1- Republicans have no sense of humor, unless someone is hurt. Then it's funny.

2- Trumpers are so easily triggered.

3- Trump is on the list.

WWE and Education... Think about that for a moment.

Republicans will not win the fight for American democracy, their coup has failed already, and there absolutely will be consequences for this period, there absolutely will be. An American Nuremburg will happen, and many traitors will be put in prison. We got nazi prison guards 40 years later, the memory and arms of justice are long indeed.

The difference between Nixon and Trump is that Trump has the supreme court and the Republican party behind him. It would not matter how illegal Trump's actions may be, the supreme court and the Republicans in congress will NOT hold Trump accountable. With Nixon, some Republicans had the guts to hold Nixon accountable for outrageous actions. Trump can and WILL get away with anything he does, and he knows it. Each day, he looks the major media and Americans in the eyes and says, 'So, what are you going to do about it?'

Trump is doing all these things publicly, recorded for posterity and without any concern for reasoning, competence or legitimacy.

I'd take Nixon again over Trump any day. Trump is seriously challenged mentally and emotionally, and I seriously believe we are watching the end phases of the king of crazy before our eyes.

Nixon was temporarily in a state of paranoia, but he was still ably competent enough to realize he had put himself there.

Trump's condition however has been a lifetime handicap and not one he's ever been treated or medicated for and refuses to be so.

Everybody forget that President Clinton called on President Nixon to counsel him and be a special envoy to build a relationship back with Russia.

Both presidents were later very fond of each other and maintained a friendship thereafter. Trump is only able to maintain his kill-crazy attitude towards anyone he perceives as a competitor.

Once he's planted 6 feet under, he won't have to keep that persona up anymore.

Wow, \$50,000 signing bonus for hired thugs, but \$0 for teachers and first responders. Priorities.

8-8-25

Noem is just one reason why South Park is soaring in ratings. America has defined these clowns, and they are subject to a lot nastier scenes.

What ticks off the "delicate" pedal file enablers most is the accuracy with which South Park represents the Orange Taint of Washington and his toadies like IceIceBotoxB Barbie.

Watching them cry, "The cartoons are being mean to my Orange idol!" is almost as entertaining as the program itself..

Check on your friends who have critical thinking skills and high-levels of compassion.

They're carrying a lot more than you think. The world's been a lot lately 😊

To quote a funny person, "I just feel like this level of sustained anxiety should be burning more calories than it is."

The evening news has always been a staple in our home. I consider it an absolute duty to stay informed and engaged. It's soul crushing now. The US looks and feels like Germany in the latter 1930s. It is terrifying.

Empaths are really going through it. It's awful every damn day.

Went to my doctor because I have constant headaches. Apparently, I am human

If Donald Trump's rights were violated in that civil case (which is highly doubtful, since he already appealed on that basis and lost), then the remedy is for Donald Trump personally to file a civil suit seeking to have the holding of the court overturned. I don't even understand how the DOJ has standing. But then I guess we're in full-blown authoritarian retaliation mode now.

Donald Trump rates everyone woman he encounters or fantasizes about on a 1 to 10 hot scale. Every woman. Including your mother. That's his first and overriding thought about any woman on the planet. And Noem dares to say ONLY liberals comment about a woman's appearance? Are her Botox injections seeping into her brain?

But how is this even possible? Trump promised multiple times that he would end this war on day one of his presidency. In fact, he even claimed he would end it sooner, as president-elect. Could that mean he was not speaking truthfully??

8-9-25

“Why don’t we talk about how we got rid of slavery?”

Because conservatives like the people at “PragerU” fought tooth and nail to PRESERVE slavery, and would bring it back if they could. You don’t get credit for abolishing slavery when it was done over your objections.

PragerU is the most thinly veiled conservative propaganda I’ve ever seen. Their videos are so full of inaccuracies and misinformation. They are the opposite of educational. And I want to be clear, that has been my opinion since I first saw them in 2015

This is a gazillion times worse than the Ten Commandments in classrooms. I can't believe they canceled PBS for this. As if the dumbing down of America wasn't already at critical mass. This will cement Idiocracy for the foreseeable future. I was indoctrinated into the cult but escaped. It just about ruined my life and I will struggle with its aftermath for the rest of my life. Most people don't escape.

**Indoctrination and Orwellian Dystopia. Welcome to 1984 in 2025.**

The same PragerU that teaches kids that slavery was actually a mercy to slaves who would otherwise have been killed? The one that tells us not to judge the acts of our forefathers because it was just how things were done back then? So, brainwashing, right? I thought the conservatives were against that.

"PragerU, a nonprofit organization that specializes in creating right-leaning educational short videos for adults and children."

Great. Just what we need, propaganda disguised as "education".

Republicans sure do love to groom children.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Owner of Trump-themed burger chain arrested by ICE, facing deportation.”

This can “often be an early indicator of a (recession) trend,” said Rattner, however columnist Jamelle Bouie said Trump “doesn’t understand this” because his “advisers are too sycophantic” to tell him—to the detriment of his own political interests.

If the Trump's economy tanks, and his approval ratings continue to slide, more Republicans are going to step away from Trump for fear of their own jobs. Once he loses control of Congress, he is going to be in a real jam.

South Park didn't even mention that Trump is spending an additional \$170 billion per year more than Biden did in order to kick these immigrants out. Even if Trump manages to kick out 1 million more people than Biden, that's \$170k per immigrant.

And when you realize, that although there are certainly drawbacks to illegal immigration, illegal immigrants actually contribute to the GDP via production.... that becomes a hefty bill.

8-10-25

Amazing how he promised to lower prices, I honestly don't know how some people will survive. At the grocery store today, I could only afford 3 items on my list. A 28oz can of coffee was \$29.95, 2lb ground beef was \$22 and left behind. After being given a 7 day notice I was laid off due to reduction in force and no severance. It hurts to see taxpayers funding his vacations and unnecessary decorations when many can no longer afford just basics. Life will be difficult for us all, but he thinks this is necessary, now?

Crime is down significantly, but we are going to ignore those inconvenient numbers so he can declare Martial Law? Great. More useless and expensive distractions from the Epstein Files, the slumping economy and jobs, costs increasing, etc. But I cannot blame the guy who thinks drug prices will go down some 1400% to not be able to read violent crime data.

More daily shock and awe from Republicans - they control all branches of government, so why not get to work helping hard working Americans get a better deal in our Winner Take All economy? Raise the minimum wage, pass universal health care, fix social security, make public college affordable again, and restore the Eisenhower top tax rates on the super rich and corporations. Do that, or get fired in 2026 and 2028!

What may happen in DC on Monday will be invoking martial law claiming an emergency because crime is so rampant that the mayor is incapable of governing and police chief is incapable of maintaining law and order; therefore, control of DC must go to the federal government specifically Trump. This will be litmus test for the nation to see if Trump and his henchman will effectively end the Republic.

8-11-25

Crime is down in Washington across the board, this is one of the many attempts at DEFLECTING from the EPSTEIN FILES AND CLIENT LIST with more deflecting to come Trump has learned that he can just say whatever, anything, and enough people will just believe it that he can keep it up. Meanwhile, he doesn't need to deliver anything on his promises. He can use his power however he wants, and it's generally not to help anyone but himself. It's the autocrat playbook, and he's using it like no American president ever has.

If they're going to "put criminals on notice that they're not going to get away with it anymore" is Trump turning himself in?

Look at how democratic countries became dictatorships, and its not just Germany in 1930 (which is very instructive) Look at what Orban did to Hungary and Erdogan to Turkey- Look at the steps that were taken to turn free societies into police states. Then look at what trump is doing.

Rough estimates are about 40 percent of homeless are veterans. Throw in the fact that there are massive cuts being made to the VA and it should be pretty obvious what Trump thinks of vets and really any other person who is at a disadvantage. We should be ashamed and outraged.

NEVER forget Trump sitting in the Oval Office for over three hours watching 1,500 supporters attacking the US Capitol, sending 140 DC police to the hospital....AND DOING NOTHING.to stop the violence !!!.

**Dictatorship. But hey.. Americans are so silent**

Pay no attention to the failing economy.

Pay no attention to the broken promises.

Pay no attention to the Epstein Files.

We MUST deploy the US Military against Americans so we can bring down crime even though the crime rate is lower now than it was last year in DC.

Thanks all you maga and protest voters. russia is giving you a standing ovation.

Crime is down 30% in DC. But sure, let's have military presence. Still think our country is a democracy?

I remember an angry mob attacking our nation's capital a few years ago, and Trump had the opportunity to call out the National Guard to quell the riot but instead sat and watched on TV for four hours instead. Then he turned around and pardoned all those involved and even let one of them go to work for the DOJ.

The countries that have gone this route recently are N Korea, China, Russia, etc. Sad thing is, we were warned.

Today DC, tomorrow the nation.

Crime in DC is a pretext to militarize the city. We have gone from "riots" in California to homelessness and crime, the crime which has been declining. It seems pretty simple to me, Trump is trying to normalize taking control of cities. Just like everything he does that is illegal or breaking precedent, he'll keep DC under what amounts to martial law until it becomes the norm. Then he'll point to this "new norm" as a pretext to subdue other Democrat leaning cities.

Leave it to Tangerine Palpatine to use "martial law" when it is not req'd. It's happening...

Is this so the national guard can find out his role with EPSTEIN and to lower the astronomical grocery and other goods' prices that keep going up thanks to his tariffs and billionaire tax cuts?

Nothing to do with violence

Everything to do with silencing American protests

Maybe they can detain any Convicted Felons as well.....Just saying.

An orchestrated distraction from the Epstein mess and deteriorating economy. Another bad solution to a made up problem, waste of resources, and misuse of the Guard. Another reason for tourists not to come to the US and for tourists not to go to DC with the capital now under military occupation.

If Trump is really going to be our first dictator, then he must start taking military control of territory now. His excursion into Los Angeles was doomed to failure. However, because of D.C.'s unique legal status in our country it is ripe for the picking. Once he has secured D.C. and gotten the public used to Trump using the military to take control of territory, he will move into more difficult areas to control like Chicago or L.A. This is no longer a political fight between MAGA and liberal Democrats but is in fact a fight for the survival of our political system. Those who think this is merely a distraction from the Epstein mess need wake up and take the military control of US territory seriously.

There is a serious issue with the way this is being handled, any negotiation that doesn't include Ukraine is going to fail. Trump so far is only negotiating with Russia and telling Ukraine what they are going to do. That's not going to work.

Nor should it work. Would we Americans stand for that happening to us with the EU negotiating our fate for us?

The dictator is the joke of the world. Why does he think that he should be telling Russia & Ukraine what to do? He cannot even do one thing right for the country he is supposed to be running.

Trump is the absolute worst president to deal with Putin. Ukraine and the US are at a huge disadvantage with Trump handling the negotiations. Putin will chew him up and spit him out.

I was raised in a small town in SC. It used to be fairly vibrant. Since the Republicans gained total control of the state, it's become a ghost town.

It continues to amaze me that so many poor people vote for Republicans.

They will soon be losing their healthcare to provide tax cuts for the rich. However, they continue to vote for the GOP.

**Trump** is like a **malignancy**. Spreading ever spreading. **Deforming** and **destroying** everything healthy and useful.

And is all about: **Domination. Suppression. Oppression. Repression.**

One former DOGE staffer ("Big Balls") gets beat up and trump calls out the national guard. Hundreds of people storm the U.S. Capital, beating police officers and threatening members of Congress and trump does nothing except pardon them after they have been found guilty.

We move closer to 1930's Germany by the day.

Trump trying to kill two birds with one stone. Distract from Epstein, while at the same time give himself more powers of a dictator.

Why didn't he do this in the weeks leading up to 1/6? Are homeless veterans a bigger threat to our democracy to MAGA?

8-12-25

Meanwhile Trumpflation is crushing Consumers BIGLY. Are We Winning YET? I can't take all this winning!

Every time he opens his mouth, I can't help but think what kind of parenting produced such an insecure, petty, vindictive, shallow man.

AND don't worry Donald, "WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT EPSTEIN!"

Coming soon, the NASCAR opera.

Mount Trump ? Trump Arch? Trump National Park? Trump replacing the Statue of Liberty with him holding a weapon ? as far as his ego will let him go.

Can't wait for the Farm Show and Gun Swop. It'll be YUGE!

Trump is a crude, coarse, and vulgar man. He doesn't read, he can barely speak English, he cheats on all his wives, and he paints his head gold. Trump was born w/out a conscience, and raised w/out self-esteem. No wonder he is so desperate for acceptance.

Today's Politicians don't understand that the forefather's set up a system of equal representation for all.

can't wait to visit the Trump Memorial

this is so pathetic. donny has no knowledge of the arts period. I want to see him try to change the Kennedy Center, let him try. when he is removed the name will be brought back just like everything this monster has ruined. He is a joke, a dangerous joke whose act is getting tiring more and more each day he is still here.

He's a criminal so slap his name on a prison.

I cannot wait until the day I wake up and hear Trump died. Then we can move past this MAGA cult nonsense.

They're about to rewrite history. They're going to purge facts. They are undermining education, that's what going after all the colleges is about. People think a democracy is guaranteed and the rest of the world is looking at us kind of shocked we're walking off a cliff.

Thank god we have Donald Trump to review and rewrite history and tell us what to believe. Not to actually bring down grocery prices, gas prices, end ongoing wars from day one and the rest of the baseless promises he made and hasn't delivered. Thank god he gave the tax cut to the people that need it most.. Those poor, poor, rich folks.

I'm most impressed how he has eliminated the national debt during his first term. Maybe he'll have a good meeting with Putin in Russia (Alaska) that he announced today? IDK. Thank god he

has released the Epstein files as promised. Just a wonderful, truthful and inspiring leader, bringing our country together.

welcome to 1933 Germany , 1922 Soviet Union, 1949 China. It is already too late here. We should no longer be mocking & making jokes about Trump & the Project 2025 PowerStructure that support and guide him.

8-13-25

I am always reminded that Americans voted for this, before anyone say, "they didn't know", or "they are regretting their votes", the answer is no, because we all had a sample of Trump from 2016-2020, and than for the next 4 years, he told Americans, every day, what he would do if he returned to power, and y'all said, let's do it again.

He is acting like the German leader from the 30's and 40's

Only difference is that the minorities are what the Jewish people were then

Hope the end result is vastly different

**My hope is he drops before too much damage.**

There is a difference between the base, who won't change their views on him even as he lies right to their faces, and those who voted for him because they thought the Dems ruined the economy. Those are likely the ones who will regret their votes.

**This is not about safety. This is essentially an occupation. The local populace per a recent survey were against this almost 90 percent. This how resentment and anger is fueled. All for stroking a man's ego and having a few commenters praise Trump.**

I'm waiting for him to abolish history classes in schools. I see him burning books next. There was a man in Germany years ago who was trying to do the same ideology as Trump. The spineless Congress and Senate need to get rid of him.

**The Smithsonian museums and exhibits should be accurate, patriotic, and enlightening—ensuring they remain places of learning, wonder, and national pride for generations to come.”..... but history is not about "national pride".. it is about TRUTH - and the TRUTH is that all societies have their dark periods, things they did in error, things they are not proud of... but we can not erase those facts, we MUST remember them and learn from them so as not to make them again. Trump needs to brush up on the history of Germany so that HE will stop making the same mistakes.**

Trump's opinion regarding how art, or anything else, is interpreted does not hinge on his approval of what he likes. So no, I am not fan of letting Trump have everything to his liking. This is still a free country and our thoughts are individual and never will be what Trump demands.

Trump has a weird view of American history and knows nothing about world history...it is so apparent that American and Western values ARE inherently harmful and oppressive. The Smithsonian sends a response to Trump about scholarly excellence and rigorous research; you know Trump goes into his Homer Simpson mode.

So let me get this straight.....slump is mad the Smithsonian portrays history as it actually is?? America is the violent oppressor that stole land from natives, killed, maimed and enslaved Native Americans and African Americans etc....you can hide the truth, but it doesn't change the fact that it is the truth. Slump is trying to whyte wash this country....

**This was described in chapter 5 of 1984.**

**If you keep the masses uneducated, they are easier to control. Stuff of dictators.**

It's impossible to love America, and support trump

Hmm, the Donald Epstein administration willfully abducting people, willfully ignoring due process, extorting law firms, universities, news networks, football teams, etc. smh

More word & thought censorship, etc., under Trump 2.0:

-Journalists banned from press pool and/or travel with POTUS: AP, WSJ

Voice of America (VOA) dismantled and silenced

-Books banned: 596 from schools run by the Department of Defense Education Activity

-Muir Woods National Monument removed a historically inclusive exhibit about Indigenous stewardship of the redwoods, role of women's groups in preserving the forest, etc.

-"The N SA, a non-partisan security agency, banned its staff from using 27 common words, including:

Injustice

Bias

Racism

DEI

Diversity

Diverse

Confirmation Bias

Equity

Equitableness

Feminism

Inclusion

Inclusive

All-Inclusive

Inclusivity

Prejudice

Sexuality

Stereotypes

Equality

Etc., etc., etc.

The revised Smithsonian exhibits will show that:

Trump discovered America

Trump wrote the Declaration of Independence

Trump led the Minutemen at Lexington and Concord

Trump led the Continental Army at Valley Forge

Trump composed the National Anthem

Trump led the first wave on D-Day

Trump headed the Manhattan Project

Trump was the captain of Apollo 11

1932=Nazis 2025=MAGAs. 93years and it's deja vu all over again!

I can't wait for the exhibit on the Glorious January 6th.

Dear TACO

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OFF !!!!!

8-14-25

"Christofascism." It's a powerful movement rotting America from the inside. "God, guts and guns" is what it's all about. It's been coming a long time, it's happening right now and even if the Orange Ogre dies, white Christian nationalists will not back down or go away. America is in dire jeopardy from this giant, reptile-brained, superstitious, hate-filled misogynist cult that has nothing to do with unity and love. You can see from the clips in this video that extreme Christofascists spit on the constitution and want to wipe out democracy in favor of a theocracy. This is real... it's really happening. Even though T\*\*\*p has nothing but contempt for them, he plays up to white Christian nationalists and their crazed beliefs -- stirs them up against all who oppose him. And they, too stupid to realize they're being conned by him, are willing to kill for him. It's terrifying. But we must use the power we have and, come the midterms, vote every Republican out of office that we can. If we can regain the House, the balance will be shifted toward justice and a restoration of the values upon which our beloved but flawed country was founded.

8-15-25

President Trump unquestionably deserves the Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking work in demolishing democracy with unprecedented efficiency.

His revolutionary methods, eroding the rule of law by attacking judges and prosecutors, gutting environmental protections to accelerate climate collapse, and replacing governance with a loyalty-based autocracy, have set a new global standard for authoritarian innovation.

No leader in modern history has so skillfully transformed a functioning republic into a personality cult while convincing his followers that oppression is freedom.

His mastery of disinformation, voter suppression, and institutional sabotage should be studied as a masterclass in how to dismantle democracy without technically abolishing elections. While lesser leaders settle for mere corruption, Trump has pioneered an entire field of democratic backsliding, making him the undisputed world champion of self-serving governance.

The Nobel committee must recognize this visionary before his greatest achievement, America's full transition to dictatorship, is complete.

If Trump receives the Nobel Peace Prize, it will lose all validity. Even if Trump actually brokers peace deals, he is at the same time hurting this country and the world through his other actions. Take climate change for just one example- he and his administration are turning their backs on the future, our kids and grand kids, by denying that climate change exists. American is no longer a leader on what is right because of him and his cronies.

The Peace Prize was specifically set forth in Nobel's will, which stated that one-fifth of the interest on his estate was to go to the best work for:

1. fraternity between nations
2. abolition or reduction of standing armies
3. formation and spreading of peace congresses

All three criteria must be applied to the work done by the candidate. Despite Mr. Trump's stated attempts, I don't see that he has accomplished anything at all along these lines, let alone having done the "best work".

Are nations on the whole friendlier with each other as a result of work done by Mr. Trump?

Have any standing armies been abandoned or reduced in size due to Trump's efforts?

Has the formation and spreading of peace congresses been increased due to Trump efforts?

Opinions vary widely, from "No, not at all", to the ridiculously unsupportable.

If Mr. Trump gets the Peace Prize, I suppose RFK, Jr. will be in line for getting the Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Trump doesn't get that he is not supposed to nominate HIMSELF. Other people are supposed to nominate a person. The ego on Trump is bigger than any I've even seen in my lifetime.

Trump surrounds himself with yes-men and sycophants so he has no idea how he is perceived by the world at large.

It's a lot like the MAGAs who think they're smart because they live in an echo chamber of like-thinking none-too-smarts.

Trump is too well known for what he is to be considered for a Nobel no matter how many nominations he gets from nations that want favors.

Someone should create the "tRump extortion prize". Now that would be a true prize reflective our Leader and valued by his peeps. Maybe even a huge trophy in gold in his likeness, kinda like a football shape.

Sadly, Trump is less concerned about peace than he is with the prize.

Before Trump was elected, a United States president could be characterized as "the leader of the free world." That label no longer portrays a US president. America is slowly becoming a dictatorship. Trump, at every turn is doing his best to destroy the Constitution. The Constitution of the United States, prior to the Trump administration, had been an influence for the foundation of the laws for several nations. Now he is doing his best to destroy it. Trump's youngest son Barron is doing his best to follow in his father's footsteps. As Donald Trump grew up, he became an entitled rich snob. Looking down on anyone that was not white and rich. His son Barron has been raised just like that and more. He never had to do hard physical work, all that was done for him. As a teen he had his own luxury apartment complete with secret service guards and whatever "staff" he wanted. If Barron Trump becomes involved in government our democracy is likely to be doomed as will be all of our Constitutional rights. Right now, the trend on Trump's rating is dipping. We can only hope it keeps going that way.

Being only 8 months into his presidency, his true personality and ignorance of the world continues to shine brighter and brighter. By the end of his term, he will probably be noted as the worst president of all time. The only hanger-on's will be his sycophant followers who are too far into the Kool-Aid jar.

Trump's negotiating skills are only bluffing and folding, and you can't win poker pot that way.

8-16-25

The whole meeting was a publicity stunt. Our fat dictator wants that peace prize so much he will sell out not only the Ukraine but also the US. Hinting that he will approve Russia to mine minerals in Alaska and give them the Ukraine's say it all. Putin played trump like the puppet he

is. Expect a flood of LIES telling us how great things went. How about we get back to the coverup of Epstein.

I believe Trump thinks if he plays Putin up as a great friend, gives him VIP treatment, Putin will thaw some & be a better person. Classic story: man rescued a poisonous snake from the cold. Before picking the snake up the man got the snake to promise not to bite him. When the snake warmed up he bite the man; as the man was dying he asked the snake why he bit him. The snake said "because I'm a snake."

Remember in 2024, "vote for DJT he'll reduce prices, end the war in 24hrs". Now in 2025 prices are up even higher, tariffs making them worse, War still raging, and buddy Putin is still pulling the strings.

Trump recently suggested that Ukraine should give up territory to Russia to end the war. But let's be honest — would the United States ever hand over Alaska to avoid a nuclear conflict with Russia? Of course not. We'd fight to the last person to defend our land. So why do some expect Ukraine to surrender its own territory, even under the threat of defeat? The principle is the same: sovereignty isn't negotiable.

Distrusting data and making executive decisions by gut feeling instead, or changing the numbers because you don't like them, is a recipe for disaster for any business.

Promises made, promises broken.

Trump's peace idea is for Ukraine to give up a large section of their country to Russia, then sooner before later Putin will come to take the rest of Ukraine. To suggest Trump should be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize with his efforts to secure peace between Ukraine and Russia is the biggest farce in modern history!

He failed - period. Did Mexico ever pay for Trump's big beautiful wall? Did Trump ever give the public a better healthcare than Obamacare? All talk, all failure.

8-17-25

People Are Completely Losing It Over This MAGA Voter's Rant Telling Donald Trump To "Stop Living In The Past" And Demanding To "See Some Results" - The clueless will never learn that trump doesn't care about them. He's not a populist but billionaire and why he will never release the Epstein files he's protecting the elite his billionaire donors.

I was wondering what the real undercurrent was with voters. I guessed a fair share did not vote for a woman. I definitely know that many thought the Democrat party upset people with switching horses' mid-stream. Knowing why Trump voters voted for Trump isn't nearly as important as why those who didn't vote stayed home. The popular vote showed it was narrow enough that if the turnout was like 2020 it could have made a difference,

I wonder where those people were most of their lives. There have been plenty of very successful Prime Minister and women in charge of other countries.

I honestly thought we left that craziness behind. I guess not.

And yet, everything Harris predicted is coming true. More inflation, less healthcare, more tax cuts for the wealthy, no plans to help those who are not wealthy, etc. This guy says he wants to stop living in the past. Well, one aspect of the past is thinking that women can't get things done. Men that are afraid of a strong woman. No, I'm not a Kamala fan but I did vote for her because Trump is the biggest mistake in the world. Guess they felt she threatened their small minded macho ideas. When men can give birth(which will never happen if for no other reason than they couldn't stand the pain that comes with it), then you can complain about women holding some sort of power.

President Donald J. Trump has been in the White House for 200 plus day. I am 150% Sure, had we elected Hilary Clinton the 1st time, we would not be in the situation we are in with Ukraine or Israel. I also don't think we would have had a January 6th, nor taking Secret Document down to Mar-A-Lago stashed in bathrooms. I'm quite sure we would not feel our allies hating us over Tariffs. If you voted for Donald J. Trump because you thought he would make America Great Again? I think you need to look at the facts. Many authoritarians dismiss the News Media, and shut them down, because they don't want to be attacked or confronted with questions they don't want to answer. You are already seeing PBS, NPR, CBS, and ABC get attacked from President Trump. Many of you relied on Podcast Media, more than news Media. What happened this past week with Vladimir Putin was laughable, we did not reach a deal, yet we had a good conversation. Are you kidding me. Disastrous, No way should Ukraine have been put in this position, to take their country.. You still think Trump is Making America Great Again! You gotta be some kind of stupid!

Who's the problem here? The guy who doesn't understand that the Constitution forbids government promoting religion

As far as "tried and true", you couldn't be more wrong. The OK government is an example here of religious values being used to spread intolerance and denial of science.

The irony of this is that during the Bush administration the right railed against the Taliban and Sharia law and now they want to model their government after it.

Exactly.. if Oklahoma keeps forcing "alternative facts" into classrooms, they'll sabotage an entire generation's future.

That's the MAGA way — weaken education, gut the economy, and then blame everyone else. Democrats gave us Obamacare, which lowered my premium to \$90 a month, and my car insurance is only \$23 from InsurancePanda . That's what real leadership looks like.. policies that help families and build opportunity. Trump's people would rather churn out misinformed kids who can't compete in college or the workforce.

This isn't education.. it's indoctrination.

I will give it to the Republicans. This is some dystopian level corruption, and they covered all their bases. Any other Supreme Court in history would strike this down immediately, but surely not this one. The freedoms we used to be proud of they are eroding is really sad. We are a few minor steps from it being illegal for anyone to voice decent, and that isn't hyperbole, that is real.

At age 70, I never thought I would see fascism come to America, but here it is.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics data shows food prices have spiked, and wholesale prices on fresh and dry vegetables increased by nearly 40 percent last month — the biggest increase in the last three years. Why?

Donald Trump's tariffs.

8-18-25

Trump and his puppet Rubio state that Ukraine needs to give cede land to Russia because Russia has a stronger military. With this logic it would make perfect sense for Taiwan to immediately agree to all demands from China as China no doubt also has a stronger military.

Why can't Ukraine join NATO? NATO's fundamental goal is to safeguard the Allies' freedom and security by political and military means. Trump just caved to Putin. We promised Ukraine protection if they gave up their nukes years ago. They complied. Trump is siding with Putin and turning his back on a promise that my country made to Ukraine. And now watch the irrational usual "Biden" and "woke" replies from Trump supporters. And the GOP Congress as well.

America can no longer be trusted by long term allies. And they joke about it?? And, btw I served my country voluntarily wasn't drafted. Not a single Trump family member has ever served but they talk like they've made so many sacrifices. Not at all. What a shame.

OMG. Trump is telling Ukraine to give Putin everything that he wants. This is absolute cowardly language by a self proclaimed tough guy president. No wonder Russia tried to interfere in the elections, to get Trump elected. He is selling out Ukraine, America, and the rest of the world for his man crush. What happened to the "severe consequences" for Russia? Just more empty promises from TACO 🍔 .

This is alarming on multiple levels. Trump is openly threatening to override state-run elections—something that the U.S. Constitution explicitly protects. States have the authority to manage their own elections, and federal overreach of this sort is illegal. Calling mail-in ballots “fraudulent” without evidence, while promoting his 2020 loss as illegitimate, is an attack on the very foundation of democracy.

Then you add Putin into the mix—Trump claiming the Russian leader “agrees” with him on undermining U.S. voting systems is nothing short of grotesque. This is the same Vladimir Putin who has spent decades subverting elections in his own country, cracking down on dissent, and spreading disinformation internationally. For a sitting U.S. president to frame him as an ally in domestic election policy is chilling.

It’s hard not to see this as an open attempt to centralize control, intimidate states, and normalize election interference—all while cozying up to a dictator who thrives on the same tactics. This is not diplomacy; it’s sabotage masquerading as policy.

The optics: Trump and Putin, side by side, weaponizing distrust in democracy for personal and political gain, while millions of Americans’ votes hang in the balance. It’s shocking, dangerous, and unprecedented.

its only controversial to him. Every audit of voting machines has turned out very little to no fraud.

and yeah go ahead and get rid of mail in voting. would love to see the reliable republican military vote taken away. the heck with our soldiers overseas, they shouldn’t get a say.

Peace is nice, but Trump is wrong on this. He should honor the US' commitment under the Budapest Memorandum to defend Ukrainian sovereignty. If he can't do that, he should restore Ukraine's nuclear capabilities, which were forfeited in exchange for a security pledge.

That's so TACO of him. It's actually ceding territory for a "freeze" or temporary cease fire. And in another year, Putin will then start it up again under some other pretext that the cease fire has been violated. So, if I was Zelensky I would have no choice but to rely on the European allies support that the war will escalate into an all out European war if Russia doesn't end their aggression.

“A woman who is on her fourth marriage after three divorces is petitioning the Supreme Court to overturn same-sex marriage to protect the sanctity of marriage.”

8-19-25

If the Republicans would have signed onto the Redistricting Reform Act in 2021, all states would be on equal playing ground and not gerrymandered.

They didn't so Dem's have to fight fire with fire.

Show me the Epstein files.

Democrats in Washington have introduced legislation several times in recent years seeking to end and ban gerrymandering by both parties. Want to guess which party voted against it every time?

So Texas can upset/break state and federal laws but any democrat state can't. Speaker Johnson needs to 'stay in his lane' as he is so fond of saying. Keep out of California's business and deal with the high crime rate in Shreveport and Louisiana as a whole. That is where he should be focused since Trump seems to be upset with crime these days. Shreveport, Speaker Johnson's own district, has one of the highest, if not the highest murder/crime rates in the country. Maybe deal with that before attacking someone who is actually playing by the rules and letting voters decide on their districts.

Trump's made our house of gov't into a shrine and degraded it so much. People need to think twice when mid-terms come up. Now he's militarized the city of our government.

"Look at how disgusting Trump has transformed the historic White House," Jack White began.

"It's now a vulgar, gold leafed and gaudy, professional wrestler's dressing room. Can't wait for the UFC match on the front lawn too, he's almost fully achieved the movie "Idiocracy."

"A gold plated Trump bible would look perfect up on that mantle with a pair of Trump shoes on either side wouldn't it? What an embarrassment to American history."

Still waiting for any positive contribution from the maga party. Seven months in this time, and getting worse every month. The voters made an atrociously uninformed decision on Nov 5th.

I see why Trump supporters are so well versed in propaganda. Thanks about being open about your deceptions. That's real courage. In college my political science class showed that when public perception goes against a candidate, they will often attack the facts as being misleading.

This is another authoritarian move by this administration to justify the unprecedented authoritarian occupation of DC. The fact that crime in DC has been declining doesn't fit the authoritarian narrative so the DOJ is attacking those who helped compile the information that defies their false narrative.

Governor Newsom Press Office: DANA "DING DONG" PERINO (NEVER HEARD OF HER UNTIL TODAY!) IS MELTING DOWN BECAUSE OF ME, GAVIN C. NEWSOM! FOX HATES THAT I AM AMERICA'S MOST FAVORITE GOVERNOR ("RATINGS KING") SAVING AMERICA — WHILE TRUMP CAN'T EVEN CONQUER THE "BIG" STAIRS ON AIR FORCE ONE ANYMORE!!! TRUMP HAS "LOST HIS STEP" AND FOX IS LOSING IT BECAUSE WHEN I TYPE, AMERICA NOW WINS!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER. — GCN

I don't know which is more hilarious to watch, Newsom's posts or the triggering on the Right they generate.

That said, it's not new. He's basically doing what Stephen Colbert did back on the Colbert Report: mocking the Right by using all its own devices.

And Colbert was just as good at triggering them.

Fox News calling Newsom "childish"? That is hilarious!!!! We've been witnessing a child in the Oval Office twice now. Silly name-calling, body-shaming, mispronouncing words, ignorance of the countries in the world.....

Poor Donnie Dementia, AKA the Felon Trump. The USA is 37, 242,826,000,000 in debt and growing rapidly. The USA has no limit as to how large the debt can be.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Slams Smithsonian for Harping on How 'How Bad Slavery Was'."

Slavery WAS bad. It was evil. We should never forget it.

Slavery is BAD. Freedom is GOOD. I'm so WOKE!

What comes next will Donald Trump make a wild claim that Vietnam should be removed from the history books since he dodged that war?

So, we didn't let people own other humans? We didn't try to exterminate the native inhabitants to take their land? We didn't lock up Japanese citizens and take their belongings and land from them just because they were Japanese? If Germany acknowledges the Holocaust, we can recognize our bad past behavior. It doesn't mean we haven't done good things too. Cheeto man wants to rewrite everything.

Trump was never inside a Smithsonian museum. All his criticism is based on Laura Looner's complaints.

Donnie is also probably upset that museums focus on how bad the Holocaust was too?

It is shocking, horrifying and embarrassing how much America has let this man get away with and the damage they have ignored.

The Smithsonian is simply stating facts as they happened. They are not forcing you to believe one way or the other. Most humans would walk away with the knowledge that slavery was bad & hopefully we learn to never repeat it. Trump on the other hand . . .

"President Trump complains 'woke' Smithsonian is too focused on 'how bad slavery was'???"

Trump needs to explain what was good about slavery from the perspective of those enslaved.

There's no way to deny, hide, or sugarcoat slavery in this country.

Woke: Slavery was awful

MAGA: Slavery was amazing

Next Trump will saying people are too critical of the Holocaust!

Our president is a character straight out of Revenge of the Nerds. If only Devo was formed today, the satire they would create. Trump is the Golden Goose of satire. I want Trump to live to 100 being shuffled around the worlds golf courses watching as the entire world continues mocking him.

His words prove for a fact that he has not been to the Smithsonian museums.

The Right is truly rewriting history.

This is a White Nationalist takeover.

8-20-25

The funny thing is that Newsom is mimicking Trump's writing style perfectly and FOX hosts ask, "Who talks like that?"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER!!!

WAKE THE FUCK UP, AMERICA!!!

I have not been to the Smithsonian in years, so I haven't seen the exhibits that have Trump upset. But I do feel history should be portrayed truthfully and tastefully. If someone is uncomfortable with the subject of the exhibits, they don't have to go see them. There are people who want to learn more about certain subjects though, they should be allowed to learn how things were.

Is it a positive, bright message when our Capital is a militarized city? As for museums showcasing the future - that's not what the purpose of a museum is.

No matter how much Trump tries to erase our countries past darkest parts, they will still be there. You can't change the past. And he may change a small percentage's view of the past, but that only puts a blanket over it. It doesn't make it disappear forever.

What does he think? Slavery was a cakewalk? My belief has always been that America rose from violence and there was a lot of violence throughout our growth as a country. We have to admit to the past so that we can move into the future. Denying or hiding what happened doesn't erase it.

Why would a HISTORY museum have any exhibits about the future?

Imagine Germany would say there's too much focus on the H. olocaust.

**We are ruled by the dumbest people in America.**

Trump ordered this during his first term, despite aides telling him it wouldn't do much to make the steel hotter, per WaPo.

The black paint was peeling off a year and a half later.

The crazy thing is that despite this costing literally billions of dollars; they have the money for it!

That's right, Congress decided to cut funding for benefits for Americans and instead give CBP billions for the border wall, which they'll now use to paint the thing black.

Do they not sell gloves in Mexico? I could climb that wall with 20 bucks worth of materials from Home Depot. Such a waste of time and money.

Los Angeles. Washington DC. Is Columbus next? According to JD Vance, Columbus is a hotbed of lawlessness and people are afraid to go downtown to eat (FYI it's not) Will the administration send their roving band of military to "clean up" other cities they deem out of control? Mike DeWine Governor Mike DeWine will send Ohioans wherever the administration asks, regardless of the reason.

Scientologists believe that 75 million years ago an alien dictator named Xenu brought billions of people to Earth, stacked them around volcanoes, blew them up with hydrogen bombs, and their disembodied souls (called thetans) now attach to humans, causing spiritual harm that Scientology's training can remove.

But Tom Cruise accepting a Lifetime Achievement Award from Donald Trump is more embarrassing.

One very important point was left out of this article. If you go back to trump's first term, he stated that people can get ear cancer from windmills. I'm sure this is another reason why he is against windmills.

Data centers are why prices are rising. They require huge amounts of power. The infrastructure required to deliver that power is not 100% funded by them (it should be) and is passed on to consumers as well. We need every possible power source available if we are to be the leaders in data and AI. Solar and wind are great additional sources. Solar makes perfect sense in the desert southwest, lots of sun ~ 12 hours a day when it's hot and AC's are drawing heavily. Wind power across the Texas plains also makes perfect sense and takes advantage of the spent oil fields that are useless otherwise (too contaminated for crops or cattle). Rather than defunding anything other than oil, gas, and coal, we need research into options like nuclear, hydrogen, and storage systems for the excess energy solar produces during the day to use at night. These would all be great investments in American manufacturing and provides high paying jobs. He only hates them because they are called "green" or "renewable". Will someone with influence please tell him they are "additional" sources of energy and jobs...

If anyone out there bothered to do any research, or at least look up the cost comparisons, they would find that renewable costs are lower than fossil fuel costs and states that lean heavily on renewables have lower energy costs.

Without a doubt, Trump is the biggest idiot to ever occupy the Whitehouse. He knows zero about wind and solar energy and its future. He is stuck in the past and probably beholdng to the oil and coal industry. How anyone could have voted for this moron is unfathomable to me.

8-21-25

On the one hand Trump and his appointees have fired a lot of federal employees in the name of cutting costs by making agencies more cost efficient. A lot of people no longer have an income. But, on the other hand Trump goes out and increases spending such as hiring more ICE agencies and offering \$50K signing bonuses, cements over the rose garden, adds gold decorations to the White House, is going to spend \$200 million to build a ballroom addition to the White House, etc. Taking away money from other people and spending it on what he wants seems to be a recurring theme.

What Gavin Newsom is doing (or allowing to be done, since he has peeps writing these clever Trump screed spoofs for him) should be applauded and, even better, expanded on by other Dems in power. The California governor has been the first to try this counter-bullying tactic, to prove that it is effective and to set the example that Democrats CAN fight fire with fire -- and also with humor.

With these more than accurate trolling parodies of T\*\*\*p's nonsense, Newsom is causing the feather-ruffled Far Right media to expose T\*\*\*p himself as the moronic idiot he is. MAGA is upset because Newsom's trolls are SO on target, which means MAGA knows their dear leader is an unhinged buffoon.

Humor is always the weapon they do not understand

It takes intelligence and, actually, empathy to be open to humor (which bullying, insulting and ridiculing is not).

Trump has zero respect for culture , history , science , investment clean energy, clean mass transportation, infrastructure revitalization, the environment, parks , he has made that very clear . The regular people who do yards, fences and other manual labor around properties have been hiding so everything is more expensive now from what I was told by my neighbors. It seems that this is driving prices up on services due to labor shortage

"woke" = empathy

Olbermann called Leavitt “belligerent, condescending, and aggressively stupid.”

Ending racism is a political message? What, he is in favor of racism? (Probably). Stop hate? Inspire Change?

8-22-25

As trump time comes to an end, i really do fear the more abuse of his powers. I was shocked the fact he fired the head of the jobs report at the BLS because he didnt like the job numbers. I know people at the BLS - trust me. They do not care about politics when it comes to creating an accurate report. They take that seriously.

Which party weaponized govt agencies again? It ain't Dems.

This isn't about National Security or Bolton — it's about sending a message to quell dissent and intimidate critics.

Pure and simple.

The Trump administration is totally corrupt. This is abuse of power for the purpose of revenge. It is clear to see, these incidents against Trump critics is not coincidence.

Pam Bondi talking about justice, well release the Epstein files.

More Gestapo-like tactics. It's getting truly scary in this country when you can be arrested just for Trump not liking you.

I always thought that part of artistic expression was sometimes making some people uncomfortable, and sometimes making people think deeper about particular subjects. Art often has nothing to do with glorifying something. Is a painting of the Crucifixion glorifying it, and saying you approve of the act?

We are entering the Dark Ages of America.

You want to see a republicans head spin? Ask them what "woke" means.

The Smithsonian should have an exhibit that shows how wealthy Americans subjugate middle and poor class Americans while filing bankruptcy and keeping their billions while breaking laws avoiding fines or imprisonment.

Trump and the republicans love to use the term "woke" but I don't think that they really know what it means. Here is the dictionary meaning... "Woke" is a term rooted in Black American culture that means being aware of and alert to social and racial injustice. While initially a signal for Black people to be aware of systemic inequities and threats to their safety, the term was popularized by the Black Lives Matter movement but has since become a politicized and often derogatory term used by conservatives to criticize progressive social and political ideas.

Thank you, but Trump supporters don't care about facts and reality. They only believe what Trump tells them, and if Trump says "woke" is bad, even though they have NO IDEA what it is, then they believe it's bad. It's more important for them to be able to have someone validate their hatred than to take five minutes to actually understand reality.

You are correct. The term was deliberately hijacked by Republican propagandists to convince Donald The Rump's somnolent base that "woke" was something bad for them, like the COVID-19 vaccine that so many of them avoided with disastrous consequences.

So long as The Rump's base is informed by Faux News and The Rump's Lie Social, they will never wake up to the way they've been played by wealthy special interests that have made a ton of money because of (and on) them.

Trump is projecting when he says the museum pits one kind of American against another. Trump has built his political career on doing that. Honoring different kinds of people doesn't pit us against each other at all.

So: Free speech and historical accuracy are not MAGA values. Surprise, Surprise.

I do not understand why he inserts himself in areas where he really has no authority. It shows he is really a bully. He should spend his time doing what he promised to fix the economy and stop wars. He cannot bully his way thru those.

Maga rule is this: 1) Pick some individual or group of people to make suffer. 2) Make them suffer. 3) Wait for those concerned about justice or the Constitution or human suffering stand up to defend said person or group. 4) Call out those standing up for the Constitution or justice or human suffering as "woke" and make the target of collective Maga shaming. 5) Repeat.

That is the formula.

WOKE = Wisdom, Optimism, Kindness and Empathy!

Many parallels between the fall of democracy in Germany and the rise of trump:

Financial Crisis (Great Depression = Pandemic)

Nationalism

Racism

Violent Rhetoric

Attack The Media

Industrialists

Conservative Elites

Revenge

Attacking the Arts/Artists

Red Hats/Brown Shirts

MAGA/Notzi Party

Stephen Miller/Himmler

Musk/Goebbels

ICE/SS

There is no call to teach people that slavery "gave valuable experience". PragerU is twisting itself into pretzels to justify slavery. Period. "Just having a discussion" is a bad faith right wing argument, always has been, always will be.

Since 1300 additional officers reduced crime this much, go ahead and fund DC for an additional 1300 law enforcement officers. That's an additional 13 officers per square mile. How long is that sustainable, and how much will it cost to put an additional 13 officers per square mile in these other cities?

8 out of the 10 states with the highest homicide rates are red states. Send them there. Here's the other issue, when the national guard does come up against an actual crime, they are not trained for this kind of thing, some will lose their lives.

The deafening silence from Republicans in congress make it clear they are complicit. What trump has done in six months is beyond the worst thing they ever accused President Biden of doing, and yet they are absolutely okay with it. We are witnessing the end of our nation, and everyone seems complicit or powerless to stop it. I am really concerned that the midterm elections won't matter, they'll just declare whoever they want as the winners.

D.C. is Federal. Chicago is not. If he sends the military in there he will be breaking the law and if Congress or the Supreme Court do not enforce the constitution, we the people have every right to replace our government leaders. If they fail us and break their oaths, they no longer deserve our loyalty. REVOLUTION

What a monumental disgrace this administration is. Purely political theater. Only the blue states get the military. Louisiana, Memphis Tennessee, Savannah Georgia, many parts of Florida, many parts of Alabama, and many more red states....ALL statistically worse than Chicago, Washington or California. But since they voted for Trump, they get a pass. What a joke. This country is crumbling.

By 2028 all-important military and government positions will be replaced by loyalist; electronic voting machines and mail-in voting will be illegal; there will be violence and deaths at the polling stations in democratic cities initiated by far-right gangs; the number of polling stations in democratic cities will be reduced; long lines and threats of violence will force people to return home without voting; DC then other democratic cities will be under martial law preventing any protest or disruption to his swearing in ceremony for an illegal third term; politicians that stand in his way will be accused of participating in a conspiracy like Russia or Epstein hoax and charged with treason; there will be war in Latin america against the cartels; that and the refugee crisis it will create at the border will be used as national security cover for further power seizures. Protesting citizens will be arrested, accused of gang/cartel affiliation and sent to Latin America for detention in a camp.

A jury of her peers found Tina Peters guilty of allowing access to confidential voter machine data as part of an effort to change election results for Trump in Colorado. She should serve the full 9 year term as given. Maybe this will be a lesson for other Trump supporters that think about breaking the law to help him.

People need to stop talking about how bad slavery was, it's hurting feelings. People also need to stop talking about the Epstein files, it's hurting feelings. Yea, sure, those things are "bad" but continuing to talk about them is hurting the feelings of rich people who profit from them.

8-23-25

### “That’s the Way It Goes”

The Democrats are going to end up running someone really awful in 2028, because no sane person is going to want to do the work of cleaning up all these messes.

the old trick. The GOP runs up a huge deficit and causes a recession, then loses an election to democrats who promise to fix the damage. The democrats then start fixing the problem, but that involves making painful choices, raising taxes and not giving their supporters whatever they want. The GOP then runs on that disappointment, promising the moon, and when they win, repeat the cycle.

In my lifetime, the only one who did different was George HW Bush, who realized how bad things were looking after Reagan and made the hard choices himself. Of course the GOP considered him a traitor for it, and his own son basically used his presidency as a reverse playbook, doing the opposite of whatever his father would.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Donald Trump Signals Move to Rebrand Kennedy Center with His Own Name: ‘Maybe in a Week or So’.”

I hope he realizes that this new name will be short lived. Once a democrat takes over the presidency, the name will go back to Kennedy, as it should because that was the original name given to the facility in honor of a past president. Unfortunately, trumpy doesn't wait, he takes whatever he wants, when he wants it. He shows no respect for tradition or history or values.

Ah, yes—America, the land of checks, balances, and historical gravitas, apparently reached peak absurdity when a sitting or former president casually mused about renaming the Kennedy Center after himself. This isn’t just a vanity project; it’s the ultimate flex of “look at me” governance. Decades of cultural significance, arts legacy, and public trust reduced to a branding exercise. The institution built to honor the nation’s finest performers is now potentially a billboard for ego, with Trump signaling he might slap his name on it “maybe in a week or so.” The kicker: he claims near-total influence over who gets honored, effectively turning recognition into a PR stunt.

It’s the kind of move that makes historians wince, artists grimace, and everyone else wonder if decorum and institutional respect are now optional. If America “died,” this headline reads like the funeral announcement.

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Guaranteed he gives himself a medal. Maybe not this year, but it’s certainly going to happen. It’s the sole reason he took over the place.

No, trump, no one is referring to the Kennedy Center as the Trump Kennedy Center except the voices in your head. Wasn't turning the Rose Garden to a soulless resort patio enough for you? Behold. The festering carcass of American rot shoved into an ill-fitting suit: the sleaze of a conman, the cowardice of a draft dodger, the gluttony of a parasite, the racism of a Klansman, the sexism of a back-alley creep, the ignorance of a bar-stool drunk, and the greed of a hedge-

fund ghouls—all spray-painted orange and paraded like a prize hog at a county fair. Not a president. Not even a man. Just the diseased distillation of everything this country swears it isn't but has always been—arrogance dressed up as exceptionalism, stupidity passed off as common sense, cruelty sold as toughness, greed exalted as ambition, and corruption worshiped like gospel. It is America's shadow made flesh, a rotting pumpkin idol proving that when a nation kneels before money, power, and spite, it doesn't just lose its soul—it shits out this bloated obscenity and calls it a leader.

JD Vance getting heckled and booed everywhere he tries to go on vacation or out to eat is rebuilding my hope in America.

Protesting against tyrannical power and corruption is the foundational act of American patriotism

She pointed out that the Trump administration has been taking a “sledgehammer to American gold standards,” which, among many examples, include: attacks on universities, the free press, due process and on efforts to save lives and combat diseases through agencies like the United States Agency for International Development and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Never watched SP till I heard about it mocking Noem and Trump. Watched the first 3 episodes of this year and loved every second of it.

I actually believe these 3 episodes truly depict the current administration in its total lack of morality and its distortion of what democracy means.

I was especially appalled at the true representation of every foreign or domestic meeting Trump has; "MONETARY GIFTS" must be presented to him along with pure worship. If they wanted to accomplish anything positive or negative, they had to pay him off.

Restore what jobs? If (and it is a big if) manufacturing (and I assume that is what you mean by "blue collar jobs" comeback, the plants will be mostly automated and the jobs will be few or will require technical skills that are not what you consider "blue collar." Further, do you think those "blue collar" jobs that are created will be at \$7/hr? or even \$15? Nope, so you may partially get your wish but at great cost to the consumer of the product.

I'm a boomer and I'm ashamed to be part of this generation. We had more opportunities for education than our parents, we fought for civil rights and endured the Vietnam war and bear the scars; but the Roper Center states that voters aged 65 and older were divided in the 2024 election: Trump: 50%, Harris: 49%. We chose a man who incited an insurrection to overthrow our democracy and caused the deaths of 6 people; a man that a jury of his peers found liable for sexual assault and battery of a woman, a man who lies every time he opens his mouth, and the worst a man who is a racist. Yet we support this immorality. Boomers over half of us have devolved into something indecent.

Trump's approval ticked up with boomers, and headlines credit his Ukraine peace push. But peace for whom? If the deal means Ukraine cedes territory to Russia, that's not peace—it's a prelude. Land loss today sets the stage for future invasions tomorrow. A ceasefire without accountability invites occupation without end. Poll bumps may flatter the optics, but they don't erase the cost of rewarding aggression. Real peace defends sovereignty. Anything less is just silence dressed as diplomacy.

To save time, I call these wonderful Nationalist Christians ...

Nat. Cs

South Park is doing what the entire Democratic Party should have been doing for years: making Trump look like the clown he is and getting under his skin so badly that his press office can't stop crying about it. Matt and Trey are out here depicting the sitting president begging Satan for

sex, using an Apple-branded dildo, and wiping up with Towelie after — and suddenly the White House is issuing official statements about cartoon dick jokes. That's power. That's relevance. That's how you strip a wannabe strongman down to his pathetic core: you laugh at him, loud and merciless, until he's exposed as the small man with the smaller hands (and even smaller... well, you saw the episode).

And here's the real kicker: South Park has somehow turned itself back into appointment television. Not prestige streaming dreck you can watch on your phone while folding laundry, not another endless Marvel spinoff — actual “I gotta see what they do this week” television. Everyone's waiting to see if Elon Musk shows up with a ketamine drip, if Kristi Noem's face keeps melting, or if Satan finally dumps Trump for someone less needy. That kind of cultural chokehold hasn't existed in years, and it's not because Parker and Stone got softer with age — it's because they leaned harder into chaos when the rest of entertainment was playing it safe. Meanwhile, Trump world can't stand it. The man who once bragged about being “the ratings machine” is now being clobbered in ratings by a weed-smoking towel and two guys who've been mocking the powerful since Bill Clinton was chasing interns. The White House response is the funniest tell of all: whiny, defensive, and completely unable to hide that the “tiny penis” bit hit the bullseye. Imagine being so fragile that an animated show forces your communications team into a press release spiral.

This is exactly what satire is supposed to be. You don't just critique the emperor — you pants him in front of the whole village and point at what's dangling. Matt and Trey are showing America how to deal with Trump, and the country is tuning in every week to watch. The president wanted to be a kingmaker. Instead, he's a recurring punchline with his dick out. Perfect.

8-24-25

The country is doomed. Out of control gerrymandering leads to fixed districts. At that point, the primaries become the only elections that matter. Who wins primaries in politically homogeneous districts? The most extreme candidates. This will lead to an even higher level of extremism in government.

We're cooked. The country is broken and it's going to lead to disaster.

CONGRESS step up and do your job. Pass a bill to stop Gerrymandering and only can change the district lines during census, every ten years. Make it fair lines for all.

This would give Americans Some faith in the system.

And the Republic CONS (aka fascists) are FAR FAR FAR worse. Don't let anyone make a false equivalence. They and Trump ARE the enemies

Republics work when voters choose their representatives. Not when representatives choose their voters.

Before the Trump inauguration I predicted that this administration would bring about drama and chaos times 5. I was wrong! Not even close! Revenge and retribution actions are through the roof. Tariffs is still an unknown. Challenges to our constitution is continuous and it is apparent that our checks and balances do not provide the protection that our republic needs to survive the takeover by an autocrat.

The polls have been more than generous to Donald Trump. He has been treated better than he deserves in the polls.

Our compromised, politicized, legislators from the bench AKA SCOTUS need to be reeled in with legislation even they can't tweak to appease Trump starting with repeal of Citizens United.

How about that. It might just be a GREAT idea to ask the citizens of ANY city if they want a military takeover of their city prior to sending in the National Guard. It would probably be a better idea than waiting until after the Guard was already there then the people wouldn't have to hold demonstrations in protest as has been done in EVERY CITY where they have been deployed so far.

When is a governor going to order the state police, local police, and the national guard to stand between Trump's military and protestors in order to protect peaceful protests? Are we going to wait until we have another Kent State type death at the hands of the National Guard?

FOX ("EDITS THE TAPES") NEWS MUST CANCEL THEIR WEEKEND STINKERS IMMEDIATELY!!! THEY ARE VERY DISHONEST AND ALL THEY DO IS TRASH ME, GAVIN C. NEWSOM, AMERICA'S FAVORITE GOVERNOR (AND MANY SAY THE MOST HANDSOME IN HISTORY, THANK YOU!). LARA TRUMP'S "SHOW" IS A TOTAL DISASTER. NO PERSONALITY, NO TALENT, VERY LOW ENERGY. SHE DESPERATELY NEEDS "COACHING" FROM CRAZY FATHER-IN-LAW!!! ALSO, WHY DID FOX LET MARK "NOBODY" LEVIN (I HAD TO GOOGLE HIM) TRASH ME???? HE SAID I AM TOO POPULAR ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND HE HATES THAT THE PEOPLE LOVE ME AND HOW I MAKE TRUMP LOOK LIKE THE WEAK LITTLE (HANDS) MAN HE IS! MARK SHOULD TAKE "NOTES" FROM JESSE WATTERS WHO KEEPS CALLING ME "DADDY" EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HIM NO THANK YOU!!! CANCEL THE "FOX NEWS STINKERS" NOW! THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STINK UP OUR AIRWAVES ANY LONGER! AND PLEASE NO MORE NEGATIVE ADS ABOUT ME! THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER! — GCN

8-25-25

The normalization of Trump's daily threats against any detractors should terrify us all. One of the greatest parts of this country has been the first amendment. Now criticism may result in governmental violence towards the speaker. I really hope people stand up, but if congress/senate is any example they won't.

Is it naive of me to hope that the majority of Americans will not in the end stand for weaponization of the govt against anyone who disagrees? . I'm not a fan of Christie but he has a right to free speech without threats from djt. And every person who has a voice shouldn't have their house raided. Are we now living in Russia?

To everyone—Democrats, Independents, and those unaffiliated—who believe in democracy but chose not to vote last year: this outcome is part of your silence.

Voting isn't just a right; it's a responsibility. When we opt out, we leave the future in the hands of those who may not share our values. And as we've seen since this administration began its destructive behavior, the cost of disengagement is real—felt in policies, communities, and the erosion of shared trust.

You're right. Freedom of the press is fundamental to the more perfect union we're trying to be and is, in fact, a constitutional right.

Trump's just trying to intimidate both news sources with the prospect that they may get hit with an expensive law suit.

Executive interference with the press is unconstitutional normally, but with this current rigged Supreme Court, it may be permitted.

I notice he does not target FOX but only stations that report the news? And the President of the United States is supposed to be in the news good or bad but with Trump it just happens to be

mostly bad and he promotes his own actions to the press, well most and they just report it. That is not biased, it is facts that our country that must be informed of.

That is the most alarming thing in today's political climate: that the Supreme Court can't be counted on to uphold the constitution. Trump has ruined this country.

The problem is, republicans don't care, even encouraging the authoritarianism. Pointing it out to them or even trying to shame them doesn't work. They are without shame. Dems need to focus on getting some wins that don't involve esoteric leftist philosophies and get real about concrete solutions to our problems. Trump stole votes when he promised no tax on overtime. He lied to those workers, but it got votes. What are dems doing? Promising inclusive bathrooms? I'm as left as an American can get and I'm getting a pretty annoyed at the dems not speaking to regular people. White lower and lower-middle class people are hurting and dem policies would help them. But focusing solely on LGBTQ and race issues are making them feel disconnected.

If cities want the Guard, there's a process - ask for it. The voters can even put pressure on the mayors/governors.

This isn't that hard.

Anyone who has studied theology enough is familiar with the depiction of an antichrist, beyond just what the most popular version of the Bible says. Christians will be the ones who are the most vulnerable to the antichrists's deception, being drawn in more easily than anyone other than those who's minds are ravaged by anger. For most of us in our lifetimes, there has never been someone on a bigger stage who fits that characterization more than Donald Trump.

You voted for the President of the United States to tell one state to redraw lines and get more seats while suing another state for redrawing lines to get more seats

BREAKING: AG Pam Bondi declares that states' rights don't matter, as they're going to punish Blue states for non-compliance and "If they don't comply with us... We're going to... cut off their federal funding." Fascism is here, folks.

The Supreme Court declared that flag burning is protected free speech back in 1989. An EO doesn't change that. Trump's just an idiot who thinks he can overturn constitutional laws whenever he feels like it.

Burning a flag is now against the law.. but betraying your country, leading an insurrection and breaking your oath of office to defend the Constitution is still OK.

In the meantime grocery prices are skyrocketing as are utility bills. Beef and coffee both up over 30% since Trump took over. Instead of lower prices we have troops in our cities as Trump tries to establish his POLICE STATE

I am not pro-flag burning but I am 100% pro-Constitution. Flag burning is free speech that is protected by the US Constitution. This executive order is clearly illegal. You would think someone who's job is to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States would know this.

So it's ok to desecrate the U.S. Capital, but not a piece of fabric. Got it.

There goes TACO rewriting the US Constitution with a magic marker again! If the Supreme Court doesn't shut that down, they will have played their hand that they no longer protecting America and should be impeached.

I used to think Reagan was an alright president, but after researching and realizing that most of America's problems we face today can be directly traced back to him, from the crippling income inequality to surge in homelessness, and to our ignored mental health crisis, it's become apparent that history really needs to reevaluate his era.

Reagan's 2 terms are where the corporatization of America supercharged creating the wealth inequality and corruption we see today. Trickle down economics does not work and never will. Our system is broken and is available to the highest bidder.

Unless you're going to leave the National Guard in the cities forever then this will be a temporary drop. It doesn't address the real problems. That's why it's just a stunt and a warmup for something more sinister.

8-26-25

Karoline Leavitt@PressSec: President Trump is the most transparent and accessible President in American history!

He's actually been very opaque and impulsive.

- \* No DOGE transparency
- \* Botched Epstein transparency
- \* No clear justification for Bolton raid
- \* Inconsistent Tariff Policy
- \* Incoherent answers to questions that randomly deviate into side tangents

Transparency isn't just about press conferences.

Then release the Epstein files.

And Trump's tax returns.

And his ACTUAL medical records.

And the transcripts of his Putin meetings.

And the WH visitor logs.

And the Mar-a-Lago visitor logs.

And his grades from Wharton.

And tell us what left you all so "ashen" in Anchorage.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Threatens Countries Failing to Show Him 'Respect' in Deranged Late-Night Meltdown."

Sometimes, it appears like there is a marked difference in the president's daytime behavior and his dusk/ evening behavior. So, I read a bit and I am just posting this paragraph that I saw that I found interesting.

"Sundowning can occur at any stage of dementia but becomes more frequent and intense in the middle and late stages of the disease, as brain damage progresses and affects the internal clock. It is characterized by increased confusion, agitation, anxiety, and restlessness that typically begin in the late afternoon or early evening."

Perhaps some insight here into why the "late night outbursts" and "evening rants" are becoming so frequent.

What competent leader, whether it be a corporate CEO or a State Governor or even a PTA Chairman, let alone a President, routinely rants and complains on social media? He sounds and acts like a petulant kindergartener.

And what Gavin Newsom is doing isn't ranting, it's calling attention to how Trump sounds.

The horrifying thing is no one is reigning him in. Congress actually could, should and is actually required to have hauled him in for explanations and a dressing down in some of these instances, but democratic efforts have been blocked and the republicans are instead sitting back and clapping.

Trump Derangement Syndrome is real but it best describes Trump and his chaotic and hateful actions. He has killed the American economy, once the envy of the world, and now threatens and harasses our allies while cozying up to dictators.

Respect is earned, not owed to or demanded by a bully with a felony record. If he doesn't want to be treated like a clown he should stop acting like one.

Fred Trump psychologically damaged this guy beyond help. Never has such an insecure bully held power in the US and seek recognition, praise and gratitude so open and desperately, while not being a public servant in any way whatsoever.

We've lost our standing on the international stage thanks to a very incompetent, ignorant arrogant man who has alienated every ally we've ever had. He will do everything in his power to rig any more elections and is already using the military to take over blue states, get rid of mail in votes and voting machines and installing ICE like gestapo at the polls. Bye bye democracy. He loves Putin, Orban, Kim Jong Un, Xi because he wants their unbridled power.

When the smoke clears you will hear all the excuses of why the GOP let this marginal man run wild with no restrictions. They will try as best they can to distance themselves from who they are now sticking to like glue. Something is wrong with him. It's very obvious.

There has to be a collective understanding by our Senate and Congress that the President has gone off the rails. We are watching the slowest trainwreck in history. Like slow motion images of an atomic bomb.

1. Trump Threatens Countries Failing to Show Him 'Respect' in Deranged Late-Night Meltdown  
2. Tariff-loving Donald Trump has issued an unhinged threat against countries he claims don't show the U.S. and major tech companies "respect."

3. In a typical deranged late-night post on Truth Social, the MAGA president warned he would impose "substantial" new tariffs and block U.S. chip exports to countries that enforce digital taxes.

4. Trump argued that digital service taxes are designed to "harm, or discriminate" against American technology, and issued a sinister warning for if they are not dropped.

5. They say now that Trump is 79 years old, probably his dementia has worsened, probably suffers from severe memory lapses, sees multitude of things, unhinged, unstable, rants, lies, whines about everything including these tariffs. on goods from Chinese, Indian, and European countries who hasn't surrendered to his authoritarian moves.

They also say Trump has probably lost his bearings and wants to fire Fed Governor Lisa Cook who happened to be black and Fed. Chair Powell in 2 weeks.

Just a point of history that young Donald missed: The founders discussed how the new nation's leader should be regarded. They rejected "king" because they didn't want a ruler. They decided on "president," in other words, "one who presides." per Webster's: PRESIDE is to exercise guidance, direction, or control. A president DOES NOT RULE A NATION. This fact is totally lost on donald trump.

This is nuts! Oklahoma already ranks 49th & 50th in various national reports, making it one of the lowest-ranked states for education quality. Yet, Walters, a White Nationalist Christian, keeps pushing his anti-woke, anti-DEI, anti-true American history, & anti-Black/Indigenous studies agenda. He's promoting his version of European history alongside the 10 Commandments & Bibles in schools, creating a completely different form of indoctrination. On top of that, he's introducing this racist Prager U testing for new teachers to ensure they conform to his teaching approach & avoid sharing their own perspectives. It's just plain crazy—like creating a "Handmaid's Tale" environment for kids.

8-27-25

OK Toady, if Trump is so "against crime" why does he continue to stop funding crime prevention programs that actually work? Sending national guard troops to parade around is not the answer and it's more expensive.

What defines success in these deployments? What is the permanent goal that the military hopes to achieve? What defines when the troops can leave? Why is nobody asking these questions?

Achieving a one-party political system through violence and intimidation

Right now Americans do not trust the police or the military thanks to Trump.

Trump sending in the military is absolutely political and is nothing short of an authoritarian takeover.

Then why hasn't he sent them to the red states that have higher crime? Because it's totally political. He wants to oppress states that don't vote for him and have troops in place if anyone tries to fight back. Simple fascism.

Yet the two cities with far higher crime rates, St Louis and Memphis are not even considered, makes a LIE of your statement skippy.

According to US News Real Estate. The most dangerous city is Memphis, TN. Out of the top 15 ten are red and five are blue. Crime is a universal problem and just not blue cities. Targets Trump is suggesting only Baltimore is even on the top 15 list. What is needed is a universal strategy to prevent crime? The US has the highest homicide rate among high-income countries, though it also has a high overall property crime rate compared to countries like those in Europe. Where is the day after plans for your strategy? Yes, it is political. Disaster aid goes to red states and troops go to blue states. It is political, but it is truly a problem for all Americans. My feeling is this is more about covering targeting Sanctuary Cities for deportation by ICE aided by troops but just say so.

Trumpenstein somehow thinks that this "intimidation tactic" is going to work. His approval with Independents which 36%. He's hovering around 38%-40% approval and everyday is another distraction. Elect a Pedi and this is what we get. National Guard troops cleaning up litter in DC. lol...

There is a sickness in culture right now that has people, especially young people pushed to the brink that taking such horrific action is the only option. There are many variables that contribute. Social media and use of screens. The polarization by the media and politicians. The breakdown of the family. Lack of accountability and just consequences. The propping up of victims while vilifying success, hard work and achievement. The list goes on...

Modern firearms have existed since the 19th century, but mass shootings were rare prior to the 1990s and school shootings were nearly unheard of. The guns haven't changed. Something in the national psyche has, and it's getting worse. THAT's where our attention should be laser-focused, not on endless partisan recriminations, political grandstanding and more ineffectual laws.

Actions taken out of fear, desperation and outrage don't solve problems, and forfeiting constitutional rights has never made anyone safer.

certainly guns with high capacity magazines, weapons of war, has nothing to do with this  
Only in the US is this a usual and now, unshocking occurrence. Of course we are all saddened, but we are saddened several times a year, every year since the late 1990s.

it should be the politicians afraid to go outside.... not, our children.

Thank goodness for the thoughts and prayers. I was worried nothing would be done.

Thoughts and prayers, no action, wash rinse repeat.

Please note there was no mention of sending in the military to Minneapolis by Trump. So much for his publicity stunts. Instead, how about strengthening the red flag laws at the national level. He weakened them during his first term which allowed some people with mental health issues to purchase firearms. We don't need thoughts and prayers. We need the Republican members of congress to grow a spine and stand up to the NRA and the gun industry. Our kids deserve better.

Thoughts and prayers are good and important, but they're not a substitute for action. I pray every day that my classes will go well, but I also prepare for every class.

As the proverb goes, "God helps those who help themselves."

1) feign shock at how something so "unimaginable" could occur (even though this happens regularly)

2) offer thoughts and prayers (which do and have done absolutely nothing)

3) blame anything and anyone for the shooting (except for the guns)

4) resist any and all legislation in regards to gun control

5) dust hands and pretend the problem is solved forever

repeat steps 1-5 ad infinitum

**Meanwhile civilized countries have common sense Gun Laws.**

A combat veteran named Jay Carey set fire to an American flag in front of the White House to challenge a recent executive order by Donald Trump that targeted flag desecration as a federal offense. Secret Service agents quickly extinguished the flames and Carey was detained, but authorities charged him not for burning the flag but for lighting a fire in a federal park, which is a separate violation. Video footage and multiple reports captured Carey identifying himself as a 20-year Army veteran, explaining, "No president can make a law period. No Congress shall make a law infringing on First Amendment rights," and adding, "I'm burning this flag as a protest to that illegal fascist president that sits in that house".

After his release, Carey stated his purpose was to stand up for free speech and to test the legality of the order, insisting, "We burn this flag in protest to that president who feels that it's his right to do whatever he wants, make whatever law he wants, regardless if it's legal or illegal". While the arrest caught national attention and provoked a wave of criticism toward the executive order, the legal reality is that burning the American flag itself is protected as free speech in the United States.

The right to burn the flag as a form of protest has been upheld by the Supreme Court, most decisively in the 1989 Texas v. Johnson case, which recognized flag burning as political and symbolic speech under the First Amendment. The ruling made clear that no federal or state law can override this constitutional protection, affirming that nobody in power can lawfully criminalize this act of protest—even if it offends or angers those watching.

Great way for this vet to stand up to fascism via a clear and simple method of protest, to shine light on the more core issues of executive overreach and the apparent lack of separation of power in the branches of government. As well as attempted infringement of constitutional rights.

It was a very clear way of showing "this is not just about flag burning, but I'm using this as a relevant method of protesting the bigger core issues that arise from that"

Mike Manley: Fuck. I was dreading the news we just got. I knew it was going to happen and that school year would start this cycle again and there is nothing that's going to stop it. I was just thinking this Monday!! The joy I saw spread across my social media feed of parents taking their children children to college or the first first day of school or the first day of kindergarten and the first thing that struck me is that there's gonna be a school shooting ASAP. How fucked up is it

that we have to think that!! [OO] you see joy in happiness, and immediately you think the opposite is going to happen[OO]

The sad most fucked up part is that no matter what we say as a nation, no matter what platitudes or angry voices or screams to do better— we dont- are not and we are failures. We love the gun and all the ideas of power and the myth of free[OO]dom Collectively, no matter what, no matter the fact that supposedly — we are a majority —who wants us to stop it won't and we are OK with it because we allow that to continue. We allow politicians and special interests to always win the debate Nobody loses their job. Nobody loses their wealth. Nobody loses their status, except the children who are killed and the families that are destroyed. Their wealth, their life their family is destroyed. We dont care And you cannot say anything to defend our failure to stop it as a nation. Our nation is numb to the point of inaction. Prove me wrong....prove we don't care....

Mike Manley: Really noticing the prices going up now when I order anything from coffee to needles or medical supplies, my grocery bill goes up every week and I buy basically the same stuff. Coffee has really jumped. If you ever order any carryout from DoorDash, etc. I've noticed a few things from my regular spots one the Mexican place I ordered from The portions have gotten smaller. Chinese— smaller. There used to be some dishes that you would order that would give you a side of salsa or pico de gallo or beans, and they have also gotten smaller. So we have shrink inflation on top of the cost of everything continuing to rise. But this is what people voted for.

People cannot think.

They try to avoid thinking at every chance they have to really look at complicated questions. All I know many of us are thinking all the time, but we are constantly being tripped by just enough who don't. And won't.

[OO] I don't buy a lot from Europe, but occasionally I buy a nice graphic novel via Amazon France or I've bought a few things from Japan like I recently bought a cable or two for my old cintiq.

Now you likely might havd a hard time even getting it

Now Amazon or Kroger may not tell you that they are charging more specifically because of the Cheto tariff but all you have to do is go and look at the history of your purchases and you can see things like coffee go up. Clothes are gonna go up to not that I buy hardly any clothes. But I really noticed in the last two weeks both the portion of something that I would order from the few restaurants I order from on top of the cost of my weekly or near weekly grocery bill really starting to increase. So something that was five dollars and change is now seven dollars and change. If you buy 20 items and each item goes up \$.50 to a dollar you're going to notice it. That is easily 50 bucks more a month on basics probably more!

And I'm a single guy so I'm not trying to feed a family of four. I feel really bad for people who are on tight, tight budgets but of course a lot of the Magoids Are those people and they just can't brain well.

That's never gonna change no matter what goes down in this country [OO]

It astonishes me that Trump managed to convince so many people that tariffs were somehow something that other countries pay to the US rather than what it actually is: a huge penalty tax on American consumers for buying foreign goods.

It is probably one of the greatest tax hikes targeted directly at the American general public ever. I am not astonished. I knew he was going to win the first time. I knew he was coming back. I knew the Dems will fuck up. They are still fucking up. And when he wasn't jailed for Jan 6th I

knew it was all over. He's not going to leave except through death. His own body giving out—which it is now. But he's got the best of the best medicine to prolong it.

And even when he goes the other side only falters due to infighting— not because the Dems rally and people reject what 225 stands for. We are in a long if not permanent decline. I think multi generational.

Ever wondered how Germany was once devastated by one little madman & his minions?

Here we are...

Do you think no one has questions about the 2024 election? I have plenty, starting with how does a complete charlatan manage to fool that many people twice? The margin in favor of Trump in 2024 was miniscule compared to the margin against him in 2020 (vs. the landslide victory he claimed), and yet there were no riots, no lawsuits, no endless whining about a stolen election. Like Rogan, all of those who fed into Trump's blatant lies, manipulations and relentless divisiveness are responsible for the catastrophe we're living through today.

Trump spends 99% of his time as POTUS tearing this country apart and installing individuals as unqualified as himself to be placeholders in other roles that literally have become dummy positions with job titles that have nothing to do with fulfilling the responsibilities of a public servant for the federal government, In Trump's orbit, the rule of law, upholding and honoring our democracy, preserving, protecting human and civil rights of the people, an basic humanitarianism is foreign territory and therefore meaningless.

It is without fail always all about what the most selfish, greedy and egomaniacal faux leader wants. And when his fans and enablers are not available to indulge his every obnoxious whim, directive, or "executive order" because they are sleeping, that sorry excuse for a POTUS will be hammering away at his computer keyboard or using his mobile phone to post more stupid complaints and shameless lies on his ridiculous and disgusting "Truth Social" site.

Trump just said the quiet part out loud: he wants to be a dictator. America needs to wake up.

Actually, Mr. Trump, "a lot of people" say that millions of Americans fought and died to DEFEAT dictators.

Ask anybody. We'd rather be a free country.

8-28-25

Being honored by an insurrectionist and convicted criminal is not the compliment you think it is. Ashli Babbitt betrayed her country and so did Trump. This is how he normalizes treason. If he pardons all the criminals and honors the insurrectionist, he makes them and himself out to be the victims. America is the only victim.

No. The CDC and the guidelines they provide need to align with the best research-based evidence for the promotion of health and prevention of illness and injury. The wellness of the nation's people is a national security concern. If you don't like the science, then as an individual you can choose to ignore it. Creating policy that aligns with a political agenda rather than have a rationale scientific basis is irresponsible.

The problem is that trump is testing the dictatorship waters and many people seem willing to give up their freedom for security. trump keeps pushing to see what he can get away and the GOP house and senate are letting it happen because they are cowards. All of trumps firings, executive actions, and shady backdoor deals all chip away at american freedom and if we are not careful one day we will wake up and our country will be similar to a country like russia.

A bunch of stuff in Section 8 of the Flag Code

(d) The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

(i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkin or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.

RJK's an attorney by training with no medical credentials whatsoever. And he fired the qualified medical advisors. Whatever he says isn't really worth thinking about.

Jen Psaki: Prayer is not freaking enough. Prayers does not end school shootings. prayers do not make parents feel safe sending their kids to school. Prayer does not bring these kids back.

Enough with the thoughts and prayers.

"How does prayer work if they were shot while praying?" one person asked.

The GOP can try to twist the facts all they want, but Americans aren't fooled. We know jobs are scarce and prices are going up. It's past time for the Republicans to stop pointing fingers at Biden. They control all branches of the government. They own this.

The damage that trump is doing to America and the world will take decades to repair.

I love town hall meetings. These circus administrators have no idea on how to protect their Daddy their Guru and his destruction of the American way of life of our freedoms and our Constitutional rights. They can't even answer a question without being condescending.

I do have to give him some credit for at least showing his face in public. My representative in Oklahoma, Stephanie Bice, doesn't and won't appear or answer any questions. She's in a gerrymandered district so feels she doesn't have to. I have never lived anywhere where a representative was less responsive to her constituents. Usually, they'll appear at a parades or town festivals or whatever. Nope. She is not going to answer any questions about why she keeps voting against Oklahoma's best interest. But Republicans will keep voting for her and others like her in this state.

5 out of 4 people agree that Trump can lower drug prices 1500 per cent.

Please stop asking maganut/cult members questions that need intelligence to reply. You are wasting your time.

like most republicans a lot of words but no answers

The only people trying to bring Sharia law to America are the Evangelical Christians.

"Neil Young's Big Crime paints 2025 like few artists can: raw, restless, and real. It stings because it's true — our nation's soul is on trial. Who else hears their own fears and hopes in these lines? Like if Neil just wrote our history in real time."

8-29-25

There was nothing wrong with Jen Psaki's comments. Prayer is not enough. We shouldn't have to be continually asked to pray for kids that have been shot. We shouldn't have to plead with lawmakers to do something more than just offer prayers. They have the capability to do more and they refuse.

Prayers don't stop shootings, actions do. If that sentiment is too rough to hear, then you don't belong in the conversation. Right wing would prefer violence meets violence and do nothing about the problem, left wing commits to overkill revoking any potential defense for an invasion of violence, neither is good and neither truly works.

Here's something rough, politicians don't actually care about the problem unless they can manipulate it to get more votes.

Apparently, GOD is not paying attention to all those people of faith who want gun violence to stop and want to be able to go places without the fear of being shot by someone with a gun that they legally own.

So what is the incentive to pass a budget by Congress anymore? The Executive branch can cancel portions of it at will.

It's hard to fathom all that has happened with Trump. He went from January 6th, where his future political prospects seemed to be non-existent.

He went from racking up four indictments in five months, with charges ranging from conspiratorial obstruction to State Rico, being found guilty of 34 felonies by a jury of his peers, to the ascension back to the White House, and I feel like I'm watching a continuous episode of the Twilight Zone.

Narcissists drive wedges between people or Countries through manipulation tactics such as triangulation, smear campaigns, and gaslighting and Withholding Aid. This "divide and conquer" strategy isolates their victims and their Base Supporters and prevents others from forming alliances against them. By creating jealousy, conflict, and distrust, and Fear of "those others" the narcissist maintains control and secures a steady stream of "narcissistic supply"—the attention and validation and Power they crave.

trump is isolating us from our allies and maga is into it, it's their special little in-group safe-place where reality can't harm them.

8-30-25

“I am not a left wing politician. I am the father of Jaime who was murdered in the Parkland shooting,” Guttenberg posted on X. “YOU ARE MISERABLE AND WRONG. It is shocking to me how politicians like you mock and use the idea of ‘thoughts and prayers’ to cover for your prior and future inaction and the reality that I visit my forever 14 daughter at the cemetery.”

9-1-25

MAGA really piles it on with the "bias" claim all over the place. DJT and those of his stripe direct it at judges as in "partisan judges." Or A prosecutor. Prosecutors have a right to be "biased." Here's a major reminder: liberalism is an established political philosophy and the Democratic Party is an established party. These things have a right to exist.

Too bad if the press calls a Trump's presidency a wasteful dumpster fire. MAGAs have to face reality, it's their time in charge and the economy and the country are in the dumpster. Nobody is better off than they were 9 months ago except Trump's billionaire buddies. The media will continue to print bad news 7 days a week because that is 100% the truth

Why is the sitting president allowed to go on social media and call everyone he doesn't like names or degrade them repeatedly. Then turn around and sue companies for defamation or slander. I mean can we stop paying Trump 200k to make money off lawsuits and personal endeavors. I mean people in the real world can get fired for taking a 20 dollar tip because of gratuity laws.

“It's the authoritarian outlook,” answered MacWilliams, author of “The One Weird Trait That Predicts Whether You're a Trump Supporter.” A Trump supporter is “someone who wants authority and order, who doesn't like diversity at all and who will sacrifice liberty for security.”

“Our country needs a truly great leader. ... We need somebody that will literally take this country and make it great again,” Trump told the crowd. Later in the speech, Trump took the classic authoritarian move of targeting and isolating a vulnerable class of people.

"HAPPY LABOR DAY TO ALL, INCLUDING THE SCUM THAT IS TRYING TO DESTROY OUR COUNTRY WITH A SICK WARPED RADICAL MIND, KILLING SMALL BUSINESSES WITH CRAZY TARIFFS, TAKING HEALTH CARE FROM CHILDREN, PARDONING J6 THUGS, SENDING THE 'PRIVATE ARMY' TO ARREST GRANDMA, WRECKING OUR BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT, DEFUNDING OUR SCHOOLS, AND DESTABILIZING LONG-STANDING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. HOPEFULLY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, AND OTHER GOOD AND COMPASSIONATE JUDGES THROUGHOUT THE LAND, WILL SAVE US FROM THE DECISIONS OF THE MONSTERS WHO WANT OUR COUNTRY TO GO TO HELL. BUT FEAR NOT, WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN RECENT WEEKS, AND AMERICA WILL SOON BE SAFE AND GREAT AGAIN! AGAIN, HAPPY LABOR DAY, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!" the governor's press office account wrote on X, attributing the statement to Newsom.

9-2-25

“One of the big problems I have with Colorado is they have mail-in voting,” Trump said, adding that factored into his decision.

He makes operational decision based on his personal feelings instead of any real data.

I don't want to ever hear anybody who supports Trump talk about states rights or small government ever again. They've proven they never really believed in these concepts.

"It's not a political thing" means it's a political thing.

What the long term plan here? Have troops forever in cities? Short term sure crime might go down. Yet it has gone down for decades. The Police are the ones who have to deal with crime long term. The millions being wasted by Trump for this stunt. They could have used.

DC is not solved. Once you remove the \$2 million a day occupation, everything will be back to the way it is.

This isn't sustainable. So we're just going to fund the National Guard to be deployed to every city indefinitely? It's silly because, what do you think is going to happen when they go home? It's a temporary fix, but not a permanent one. He needs an actual plan of action.

9-3-25

Trump acknowledged a rare branding misstep last week, admitting that the name of the law — the One Big Beautiful Bill Act — could be leaving voters mystified about what the legislation actually does - What the bill does is give trickle down tax cuts for the 98% that end in 4 years. Adds trillions to the deficit kicks off millions from Medicaid while the tax cuts for the rich are forever. New lies and more lipstick on the bill not making it better it's a terrible bill for the 98% and beautiful bill for the Corporations & rich.

Making cuts to Medicaid and SNAP so the rich can have another huge tax break is literally taking food and healthcare away from children so the wealthy can be wealthier. This is what conservatives consider what family values are.

Marketing is researching what people want, and then providing it to them in a convenient way at the right price point. The Big Beautiful Bill, DOGE Cuts and Tariff Price Increases are the opposite of what the people want. Fooling around with the presentation won't change that.

Megabill marketing reboot - What can we lie about the bill to win the next elections.

What should congress do first?

Adding Canada as #51?

Taking back the Panama Canal?

Buying the ports from the Chinese?

Greenland?

Another Houthi cease fire (they sank 2 ships in July)?

Has Xi called begging?

Ending the Israeli/Gaza conflict?

Gasoline under \$2.00

90 deals in hundreds of days?

3000 actual criminals arrested daily?

Oh, and the Ukraine thing?

Immigrants dining on cats and dogs?

Nobel Peace Prize?

Israel paying for Bunker Busters?

Epstein Files?

As a Dem, I hope he keeps this up. I want the lasting image of Trump to be as a childish dictator, not a nice guy. Payback is going to be brutal for Trump and company.

If he wants prayer time in schools, then kids should go to parochial schools. Public schools are there for parents to send their kids so they aren't indoctrinated in one religion or another, but just to learn the basics of Math, English, literature, social studies/ History and other essentials.

Praying is for church or the privacy of your home.

"Erecting the wall of separation between Church and State is absolutely essential in a free society." - President Thomas Jefferson 1802

Trump, senior Republicans and senior Democrats are all over those files.

The only difference is the Democrats are ok with the senior members of their party being swept away by this whereas Republicans think they should continue to be obedient to their senior members.

Forget about the Kraken. Release the Epstein files!!!!

Reading that Trump compromised the Nation's Art Center, pretending to be a "Christian" while watching the victims discuss what Epstein did and how it is being hidden by Trump, is sickening to true Christians everywhere.

And those J621 insurrectionists are now members of Trump's personal army, posing as "ICE agents" for now.

9-4-25

RFK Jr. running HHS is like putting a flat-earther in charge of NASA. The man who built a career yelling "Big Pharma bad" now controls the CDC and thinks "gold standard" means melting it down into colloidal tonic. Senators are shocked, shocked, that the guy who once claimed Wi-Fi makes your brain leak is now politicizing vaccines, who could've foreseen that twist? His defense? "The CDC was wrong about COVID, so I decapitated it." Brilliant: when the house catches fire, fire the firefighters. Meanwhile, Felon 47 beams as his health czar turns science into a Facebook comments section. And Cassidy bleats about "oversight" like a man who tossed the matches then called 911. America's public health system isn't in turmoil, it's being live-streamed as a demolition derby.

Trump lost 2020. Get over it. You guys won 2024 and are ruining the relationships we worked generations to build with other super power countries. Started in 2016 and all nations are now finalizing deals to stop using the American dollar as currency for their trades. Also republicans are now deciding to not vaccinate their children in Florida. Hopefully this will be something they decide to do nation wide so us that still vaccinate can watch them perish and have some sanity back to this world. China EV's are destroying ICE vehicles now. They can fully charge in 5 minutes and less. America goes backwards while the rest of the world is moving forwards.

Jessica: The reality is that no Republican that represents a swing district can hold a town hall because everyone in their district is showing up to scream at them

President Trump just mandated that all of his followers and loyal citizens should go stand in traffic. This will ensure a long life, and your taxes will go down.

South Park needs to be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize!!!!

Only Congress has the ability to declare war, according to the Constitution; however, it's been pretty obvious that our current president does not uphold the Constitution, even though he vowed to do so.

If only our gun problem was as important as this or a restaurant's logo.

The next POTUS is going to restore it to DOD... What a gigantic waste of money.

The man desperate for a Nobel Peace Prize wants a Dept of War.

Wake up! Quit electing old people. Their lives are over. Why are they dictating our future. We are the ones that have to live it.

The Gulf of America and now this. You just cannot make this stuff up if you tried.....

🗣️"By Order of the Divine Right of Kings, I, Donald John Trump, Emperor of These United States of America, Hereby Proclaim, and Shall Be Duly Noted, The Department of WAR!"🤪🤪🤪

Maybe it would be a better idea if it was the Department of Peace instead. Just Saying. What an Angry Nasty man as our so-called President. A Disgrace.

Jesus Christ

We are becoming the laughingstock of the world!

The country running backwards at top speed.

More idiocy!

Starting to feel a bit like 1939.

"Department of War"? Is that war on the British, Confederate rebels, or Native American hostiles? King Trump needs to get caught up on the history of Yankee war as it pertains to the Pentagon. Might it become a refuge or rest home for the Jan 6th heroes? The comedy marches on. :)

Changing the name illustrates his desire to look tough and another need to have his little boy's syndrome stroked.

The United States has always tried to foster an image of strength and avoided appearing as war mongers. The name "Department of War" suggest America is a conflict loving Nation. Did Trump get this idea from Putin too?

This thing isn't just blowing up—it's metastasizing. The sheer scale of protection around Epstein's network tells you everything: it's not just about one man, or even one administration. Sure, Donnie's fingerprints might be smeared across the margins, but the rot runs deeper. From Kremlin corridors to Capitol Hill cloakrooms, we're looking at a transnational web of leverage, stitched together by the oldest profession and sustained by the newest cowardice. The fact that it

still needs redacting tells you how many careers, campaigns, and compromised consciences are tangled in it.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Trump to sign order rebranding the Department of Defense as the Department of War.”

9-5-25

This is what you voted for. Own it.

While tariffs might protect jobs in specific domestic industries, they also raise costs for other businesses and can trigger retaliatory measures from other countries, which lead to job losses elsewhere in the economy. Just ask the farmers.

The problem with economists is that you can't call it a recession until after the fact because you have to have the data over a period of time to decide that, but you can't tell me that we aren't heading into a recession or are in the beginning of one right now. Everything just feels off. Wait until the farmers finish their harvest with many crops left unsold. Ask the soybean farmers.

I work in packaging, and it's slowed down to the point we don't need 3rd shift anymore. On top of that we're also seeing customers not paying their bills. Some have run past their limit, we won't fulfill the order until they pay. For the first time, we're refusing customers because they owe us too much money.

We're in a recession.

22k jobs. TO make up for ONE month of this genius we need 180k jobs on the next report. NOT going to happen. So we are 200k jobs plus IN THE HOLE before we even start to pull even with the need.

MAGA: We break economies and do NOT care.

Dems are rated slightly higher than Repubs right now.

They're getting too close for comfort and Trump's running scared - that is if he could actually run.

Releasing the same documents 3 times already is not what the public wants.

The victims are compiling their own client list and Trump is scared. There is nothing Trump can do about that.

Somehow releasing less than 1% of the documents is a job well done? Full transparency was promised. Full transparency is what we want.

9-6-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Mike Johnson Ridiculed for Claiming Trump Was an FBI Informant Against Jeffrey Epstein: ‘South Park Is Gonna Have a Field Day’.”

News of the Surreal (for Real): “People Have Little Sympathy for the Arkansas Farmers Who Are Asking Trump for Emergency Funding to Save Their Farms.”

Tough talking toddler

You traded the Bill of Rights for cheaper eggs. How is that working out?

I don't want to see our farmers lose their farms, we do need to produce our own food. But they vote against themselves every time. It's hard to have sympathy when they repeat the same mistakes every election, then want bailed out. It would seem they didn't care about other people struggling after republican policies make things harder. Many of them brag about making it on their own, and not needing government handouts?

Just remember....that while trump and the gop are...

CRUSHING American farmers

Slashing funding for child cancer research  
Slashing funding for public health  
Eliminating consumer protections  
Eliminating the Department of Education  
Cutting Medicaid (and Medicare & Social Security are next)  
Increasing prices on ALL consumer goods through his tariffs (a MASSIVE tax on the middle / working class)  
Cutting VA benefits  
Eliminating FEMA (now some places will NEVER recover from future natural disasters)  
Slashing funding for wildland firefighting  
For his own personal benefit trump is spending TAXPAYER \$  
More than a Billion \$ for HIS PERSONAL Air Force 1 (which he will use and taxpayers will pay for for the rest of his life)  
\$100's of millions on HIS weekly golf trips (he has ALREADY cost taxpayers more than \$80 million and is on track for a 4 year total exceeding \$700 million) a SIGNIFICANT portion of which goes directly into his pocket...and he just spent ANOTHER \$15+ million taxpayer \$ to tour his courses in Scotland  
\$10's of millions for him to go to the Superbowl, UFC events, Daytona 500, college games etc.  
More than \$45 million (trump's estimate-the actual total is likely MUCH higher) throwing HIMSELF a military parade for HIS birthday  
\$10's of millions of taxpayer \$ on HIS personal frivolous lawsuits  
it is CLEAR that trump COULDN'T CARE LESS about the middle / working class...he ONLY cares about himself...and he will spend as much taxpayer \$ he can get his hands on for HIS OWN personal benefit.

Don't forget killing USAID which purchased a massive amount of commodities from these farmers to distribute overseas.

Whoops- talk about voting for the wrong person

USAID: The U.S. Agency for International Development has historically been one of the largest purchasers of U.S.-grown crops for global humanitarian assistance, spending billions of dollars annually. This has been a critical market for American farmers.

Was wondering if anyone would put that together. China isn't buying anything prices for crops are not going to get better. Anyone farming will probably need a bailout this year. The republicans didn't want the big beautiful bill to take effect until after mid-terms. But that will be too late for a lot of smaller farmers. But we tried to tell you but you instead still voted for trump. Every day MAGA proves me right: they'll expand their "values" endlessly as required to keep defending Trump so they never lose him. There is nothing they'll hold sacred in that effort, not even children. There's no reason to actually believe they would deny their own children to Donald Trump if he wanted to abuse them, too.

They were celebrating the uptick in inflation, and the bad jobs report.

This statement by Trump proves that he is delusional and unable to carry out his duties as President. He is threatening WAR against American civilians. It isn't about rounding up immigrants. It's about terrorizing everyday citizens. According to the Constitution and the Posse Comitatus Act, the government may NOT use the military against civilians. No matter how "disciplined" the Army or the National Guard might be, they are still human. Trump is making a tense situation even worse. Somebody is going to screw up, shots will be fired, and Americans will be killed. And that is EXACTLY what Trump wants. Impeach him. NOW.



I will be so glad when this man and maga is voted out and we can return to a White House that represents grace and style. The People's House should not be treated like a country club for only the rich.

There is no comparison. The rose garden was beautiful. I think of the words in a song - "Pave paradise, put up a parking lot". That's about how it looks.

Tom Hanks, America's Dad, the guy who made us cry over a volleyball, is apparently too "destructive" and "woke" for West Point, at least according to Combover Castro on Truth Social. Yes, the man who pals around with dictators, flirts with coup attempts, and treats classified documents like Happy Meal toys is now the gatekeeper of "Duty, Honor, Country." West Point bailed on Hanks to "focus on preparing cadets to lead, fight, and win," which is bureaucrat-speak for "we don't want Trump yelling at us again." Imagine thinking the biggest threat to the U.S. Army isn't Russia, China, or climate collapse, but Tom Hanks in a tuxedo holding a plaque. Tremendously tremendous priorities.

Tom Hanks has done far far far far more for the military & vets than Trump ever has. The fact that they cancelled a well deserved award is a stain on them. More & more the US military is Positioning themselves to be the enemy of liberty and freedom instead of the defender of it. I love that "woke" is exclusively a right wing term now. Like, what does that even mean to them at this point? If you asked a few MAGAs what they think it means, they'd all say something different but really it's just a racist dog whistle for them. I'd say I'm woke because I think all people deserve respect and dignity and freedom, but try telling one of them that and they lose their minds.

This is not normal. If you are ok with having a president that can't control himself, then you also have some deep issues that need to be addressed. Life is not about trolling and being jack . Eventually you're going to hit a wall. Trump won't be remembered well.

Trump has declared war on the one country he thinks he can defeat...the Democratic States of America.

This nonscientist-Kennedy-is going to have 1 of his goons claim Tylenol is the reason for autism without any proof or facts. How many years and years have scientist been working on this? Then all of a sudden, this goon has the answer. This is such BS and I will not trust our health department at all right now. I will trust my DR only.

This has to be the most unbelievably idiotic POTUS the US has ever had! The experts, let me say that again, THE EXPERTS, who have studied this all their lives and have made it their life's work to find this stuff out haven't found the answers to autism.

What makes people think RFK Jr, a guy that swims in a river full of urine and feces, brainworm, vaccine conspiracy theorist, is going to find the answers??

If you believe RFK jr, I've got some swampland in Arizona to sell you.

Shouldn't Trump be suing the Epstein estate instead of the WSJ?

The Epstein estate is the entity that released the documents. All the WSJ did was report its existence.

The First Amendment gives you the right to choose your religious beliefs, it does not give you the right to shove your beliefs down anyone else's throat.

First, the Supreme Court Jesters fall upon religious dogma to overturn a fundamental individual human right in Roe vs Wade. How far will MAGAn go to usurp the power of GOD. According to Coney Barret, individual rights take second place to the voice of the Christian Moral Majority, otherwise known as the Christian Brotherhood. She is fooling nobody when she integrates

Church and State. Even Jesus said to keep the two apart. Satan works in some very visible but twisted ways. He who has an ear let him hear.

Fascist dictator wannabe Little Donny Trump is trying to control every aspect of American media.

How is Trump like Hitler?

1. Once in power, both moved quickly to isolate their nations from other democratic nations.
2. Both sought to cancel treaties and agreements that promoted harmony with democratic nations.
3. Both expressed deep respect for totalitarian leaders and their methods of governance.
4. Both quickly moved to forge alliances with autocratic dictatorships.
5. Both attacked the Free Press claiming that media criticism of their policies was treasonous.
6. Both encouraged and sought support from white nationalists by targeting racial religious and ethnic minorities with incendiary speeches and oppressive policies.
7. Both urged police to assault peaceful protesters and defenseless detainees.
8. Both attacked labor unions as enemies of capitalism while abusing power to enrich far-right industrial elites .
9. Both posed as military strong men while ordering arms build-ups that serve no defensive needs.
10. Both purged government officials who tried to expose their attempt to consolidate their power.

Trump's stance isn't about Hanks--it's about turning institutions into ideological echo chambers. Canceling one of the most respected actors from a military award ceremony as "woke" reduces real merit and service to political signaling. It's theatrics deployed to distract from deeper authoritarian shifts—like when fringe theology and loyalty become more important than law and integrity. Call it leadership only if you've forgotten what democracy looks like.

It's a drawing of a pre-teen child. Enough is enough. Impeach him again.

As a veteran that serviced this country. This is an utter embarrassment to the current Administration.

When Republicans say "thoughts and prayers," it means "we're not going to do anything about guns."

When Democrats say it, it means "we're not going to do anything to get violent sociopaths off the streets."

**"YOUR STUPID POLICIES ARE SLOWING JOB GROWTH, LOWERING WAGES AND HURTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES WHILE THE SUPER-RICH AVOID TAXES. WE KNOW YOU LOVE PUTIN BUT PLEASE STOP TURNING US INTO RUSSIA SIR!"**

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Florida surgeon general says he doesn't need to study impact of ending vaccine mandate."

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Trump said he would fix the economy on Day 1.

So we're good, right?

Construction, Agriculture, and hospitality are 3 industries that rely heavily on immigrant labor, some legal, and some illegal. We're beginning to see that now.

**The Five Stages of MAGA Grief:**

1. Denial: Deny Trump did anything wrong.
2. Anger: Blame democrats for everything.

3. Deflect: Change the subject to another culture war issue.
4. Fabricate: When all else fails, just make something up.
5. Denial: Never, ever admit you are wrong. (This step shows up twice because it's the easiest thing for them to do and requires very little thought)

God forbid he fulfill his oath of office and try to actually fix some of the problems in this country; instead, let's just keep pointing fingers at others claiming everything wrong with the country is somehow someone else's fault. A true leader owns the issue and tries to fix the problem.

In case u haven't noticed. The Democrats are the minority party. All of those people demonstrating in DC and other cities and states are not just Democrats. Crime and mental health do not know the difference in political parties.

Wasn't Trump supposed to unite the country? lower costs? protect women? Hold him responsible for his promises, and his failures.

This is an absolutely horrific story that a certain subset of people is going to use to fuel their bias against people. This young lady and the man that committed this crime didn't even interact with one another and he was a schizophrenic. This man's mother spoke out and said she was horrified but that the family had been attempting to get him help for years, but none was available. He did commit other crimes but served time in jail and was released. His last interaction with the police was for misusing 911. He called them because he wanted to report that people were attempting to control his oxygen. They ended up arresting him for it, instead of getting him help. I'm sure he had medication, but with no insurance and no money, they couldn't afford to get it once he was released from jail. There's no need to point fingers because a lot of people dropped the ball here.

Here is what has really happened so far since January:

- Coffee is up 19%
- Lumber is up 15%
- Sugar is up 8.1%
- Wheat is up 3.4%
- Poultry is up 1.6%
- Natural Gas is up
- The Nasdaq is Down 9.4%
- The S&P is Down 5.5%
- The Dow is Down 3.5%
- 100 American children have died from measles up to 9/9
- Unemployment HIGHEST since 2021 (lockdown)
- The odds of a recession are way up.
- The Ukrainian war is still going in.
- The ceasefire in Gaza has ended.
- Canadians hate Americans.
- The British hate Americans.
- Europe hates Americans.
- Most of American allies hate them.
- Inflation is way up.
- Consumer confidence is tanking.
- Medical research has been slashed.
- Iran needlessly Bombed, possibly starting a war.
- The dollar is at its weakest point since 1973.

- Alligator Alcatraz is being shut down.
- Secret Service is picking up trash instead of arresting "felons" in D.C.
- Environmental rollbacks
- Largest measles outbreak in decades!
- Lumpy has the lowest approval ratings of any president EVER.
- dump is destroying the US

Open your eyes MAGAs

Shitler!

"People are saying..." is always a prelude to a lie. Always.

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EVERYTHING he Does is for the Cameras and the FOX sound bites.

It's the Truman Show Presidency

Our soybean farmers know this started during Trump's first term with China & Trump tariffs. China simply started investing in South America, their infrastructure, etc. making them a larger producer of soybeans than the United States. Now, China buys soybeans from South America, not the United States.

... and the world laughs at us with Trump as President.

Before the Alaska summit, Trump threatened 'severe consequences' if Putin didn't agree to Trumps' peace plan for the Ukraine. Putin refused and has intensified the war.

Still waiting for the 'severe consequences'.

Still waiting for his health care plan, releasing his taxes, prescription drug cuts by 1300%, the Epstein files to be released, groceries, gas and housing prices to fall, etc. so much more

The Polish PM seems to be a man of dignity, honor, and duty. I miss that in our leadership.

I heartily dislike Charlie Kirk but we have free speech and if you don't like what someone is saying you fight back with principled debate, not bullets. The tension in this country created by both extremes is getting unbearable.

With the economy tanking and people losing their jobs and having nothing to lose, this violence will become commonplace against those who caused it. Elon won't be able to ever go out in public again unless the average income goes way up and prices come down.

Things are happening in the world. It's getting very interesting very fast.

A country that glorifies guns and basically makes it a right for everyone to own them, even if they are mentally unstable, has a problem with gun violence? Gosh, who'd have thought? Relax, gun lovers. No one's going to take them away from you. If it didn't happen after Sandy Hook, it'll never happen. Go out and buy another AR-15.

I don't know I guess we should send the National Guard all of the military to Utah. Apparently, it's completely and entirely out of control!!

I hope he is OK - shooting deaths like this are abhorrent.. but we can take solace that Kirk said at a Turning Point event in 2023 that gun deaths are unfortunately "worth" it for the preservation of Second Amendment and "God-given rights."

Violence of any kind is not acceptable. That being said there is a guy in the WH who has incited violence and continues to do so. Example: He doesn't like a particular Democratic Representative and instead of saying "we need to vote him out" he says "we need to take him out".

Mobster/violent talk. See?

There's an 8 second video of it out there and to be honest I highly doubt he is going to make it. Just a sad reminder of where we are now at as a society. We really need a great reset.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Conservative activist Charlie Kirk dies after being shot at Utah college event.”

“I think it's worth to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights. That is a prudent deal. It is rational.” -Charlie Kirk

The murder of Charlie Kirk is no more defensible than the murders of Melissa and Mark Hortman back in June, or the murder of Brian Thompson last December.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Charlie Kirk: “It’s worth to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment”. I wonder if he would change his mind about this now???

Gun violence is just a fact of life. JD Vance.

Charlie Kirk said, “Empathy is a made up concept.” ...probably why I’m not feeling it right now. Getting shot while trivializing mass shootings is called karma.

I can’t wait for Republicans to introduce legislation to help reduce gun violence.

Addressing a question regarding gun control...ironic

Both sides do not want tragedy. We need to stop calling each other sick and evil and blaming all our problems on each other. The division in this country is America's biggest problem.

I'm just thinking about all the times he told women, "Your body, my choice."

Remember he was against gun reform and said it’s normal to have shootings occasionally.

Sympathy to his wife, child and family

I wonder if this was another Republican Shooter.

Political violence is terrorism? Cool. And all the children who die in school shootings - is that terrorism? Or just an unfortunate side effect of the 2nd Amendment?

They said he officially lost the gun debate.

I want to thank Charlie Kirk for sacrificing his life to support the second amendment. He said we have to deal with shootings to protect our second amendment. I guess that's why young students in Colorado were shot today.

Now he’s just another statistic.

zero tears

“Politics is war without bloodshed, War is politics with bloodshed.” - Fred Hampton

If you push hate, it will come back to you is the biggest lesson for those on the right. This is NOT political violence. Kirk was NOT a politician, he was a propagandist. He was killed by the same hate he preached.

The hatred is real on both sides of the American political ideology. Thank you , America. white folks especially. You started this from the beginning. They have been the blue print of all of this hatred. American you are not an example to the world, but more of an embarrassment to the world.

I disagreed with Kirk on almost everything but this political violence is scary

Hitler was a father, husband that doesn't mean anything.. this guy spouted racism, bigotry and he even said deaths are acceptable parts of us having free reign of gun ownership

His tent did say Prove me wrong one heck of a way to lose a gun violence debate

Violence has always been in our American people lives. But President Dump is not helping the cause with his chaos, only if it personally benefits him !

What would Trump say if this were a Democrat?

This is a sad day for America. We all should be disgusted with ourselves to let our world come to this

Things are getting too sad.

Do not glorify this man in death .....

He had espoused violent rhetoric

He belittled the suffering of others due to gun violence

He cheered on (after the fact) the attack on Pelosi's husband

Donald Trump has reveled in violence and hate speech

This poisoning of body politic it's going to lead us to a very bad place

**So sorry people are dying. Pick a better president next time. America needs a Beekeeper!**

For me, it's the irony.

I'm calling this now. This assassination was committed by a pro Trump person to divert attention from the Epstein story. Significantly the sniper has not been caught or identified. Somebody will be named and die in a 'shootout'. This action will be used as a pretext to commit further and worse human rights abuses and will see Americans lose some freedoms.

I don't celebrate death. I offer Charlie and his family the same amount of sympathy he offered innocent Palestinian children and families over the past nearly two years.

Donald Trump needs to mobilize the Utah - National Guard and declare a state of Marshall Law for the entire State of Utah, demand proof of citizenship and federally detain anyone in the State of Utah who cannot provide a certified Real I'D...

**Charlie Kirk was a fascist sympathizer AT BEST. I won't romanticize him just because he got a response to the anger and hate he fostered.**

Sorry, not even close to "loved by all." Kirk was not a good person. He wasn't an honest person. He wasn't an honorable person and had zero integrity. He was a Trump sycophant that furthered Trump's lies, as well as spread right wing propaganda. I feel bad for his family, though.

Republicans are crying. What they don't realize is that when they vote they are voting for looser gun laws.

When school and other mass shootings happen they double down and use them as reasons to bear arms.

But now that it's one of their own. Someone who is very famous, they are mad.

What did they expect !

**Preached hate. Lacked empathy and sympathy for others. Was killed by the second amendment. No surprise here.**

Free speech does not allow you to yell fire in a crowded theatre. Why can you be allowed to incite Americans to fear and loathe each other which will only result in the same outcome, except across our nation. We do not have to love each other, or even like each other. We do however, have to tolerate each other at the very least.

Words have consequences. We need to calm down the rhetoric.

**Please do something about how violent this country is. Right now, all we can do is hope we are not next!!!**

All this boohooing is pointless. Kirk wasn't going to change his opinion on gun ownership even if he ended up being a victim - so this is actually a win-win for him. As a martyr he is relieved of all his job/husband/father/citizen responsibilities while still sucking up the fame he craved above all.

The unfortunate and tragical, but also logical consequence of the hatred, polarization and division of which he was himself a main instigator. A climate, where the president openly declares war against cities led by his political opponents.

Of course, the most ironic thing of it all is, that Kirk himself insisted, that gun deaths are "worth it".

Another sad day for mankind.

NOBODY would listen when I said this is a Civil War going on. One of the creators of Project 2025 actually said it. He also said it can be bloody if Democrats want it to be, MAGA is the current day Confederates.... Charlie is a casualty of war

Making a living out of conducting hate tours, antagonising & creating division while also advocating the need for some to die by gun violence to help uphold the 2ndA has meet his inevitable end. Violence is never the answer & my heart goes out to his family but he was always playing with fire.

**Another proof your country is sick and destroying itself.....**

Relax. Alex Jones has just come out and said it was a false flag operation and Charlie is holed up safely with JFK Jr.

The democratic compact today is undeniably weak. The two major parties and their supporters increasingly see each other not as partners, but existential threats to one another's way of life. Political scientists Lilliana Mason and Nathan Kalmoe have shown that, while few Americans outright support political murder, a growing fringe in both parties have become open to using violence against their partisan enemies.

Under conditions of extreme polarization, when the guardrails of mutual democratic toleration are blown to bits, it is all too easy to see how things could spiral out of control. Leading right-wing figures are not only already prematurely blaming the attack on "the Democrat party," but also calling for law enforcement crackdowns on liberals and leftists as a group. If Trump acts on these calls, it would further damage the democratic respect that stands between us and the abyss. Future rounds of political violence would become increasingly more likely. Violent breakdown of the democratic order would loom.

**"Trans people are a throbbing middle finger to god" is NOT an opinion.**

**It's hate speech.**

We need to be better than him. And that's starts with empathy.

I would have felt sorry for him and his family in the past, but since he and Elon Musk have explained how harmful empathy is, I've given up on it.

I've heard people tell me that I shouldn't celebrate his death. But I don't see it that way. Not as celebration, really. More as a denial of sympathy.

The man died villainizing trans folks as mass shooters. That's not just ignorance, its propitiating an intentionally harmful lie. It was evil, full stop.

And I have to ask myself, why should I not withhold sympathy when evil is removed from the world? I feel bad for his kids, little ones too young to understand what happened. I really do. But his adult family and friends, they could have talked to him. And failing that, they could have walked away, cut him off. Instead, they made a choice to support him. So no, I feel no sympathy for them.

Sometimes you have to fight fire with fire. Darkness and evil is no different. In fact, by its very nature, darkness and evil try to make you use them to fight them. So being joyous in the light, when the evil has been snuffed out, is how we remind ourselves not to fall to evil's ways. It reminds us why we fight evil. Maybe there is something to celebration, at least in general.

And no, I'm not talking about inviting guests over for hot dogs and burgers as we watch the CK funeral.

But I am talking about holding him up as an example of the lowest of the low. An evil man destroyed by his own hateful words. He would celebrate my death. I refuse to mourn his.

He was a rage baiter.

Listen, it's not that I don't agree with the root of what you're saying, but you're completely ignoring the fact that the things you are talking about; love over chaos, compassion over ego, healing over harm... these things are all the antithesis of his entire platform. Charlie Kirk did not deserve to die this way. No one does. I am sick about the fact that his children and wife were there and have to live with this for the rest of their lives. It is also equally true that he was complicit in building this culture that ultimately led to the end of his life. We absolutely need to talk about that and acknowledge it.

Why is it that one person can see a face and another person cannot? Why are these people seeing completely different things? Why are they reacting in completely different ways?

I appreciate your sentiment, John, but it's unfortunate that it can lead - as it already is in some comments here and elsewhere - to people policing the actions of others: well, you didn't say anything about [insert political violence here] so why are you commenting on Kirk? I know for me, today's assassination hit far different than the violence on 6 January, though as you know I was repulsed by that too. I teach at a "liberal university" in New England, and it felt like a funeral this afternoon. It hit the students very hard.

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Deeply disturbing rhetoric is spreading from influential MAGA figures (including the President of the United States and the owner of that other website). They have no idea who the shooter is, and many of these same people mocked Democrats when they were victims of political violence in the past. In moments like this, we should be lowering the temperature and finding our shared humanity — not fueling more hatred and violence.

If I have anything to say on this, it's that we should all be looking at what these people are saying - and ask ourselves, "Are we actually okay with what they are calling for? Are we okay with watching in real time where this road leads?"

We are on the precipice of the great dark abyss, and I think none of us is genuinely prepared to see what's down there.

People will honor his memory by expressing the same level of empathy that he was known for.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump blames 'radical left' for Charlie Kirk's killing before a suspect is identified."

Rhetoric labeling everyone as right or left and hatred for having a difference of opinion is fueling this kind of violence.

We need to bring back civility and mutual respect

We need to get back to bipartisan co operation

Exactly, we were honestly better off without a world of influencers/podcasters/activist....it's not even a job. They've carved out a life worth millions for themselves, but all they do is raise the temperature. People sitting back and listening to their favorite podcaster laying it out for them what to believe and agree in.

But yet regular folks will say how sad it is. These activists feel nothing for us, believe me (left wing/right wing). Influencers/activists, whatever you want to call them, are smart people who

know how to sell themselves. We already have to deal with politicians who unfortunately do have to exist, we really do not need this extra layer around.

I mean, it certainly couldn't have anything to do with anger over rights being taken away from some people in this country, and rhetoric from DC that leaves others feeling terrified that they may be the next group targeted by the current administration. Scared people are desperate people, and desperate people do crazy stuff.

The senseless violence and criminality is maddening. I grew up in an America where Republicans and Democrats worked out their differences in a peaceful manner.

The politicians of both Parties decry this political assassination in the strongest words. Seeing as how they all could be in someone's sights for their own actions- including hate mongering- this is not at all unexpected.

Charlie Kirk supported the Christian agenda to take over the U.S. and impose an Iranian-style autocratic theocracy: in direct subversion of the First Amendment's prohibition of the establishment of a national religion.

All citizens who attempt to subvert the Constitution are traitors. First Amendment on the Right: Second Amendment on the Left.

and yet trump was holding influencer press briefings. The right is the most susceptible to being influenced. For profit hate

Our very own president is fueling the hatred of left against right. This is how he keeps the country divided and how he keeps his power base. This individual who Shot Charlie Kirk is not helping the situation, but adding fuel to the fire. This does not help the Democrats in any way.

Tough to do when soooo many politicians have been the bad example, and when soooo many people are ignorant, uneducated, and either don't know how to or refuse to do independent fact checking of what they hear. People tend to believe what they hear that agrees with their existing opinion, rather than be open-minded & thoughtful, and too many people know nothing of history, law, or just plain current events & other facts.

He got paid \$50,000 to \$100,000 per appearance to promote radical, conservative ideas and stir up controversy. To say things that radical politicians wanted said, but couldn't really say openly, they got Charlie to do it. He got rich off of it. Selective outrage. Almost no mention of the school shootings in Colorado.

**Bone Spurs can't lower the flags for Jimmy Carter, but will for this kowtowner to Dear Leader?**

24 years since the 9/11 attacks and it's truly sad how divided we are as Americans. I feel terrible for Charlie Kirk and his family and hope they find the psycho that murdered him. Our president had a golden opportunity to call for unity and denounce political violence on this "Patriot's Day", but instead he decided to further stoke the fire and in turn implement more hate and anger (to no one's surprise). Hopefully our country can survive these crazy divisive times and one day we will all appreciate being Americans again no matter our petty political views. God bless America.

**Trump will start a civil war if it'll distract from Epstein for even a day.**

**Where is DJT outrage over the school shooting of children yesterday?**

My prediction is it's a false flag operation. The left had nothing to gain but the right had everything to gain. They now have a martyr and are galvanized. This reeks of Nazi Germany attacking itself to invade Poland.

**If the FBI wasn't so busy deporting people they might be able to do their job better.**

**This is being used as propaganda. Trump wants a civil war. We'll be too busy fighting each other to see him robbing us all blind and taking total control of our country.**

Children in school, children praying in church, Hortmans and their dog assassinated and America gets what from the regime....crickets. Kirk gets assassinated and it's "war". Think about that. Hitler burnt down the Reichstag building as a false flag.

So why is he using that reference?

The people in charge create a false flag.

I honestly cannot fathom the ignorance of Americans

Right wing people on social media, including my brother have immediately decided the shooter was a liberal. The amount of calls for retribution against all democrats is frightening.

So half of America is a domestic terror organization?

And did any of the GOP denounce the assassination attempts against Dems? NOOOO. They even made jokes.

Regarding Kirk. Refusing to mourn is not the same as celebrating. He was an awful person. That said, the idiot that did this made him a martyr & fostered the MAGA agenda.

Hitler probably didn't set the Reichstag fire himself – it was most likely van der Lubbe. But the Nazis used it right away as a pretext to crush communists and other opponents.

Just like Trump is doing against the Democrats.

I predict that Kirk was killed by a white supremacist accelerationist with a special forces background.

Scary times we are living in..

Trump needs to have a war to avoid elections

Yes, people are very persuasive when you tap into their fear of people different than them.

It doesn't matter who the shooter is. It was not an action directed by or encouraged by ANY democrat.

Unfortunately, I cannot be so sure it was not a right wing operation.

But. At this moment in time, it is the action of 1 individual.

Kirk made his living attacking innocent and vulnerable people. There are lots of possible actors.

This definitely reeks of the Reichstag fire. H\*tler used it as an excuse to round up his political opponents after that intentionally set fire, thus consolidating power. This 100% feels intentional to me.

Trump said, "It's a long past time for all Americans and the media to confront the fact that violence and murder are the tragic consequence of demonizing those with whom you disagree."

Trump just described himself...

This country has a massive HATE problem, on both sides.

The boiling point is approaching. Hope for the best. but prepare for the worst. This nation is ready to tear itself apart. Will be a lot more incidents like this starting to happen. Today it starts with someone well known, but if we keep heading down this path, soon it will be neighbors against neighbors.

Although I did not agree with Mr. Kirk on many issue, I most certainly do not agree with what happened to him today.

I have lost a few family members to gun violence and it's shocking. I how his family and friends are hurting and their lives will be forever changed.

What a sad situation America is going through right now.

"Live by the sword and die by the sword. He died by the gun violence he justified every single day. It's not right, it makes things worse, but let's not turn this person into a martyr. Another famous quote of Charlie Kirk's is "never send thoughts and prayers to the school shooting victims because empathy is a woke ideology."

Maybe you should have done something about gun violence then. I mean Jesus, if it's a democrat in Minnesota, or a club full of gay people, or a country music show, or a black church, or a movie theater, or innocent children in their own school who are gunned down then it's 'the price we pay for the second amendment' (Kirk's own words). Now you're outraged? Of course I feel bad for his family, but all those other innocent people who were murdered had families too, so save your selective outrage. Let's see how our leadership \*cough\* tries to unite our country. Or will they use this to push us all the way over the cliff?

If Twitter/X were to disappear, would anyone but Elon Musk miss it? Discourse—if that's the word for it—on that site is an enormous cesspool. Thousands, perhaps millions, of bot accounts, likely from Russia, China, or other hostile countries, are actively promoting civil war. It's doing more to incite violence than any other place in American society.

I honestly believe that one of the worst social experiments in history is the widespread use of social media. It makes us all worse. It taps into our worst instincts and breeds animosity and anger.

I left Twitter after the election. Musk turned it into an online Neo Nazi rally. About to leave Facebook because the more I learn of some people on here the less interested I am in staying.

The Daily Beast spotted some other comments on social media: "Let's blame South Park. Blame the media. Blame leftist rhetoric. These people hate you and want to see you dead." And: "South Park certainly fomented the hatred necessary to get Kirk assassinated." And: "[South Park creators] Trey Parker and Matt Stone are responsible for this." While a popular account called Johnny MAGA dubbed South Park "monsters" for the episode.

I agree with other posters here. We have to be very careful "blaming" any particular faction/side. This was an action taken by a single individual, and we need to treat this atrocious action accordingly. I applaud Gutfield in trying to turn down the volume. I also applaud many of the Democratic leaders who have condemned this action and are calling for calm and restraint. But, how come this same language did not come from Republican leaders when Paul Pelosi was brutally beaten or after the Minnesota state senator and her husband was murdered? My point is we have to condemn all murders regardless of the victim or the perpetrator.

I'm 65 and in excellent health. But my mind just doesn't function as well as it used to; I forget things I wouldn't have before; I tire much more easily; and I don't comprehend details with the clarity I used to. I cannot imagine being almost 80 and running a country. I think 65 is a good cut-off for being able to run for president. Maybe even 60.

I've said it before, but it bears repeating. We need an amendment to the constitution that prohibits anyone over the age 65 from even running for the office of the presidency. Biden was too old, Reagan was too old and so is Donald Trump. Time for him to resign.

Shame on you, Mr. Clay Higgins. You are an indecent and unreal representative. You took an oath and lied. This is on you and your Republicans. I am saddened by Charlie Kirk's death. But not surprised by what he said, and it was never true. Words mean a lot to people. You really should not lie; this is people's lives. Donald Trump made fun of Nancy Pelosi's Husband when hit with a hammer on the head and causing so much damage. You, sir, your party, and your President are responsible for all the hate. May Charlie RIP.

Higgins is embarrassing himself by his blatant ignorance. Kirk was a citizen and his death was tragic and unnecessary. However, also unnecessary is the outpouring of federal funds to honor him. Many children lost their lives in gun violence but not one ever got the president to lower flags to half-staff!!!

Earlier in 2025, two couples were shot, resulting in the death of one couple. It coincidentally occurred that both couples were politicians affiliated with the Democratic Party. There has been a complete lack of communication from the GOP, including from the president himself. I extend my best wishes to the children of Mr. Kirk. The loss of a father at such a young age is profoundly tragic. As a black woman, I found Mr. Kirk's remarks regarding my culture to be disrespectful and deeply rooted in racism. I was quite disheartened to hear those unfavorable remarks regarding my community. I hope the investigation leads to the identification of the individual responsible for his death. However, given his negative remarks about my community, I find it difficult to feel any sympathy for him. I am frustrated with the GOP promoting the notion that certain actions are unacceptable when directed at them, yet permissible for others. Four hundred years ago, my people took the high road and turned the other cheek; that is no longer the case. If there is an attempt to undermine individuals' freedom of speech, it is essential for the public to respond proactively. Mr. Kirk felt at ease and secure to express his thoughts freely, and others should have the same opportunity.

Kirk's murder is a tragedy. But are you going after Van Orden who belittled the murder of Hortman, or the MAGA who belittled the attack on Paul Pelosi as well?

This person is one of the reasons we have such violence. These are the people who promote and sustain hate and they proclaim to be leaders. If this is to stop, don't elect hate.

CORRECT, stop the hateful comments from both sides. tRump has been calling people hateful names ever since he started running for president.

Just read a Facebook post that I "believe" was directed towards me (they wouldn't outright mention my name) about "karma" and that there was no such thing. That's not what bothered me.

What DID bother me was that this person (who I really respected) said that they agreed with SOME of the things that Charlie Kirk spouted off about.

So what was it?

The conspiracy theories about the pandemic?

That trans people are a "throbbing middle finger to god?"

That Jews are the ones who control the world?

That black people had it better when they were slaves and civil rights were a mistake?

That MLK was a horrible human being?

That women should concentrate on having babies rather than careers?

These are just a few examples of his rhetoric.

I am seriously curious what you agree with. This question goes out to ANY of my Facebook friends. Do any of you actually agree with anything Kirk said?

How any religion can embrace the least moral man I have ever seen is beyond me. No morals, no ethics, no kindness, no friends, only ego and self importance.

All 7 deadly sins and every broken commandment. All in one stinking human.

What century do these folks live in? " ... urged conservative Christians to prepare for martyrdom in their fight to 'save the nation from the pagan onslaught'.

The problem is that our society has forgotten how to have a civil discourse. We have become so politically divided and religiously divided that we cannot just agree and move on. We have to learn again how to think for ourselves, how to have the evidence we need in order to have a civil conversation and we need to relearn how to respect each other regardless of race, creed, gender, etc.

Well said. I think people are so enamored with "being right" that they don't even want to entertain the thought that someone with other views may have valid points as well.

And yet, college campuses invited a rage-baiting "free speech" influencer who made millions by dismissing, mocking, and disparaging victims of violence and, frankly, anyone who isn't a trad wife or white male conservative christian, to set up a tent with a "prove me wrong" banner on the same campus. But, sure, a professor's tweet IS A BRIDGE TOO FAR! The only thing proven here is that some people love "free speech" until their viewpoints are challenged.

Saint Charlie, Patron of School Shooters. He dared someone to prove him wrong. And in his flippant retorts about mass shootings, trans, and "gang members," someone indeed proved him wrong.

Here's what could be said of Donald Trump. "A person with that much vitriol in their heart and such a lack of control over their own expression, shouldn't be representing" the United States of America.

**BREAKING:** Radio host Charlamagne Tha God enrages MAGA world by telling the blunt truth about the Charlie Kirk assassination, condemning it as horrific while also pointing out that the right-winger "understood the price" of his beliefs.

Before grabbing pitchforks, people need to listen to Kirk in his own words...

"Everybody is just assuming this is political violence and it quite possibly is, matter fact I'm sure it is, but you know what else it is? Gun violence," Charlamagne said on "The Breakfast Club."

"Okay, these nutjobs who don't believe in freedom of speech clearly believe in their right to bear arms and because of the lax gun laws in America they are able to get firearms to carry out these violent acts," he continued.

"Now, let the record show that when I heard what happened to Charlie Kirk yesterday, I immediately felt fear. Okay? I was afraid. I'm a Black man in America, I think about getting shot every day," he went on. "But guess what? Every American should think about getting shot every day when you're out and about in a public place simply because it's been zero days since a mass shooting happened in this country."

Kirk, a hardcore pro-gun demagogue who made a living stoking racial and gender divisions, was shot and killed at a speaking even at Utah Valley University, seemingly with a high-powered long range rifle. The shooter is still at large thanks to the deeply incompetent MAGA hacks that now run the FBI.

"But my personal fear was also because I'm a media personality," Charlamagne said. "I don't want to live in a country where media personalities are being shot and killed for their opinions or what they believe, but I also know that as much as we like to point to the First Amendment and say we all have freedom of speech, we are not free from the consequences of said speech."

"That's why mindfulness of what we say is very important, because there is a cost to everything that comes out of our mouth. And unfortunately, we don't get to set the price," he continued.

"And I must say, Charlie Kirk understood the price of our freedoms more than most," said Charlamagne before playing a clip of Kirk that has gone viral in the wake of the tragic killing.

"You will never lived in a society when you have an armed citizenry and you won't have a single gun death. That is nonsense. It's drivel," said Kirk. "But I think it's worth it. I think it's worth to have a cost of unfortunately some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights. That is a prudent deal. It is rational. Nobody talks like this. They live in a complete alternate universe."

If Republicans did not habitually block every attempt at sane gun violence out of a need to pander to gun nut voters and firearm manufacturers, Kirk might still be alive. His ideology has created an America that is awash in guns.

"I just wonder when people say things like that, do they think they may be one of those deaths?" said Charlamagne. "Is worth it when one of those casualties is you or someone you love to protect the rights given to us by the Constitution?"

"If they believe they too could be one of those deaths, and they're cool with that, I respect it so I guess you honor Charlie Kirk by buying more guns — based on that logic yeah — but I don't know about y'all but that sounds kind of ridiculous to me," he added.

"See, even if Charlie Kirk had a gun yesterday, it wouldn't have protected him," he continued.

"When somebody got the drop on you, they got you. Only thing that could have saved Charlie Kirk yesterday was keeping guns out of the hands of violent extremists like the person who killed him."

"And the only way to do that is with common sense gun reform," the host concluded.

**HUGE BREAKING: The Supreme Court of Brazil just sent their former president Jair Bolsonaro to PRISON for TWENTY SEVEN YEARS, for inciting an insurrection after losing his election.**

There's an old saying that "those who live by the sword, die by the sword". I will no more mourn for Charlie Kirk than I did for the equal hateful and hate spewing Rush Limbaugh.

The righteous indignation of hypocrites in full spate moves me not at all.

"He was constantly pushing this sort of hate speech aimed at certain groups," Matthew Dowd continued. "And I always go back to: Hateful thoughts lead to hateful words, which then lead to hateful actions. ... You can't say these awful words and not expect awful actions to take place."

So barely a day since political violence reared its ugly head via a single gunshot, and instead of addressing the nation to ask for the extreme rhetoric to be toned down, here they both are fanning the flames a bit more. I'm squarely on the progressive left and could not have disagreed more with Kirk's politics, but at the same time I'm 100% against anyone (both sides) who continues to throw more wood on the fires of violence. High time for all Americans who care about the continuation of our small-d democracy to collectively say enough is enough.

The Pseudo-christian Nationalist doomsday cults believe if everyone doesn't do what they say, then their biblical end of the world will happen. They have completely rejected the teachings of Jesus as liberal talking points. Instead of emulating Him, they are now only required to profess to worship Him more than those they transgress against to be instantly absolved by their peers. He left them instructions on how they are to treat everyone with a focus on the most vulnerable: poor, immigrants, sick. His goal was for each to uplift all. The cults in the USA now ask Him to harm others in their name.

Never Trust a career criminal, suffering from dementia and visions of grandeur. Trump's record includes 64 mentions in the Epstein Report, 440 instances of pleading the Fifth Amendment, 34 felony charges, 91 criminal allegations, 26 sexual assault accusations, six bankruptcies, five draft deferments, four indictments, two impeachments, two convicted companies, the closure of a fraudulent university, and the shutdown of a fake charity. Financial penalties encompass a \$25 million fraud settlement, a \$5 million sexual abuse verdict, a \$2 million charity misuse judgment, \$93 million in sexual abuse judgments, and over \$400 million tied to a fraud case with Paul Leintz. Personal scandals include infidelity with all his wives and hush money payments to silence an escort, which became public. Inmate Number P01135809.

If you've ever seen movie *The Book of Eli*, you'll understand the kind of man Trump really is. He's not a leader of faith or conviction—he's Carnegie, the villain. A man who sees religion not

as truth, but as a weapon: to manipulate, to dominate, and to keep people blind while he builds his own power. Tyranny cloaked in scripture.

Christianity was adopted by trump to get votes. It goes back to 2016 and the process of carefully fabricating his fake right-wing, conservative Christian image. He would've become whatever the popular vote called for.

Hypocrisy.

Look at the action not the theatre.

Religion is about how we treat people. Taking from the poor and giving to the wealthy is unchristian. Raping, pedophilia, womanizing is un-American. Looking down on those who are less fortunate is unchristian. Excessiveness and lavishness are unchristian.

Trump and Vance have shown us more: Mocking the disabled is unchristian. Separating children from their parents at the border is unchristian. Calling for riots over abortion rights is unchristian. Vilifying immigrants and refugees is unchristian. Supporting mass deportations that tear apart families is unchristian. Dismissing the suffering of the poor and sick is unchristian. Using religion to justify cruelty is unchristian. Cheering vengeance over forgiveness is unchristian. Aligning with extremists who preach domination over compassion is unchristian. Undermining truth and spreading conspiracy theories is unchristian. Turning faith into a political weapon is unchristian.

They preach power, not grace. Control, not compassion. And they dare to do it in the name of faith.

These two are ugly souls. Hell material, dressed as if they care about religion.

I judge leaders by the good they do. These two have nothing good.

There was no incitement or encouragement to commit violence in Matthew Dowd's comments. Matthew Dowd's observations about social and political realities in this age of hate speech and political extremism was not only unfortunately all too truthful it is protected speech that NBC was too afraid to defend because we have a lying President who attacks our constitutional rights on a daily basis.

The shame is on those who don't defend the constitution from the attacks of our President.

Dowd said shortly after the shooting Wednesday that Kirk was a divisive figure "who is constantly sort of pushing this sort of hate speech aimed at certain groups. And I always go back to, hateful thoughts lead to hateful words which lead to hateful actions. And I think that's the environment we're in."

Perhaps insensitive so soon after but 100% correct.

Total baloney. What Dowd said was true. Kirk was a flamethrower who said some divisive and disgusting things, especially about women. Now we have the right wing trying to paint Kirk as some kind of saint, which he wasn't. I don't condone the violent end he suffered but ironically it came when he was talking about mass shootings and how second amendment rights were more important than people getting shot and killed and this was a price we had to pay,

What were Trumps words when 4 liberal politicians were shot in Minnesota by a prolife Christian?

Not one person lost their job for celebrating Paul Pelosi's attacker, or for condoning Melissa Hortman's attacker.

Dowd didn't say anything incorrect. This was the world Charlie wanted.

I'm lucky I work at a place where I won't lose my job for calling a spade a spade.

NO ONE should lose their job for telling the truth.

My bet is Charlie was the martyr required to ignite their "movement".

No matter your beliefs we all have one thing in common. We all want this violence to end. Instead of writing hateful comments or pointing the finger let's work together and find a resolution. What can we do to keep schools safe? What can we do to stop the violence? How can we get these people the help they need? What resources can we provide or create to offer help? There is an answer. We just have to stop the bullshit and work together.

Media loves to get everyone fired up.

But Charlie Loved the gun and the gun violence that killed him who am I to disagree with his death wish?

Ali Carine oh, but the side who believes women should only go to college to find a husband, or that the Civil Rights Act was a mistake, or that 30 million immigrants should be rounded up and shipped out of the USA, or that gay people aren't real humans, or that gun deaths are "worth it"... they don't need any introspection. Gotcha.

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Seriously, what the fuck is wrong with @NancyMace? She wants to blame millions of people for the actions of one asshole lunatic and also completely disregard any sort of political violence that is carried out by people on her side of the political spectrum.

Purely disgusting.

About 40 gun related deaths in all of 2024 in London England, maybe 20 in Australia.

Maybe 140 homicides by any means in England.

47,000 yearly in the states no matter how.

Pretty frightening. Do I feel on top of the world having our 2nd amendment? I'd feel great having my friend back.

Sounds about correct. What people like Mr. Nobles fail to comprehend is that republicans can never do wrong, they can only be wronged.

Grievance-based life forms are the Maces of the world. I also think she is not well at all. Big narcissism. Industrial strength.

Charlie Kirk himself stated the right wing's ethos best: "Empathy is a weakness that can kill nations." It is ironic that the right is now expecting empathy for Kirk when they themselves have no empathy to give.

I think Kirk owns it.. I don't understand what man people think a man is great for talking.. That's all he did was talk. Didn't put his life on the line to save kids from a burning building or anything just talked. Most of it was telling one side that everyone else is the enemy. If you demonize people you will get demons.

Deny. Deflect. Rinse. Repeat. Deny. Deflect. Rinse. Repeat. Deny...

Who needs SNL, when we have The Appointees.

I guess it should not be surprising I had so many hateful and hate aligned people on my social media "friends" list.

I mean I thought I pruned it pretty good. But man—the pruning continues. Yesterday was snip snip snip

I'm not interested in debate or discussion because that never works on social media. And I'm not gonna try and debate. Pointless. So they go their way I also don't care about these people. I want my feed to mirror back what I'm interested in in art and life. It's simple I'm cutting enough to do it and keep it fresh I'll be honest!

I have hundreds of not thousands of outstanding friend request and to be to be pretty blunt many of the people in the past year or two that I agree to become friends with I end up unfriending.

And I don't wanna have to fucking do a deep dive on everybody who sends me a friend request only to find out that they are a person that in no way would I ever wanna have anything to do with. I'm more interested in finding some art to share with people I know who will like it. Or talk about the craft of painting or cartooning or share some cool music etc

People I am cutting are not deep or long time friends although if I had to honestly I do it. You just get to a point where you have to say that if there's something that's irritating, you are too much of a thorn in my life. That thing has to go. I've done that before with longtime friends. It's not something you enjoy or you want to do, but it is a certain point you just go. Am I getting anything out of this? Social media for me is a way to share my passion and interest in my career in art and music and share that with people of like mind. Fly my flag. I don't expect anyone has to like my flag or salute it. It's optional And that's cool. But I have a pretty good community across social media. And I would like to try to keep that as positive and healthy as possible. I just don't need some rabid dog barking in my yard and creating some bullshit. Sorry. if this is not a positive experience, then it needs to go and the person or persons creating the negativity are gone. They're not family and they're not in the inner circle so why waste the time? I know some people like to get on the Internet and debate with people and argue and they find that funny trying to smash the ball back over the net, but I never found that ever ended up being worth the time. It's much easier just to block somebody. If you think the hateful things that Charley Kirk said are true or you're a maga person then I'm not going to even begin to waste my time trying to debate you because it's pointless. And I can cap on and mock a motherfucker in a second! If you agree with that philosophy, then I want nothing to do with you at all. I think it's pretty simple. You don't have to make it any more complicated than that. And that doesn't mean that I have friends who are religious or family members who are religious or more conservative or have different views that are not always aligning with mine. But there's a line you cross where that's it.

Hate is a line in the sand

It's I guess still sometimes surprising how blind people can be to allegiances two people or political or social views that are so hateful and yet they say they don't have any hate. They love. No we don't hate.

Sorry.

But if that's your definition of love, then I'd hate to see your definition of hate.

And and I don't feel we are any time where we can really afford to waffle on things like being fascist adjacent or hating on different races religions or ethnicities or sexes. I don't have to like your religion. I don't have to like 100% your believe for your political system. I don't have to like or understand your lifestyle but when you want to prevent other people from having those rights that you— demand— then go out of your way to actually destroy their ability to have, then we have to break and I can't have anything to do with you.

And a lot of this I think is because people live in bubbles and there's a huge bubble of convenient ignorance. They're doing everything they can to not get that bubble broken —people on here I see trying to do every kind of backflip possible.

I suppose maybe it's always been this way and social media just makes everything amplified and worse. Its not subtle

But I don't have any time for this kind of stuff. I never did. And the older I get the less tolerant I am of that type of behavior. So It's not even we agree to disagree. Sometimes it's just that we can never agree. It's not about someone being a conservative because I have conservative views I'm sure myself compared to some people who are liberal or far left.

And I know none of this is gonna get better. I don't see any real hope for that at this point I think it has to actually get probably worse far worse before it gets better and that's pretty sad. Because I'm not even convinced at this point that it can get better . The average person in the middle has to say no. We stop this shit. We are not there yet. Angry and stressed but not yet willing to make hard choices.

This is going to be an unpopular opinion and I'm okay with that. Everyone is entitled to their own views. And if people "dox" me or unfollow me because of it... well fine. I'm okay with that as well. But here it is: The past few days have been infuriating. The amount of outcry over the death of this man is more so than there has been ages for any other shooting in this country. It was more than the shooting death of the Minnesota lawmaker and her family. It was more than the shooting deaths of the children in Minneapolis while they were in school / church. It has been more than Uvalde, Sandy Hook, Pulse Nightclub, the grocery store in Buffalo, Marjorey Stoneman Douglas High School, the Las Vegas Shooting, and the list can go on and on and on and on. But yet, here we are: social media and news feeds full of outpourings of love for a man who is on record of saying that deaths by gun violence are acceptable to keep Americans' 2nd amendment rights. Yet there are only slight mentions that, that same day there was once again another shooting at a high school. Now, do I feel bad for the family of the guy who was killed? Certainly. Of course I do. I'm not a monster. However, how many who have been outcrying this killing felt the same outcry when innocent children are being brutally murdered in this country? There has been an absolute avalanche of talk the past few days about how in America there is no place for political violence..... but what about the violence that is inflicted upon our children for merely going to school? In this country you cannot send your child to school without the fear that today may be the last day you see them alive. It does not matter if you live in an urban area like Minneapolis or a rural area like Benton, Kentucky. This is a problem. This country has a fucking problem. And I truly hope that all this care that the current administration is putting towards a singular man is maybe thought of to all the children who have died pointless deaths because too many of our politicians are afraid to stand up and say what most Americans know. I have seen so many people posting how this was a god fearing man. This was a family man. This was a man who stood up for his first amendment rights. Okay, that's fine, that all may be true. But aren't the children in this country worthy of the same praise? Isn't it worth it to honor those children with the metal of honor? For giving their lives for doing something as simply as trying to achieve an education to do who knows what with the world? That these children were loved by families and had the ambition to be something someday... isn't that enough to give them so much praise, attention and in act change?

I hope my words give some people pause. If you are angry at me for them, like I said, that's fine. That is your choice. But seriously, this country has been failing itself for a long time now and change needs to take place. I'm tired of staring at the TV at another school shooting and seeing the young lives lost. To constantly having the fear that it is going to one day happen to my kids. My anxiety is so high about it I stopped buying my son light-up shoes....because if he is hiding from a shooter I don't want him to be found due to his "awesome shoes". Is it normal to think like that?! Absolutely not. We had LA Gears growing up and never once was it a thought "Oh, if I have to hide in a closet these will give me a way."

As I said, I do feel bad for Kirk's family, but my biggest hope for his kids is that they do get to grow up. Because as we know in this country none of our children are truly safe until change happens.

Trump bad mouths people and spews hatred and politicians are surprised about this type of violence.

When I was in College, the University newspaper ran a two full pages of questions on the issues for people to answer. Some questions could be easily answered according to political affiliation. Most weren't as divisive. When the the results were tabulated, something like 72-74% of the respondents agreed on the issues. That;s what happens when you remove political affiliation from the decision making process. I can't help but think that abandoning the party system and getting more viable candidates on the ballot would help bridge the divide. People also have to be smarter. We have these news outlets that are polarised one way or another and they want us angry when we turn them off. They have us at each others throats (Literally). People are convinced that the only way to save the country is to destroy the opposition. Meanwhile, the real enemies, like Russia, China & Iran sit back and laugh as we tear ourselves apart.

I heartily dislike Charlie Kirk but we have free speech and if you don't like what someone is saying you fight back with principled debate, not bullets. The tension in this country created by both extremes is getting unbearable.

The hypocrisy of politicians is legendary. They have polarized the country to a degree not seen since the Civil War, and they are surprised that these things happen.

The Divided States of America. Continue to blame the other side, and situations like these will only get worse. We have to hold our politicians accountable regardless of party. This isn't Democrats vs Republicans. This is every days citizens vs the elites in power who want to continue to preserve a system that makes them rich. Now, more than ever, we have to get rid of the two-party system

How come we never hold a moment of silence and lower the flag when students, teachers and police officers are shot?

Exactly. I am done with political parties. People running on political affiliation should be banned completely. Maybe people would actually then get educated about what each candidate talks about.

I'm an Independent who refuses to side with neither tribe, but I don't condone unwarranted violence. The only way this country could bounce back is if both sides were to step aside, and realise that they don't speak for nor represent the majority.

I'm friends with people from all walks of life and beliefs, and we get on just fine despite our varied beliefs. Extremism simply isn't going to change things for the better. Period.

Anyone who lived through the Obama era and the formation of the Tea Party surely has to remember political ads with prominent candidates bearing arms and shooting targets. Politicians need to take their own advice about toning down the rhetoric and being divisive. The second amendment to the Constitution was meant for the citizenry to have the means of putting down a tyranny that would try to overthrow the government and oppress the citizenry. Not as a means to give veiled threats to the citizens or other political candidates.

Unfortunately, these "leaders" are not actually in the business of leading or united people. They are in the business of pushing an agenda that is backed by a whole lot of money. Dividing the country is big business as is politics in general. We are in a sad state of affairs in the US right now.

Others, however, say Klein's kind words and calls for non-violence ignore Kirk's frequent calls for different groups of people to be killed or oppressed. Kirk has called for trying doctors of transgender patients and suggested that men should "physically attack" trans people. He also told women to "submit to your husband."

What landscaping projects are they planning in Memphis? Are the troops getting the adequate amount of mulch? As a US Army and TN National Guard veteran, this is a waste of taxpayer money and makes our troops PR stunts and political pawns. I guess that's what we get when a draft dodger, who calls himself a war hero, is in charge. He's never served anything but himself. How about we fund more actual police and fund things that improve the quality of life of the locals? That's what actually prevents crime, but most of those budgets have been cut.

These deployments are nothing more than political stunts . While the crime may decrease while troops are present, crime is not "fixed". The real measure of success will be the cost of deployment vs the reduction in crime.

The money would be better invested in programs to improve living conditions, educate, provide help to future criminals (while they are young), and to support local law enforcement. Challenge there is also waste and shady application of investments.

So....son confesses to dad; dad turns in son to law enforcement; Kash takes credit for FBI!

WTF! This administration is such a BIG JOKE!!!

It pisses me off that flags are at half-staff today.

Why weren't they for Melissa Hortman?

DJT is a horrible human.

Jesse Watters should be fired from Fox News. He's guilty of incitement. Matthew Dowd was fired for much less.

Hey gov, where is the apology for blaming Dems?

Laying blame against an " enemy" that doesn't exist and taking credit where it's not due. These clowns! What an embarrassment to law enforcement.

Fox News and the President owe the public an apology for spreading false information and mistreating political opponents. Gunshots must stop, and hypocritical Reps should be voted out of office.

He'll go down in history as the worst president ever. And the stupidest.

Trump has no shame. He doesn't even acknowledge that he was wrong.

I want an apology from Nancy Mace

He comes from a Republican Family and is a Trump Donor, Facts.

M: Morons

A: Are

G: Governing

A: America

Kirk's killer was caught.

No political affiliation (meaning for those of you trying to blame the left or right, he wasn't on EITHER side).

Was considered an inactive voter as he didn't vote in either election.

Only became politically "active" (meaning politically aware) recently. Again, meaning he was neither left NOR right. His only "opinion" seemingly was that he didn't like what Kirk stood for (that can change later if interviewed later on).

This is ALL the pertinent info that's available now.

So all the right wingers screaming "retribution" (and we know what that means) towards the left need to calm it the f#%k down. All the left winger screaming "he's another right wing nut job" need to do the same. It's enough already.

Noticed how they don't even care who the shooter is or why he did it. They have already made up their minds even before the shooting.

Here's Charlie's assassin. A 22 year old white dude. Note that he's not trans or black. Tyler Robinson isn't an immigrant. Although not confirmed, I'm willing to bet he's MAGA.

Wait--so the guy who killed Charlie Kirk was a GROYPER????

Groypers hated Kirk for being too moderate--and too pro-Israel.

X is awash with photos from his mother's social media indicating that he indeed is a groypers, a fringe-right group that has been trolling Charlie Kirk for not being white-supremacist enough.

Even if he isn't, it sure looks like the narrative that he was a crazed left-winger has already been shot to hell.

So not a "political assassination". Just another confused dweeb from a gun nut family. Not "the left", though we are becoming increasingly armed, and for good reason. Just a registered "independent" (means republican) who trick-or-treated in a Trump costume when he was 14. Not "trans" or at least not openly, this is Utah after all. Just a typical incel with slightly more ambition than your average school shooter (the kids got lucky for a change). Taking bets on if they find a "manifesto". I'm thinking yeah.

We are doomed... so much stupidity.

Sooo.... Now that we know the shooter wasn't a leftist, is Trump going to apologize for immediately and baselessly blaming the left? (My vote is no)

The entire right-wing is going to go absolutely ape shit over the assassination of Charlie Kirk. But just remember how none of them gave a shit about a Democratic lawmaker in Minnesota being assassinated just a couple months ago. Trump basically ignored it.

It's a sad reflection of the double standard. The list of left leaning officials that have been injured or killed in recent years that have gone almost ignored by the right is a reflection of their lack of sympathy for one side of the population. This should not be a right/left issue, but a lawmaker losing their life should raise to a higher level of attention from the President. That's not to say that his remarks and the lowering of the flag aren't a great gesture to Kirks family, but it most certainly should have been done for Melissa Horton as an elected official. From the highest official in the land it sends the message that he only cares about the grief of one half of the country.

This is not a political issue. It is a HUMAN issue! All of these people were human beings and they all deserve the same amount of respect in death, regardless of political party. Anything less is despicable.

He was upset when the flag was lowered after Jimmy Carter died.

He is a horrible person, period!

Excellent summary. I couldn't agree more. I'm an older American and sadly for the first time in my life I feel like I don't have a president at all. In fact, I strongly believe Donald Trump detests me. But at least I know I am not alone. He also loathes the 50.2 % of the nation who did not cast a vote for him. -And considering that 36% of the population didn't vote for anyone at all, it's likely that he despises much more than half of our nation.

A good, or even decent leader would wait to at least have some information from the investigation before jumping to conclusions about the suspect's motives or politics before further enflaming tensions across the country. They certainly wouldn't blame an entire ideology for the actions of one individual. But Trump is neither good nor decent. He's the most divisive, inciteful president in modern history.

I swear this like living under the Lex Luthor Presidency

Groypers are a terrifying group that encompasses some of the more extreme positions on both the far left and the far right. Essentially it is a bunch of depressed impressionable teens and

young men that have given up on the world and themselves. Their ideologies are all over the place but generally tend towards extremist activism.

To be fair, the main thing that they're upset about is the heartless reactions. It's ok to not give a sh\*t about charlie kirk. But to literally celebrate someone being assassinated is just disgusting. No, not all liberals reacted that way. I don't agree with the whole "round'em up" bs at all. That stuff is just uncalled for. I always think "can't we all just get along" but unfortunately the answer is no. This world sucks donkey sacks.

I have always voted GOP but I am lost as to why they are lying about who is paying these tariffs.....Americans are paying them, so who will America pay back the tariff price increases to..... the American people or will it too be diverted to the billionaires who seem to be getting all our tax dollars and adding it to the deficit?

I used to work for my state's employment commission. Every employer filed a "separation report" with us explaining why an employee was fired, laid off or disciplined. Doing stupid stuff online was a major reason for showing folks the door. Anything you do, even on your personal time, that reflects badly on your employer can be grounds for dismissal. Posting about drug and alcohol abuse, extreme political positions, disparaging the workplace or fellow employees/management, lying about taking sick/bereavement leave are just a few. No surprise here.

MAGA has raised the most hateful generation of gun lovers in history.

This wasn't the left, a gay, or a person of color. It was a republican far right person. Well how about this??? Trump ran his mouth saying it was a political leftist who killed Charlie Kirk. Wow! Let's make America great again said Trump. The divider of our country.

**THE WAY TRUMP HAS HANDLED THIS SITUATION HAS CONVINCED ME THAT HE WANTS TO SPARK A CIVIL WAR**

We're having a Mormon problem. National Guard to Utah, PRONTO!!

I just want better gun control FOR ALL! I can't buy cold medicine without a little background check on my ID making sure I'm not buying it down the street too. We all deserve better protection at work, school, campaigning, dancing, etc... I feel horrible for what happened to Charlie! So awful!

crying over the realization that it was a maga white kid again instead of an immigrant/trans/radical left????

Ray Carney Prior to Trump, we could count on an American President in this moment to denounce the violence and call on all Americans to come together in what unites us and dial down the stochastic rhetoric. That did not happen.

"The radicals on the left are the problem, and they're vicious and they're horrible and they're politically savvy," Trump said Friday morning on Fox News.

If Charlie Kirk were a first grader at school, America would have moved on by now. The president would be telling us that we "need to get over it".

If his father hadn't got him to turn himself in, the "officials" would still be looking under rocks and making bizarre statements.

**FIRE PATEL**

**FIRE JESSE WATERS**

**CANCEL FAUX NEWS**

**REMOVE NANCY MACE**

**REMOVE trump he is unwell and dangerous**

**REMOVE them all for inciting violence.**

9-13-25

We as a country have lost our sense of empathy for one another. We cannot constantly keep trying to score political points on one another so we can show the other side that we are right. Sinking to Donald Trump's level has made our country a living cesspool.

The tragedy she suffered was great I will pray that she is able to endure her grief and find happiness. I hope she realizes that there is no "they". If any emotion is unleashed I hope it is one of peace and unity. Her husband had many critics, they did not cause his death.

Well said and maybe the real test now is whether grief fuels more division or finally reminds us we're all on the same fragile side of being human.

I had never heard of this Kirk dude until his demise. I've seen some of his VILE work which DOES NOT remotely resemble Christianity. That his wife wants to AMPLIFY and validate his extremism is indeed troubling.

It's a signal that we better get accustomed to normalizing provocative behavior.

The people her husband served very much want a "they."

That's been repeated on Fox over and over again, it's being repeated by GOP members of Congress, etc.

Long before anyone had literally any evidence at all, there was already a "they" - whatever the reality might end up being won't matter one iota.

I think that Charlie Kirk saw a cash cow in divisive anti Democratic rhetoric. He was just chasing the money. He saw how Trump's angry targeted speeches rang true to the under class who really wants to blame someone for their circumstances. Basically it is a low hanging fruit. Blaming someone, anyone feels better than being a loser.

THIS is exactly the problem people. WE (the little, innocent people) don't want ANYTHING unleashed. We Don't want a Culture/Race War unleashed of black vs white, gay vs str8, Legal vs Illegal, Dem. vs Repub, This is going to a very bad place. Nothing GOOD can come of it.

As Yoda said, "Once you start down the dark path, forever will it dominate your destiny."

Try To spread the word... If this can possibly be stopped, it must be now.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Husband Refuses to Take Trump Flags Down After Wife Detained by ICE."

Gretchen Felker-Martin was fired by DC because of her tweet over the death of Charlie Kirk (I'm sure many of you have seen it, if you haven't, google it). Some are happy, some are outraged. "It's free speech! She should say what she wants!"

I've said this before, but I guess it bares repeating...

Free speech is not freedom from consequences.

It wasn't so long ago that that duck dynasty guy got the whole show canceled due to his Bible thumping about homosexuality. Due to a "practice & standards" clause in his contract, A&E cancelled the show. He spouted his nonsense and got the boot.

Consequences

Same thing happened with GFM. Spouted off about Kirk, got the boot. Why? Same reason as the duck guy. DC (which is a division to Warner Bros) has a standards/practice clause also (happened with Ethan Van Schiver also when he threatened a fan).

Again, consequences

Did she have a right to be angry about Kirk? Absolutely. Kirk was incredibly anti trans, which is who GFM is. Kirk did not mask his hatred towards the trans community. She was basically made to be a target.

Did she have the right to say the things she did? Again, yes. Free speech and all that. Did she have the right to be free of consequences? No.

Sorry if many of you disagree with me, but that's how free speech works. Free speech is a right under the constitution. It's the right to express one's opinions and ideas without interference, retaliation, or punishment from the government...NOT society, and definitely not from consequences.

And don't get me wrong. I am NOT advocating Kirk as a champion of free speech. He said a LOT of vile things (and for some inane reason, people still defend it) that he masked as opinion, but was nothing more than hate speech pure and simple. If you chose to believe that he was "speaking the truth" or whatever, then my opinion of you is just like my opinion about him. Seeking harm on the LBGTQ community, Jews, black, and women (and whomever else) strikes me more of hateful, rhetoric hate speech, then just an opinion.

In the end though, he was assassinated. Was he wrong for what he said? In my opinion 110% yes. Should he have been killed over it? No.

I'm closing comments down, as apparently, these are the Mensa members I'm dealing with. Fuck you. Its time you liberal liars learn a brutal lesson.

You are a fucking satanic whore POS Nobody cares about your sick opinion you disgusting freak.

You said it whore. Free speech does not mean liberal fuctards get to talk shit without being fired. This liberal being fired and crying shit is awesome.

Republicans, and MAGA commentators have by this point learned from Trump that if they deny reality with enough fervency, and for long enough, that the media — and thus public opinion — will eventually start bending to their will.

Crockett noted that some conservatives blamed the trans community for Kirk's death "as soon as it happened." Donald Trump Jr. and Megyn Kelly respectively said Thursday that trans people are "more violent" than Al-Qaeda and that many are "murderous."

Let's not pretend the far right hasn't been stirring dangerous ideas for decades. The "New World Order" conspiracy alone convinced thousands of Americans that their own government was part of a global plot—and that the only way to fight back was with violence. That mindset led to the Oklahoma City bombing, Ruby Ridge, Waco, and even January 6. These weren't isolated incidents—they were the result of years of rhetoric telling people to take up arms against their own country.

They pushed the "Great Replacement" theory, claiming immigrants are being used to erase white Americans. That lie was cited by mass shooters in Buffalo, El Paso, and Christchurch. They've called LGBTQ+ people "groomers" and "degenerates," fueling attacks like the Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs. They've demonized Muslims post-9/11, leading to mosque bombings and hate crimes. They've spread anti-government paranoia so deep that militias plotted to kidnap Michigan's governor during COVID lockdowns.

For over twenty years republicans have called anyone who votes democrat: "demonic" "demons" "rats" "[child] killers" "satanists" "moloch worshippers" "pdf files" "communists" "marxists" "cultural marxists"

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Trump says do not worry about dems. Isn't it part of congress to work together for the best solution? Maybe, just maybe Trump is not always right. I know thinks he is the best president of all times in the history of the USA but congress is also there and there are many people in congress that have great ideas also on both sides. Isn't it time for them to sit down like they used to and figure out our issues no matter what party line it is?

Trump has turned this country and even congress to a point nothing positive is getting done. Trump worries more about little things like the Gulf of America name or the Dept. of war instead of defense. Changing names cost billions. Billions that can be used more effectively. Look at what was the rose garden. That cost a pretty penny that was not needed. Congress as a whole needs to work towards the betterment of this country. Not the whims of a president.

Moderates, negotiations and the best outcome for the American people has been replaced with ideology and extremism. The days of working together for the greater good are gone.

So much for toning down the rhetoric. The right is lead by someone who believes he should be king. We have a huge right-wing problem when an entire political party believes they don't have to involve the other half.

First time in history that we have had a president that does not represent everyone in the country. Wonder how this will all end.

"Well you cant hate the gun and love the gun that shot your rival"

The entire GOP is setting up a world where they can chase down their political opponents under the auspices of keeping us safe. Americans need to pay attention to history - this is an extremely dangerous moment.

The internet and its algorithms can influence younger and more fragile minds, beyond any true political or familial connections. A dopamine inducing rabbit hole of ideas can actually be equal to years of influence by family and culture.

Sorry, but the Fuentes Groyper community is already claiming him as their own. If they think he is one of them, then that's a pretty clear sign what community he was in. CLEARLY not the liberal one. There is ZERO evidence he was a Dem and his grandmother said no one in the family is a Dem either.

Clearly, he was so far right that Kirk was not enough for them and people like Fuentes and Loomer. This has nothing to do with "they" or Dems. The call is coming from within your own house/party. Stop dragging others into your internal bloody rifts.

And Mahr is right, any factual study shows over 3/4 of political violence is right-wing caused. Those are facts, F your feelings.

Kirk thought that it was funny when a Trumper tried to kill Pelosi's husband, with a hammer. He made a joke about it.

What goes around, comes around.

Kirk went even further and demanded no bail for the hammer guy ..

A Republican just killed another Republican at a Republican event in a Republican state.

MAGAs: It was Obama.

False equivalency has been a right-wing mainstay for years. SAD

As a non-gamer, I've been feeling quite out of my depth at trying to comment on or make sense of what's going on right now. I had next to no idea, I'm embarrassed to say, that radicalization was taking this form, from this source, in America. At the moment, I don't see a way back from it. It's too pervasive and too easily accessed without supervision. Possibly 9/10ths of the world's 20 and under white male population is sailing, rudderless, on a sea of dangerous illusion, right now.

The thing is, groups of all kinds, all ages, enjoy games both tabletop, digital, and dress-up. There is little difference between people who cosplay as Tam and Leetah from your comic versus people who do civil war reenactments vs people who do fancy costumes and face/body paints for their favorite football teams; they are all engaging in creativity.

The same is true for gaming itself. It is loved by souls as gentle as the late Robin Williams, who loved games like Pokemon and The Legend of Zelda so much that he named his daughter after Zelda and the Pokemon Company has stated that, as Robin Williams was the only one they wanted to play Professor Oak on screen, the role will be forever uncast by their decision, and yet also loved by monsters like the boys who did the Columbine shooting, and apparently the fool who did this recent one.

The issue is not gaming culture, but rather the incel/extreme-right culture that has been able to breed in the dark corners of our internet. They would exist, I fear, even without that, but the Internet allows even a small population of our worst a way to gather from around the world, form their own echo chamber, and darken their souls even faster.

The only solution I know is that of vigilance, education, and community. The only way to pull someone from pits this dark is to listen, reach, and pull them from it and back into the light. Treat it like a kind of disease and administer to it like a disease, and hope that in time we can empty those cruel echo chambers of all but the sound of silence.

I have lost absolutely all faith I might have had in this country. It has become exactly the land of sociopolitical and cultural nightmares I considered it to be in my darkest moments as an angry, progressive teen in the middle of the 1980s... only worse.

Wow... I'm trying to process this absolute disgusting mess. These totally destructive people... these "Influencers" corrupting and leading children under 20 (for anyone under 20 is a child to me) into deadly delusion. Perhaps freedom of speech does, in fact, need more guidelines about what can actually be allowed to get out there into the collective psyche.

The irony is impossible to ignore: Charlie Kirk made his living spewing hate, lies & societal division. HE defended the shooting deaths of school children by claiming their killings were the price American society must accept to defend the purposely misconstrued 2A. All that to be she shot by a young man indoctrinated into right wing extremism. Charlie Kirk was no "hero", no "patriot". He was nothing more than another Rush Limbaugh making bank off hate and division. A huckster. Too bad for him.

Notable Controversial Statements

1. Anti-LGBTQ+ Rhetoric In an interview with swimmer Riley Gaines, Kirk blamed “the decline of American men” on transgender equality and said people should “just took care of” trans individuals “the way we used to take care of things in the 1950s and 60s”<sup>2</sup>.

This was widely interpreted as a reference to violent or abusive practices like institutionalization and conversion therapy.

2. Rhetoric on Gun Violence Kirk once said that if children were killed in school shootings, it was "a price worth paying" to protect gun rights.

This statement was condemned across the political spectrum as callous and extreme.

3. Demonizing Political Opponents He frequently described liberals and Democrats as "evil," "Marxist," or "anti-American," and encouraged confrontational tactics on college campuses.

His videos often featured aggressive debates with students, sometimes escalating into personal attacks.

What he spewed was not the teachings of Jesus. Hatred and bigotry is not what Jesus taught. Not sure what kind of bible you read.

Mocking the death of any human being, especially in a way that targets the trauma of a child who witnessed it, is beyond reprehensible. It's not edgy. It's not brave. It's the kind of comment that erodes the very fabric of civil discourse.

It is amazing how MAGA portrays him as good person, a role model. But then again, that is what they push about Trump. MAGA still willfully delusional... the rest of us are not. It is ok to feel relief when a person who has hurt so many is no longer able to do so. The same will be felt about Trump.

This was an unequivocal tragedy, however, dying doesn't make Charlie Kirk a better person. He was divisive and spewed hate across this country, but he didn't deserve to die in such a violent way. Perhaps now the country will learn that political violence is never the answer.

Yes, based on reports and social media discussions following the assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk on September 10, 2025, the shooter, identified as 22-year-old Tyler Robinson from a "good Christian gun-loving MAGA family," followed Laura Loomer on X (formerly Twitter). Robinson was a vocal supporter of Donald Trump and appeared to have been influenced by far-right online rhetoric, including potential inspiration from Loomer's recent criticisms of Kirk as a "traitor" and "charlatan" who betrayed Trump. This detail emerged as investigators reviewed Robinson's social media activity after his capture on September 12, 2025. Loomer, a prominent far-right influencer, had posted multiple times in July 2025 attacking Kirk for hosting guests critical of Trump and engaging in "dialog with Democrats," which some speculate may have radicalized followers like Robinson. While the exact motive remains under investigation, the

follow relationship aligns with broader patterns of intra-conservative online feuds escalating into real-world violence.

How's the civil war going for you today?

It's okay to set limits on your empathy.

The kid in PA was a conservative.

The shooter in Utah was a conservative.

The Liberals are not the gun toting problem.

The guy in the clip who was threatening to wage war against the Liberals should be arrested. I felt in fear for my life, didn't you? So, where the hell are the cops?

That woman screaming that the elderly man was a MONSTER. Turns out, he wasn't even the shooter

I was a scout sniper in both Iraq and Afghanistan. This was a direct hit to the spine. He was dead before he hit the ground. I've seen guys shot in the neck who don't even realize they've been hit until they're down. You'd have seen a jump and then panic, this was just immediate

death. The fact nobody behind him was tagged supports this. No exit wound in some of the softest flesh on the body.

I am an ICU Nurse. Just after he is shot, Charlie is not reaching up with either of his hands and arms. What is happening is called decorticate posturing. It is a reflex that happens after a severe brain stem injury. The hands clench (which is why he continued to hold the microphone) and the arms are drawn upward and inward toward the center of the chest. There was no saving him. For all intents and purposes he was already dead the moment he was hit. This coincides with the information of where his killer shot from. The bullet entered the left front of his neck, clearly severing a major artery or arteries, and continued at an angle through his cervical spine. Being a rifle bullet it did horrible damage beyond where it passed through (one can tell it was a rifle bullet from the supersonic crack of the shot that happens an instant before the sound of the bullet's gunpowder charge can be heard on the other videos with better audio of the calamity). A rifle bullet is far more deadly than a handgun bullet because its extreme velocity causes much more damage to a body beyond the area it traverses. Please Like this comment to get it toward the top, as I think the information I am sharing is of value. God bless Charlie Kirk and somehow please provide comfort to his family and other loved ones.

His last word was violence

According to Utah officials + police interviews with his family, Tyler Robinson hated Charlie Kirk because Kirk wasn't conservative enough. (Robinson reportedly admired Nick Fuentes). GOPer's now scrubbing X posts about dems faster than DOJ erases Trump name in Epstein files. Trump's rhetoric is the root cause of the problems. He has divided America, destroyed democracy, killed the economy and turned America's friends away. He is the problem!

So Laura Luma and Nick Fuentes will be arrested!?

If these young people think Charley Kirk is moderate? Wtf

When a president is the one calling for the political violence without knowing the actual details and rep Mace puts it on the Democrats without justification but then changes her tune very quickly when it turns out to be a white 22yr old conservative gun nut just like the shooter in Butler it changes to well Kirk would want us to pray for him! The only people calling for political violence are the right and MAGA morons as they always have! RIP USA!

We see that trump has recently started saying some words advocating a peaceful interaction but he takes them away immediately with words that will encourage violence. He has always been a person who advocates violence, it is in his most basic nature.

Yep - The shooter was adequately born and bred a Republican. Both parents registered

Republicans and huge Trump supporters.

The Right appears to be nervous.

Their own are turning on them.

Charlie Kirk said anyone putting up the bail for the attacker of Paul Peolsi was a patriot. Any questions?

Not supporting a government and their actions is in no way antisemitism. Someone tried to say I was antisemitic because I was horrified by Israeli violence. Plenty of Jewish folks don't support Netanyahu

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Over the past couple of days, I've been having similar experiences with people I know and love who are now choosing to share their views openly. There is a common theme emerging that I have sensed all along. The media we choose to take in and the algorithms that drive our social

media are dividing us. The division we are seeing is intentional. It's about money and power and we are the pawns. The resulting violence in thoughts, words and actions is destructive. It's time to take our own brains back, take 100% responsibility and be accountable for what we feed our brains and what we put out into the world.

This piece by Shelly Hart-Remmel I've shared below is powerful food for thought.

Shelly Hart-Remmel: One thing that has become really clear since yesterday is that we live in at least two different realities. Talking to a friend who only knew Charlie as a Christian motivational speaker because that's all that ever came across her feed. Showed me videos I've never seen before of him saying perfectly reasonable and empowering things.

I showed her videos she'd never seen before of his racism, misogyny, homophobia, advocating for violence against specific groups of people. She was horrified by his remarks about Pelosi's husband's attacker being bailed out and celebrated for his violent act. She was horrified by a number of things that he said, but she had never seen or heard them before, the same as I had never seen or heard the generalized clips of him sounding like a perfectly nice loving man and father.

Neither of us had a whole picture of this man. I mentioned he was a known white supremacist and she thought I was joking. She talked about him giving a speech about finding your purpose and doing good in the world and I thought she was joking.

I saw why this friend was mourning the loss of a person she thought was a good person. My friend, bless her, saw why I feel the way I do about him. We understood each other better. In spite of a multi-billion dollar internet machine specifically focused on keeping us apart. Because we talked to each other with the desire to listen and to learn rather than the desire to change someone else's mind or to be "right".

None of those motivational things he said change my opinion about him because they don't erase the negativity, the subtle calls for violence, the belittling and denigrating of other races religions genders etc. His negative and blaming comments about homeless people, the poor, and victims of domestic violence. His comments about rounding up people who didn't think like him and putting them in camps where their behavior could be corrected. That time he said empathy was a made-up word he didn't believe in. That other time he said the Civil Rights Act was a mistake. The time he said most people are afraid when they get on a plane and see that there's a black pilot. His anti-vaccination rhetoric and his active campaigning against people being allowed to wear masks for their own health. His open support of fascism and white supremacy. To me, all of those are fully unchristian sentiments. Those are undeniable and just one of them would be a deal-breaker for me. All of them together are a picture of a man who was polarizing, enraged a lot of people and rightly so, but even with all of that I would never wish upon him or especially his children the end that he got.

Oh, and my friend had never heard, and God help me I don't know how she escaped the news, but she had never heard of the Minnesota legislators who were shot in June. The husband and wife and dog who were killed, one after throwing themselves over their child to protect the child. The other couple who somehow survived. Politically motivated attacks specifically because they were democrats. She learned about those shootings that happened months ago because I showed her Charlie Kirk's comments about them. The kidnapping plot against a female Midwestern Democratic governor. The assassination attempt against Pennsylvania's democratic governor. All things Charlie had plenty to say about while supporting the Second Amendment and bashing the Democratic party. She didn't know about any of it because we're all living in two different worlds and none of us have the whole story.

So, they demand we acknowledge and remember civil war history and recognize great leaders from the states that fought against the union, but want to erase the plight and struggles for equality that those who were enslaved by the same states. Do I have that right?

From 1984: "Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book has been rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered. And the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right."

President Trump and his crew should focus the real problems facing our nation. There are many of them but he could start with:

- 1) The rising "cost of living" in the US
- 2) Improving the education system
- 3) Improving the health of Americans (start with finding a professional health care secretary)
- 4) Driving a sense of alignment with the democrats instead of the divisive approach taken today
- 5) Return to being a global leader (start with stopping Russian aggression and the Ukraine war.

The actions being discussed regarding the Smithsonian make no sense and indicates the weakness of our current leadership

Trump's White House Has Flagged These 5 Smithsonian Exhibits As Problematic, And I'm Actually Losing My Mind Over How Ridiculous It Is

What's really ridiculous is the idea that tRump would go to the Smithsonian, actually visit these exhibits, understand and consider the meaning and intent, and formulate a coherent statement of his objections to them.

Actually, you could just stop at "tRump would go to the Smithsonian;" that's not going to happen. This whole thing is driven by a Stephen Miller-esque functionary.

I think it's safe to say that President Trump has never been to the Smithsonian long enough to notice the exhibits. His cronies are the ones who told him about the questionable content or rather the content that didn't agree with his policies.

In all fairness, Kirk did say that this kind of violence was a side effect of the Second Amendment, and it was a sacrifice he was willing to make. Clearly, he didn't expect to be on the receiving end, but sadly, no one does.

Wait, are you are saying, WE can't disagree or risk being jailed, hated or fired for speaking the truth about Kirk? Isn't that what Kirk claims to represent, freedom of speech? I seriously doubt normal citizens would agree to remain silent or be attacked. So we either have freedom of speech or not.

Thank you Leigh. Pointing out Republican Politicians AR-15 lapel pins and their blockage of firearm regulations is appreciated.

She brought up an interesting point. I did not know the Senate voted against releasing the Epstein files the very day Charlie Kirk was assassinated. I found it very odd that the head of the FBI, Kash Patel, was live tweeting every step they made, including their mistakes. Making sure America's eyes were stuck to their phones.

As another commenter said, 'if we didn't care about Sandy Hook, why would we care about this?' And we all know why; because MAGA needed a martyr to terrorize the Left.

I was homeless for 2 years. I begged for help from all government agencies that I could find. I was told they couldn't help me and didn't know anyone who could. I'm 62 disabled widow that don't drive. The only person that helped me by letting me live with her and helped me get on my feet was a Gay woman ( I'm straight) I met and moved in with the first day I met her. This woman showed me More Kindness and understanding than anyone in government!!!

Firing Kilmeade and Watters is a good first step. Fox needs to be dismantled.

He needs to be arrested for death threats!!!

Rupert Murdoch is becoming more and more responsible for America's rot and demise! What a horrible human being!

Fox News is the clearest example of why America is a failed state.

Inciting violence is not free speech... It's a threat and it is criminal...

Well

If MAGAs are starting a war, it's going to have to be on the weekends.

I have a job, a family to feed, and a mortgage to pay.

Oh, and I'm going to need a cup of coffee before the battle commences.

Every bit of this rhetoric can be rightfully laid at the feet of maga and their ilk. trump and republicans have ruined what was already a fragile situation. They have only themselves to blame for mess.

Sorry magas, Rush Limbaugh already declared war 10 years ago on his radio show. He literally said your movement was at war.

Are we Great Again yet???

First off, it looks like Charlie Kirk's killer was an extreme right-winger, not a leftist, and apparently a Groyper (one of those far-right trolls who hated Kirk for being too moderate). So if MAGA is at war, it's with itself—this reminds me of another extremist group getting its comeuppance. The Taliban was far-right, but now they're at war with ISIS, which is even more far-right. MAGA is creating its own internal war, and it's only going to escalate. But they won't focus internally; they'll attempt to push the deep state/liberal attacks, only increasing the violence both in and out of the far right.

Have they figured it out yet? That they're at war with themselves?

MAGA has defended mass shootings at schools, churches, concerts, grocery stores etc... killing thousands of Americans. Only offering empty thoughts and prayers. Now they're angry? Unbelievable!

Hey MAGA.. the phone call is coming from inside the house.

A few things...

Robinson was deep into online meme culture, and his motivation is still unclear. He's in custody and will eventually explain himself.

Claiming the political left promotes violence while pardoning the J6 rioters actually convicted of violence is the height of hypocrisy.

Calls to fight, for war, for retribution, for crackdowns are loudest on the right, not the left. Just re-read the article.

MAGA always needs an enemy or the cease to exists.

Lets not forget, the man with A hit list of 47 Democrats who targeted and Assassinated Democratic state Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark in their home in Minnesota in June was a Dictator trump supporter. The man who targeted the home of Democrat Governor Josh Shapiro was a Dictator trump supporter. The men who wanted to hang Mike Pence on January 6 2021 were Dictator trump supporters. The Man who targeted and killed the son of District Judge Esther Salas was a Dictator trump supporter. The man who tried to kidnap Nancy Pelosi and assaulted her husband Paul in 2022 was a Dictator trump supporter. The men who were convicted of trying to kidnap Democrat Governor Grechen Whitmer in 2020 were Dictator trump supporters. The man who sent pipe bombs to the homes of Obama and Biden was a Dictator trump supporter. There is no Equivalent or even similar list of Obama or Biden

supporters who have carried out similar Murders, Attempted murders, or Violent attacks. If Tyler Robinson had used his gun to massacre students at Utah University the MAGA cult Republicans would not care. They would just send thoughts and prayers.

These MAGA are just looking for any reason to start a "war". When Minnesota Dem Legislator Melissa Hortman was gunned down by a crazed MAGA, Dems didn't call for war. These MAGA are just so violent! Just what they call the Dems is what they themselves are.

Sure are a lot of conservative posts that keep disappearing...

if witches could do this, why is trump the president?

If they now blame internet witches, then I am at a lost for words.

These people are just insane. They do not live in reality.

Charlie Kirk raised money for the bail of Paul Pelosi's assassin. This should be repeated more.

Jesse Waters needs to be fired he is inciting violence instead of waiting for facts. He incites violence.

Trump is the fault. With him in office the world is crazy.

Fox should be sued for inciting hate through lies. Enough is enough

Trump (when he was under indictment) "it's a witch hunt!"

Can't scapegoat the Blacks.

Can't scapegoat the Liberals.

Must be the Witches.

Not the Witches?

Must be the Leprechauns.... Mothra?..

MAGA would not exist without Hate.

Hate is a powerful drug!

ONLY FOX NEWS IS CANONIZING KIRK!!!

It's high time that Donald Trump stop his incitements. Demonizing groups of people is evil. Whether it's radical left, right, trans, Moslem, homeless, whatever, it is wrong. Individual's behaviors do not reflect the entire group's That is what Adolph Hitler's strategy was in Germany in the 30's. He went after the gypsies, the Roma, the mentally ill, homosexuals, the homeless, the foreigners, and finally the Jews and other religious and political people not in favor of him and his policies. All this is evil and not following the teachings of Jesus Christ. I guarantee you, if there's a hell and a judgement day Adolph Hitler is there. Don't try and join him.

Trump is following Hitler's playbook. A lot of it is comparable to trump and the creepy guy Stephen Miller's 'PROJECT 25 lunacy.

It's amazing that right-wing wackos like Loony Loomer are still obsessing over Atifa. Has any member of Atifa EVER been accused/arrested/convicted of an attack like that on Kirk? How about banning groups like the Proud Boys, Aryan Brotherhood, etc.? Oh, right? Showing pictures of these groups individuals with guns and actually making "threats" is okay if you do it in the name of Trump and his perverted version of American patriotism.

One of the most glaring and undeniable contradictions between Charlie Kirk's professed Christianity and his public life was his commercialization of faith for political gain—a practice explicitly condemned in scripture.

Kirk frequently claimed that his Christian faith was his most important legacy, saying, "I want to be remembered for courage for my faith". Yet he built Turning Point USA into a political brand that monetized Christian imagery, slogans, and scripture through merchandise, rallies, and media campaigns. His organization sold shirts quoting Bible verses like "Here I am Lord, send me" and "Well done, good and faithful servant"—not as ministry, but as \$35 revenue streams.

This directly contradicts Christ's teachings. In John 2:16, Jesus rebukes merchants in the temple: "Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" And in Matthew 6:24, he warns: "You cannot serve both God and money." Kirk's fusion of faith, commerce, and partisan politics turned Christianity into a brand—where salvation was repackaged as loyalty, and scripture became a slogan.

While Kirk preached biblical values, he also rejected religious pluralism, dismissed Hinduism as morally inferior, and advocated for Christian influence over lawmaking—undermining the very humility and inclusivity Christ modeled.

In short: Kirk claimed to follow Jesus, but built a platform that often mirrored the money-changers Christ drove out of the temple. That contradiction isn't just theological—it's structural. **PROVE ME WRONG**

Loomer is a typical fascist. For her, only fascists have rights, and laws only apply to others. The sanctification of Charlie Kirk is horrid to watch. He didn't deserve to be shot, but he was a right wing merchant of hate. That's the thing about the First Amendment. It still applied to him, as it does to us all. It applies to those we agree with and those we don't. W. could tell Loomer to go read the Constitution, but she would never understand or agree with it

"MAGA influencer Laura Loomer called on House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) to "ban" certain "threats in our country" in a social media post on Sunday.

Loomer said Johnson should work with Republican lawmakers to designate Antifa and the Muslim Brotherhood as terrorist organizations and ban the trans pride flag. She also called on President Donald Trump to sign an executive order designating the Muslim Brotherhood and Antifa as terrorist organizations."

Don't forget to add MAGA, Proud boys as terrorist organizations as they both pose one of the greatest threats to America. Donnie should have a gag order for all the hate he spews.

The Rock's daughter, Ava, has doubled down on her remarks about the late Charlie Kirk. The NXT GM previously posted on her Instagram story: "If you want people to have kind words when you pass, you should say kind words when you're alive."

Following backlash, Ava responded with another message: "and I'll stand behind this. be kind, now more than ever."

Fact Check: No Evidence of "Trans Relationship" in Charlie Kirk Shooter Case 

Right-wing media outlets like the New York Post and Fox News jumped quickly to push a narrative that Tyler Robinson — the suspect in Charlie Kirk's killing — was living with a "trans partner." That claim has since fallen apart under scrutiny.

 Here's what we know:

- Robinson lived in a 3-bedroom apartment with multiple roommates.
  - One roommate (identified as "Lance") gave interviews and claimed to have "Discord messages" from Robinson. Discord itself confirmed those messages were fake.
  - There is no confirmation that Lance is trans — early reporting leaned on gamer tags and appearance, not self-identification.
  - No evidence exists of a romantic relationship between Robinson and any roommate. Social media profiles show no connection between Robinson and the people he lived with.
- This is a clear example of how fast misinformation spreads when political agendas are involved. For years, the right railed against "fake news" — yet here we see major outlets running with speculation to stoke a culture war.

 Bottom line: There's no verified evidence Robinson had a trans partner or relationship. Treat those claims as yet even more unproven political spin.

Watching a government representative lie to the American people on a daily basis while wearing a religious cross doesn't just break people's brains. It breaks people's hearts, especially those who were raised Christian and Catholic. And then it feels even more disturbing when other Christians and Catholics remain silent and don't condone or demand for the people they voted for to change, be better, be more moral. It's utterly disgusting and revolting to hear the constant stream of excuses for this type of behavior. "Oh, everyone lies!" Yes... but not to this insane and inexcusable degree.

9-15-25

No politician in modern US history has sought to divide the American electorate for personal gain more than Donald Trump.

He doesn't believe in conservatism, God or anything that aligns with his supporters.

There was an opening in the Republican party in 2016 & he sought & won it, if there'd been an opening in the Democratic Party that year he'd have sought that nomination.

He only cares about himself, he could care less about Americans & if dividing the people will get him the power & wealth he desires, they're just collateral damage.

How could any American want a president like that?

Trump didn't just allow the chaos - he ignited it. He excuses far-right violence, demonizes the left, and plays the victim while pouring gasoline on the fire he started.

This isn't leadership. It's destruction by design.

People have died. Democracy has been shaken. Communities have been torn apart.

And still, he stokes division - not to lead, but to control.

"Beware of any Christian movement that acts as though the world is full of enemies to be destroyed rather than full of neighbors to be loved.

Beware of any Christian movement that demands the government be an instrument of God's wrath but never a source of God's mercy, generosity, or compassion." -Rev. Benjamin R. Cremer

250,000 American soldiers died in Europe during WW2 fighting against dictators and fascists and this is what the USA has become. FDJT.

8 months, it only took him 8 months to destroy 249 years. Geez

Trump will go down in history for killing America.

In an old woman and a United States citizen, I wanna see this administration in jail before I leave this earth.

Of course he said that..... It's all about his master plan

wake up America

As history has proven time and time again..

It will repeat itself

Citizens on both sides of the political aisle should be banning together to save our democracy.

Which is not perfect... but it is better than where we are headed right now.

Pay attention, stay informed and most importantly, stay active with peaceful protest.

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And now he is using the military as puppets. They don't even have orders, they are just walking the streets. We look like a 3rd world country now. Maybe that is in his Project 2025 playbook. He's trying to look tough because poot'n keeps humiliating him in front of the entire world This dude is just itching to enact Marshall law and have no elections.

Gaslighting.

Wake up folks, it's a hostile takeover because he wants to be dictator/king.

He going to find that's not going to happen without violence.

See movie: Civil War.

Not sure how many of you were watching when trump was taking about Ukraine not have another election now due to national emergency. He said maybe he would look into that for the US. That is the plan. As he sees that it is a lot harder to accomplish the promises he made when he was running for election, and as he sees most of his ideas hurting our country, maybe declaring military take over and just avoid the 2026 midterms.

All these are manufactured emergencies, when School Shootings have become almost a weekly occurrence.

There is still homelessness, and drug addiction as well as our beloved Veterans without resources for mental health, addiction or employment opportunities.

It hasnt, and even if it did as soon as the guard leaves it will go back up. Unless you want to pay 5million a week for leaves to be raked for the year.

MAGA: 200 million for theatrics is money well spent. Let's build a ballroom next.

You complain about Charlie Kirks own words? You sure you want to go that way?

It's a bot.

Bolsonaro got 27 years in prison for a coup. Rewarding Trump with the presidency instead of accountability was a disgrace.

Debating with MAGA is like having discussion with a five-year-old delusional child

As a former teacher I can tell you that for some of my students the free lunch was their only meal of the day!

Saying that child starvation doesn't exist in this country is absolutely insane!!!!!!

Before the holocaust, the Nazis just had "opinions".

I'm from the UK and can tell you 75% of people here loath him and laugh at him. The 25% who like him are Nigel Farage supporters (another world class Bullshiter)

He said such mean and awful things about other Americans.....he did not deserve death.....but, to celebrate him makes all those people celebrating appear to be backing those cruel and awful things he said and that is just scary and sickening.

I thought all Christians would have these same thoughts as this Pastor. And yet, on a couple Christian groups I subscribe to, including Jeremy Camp's, they and their followers have paid tribute to Charlie Kirk. Comments include their reverence for a truly great man of God, how much they will miss his messages, that his death is a great loss for us all, etc. There was nothing Christlike in his rhetoric.

Lord have mercy. All I can say. It's numbing what negligence cost us, in addition to the violence resistance towards fixing the mess. The terrorists are citizens that walk among us, declaring zero accountability. And blame everything they do on others.

A tragedy of the Trump years is the failure of Republicans to look beyond short-term tactical political calculations to the implications of their decisions for the long term," added the board, which despite its conservative leanings has become an unrelenting critic of some of Trump's policies in recent months.

“A progressive President will be able to point to Mr. Trump and Senate precedent if he tries to put a White House official on the Fed as Mr. Trump is now doing,” it concluded. “The failure to resist Mr. Trump’s executive-power excesses today will hurt the GOP and the country in the future.”

The failure to deliver on “90 trade agreements in 90 days” is stalling the economy by delaying business / foreign investment in American jobs.

The GOP is hoping and praying that Democrats will forgo all of Trump's tactics when a Democrat is in the White House again. But those days of unilateral disarmament are over. They ended with Trump's second term. Biden will be considered the last conciliatory President by historians.

The repuglikans have NEVER been able to hold on to power for any length of time, and these are some of the reasons why. They always go to the extremes, which may be popular in the short term, but are rejected by voters eventually. They can only tear down what the Democrats have accomplished and NEVER come up with good solutions to any problem. They are always trying to take us back to the 50s. The 1850s, when blacks and women "knew their place"

The problem is this... Republicans don't care. If a Democrat POTUS tries the same things as Trump is doing, Republicans will yell, scream, and cry for blood. They don't care about the hypocrisy they'll display. That's how the GOP plays. It's okay when they do it, but not okay to them if Democrats do it.

Our country is on a fast train to becoming a 2nd rate power, with China taking the lead. The current Government's war on Education, Technology, Science, and Advancement will hurt us for decades. China is doubling down and filling the vacuum we leave.

Charlie Kirk was a purveyor of hate.

Stop talking about his political point of view. He was a racist bigot who wanted to exterminate transgender people. Are racism and bigotry political? Is it open season on transgender people? Can we agree those things are bad?

What did Omar say that was wrong? It is true that almost immediately after the murder Trump and other high-profile Republicans (and most of MAGA) were blaming the left with zero proof. Just because she wasn't a follower of Kirk, doesn't mean she hadn't heard his words of racism and misogyny. If anyone need to tone down the rhetoric it's Trump, Johnson and most of MAGA.

Kirk said of her "She should be deported, She hates the country. She is a terrorist sympathizer."

I understand that she is grieving. But allowing a pop star to live rent free in your head while suffering the loss of your beloved does not seem very Christian nor does this comparison seem necessary. I don't know Ms. Swift nor do I much care for her music, but this seems like an unnecessary jab at a stranger, which she is for all intents and purposes. Time to unite and continue to work toward preserving common sense values. We can do all of that without attacking other noted Americans. We don't all have to agree but we should all respect each other. The criminal's actions who took Charlie's life doesn't need to set the tone. We are better on the right than that

**BREAKING:** A prominent Black influencer goes viral with a powerful post about Charlie Kirk, condemning the assassination as "absolutely horrific" while being bluntly honest about how history will remember the right-wing demagogue.

It's crucial that we push back on attempts to whitewash this man's hateful legacy...

"America lost Charlie Kirk a couple hours ago, violently, tragically, and in a moment that was recorded, and is circulating social. I will not post it because it's absolutely horrific," wrote The Hungry Black Man wrote to his 300,000 followers on Facebook.

Kirk, a hardcore pro-gun advocate and professional racebaiter, was tragically shot and killed yesterday at Utah Valley University. The killer remains at large.

"Charlie was not a figure of grace or empathy," continued The Hungry Black Man. "History will not remember him as a voice of unity or a champion of justice. He will be remembered for the words he chose, words that often wounded and divided. As he lay bleeding out onstage, those words, once weapons, became dust."

"When he was shot, he was speaking about one of America's deepest wounds: mass shootings," he went on. "When asked about school shootings, his response was not measured compassion but deflection. 'Counting or not counting gang violence?' he said, as if the grief of families who send their children to school only to bury them could be minimized by a technicality. And then, almost instantly, a shot rang out. He fell, his voice instantly silenced."

"This is not eulogy-flattery," he continued. "This is memory. We remember the things he said about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: 'MLK was awful. He's not a good person.' We remember his calculation on gun violence: 'I think it's worth ... some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights. That is a prudent deal. It is rational.' These are not the words of healing, not the words of unity. And yet they, too, are part of the ledger he leaves behind."

"So what do we do with a legacy like this? First, we tell the truth. We acknowledge what he said, how he said it, and the hurt it caused," he went on. "Second, we resist the temptation to let violence beget violence. For if this act tells us anything, it is that political violence has become a siren call to the unhinged, a spark they would gladly use to ignite the tinderbox of racial and class resentment. Today it was a conservative voice silenced. Tomorrow, it could just as easily be a progressive one. We must not let this become the currency of politics."

"We should also understand the warning buried in this moment," he wrote. "What we say matters. How we live matters. The words we choose, the causes we defend, the way we treat one another, these become the bricks of our legacy. Kirk's words were often sharp, sometimes cruel, but they are now etched into his memory as surely as his death. Let the rest of us take note: legacies should be rooted in love, in justice, in equality, not in division or deflection."

"Rest, if you can, Mr. Kirk. May your final act teach us something lasting: that even in grief, we are called to choose better," the post concluded.

Kirk's assassination is a dark moment for America and it's a direct result of allowing a country awash in guns to descend into hyper-polarized politicization. His death is a tragedy, but so is every death caused by gun violence. If we want to create a safer, more peaceful nation we must turn away from the hateful rhetoric that Kirk spread and embrace a vision of America where equality and understanding are celebrated.

**He should investigate himself. His own rhetoric is responsible for harming lives.**

**He is the most incompetent person let alone president. He needs to be removed by any means necessary. The reason for the radicalization is the flood of lies he tells. MAGAs cherry pick which lie fits their narrative and this creates factions within the movement. This is what causes radicalization.**

The PROBLEM is that his rhetoric and the FOX spin is the only stream of information a lot of the country is receiving.

In Germany back in 1933 it was called "Gleichschaltung", so all Media and Political Organs were under the control of the fascist. And as reason for this was the Reichstagsbrand (Reichstagsfire), for which a leftist was accused without comprehensive evidence. So pretty similar.

Project 2025 does not tolerate free speech.

I truly see a revolutionary or Civil War in America

His wife is already gifting off of Kirk's death.

We're so cooked unless we get this psycho out in the midterms

I've got a vinyl copy of Neil Young's Trans album. The right is now wanting that album banned. And the radical right will still support and enable this World Class Con-Artist, Convicted Felon, AND lifelong Sexual Predator? Wake up. The treasonous MAGA Cult protect the Guy with 440 instances of pleading the Fifth, 34 felony convictions, 91 criminal charges, 26 sexual assault allegations, 6 bankruptcies, 5 draft deferments, 4 indictments, 2 impeachments, 2 convicted companies, the closure of a fake university, and the shutdown of a fake charity. Financial penalties include a \$25 million fraud settlement, a \$5 million sexual abuse verdict, a \$2 million judgment for charity abuse, \$93 million in sexual abuse judgments, and a \$400+ million fraud judgment linked to Paul Leintz. Personal scandals involve cheating on all his wives and paying for a hooker's silence.

Let's get this straight - RICO charges for protesters exercising the constitutionally protected rights to free speech while he shakes down (for cash) any entity that offends his sensibilities (limited though they are)? That's true organized crime.

Trump is such a wimp. Whines whenever someone challenges what he wants. And NOW Trump wants a way to take away the protesters' First Amendment freedoms. Wake up, America. Trump will come after each and every one of us if he believes it will get him what he wants (a throne!).

Now he wants to jail American citizens for doing what is constitutionally approved protesting. This is getting more like a dictatorship every day

'Fox News has attracted people who are determined that ideology is more important than facts.' - Ted Koppel.

9-16-25

BREAKING: The Washington Post has FIRED its last full-time Black opinion columnist for criticizing Charlie Kirk...by posting HIS OWN STATEMENTS. After Kirk's assassination, Karen Attiah, an eleven-year veteran of the Post, wrote a thread on Bluesky condemning political violence and criticizing how America shrugs off gun deaths and gives compassion for white men who commit political violence.

"I did my journalistic duty, reminding people that despite President Trump's partisan rushes to judgement, no suspect or motive had been identified in the killing of Charlie Kirk — exercising restraint even as I condemned hatred and violence" writes Attiah in a Substack piece about her firing.

"My only direct reference to Kirk was one post— his own words on record." Attiah paraphrased one of Kirk's most revolting statements, where he claimed that "Black women do not have the brain processing power to be taken seriously. You have to go steal a white person's slot."

Just for paraphrasing Kirk IN HIS OWN WORDS, the Jeff Bezos-owned Washington Post told her that was "unacceptable" and "gross misconduct" and accused her of "endangering the physical safety of colleagues," which is beyond ridiculous.

“Washington D.C. no longer has a paper that reflects the people it serves. What happened to me is part of a broader purge of Black voices from academia, business, government, and media — a historical pattern as dangerous as it is shameful — and tragic,” mournfully writes Attiah. This comes on the heels of a nationwide effort of Republicans, who claim to love “free speech,” to catalog and get fired anyone and everyone who criticized Charlie Kirk or spoke disrespectfully of him. Their hypocrisy is unbelievable. The GOP is the party of cancel culture, and their billionaire masters are doing everything they can to crush free speech and force everyone to venerate a monster.

**We are not a serious country**

I have always known that the re-election of Trump to a second non-consecutive term as president in November 2024 would only guarantee the excruciatingly painful evisceration of the fragile governmental institutions of the United States.

Sadly, my profoundly grim prediction of this extraordinarily unfortunate political situation is now reality. I DO NOT hold out any hope for the successful long-term reconstruction of these institutions, as this endeavor will take many decades - or even one century - to accomplish. Consequently, I am now prepared to conclude that my irreparably shattered faith in these institutions will never be rectified during my lifetime. Notwithstanding the fact that I was born in the States, I simply CANNOT in good conscience continue to re-affirm my allegiance to Uncle Sam any longer.

The first amendment protects her speech from the government

BREAKING: The FBI, run by two podcasters, is actively investigating the murder of a third podcaster, while the vice president cosplays a fourth podcaster to host the show run by the third podcaster.

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Patel is out of his depth here, as are Hegseth, Bondi, and RFK Jr. This is the consequence when you elect a president who is perfectly content to staff his Cabinet and administration with incompetent and unprepared sycophants whose only qualifications are their unflinching loyalty and their willingness to tell their leader only what they want to hear.

And look at the turnover rate of Trump's first term, these people know if they don't toe the line they'll be sacked. We can probably expect to go through a few more FBI Directors, Attorney Generals, and Secretaries of Defense before 2028. That's not normal, folks.

**Trump is a bully and a fool.**

“What’s illegal are the drugs that were on the boat, and the drugs that are being sent into our country, and the fact that 300 million people died last year from drugs, that’s what’s illegal,” Trump said.

Adam Schiff is a first-class prosecutor and Kash Patel is a first-class weasel.

**Kash is so arrogant. Not to mention unqualified.**

Patel resorted to a tantrum and name calling because Schiff put a little pressure on him. He proved himself to be pathetic, unprofessional, and not worthy of his position.

Crash Patel is crashing and burning. Poor thing is struggling to control his temper. Fits right in with the Donnie Diaper Regime.

Right-wing extremist groups have been linked to the majority of extremist-related murders in the United States in recent years, with the ADL reporting that right-wing extremists were responsible for all identified extremist-related killings in 2022 and 2024. White supremacist and far-right anti-government ideologies are major motivators, with perpetrators sometimes inspiring their attacks from other far-right attackers.

Surely Trump doesn't celebrate violence. He only pardons it!

Prepare to be deported for exercising your first amendment right to free speech by showing lack of concern over the death of a guy exercising HIS first amendment right to free speech by invoking hatred racism, misogyny, and violence. Yea that sounds fair

So much for freedom of speech. No matter how disgusting, America has always, and always should be, a place where you have the constitutional right to say what you want, even if you make an ass of yourself. Violence must not be tolerated but speech is a constitutional right. Charlie Kirk made a career saying things that many of us have found vile and disturbing, but that was his right. Hang the shooter, and teach love and tolerance to the rest.

This is clearly an overreach into autocracy and the subversion of free speech. What happened to Rubio?. He was a staunch defender of our republic's constitution and since he cozied up to trump, he has ditched decency and taken on the mantle of decadence. This is one of the most surprising falls from grace - next to giuliani - that i have seen in this country's political theater.... If they will do that to foreigners, i shudder to think what they will do to american citizens!!....

I was not a fan of Charlie Kirk but I also believe murdering him was wrong. Punishing ANYONE for disagreeing with whatever it is you follow is UN-AMERICAN and I would guess, un-constitutional. Will the next administration have the authority to deport people who flew Trump flags?

Thought policing and opinion punishing is the dumbest thing I've ever heard of.

BTW, white, older female, Christian, 50 year Republican who votes her conscience.

I don't think people are "celebrating" I think they're trying to put it in perspective. Kirk was certainly not a saint, but he did not deserve to be killed BUT he does not deserve to be lionized for being a mouth piece for hatred and right wing rhetoric. Just look at the comments he has made about women, gays, immigrants, white supremacy, guns....no wonder the right wants to beatify (look it up) him.

I read these comments everyday about people complaining about the hard movement right in this country. Hate speech has become the norm and celebrated by conservatives. I'm 60 and never in my life have I seen the government openly target it's citizens like this administration. You have a president that says vile things about democrats for which I am. I'm just an American citizen working hard to take care of my family and support my country. I'm tough on immigration and crime but somehow I have become the face of evil.

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) gave his party a scolding, demanding Republicans "look in the mirror" while grilling FBI Director Kash Patel at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Tuesday.

"Within 24 hours of Mr. Kirk's shooting we had the guy that does the podcast for the War Room and another guy who's denied the Sandy Hook shootings say 'we're at war,'" Tillis said. "How on earth are we deescalating the situation? And with the tensions as high as they were last week, with going out and saying 'we're at war' — I'm not asking you to respond to this question I'm just saying that there are people out here on our side of the aisle that still need to look in the mirror."

Charles James Kirk, 31, died on Wednesday from a gunshot to the neck at a Utah Valley University campus event just as he was trying to deflect a question about mass shootings by suggesting they were largely a function of gang violence. He died with a net worth of \$12 million, which he made by espousing horrific and bigoted views in the name of advancing Christian nationalism. The foundation of his empire was the group he cofounded and led, Turning Point USA, which is a key youth-recruitment arm of the MAGA movement.

Kirk was able to launch Turning Point at the age of 18 because he received money from Tea Party member Bill Montgomery, right-wing donor Foster Feiss, and his own father, also a

prolific right-wing donor. He was an unrepentant racist, transphobe, homophobe, and misogynist who often wrapped his bigotry in Bible verses because there was no other way to pretend that it was morally correct.

He had children, as do many vile people.

9-17-25

When Donald Trump talks about freedom of speech, he primarily means his own. He rigorously attacks the press, the media, art, and science that he dislikes. He even wants to dictate the language used in public debate.

The appeals court ruled Trump CANNOT fire Fed Reserve Gov Lisa Cook. Good...because the charges against her have proven to be FALSE anyway.

Trump says he'll appeal to the SCOTUS. How? On the grounds she's a competent black woman who makes him feel inadequate?

Bondi is thoroughly corrupt, which is why Trump picked her. Remember how as Florida AG she dropped an investigation of Trump after he gave her a \$25K bribe (campaign contribution)? She has only gotten worse since then. Bondi is very close to the top of the list of Trump officials who need to be in prison in 2029.

**Ridiculous. What has the nation come to?**

Herein lies the problem, we are not condemning violence on its face, we are gauging our reaction based on political leanings. The moral decay of this Country is on full display and we should be ashamed.

When hatred is preached in some churches this is what you get.

Yup, and the rhetoric being tossed around by this administration isn't going to lower the temperature of any violence. There are groups of people who conservatives say either shouldn't exist or shouldn't have rights. So you have people who feel their existence is threatened, making them feel like they have no other choice. Until we live and let live, it'll never end.

We have become a 3rd world country.

Science: What gave us the end of the pandemic, the end of polio, landing on the moon, the automobile and the computer or phone you are using now.

Religion: 500 years of burning people at the stake and putting leaches on them when they were sick.

The tax code prohibits non-profits like Turning point (a 501c3) from supporting political candidates or parties. Turning point was clearly doing that. It was breaking the law. The IRS, DOJ, and FBI and CIA and all those other agencies were actually doing their jobs under Biden as laid out and required by law.

The corruption of the law exists today.

Lost in all Trump's rhetoric is the fact that, unlike Biden or any of the prosecutors that have targeted them, Trump and his cronies are clearly and obviously committing crimes. That was actually his argument before the Supreme Court as to why he deserved executive immunity. That it was impossible for him to do the job WITHOUT committing crimes.

Put simply, republicans launch investigation, make outrageous statements, claim they have proof and then quietly end the investigation. Trump was impeached twice. The GOP tried to impeach Biden. Even changed the rules to allow it. They controlled the house but couldn't even convince their members to vote for impeachment.

Projection, evasion, and outright lies, the three-legged stool on which the Republicans continue to try to preserve and consolidate their power. Effective governance and the good of the American people aren't at the bottom of their list, they aren't even ON the list.

Just imagine how guilty Trump must be. Kash Patel was one of the MAIN pushers for the release of the Epstein files before Trump got into office. It was one of his main things. now all of a sudden, he does not care? lol

Trump must be as prominent in the Epstein Files as Epstein is.

Glad to see fox news going full mask off fascist.

Continuing their trend of pushing "THEY are attacking US" rhetoric which usually precedes the 'US' group violently attacking the 'THEY' group as "self defense"

A responsible and respectable news agency wouldn't push such rhetoric, but fox is neither of those things

Just shut up Jessie. He had lots of views many people disagreed with. I'm sorry for the loss of your friend, but Charlie himself said that was the price of 2A.

You're wrong as usual. I'm sorry he was killed. No one should be murdered. I don't "celebrate" his death. (I hear your crowd counts even people who just quote his own words as "celebrating his death".) I'm not glad he's dead. But even if someone does feel that way because his words were so hurtful and threatening to them as a member of a group he hated, that doesn't mean they're going to act on their feelings. Feelings are not a threat and everyone has a right to them. Jesse Walters said about the attack on Nancy Pelosi's husband "a lot of people get hit with hammers" Screw him and his fake sympathy.

Cruz is correct. Hate speech is protected free speech. It is also atrocious and toxic and people that engage in it should be held accountable and ostracized.

It is interesting how Trump has championed the Turning Point movement (where foul and hateful rhetoric was spoken by Charlie Kirk) and has sought to punish anyone who dares to speak ill of Mr. Kirk, signaling to his base and the nation at large that it is alright for the far-right to spread lies, hate, and conspiracy theories, but not for the left or those who oppose Trump and his supporters views.

Yeah, he sounds very Christian, just not like the Christianity I grew up with. Who would have thought a whole religion could be corrupted by self-serving politics and greed?

I guess if it could happen to Islam it can happen to Christianity.

tRump and the rest of the GQP Right are trying to turn him into Saint Charlie. These actual quotes don't fit the narrative. He may have called himself a Christian, but certainly had many Un-Christian beliefs, as evidenced by quotes from his writing, speaking engagements, and podcasts.

Politicians and media who push sinister ideas often rely on a strategic rhetorical structure that makes those ideas sound not only acceptable—but necessary. Here's a breakdown of how that works:

#### 1. Frame the Threat

- Purpose: Create urgency and fear.
- Tactic: Define a crisis—real or exaggerated—that demands immediate action.
- Example: “The country is being invaded at the border.”
- Effect: Fear overrides critical thinking. People become more receptive to extreme solutions.

#### 2. Define the Villain

- Purpose: Channel public anger.
- Tactic: Assign blame to a person, group, or ideology.

- Example: “The corrupt elites are destroying America.”
  - Effect: Simplifies complex problems into good vs. evil narratives.
3. Position the Sinister Idea as the Only Solution
- Purpose: Justify extreme measures.
  - Tactic: Present the idea as a last resort or moral imperative.
  - Example: “We must shut down entire agencies to save the Republic.”
  - Effect: Makes radical actions seem like reluctant necessities.
4. Wrap It in Familiar Values
- Purpose: Make it feel patriotic or moral.
  - Tactic: Use language tied to freedom, faith, family, or justice.
  - Example: “This isn’t tyranny—it’s defending liberty.”
  - Effect: Rebrands authoritarianism as virtue.
5. Repeat, Amplify, Normalize
- Purpose: Desensitize the public.
  - Tactic: Use media, influencers, and repetition to make the idea feel mainstream.
  - Example: “Millions of Americans agree...”
  - Effect: Social proof makes fringe ideas seem popular and acceptable.
6. Discredit Opposition
- Purpose: Prevent scrutiny.
  - Tactic: Label critics as traitors, liars, or part of the problem.
  - Example: “Anyone who disagrees is part of the deep state.”
  - Effect: Silences dissent and isolates skeptics.
7. Create a Feedback Loop
- Purpose: Sustain belief.
  - Tactic: Use selective facts, emotional appeals, and echo chambers.
  - Example: “Look at this one stat—proof we’re right.”
  - Effect: Reinforces belief while blocking contradictory evidence.

I hope people are going to stand up to this concerted effort to make this Christian Nationalist some sort of hero to be worshipped. Kirk was a proponent of Christian Nationalism and the 7 Pillars of Influence.

Shooting someone for their beliefs changes nothing. It just brings the shooter death or imprisonment.

**Kirk promoted hate, intolerance and general ugliness and people are surprised that someone went after him for his vitriol, bigotry, racist bs. Throw bad energy out there, it comes right back at one.**

I honestly can't believe they are pulling Jimmy Kimmel over what he said. It wasn't hate speech. He was questioning about how people were jumping to conclusions about what side of the aisle Robinson was on before information came out. That was it. The kid is being tried in the rightwing media and not a courtroom. Previously, he sent out condolences to the family. First Colbert, Now Kimmel. Thou must not disagree or make comment about anything anti-Trump and what MAGA don't see as proper. In other words, we have entered our own form of Sharia Law or Law run by Fundamentalists. Freedom of speech and thoughts are now gone. We're living in 1984, the book. I am shocked and appalled at ABC, and the FCC. Instead of bringing a country together, they just keep dividing it even more.

**Trump’s FCC chair went on Benny Johnson’s MAGA show and threatened to revoke ABC & Disney’s licenses if they didn’t act.**

This isn't accountability. It's fascism.

I saw the monologue. Kimmel didn't speak against Kirk. He didn't celebrate Kirk's death. Kimmel spoke the truth: There are indeed MAGA and Far Right media that are trying to milk Kirk's death for their partisan political self-interests. Seeing the VICE PRESIDENT OF THE USA, VANCE, HOSTING KIRK'S SHOW, and PRESIDENT TRUMP USING THE DEATH AS AN EXCUSE TO BLAME ALL POLITICAL VIOLENCE ON "the radical left" makes that obvious to everyone.

I watched @jimmykimmel last night — he did not mock Charlie Kirk.

This is Trump's fragile ego at work. He predicted Jimmy would be canceled, and now here we are.

This isn't about Charlie. This is about a wannabe dictator silencing critics.

An assault on Freedom of Speech — plain and simple.

This is straight up fascism.

I think Kimmel spoke the truth.... He did not lie or make up anything. It's too bad that this administration is blackmailing freedom. Shame on them for caving. This is not how America should be.

I didn't watch Kimmel, so I'm not going to miss anything from that standpoint. But it's scary that he can be cancelled because this administration doesn't like him, yet a Fox host can suggest we lethal inject and kill homeless people and he gets away with an apology 4 days later. Not a single call from anyone at the FCC to cancel him for openly suggesting violence against American citizens. Whichever side of the aisle you are on, you have to be on a different planet if you don't think our country is in a really bad place right now.

There's becoming almost no point for New England and the Pacific to stay in America. Europe has many countries and soon so will America.

Colbert and Kimmel have shown up what humor and courage are about. Yet, instead of being praised, they are fired. There is something decidedly wrong about America, my friend. It is not the America that I want to live in and I will fight for the values that are fast disappearing, because wonderful young Americans, all of them, deserve a viable future, and deserve programs like those created by Colbert and Kimmel. Truth will win. Justice will win.

You can say what you want, but in the private sector, you will be faced with consequences.

However, when the FCC, a government entity, is bearing down on your parent company because of what you said, that's getting dangerously close to government censorship. Maybe even over the line.

Being able to express yourself without the fear of retaliation is a fundamental right in a democratic society. Expressing yourself works similar to a Safety Valve. When the valve is shut or removed, the pressure will build. That makes our nation instable.

I think Kimmel is 100% correct about this. OK, maybe it's "too soon" and people's feelings are hurting; that's understandable. But on the other hand, humans have a unique ability, called laughter, to relieve a ton of stress. While Kimmel's remark wasn't comedy as such, it did exude some elements of humor. And that's healthy. Is it better for everyone to just be extremely tensed up, angry and other negative emotions? There's been too much of that lately, in fact.

And Kimmel told the truth, in my view. I applaud him for it. Americans need to grow up more. Of course, that may be difficult at a time when we are under the failed leadership of the liar-in-chief.

Trump's FCC commissioner threatened to revoke ABC's broadcasting licenses if they didn't punish Kimmel. If you support this, you've completely lost sight of what America is about. Drape yourself in the flag all you want, but you're no patriot.

**Sadly, we are on a slippery slope losing our democracy.**

Meanwhile Brian Kilmeade can suggest "involuntary euthanasia, k!ll em" when referring to homeless people with mental problems, but what Kimmel said was over the line? Ridiculous.

[Will suspending Jimmy Kimmel lower my grocery prices??](#)

[RIP America 1776-2025](#)

Wow, crazy times! America, what has become of you? Media, Climate experts, scientists; all fired. Pure insanity. Stay strong, people!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "DOJ Quietly Deletes Study After Charlie Kirk's Death That Says Right-Wing Extremists Engage in 'Far More' Political Violence."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" pulled off air 'indefinitely' by ABC over Charlie Kirk shooting comments."

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Let's get this straight, once and for all:

Homophobia is not an opinion.

Transphobia is not an opinion.

Xenophobia is not an opinion.

Misogyny is not an opinion.

Racism is not an opinion.

It's hatred. - Are we all clear on this?

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Says Antifa Is a 'Major Terrorist Organization'." Antifa is just a word. It's not an organization. It doesn't have members, or a building, or membership dues, anything. Antifa is simply just a word...

The danger in setting this kind of precedent is that political power always changes hands. Today it might be Antifa but tomorrow it could be Christians, conservatives, or even just people questioning the official line. Once the door is opened, it rarely gets closed.

Exactly... In 4 years, when the political wind swings the other way, will MAGA be ruled a terrorist organization, or will the next President not be this big of an idiot?

[Which terrorist organization was it that stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan 6?](#)

It's about time! Remember when Antifa stormed the U.S. Capitol, beat up 140 police officers, and caused millions of dollars of damage?

Oh, wait... that was MAGA.

We can hope. Include moms for liberty too. They're a hate group. And we know there is no hate like Christian love. This is bizzaro America now

The forest was shrinking but the trees kept voting for the axe, for the axe was clever and convinced the trees that because his handle was made of wood, he was one of them.

At some point Trump's Court has to get back their mission and tell the Trump administration every thing is not an emergency and that they don't work for the Trump administration. Lower courts have already ruled on these issues, that should be sufficient.

Scotus has not had any validity in decades. Just a group of hacks dismantling the Constitution one "ruling" at a time

The US is now 1930s/40s Germany. Policing people's free speech, policing people with the

army, policing people because of the color of their skin or language they speak, silencing critics of the government. The president is consolidating power of all branches into his branch. We are all doomed. It will only get worse.

Exactly right. MAGA has found its Horst Wessel. The murder of Charlie Kirk is Trump's Reichstag Fire. See how quickly our First Amendment rights are removed from us.

How does the FCC think it's in the public interest for Trump to use a right wing podcaster's death to take freedom of speech away from the millions of Americans who didn't vote him. That's what Kimmel said and it's what Trump is doing.

A hatchet job performed for trump. I listen to the monologue and certainly wasn't that bad. He didn't make fun of Kirk getting killed, basically pointed out there was no left wing indoctrination and in a nut shell called out the radical right wing for continually promoting hate and division.

I suppose boycott anything Nexstar

Cancel culture is peer based pressure, this is Governmental pressure. Her not understanding the implications of this very, very different form of cancelation is the reason freedoms are for the first time in America, actually being taken away from the people by their elected officials

Biden never said a word about Roseanne Barr, and he never had the FCC put pressure On any network to fire anybody. Trump has been going after anyone who makes a joke about him for years, threatening networks, threatening their licenses, and now he's playing with their mergers as a president that is unprecedented.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump suggests FCC should consider revoking TV licenses over negative coverage of him."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Tucker Carlson says Trump administration is using Charlie Kirk's killing to trample First Amendment."

It's baffling that some people think others strictly conform to their definition of RED / Blue. Most people do actually have beliefs that cross over the imaginary line.

It's baffling the right still believes the Jan 6 attack was perpetrated by antifa activists dressed up as Trump supporters.

Hitler had Mein Kampf, Mao had the Great Leap Forward, Trump has Project 2025.. The dumbing down of the USA is complete !!

thank you Jesus...

for not making me stupid enough to be a MAGAt...

Trump is totally out to lunch. Hard to believe he has ANY CREDIBILITY

Trump's 7th bankruptcy will be the U.S economy. This was entirely predictable to anybody who was paying attention.

This not a right or left thing. One could draw your same conclusion when after Trump gave a speech to a group of people on Jan 6, they storm the Capitol committing actual violence. It's the same thing I tell my kids if you are going to complain about something make sure you are not guilty of doing the same thing. Because if you are you have no reason to be complaining in the first place.

Kilmeade's call to execute homeless people was followed by a homeless person being hanged. Don't act like the right is a victim here. They participate in at least as much hateful, violent rhetoric as the left.

Do some research outside your algorithms. You will see quite a different story.

8647 just means to "oust" him. That's hardly hate speech. When folks were 86ed from bars for being disorderly (back in the day) that didn't mean they were deprived of their lives, it meant they were thrown out. That's it.

“I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”  
— Voltaire

47 is weaponizing the death of Kirk, with the violation of first amendments rights a forethought.

I AM JIMMY KIMMEL

Where is the freedom of speech, is it only for Republicans

Trump is the Laughing Stock of the entire world - he deserves zero respect from anyone!!!!

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This is why most of the Republican House and Senate members will not stand up to him. They realize their livelihood is in jeopardy if they do. They also need to realize that their livelihood is in jeopardy if the voters decide to fire them too.

Trump didn't like the result from the U.S. attorney so he plans to terminate the poor guy and appoint someone who will fabricate a case. Is this normal? Is there anything Trump won't manipulate? Midterm elections cannot happen soon enough.

Not sure what you are talking about. After the midterms, Trump will be a lame duck and his power will be incredibly diminished.

Absolutely, first they redistrict, then ABC fires Kimmel or lose your FCC License to broadcast. This is part of the plan, the networks will lose their license if they broadcast any negative campaign advertisements about the republicans or Trump leading up to election day. They are effectively silencing their opponents.

Blue wave in 2026 and 2028. It is the only way to save the sinking ship our country has become.

If we learned anything about cancel culture, it's that it doesn't work. It just makes people think the same things but more so and more extreme. By squashing free speech and thought, they're creating the extremists that they cry about.

Truth is this isn't about ratings. This is vengeance for daring to stand up to Trump. Nexstar is trying to get a merger through and needs help from the FCC to make it happen and Trump has made it where he's punishing Jimmy Kimmel by having the FCC possibly hold up the merger unless they did this to Kimmel. That's pain and simple an abuse of power. Trying to make it where Kimmel can keep his job if he apologizes and donates money makes it blackmail. All of this is a nefarious criminal activity. Meanwhile Brian Meade said we should take out homeless people and...crickets.

"The reality is that he's been awful at his job for full-on a decade, his ratings are terrible, he's become not a comedian,"

And that's Shapiro's opinion. He's allowed that opinion. Just as people posting about CK are entitled to their expression of opinion.

Just like it's my freedom to say "I don't support what happened to Charlie Kirk, but Charlie Kirk supports what happened to Charlie Kirk." He promoted violence. Saying children should witness public executions?

Kimmel said nothing wrong. Certainly less than most of the comics.

When the Dems or rational Republicans take the house and senate in a few months, I wonder if Shapiro will still continue to exist?

Better still, imagine a world where Fox loses their FCC licenses.

Brendan Carr—the current chairman of the FCC—did write the chapter on the FCC in Project 2025, and it lays out a blueprint that aligns closely with the actions taken against Jimmy Kimmel. Carr authored the FCC section of Project 2025, the conservative transition plan backed by the Heritage Foundation and Trump allies.

In that chapter, Carr argued for aggressive oversight of media and tech companies, calling for the FCC to regulate platforms like Apple, Meta, and Google, and to dismantle what he called the “censorship cartel”<sup>2</sup>.

He emphasized the need to hold broadcasters accountable for content that allegedly promotes political bias or undermines conservative values.

After Jimmy Kimmel’s controversial monologue, Carr appeared on a conservative podcast and said:

Within hours, Nexstar and Sinclair pulled Jimmy Kimmel Live! from their stations, and ABC suspended the show indefinitely<sup>3</sup>.

So while Project 2025 doesn’t name Kimmel directly, Carr’s chapter laid the groundwork for using FCC influence to reshape the media landscape—and his public comments made clear he was willing to act on it.

How is this not fascism?

Make no mistake, my friend. It absolutely IS Fascism. And 31% of your neighbors VOTED FOR IT.

GOP Discovers Novel Approach to Governance: Blame Everyone Else While Almost Destroying the Government

WASHINGTON — In a masterclass of chaos theater, House Republicans passed a seven-week “funding patch” to avoid a government shutdown, proving their governing strategy is juggling live grenades blindfolded while reciting MAGA slogans. With 217 votes in favor and 212 against, the bill barely scraped through, because even Republicans can’t agree on whether they want a functional government or just a stage for partisan performative outrage.

Speaker Mike Johnson insists there are “no poison pills,” yet competence and foresight remain conspicuously absent. Trump, not to be outdone, waded into the fray via social media to instruct Congress to “UNIFY,” proving his idea of leadership is yelling at elected officials like a kindergarten hall monitor with nuclear codes. Meanwhile, the Senate teeters on the brink of inaction, with Majority Leader John Thune tacitly suggesting they might simply leave town until a day before the shutdown.

In short: Republicans are weaponizing incompetence, Trump is weaponizing Twitter, and the American people are left holding the bag. Meanwhile, the party insists blame is clearly on “the other side,” as if reality itself has somehow turned partisan.

Trump meets all those counts. No checks and balances - Congress has abrogated any attempt to reign in Trump and the Supreme Court rubber stamps his actions. Central economies - Trump is now investing tax dollars into corporations. Racism needs no explanation. And nativism - anti immigration policies and "America First" attitude.

Fabricating crises and raising false panic, while creating real crises and lying about them.

Companies can do whatever they want (and they do), but the government is not allowed to coerce and manipulate free speech. That's censorship.

A moment of silence for the First Amendment.

As George Carlin once said, "You don't have rights. You have PRIVILEGES. And those privileges can be taken away from you anytime someone in power wants to." Donald Trump wants to invalidate the 1st Amendment and take away your "right" to free speech. Why? Because anyone who disagrees with Trump (or criticizes him or makes fun of him) OFFENDS HIM. He believes you should NOT have the right to offend him. Stephen Colbert and Jimmy Kimmel were the warning shots. Trump's \$15 BILLION lawsuit against The New York Times will be the opening battle of the Second American Civil War.

Off the top of my head, I forgot the Northern European country that had a similar situation. Their lawmakers couldn't agree to budget and went on their Christmas break, upon returning they were all unemployed.

If any worker in the real world did that, they too would be unemployed. As leaders in the country they need to be held accountable for their inaction.

I am usually against Government shutdowns but I support this one. Trump and GOP voted to scrap billions in healthcare for the poor while giving tax breaks to the rich ,meanwhile trump is spending money like a drunken sailor on shore leave. He has no regard for the value of "someone's else" tax dollar. I say let trump and the Republican GOP sweat. Let this be one time trump don't get his way and it's great that GOP can't give it to him this time.

Republicans control the House, the Senate and the White House.

Despite this, they can't seem to figure out a way to keep the government open.

And despite being conservatives, the budget they passed increases our national debt by \$3.3T while cutting vast amounts of services to the country and giving the wealthiest people in history a bigger tax break.

If that doesn't make it obvious that these people have no clue how to lead or run a country I don't know what will.

Johnson is good at the easy part, convincing republicans to not defy Trump. The hard part would be to try to convince democrats. That would take negotiating and compromise. Much harder. But the benefit would be a Congress that works for all Americans not just the MAGA.

Universal healthcare is so complicated, expensive and difficult to implement that only 32 of 33 developed nations and one third of developing nations have been able to pull it off. America first, huh?

Democrats need to stop fighting for poverty stricken red states. Under Trump's plan, these states now need to fund their own healthcare, good assistance, schools... this is what they voted for.

Give it to them.

37 million Americans live in poverty. The middle class has shrunk by 18% since 1971.

Corporate profits have hit record highs. I wonder if these things are connected

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Yes, Biden's portrait was inside every federal building because it is a requirement for every federal building to post the president, vice president and AG portraits INSIDE. Pretty sure Mikey Johnson is aware of this. But huge banners OUTSIDE a building is a dictator move.

No surprise. He's been following the 1930s German blueprint from the start. This is just the next step.

What's truly pathetic is how many Americans, like so many Germans back then, think this is a good thing.

DONALD TRUMP aka ANTHONY from "It's a Good Life" from "The Twilight Zone"

Trump is like the Billy Mummy character and everyone in the house is just like DT's cabinet members, spineless and shameless. Only, the characters Billy Mummy and the rest of the cast portray, aren't as evil as their MAGA counterparts.

There's a signpost up ahead..you are now in the Twilight Zone.

Like a young Donald Trump. Wow

It's Trump and his Cabinet! Except that they're craven to him because they want a share of the power that his 77,000,000 hate-loving voters have handed to him....

Anthony grew up to be TRump...but it's good....very good

The conservative movement was hijacked by Fox for Ruperts love of money over a score ago. They now embody the culmination of the decades of fearmongering and liars they were free to consume. It's so bent; they elevated the antithesis of everything Jesus stood in trump ... whose one true love is also money.

trump is an admitted molester, charity tax cheat, adulterer, and traitor that's holding back the evidence of his decades' long relationship with Epstein while providing comfort for his assistant Maxwell. All souls bound to his brand offend the most high and are charged to reread Matthew 13 from 14 till the end and then contemplate the meaning of "know thyself".

Charlie Kirk was shot and killed Wednesday while speaking at a campaign event in Utah.

In Minnesota, Senator John Hoffman and former House Speaker Melissa Hortman were shot in their homes.

Whether you agreed with their politics or not, these weren't figures in a headline. They were people, they were your fellow Americans.

These assassinations were not random acts. They are the latest and most shocking markers on a road we've been traveling for years, a road paved with disinformation, dehumanization, and so-called leaders profiting from fear and division.

This is not just about one ideology or one party. The extremes on both sides are guilty of demonizing opponents, reducing fellow Americans to caricatures, and indulging the fantasy that if their side just pushes hard enough, the other will disappear.

What makes this moment even more dangerous is that far too many of both sides of the political spectrum are trying to have it both ways.

They reach for the most divisive words to fire up their base: fascist, communist, radicals, enemies, traitors, destroying America. They know those words dehumanize. They know they turn neighbors into threats. Politicians use them anyway because it works.

And then, when violence erupts, they condemn it in principle, but far too often hesitate to confront it when it comes from their own side. They retreat into silence when the consequences become too real.

The truth is, leaders aren't judged by what they say when violence happens on their side. They're judged by how they respond when it happens to the other side.

Political violence didn't start with guns.

It's started with words.

Words from politicians who turned opponents into traitors.

Words from radio stations that dehumanized.

Words that taught ordinary people that their survival required hating across the street.

Once that poison took hold, violence wasn't a surprise. It was the next step.

I never thought I'd see this those dynamics in the United States.

Why anyone of any minority would vote for Trump and Republicans in general still baffles me.

As someone commented 'Latinos for Trump' makes about as much sense as 'Slugs for salt'

If Florida and Conservatives want "accountability culture" they are going to find out very quickly about that double edged sword. It cuts both ways. If you want to hold someone accountable for their words on social media, regardless of whether or not they are speaking the truth, then you must understand Charlie Kirk did not speak words of Jesus, but instead spewed seeds of hate across this nation. He enjoyed freedom of speech and as he said, "Hate speech does

not exist legally in America. There's ugly speech. There's gross speech. There's evil speech. And ALL of it is protected by the First Amendment. Keep America Free" (Charlie Kirk, @charliekirk11 on X.com) Those were his exact words. Get used to this language Florida and all of conservative America. You can't silence the truth. It will only get louder. We have freedom of speech. We will use it and we will hold YOU accountable. This isn't cancel culture either. This is reality. There is only one way you will silence our freedom of speech. Let me know when you are ready to light that match!

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Same old republican excuse, everybody does it. Just tell me the date when the previous head of the FCC made such threats.

Obama had legitimate national security concerns and never stopped any journalist from their freedom of speech. Biden put little pressure on the media and only questioned the provable lies told by republicans particularly about the 2020 election which , republicans still claim they won, or the violent insurrection , we all witnessed , but republicans paint as just a love fest for Trump. Comparing what Trump is doing to freedom of speech is just more partisan politics, not journalism. Journalist bear responsibility as well, many no longer want to be reporters , but want to hear themselves talk and crave the limelight and stardom of television and social media. They see themselves being replaced by influencers and failed actors who go on the internet and make millions just making up what they say about important issues and events. Republican martyr and mouth piece Charlie Kirk was just such an influencer, and politician.

Spin it anyway you want to. Current event between the FCC and broadcasters is unprecedented. Apples and oranges, again. Under Obama national security was at stake, under this thin skinned child it's ego, nothing else.

Trump award people whose predominate accomplishments is loyalty to him. The awards generally go to people who make outstanding contributions to humanity. If you look at the list of recipients, most have nothing to do with the political world. Trump's awards have everything to do with the political world.

The Presidential Freedom Award actually meant something before Trump got involved. The Medal of Freedom now means nothing except someone paid enough to receive it. People like Carson and Kirk can have their opinions but why give them a medal for voicing them when others have another opinion. Freedom is not for those who want to remove the rights of others. To give it to Rudy really shows the disgusting reason the criminal is doing so. When does he give the MOF to the J6 rioters?

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Far-right Tennessee pastor demands removal of 'Hate Has No Home' signs."

9-22-25

Certainly possible, but yet to be seen. I grew up during the computer revolution of the 80s and 90s. At the time the fear was massive job losses. I mean accountants for example. It was largely an incredibly tedious and time consuming paper process. Computers was going to eliminate the need for most of them. The reality was the nature of their job changed tremendously and there was some upheaval for those who didn't or couldn't change, but what we really saw was an increase in the need for accountants even with the massive efficiency gains that personal computers brought.

No doubt AI is going to disrupt a lot of industries and certainly depress job markets. Still very debatable what the end result will be. Having said that I certainly am worried (software developer). I already use AI extensively and it drastically improves efficiency when used correctly. All else being equal the world will need a lot less of me.....but will all else be equal?

I am not convinced that autism or ADHD or any of the other "conditions" that now have a name are more prevalent than they have ever been. My childhood was full of people of all ages who were "odd" or "peculiar" or "eccentric." Some of them were very intelligent, but they acted in unusual ways. No different from people these days, only now we have to weigh and measure everything. There were children "who couldn't sit still" and quite often people who had odd ways of interacting with neighbors. As long as they didn't hurt anyone, we just accepted them as they were. Some of them--many of them--were reclusive people, and we accepted that.

RFK Jr also says autism may be linked to environmental factors, yet this administration is lessening regulations on manufacturing and attempting to eliminate the EPA. Of course, even with experience the case of the Love Canal and others, this administration cannot see any connection between manufacturing pollution and childhood illness.

Will Tylenol sue the Federal Government and HHS for damages? That would force discovery and require presentation of science guiding this claim.

As a laboratory technologist in pharmaceutical research, I was very aware of the scientific research needed to validate any claims. I am aware of no valid research linking autism with Tylenol medication. I think doctors today are more aware of the characteristics displayed by those who are autistic and it shows up as a diagnosis more often today. I agree that doctors are better at diagnosing it. Trump and RFK do not know any science and cannot be trusted on any scientific materials including autism or vaccines.

Republicans have given up all their rights. It is up to Democrats and Independents to fight to reclaim them.

Ta-Nehisi Coates for Vanity Fair: "Before he was killed last week, Charlie Kirk left a helpful compendium of words—ones that would greatly aid those who sought to understand his legacy and import. It is somewhat difficult to match these words with the manner in which Kirk is presently being memorialized in mainstream discourse. New York Times columnist Ezra Klein dubbed Kirk “one of the era’s most effective practitioners of persuasion” and a man who “was practicing politics in exactly the right way.” California governor Gavin Newsom hailed Kirk’s “passion and commitment to debate,” advising us to continue Kirk’s work by engaging “with each other, across ideology, through spirited discourse.” Atlantic writer Sally Jenkins saluted Kirk, claiming he “argued with civility” and asserting that his death was “a significant loss for those who believe engagement can help bridge disagreements.”

The mentions of “debate” and “engagement” are references to Kirk’s campus tours, during which he visited various colleges to take on whoever come may. That this aspect of Kirk’s work would be so attractive to writers and politicians is understandable. There is, after all, a pervasive worry, among the political class, that college students, ensconced in their own bubbles, could use a bit of shock therapy from a man unconcerned with preferred pronouns, trigger warnings, and the humanity of Palestinians. But it also shows how the political class’s obsession with universities blinds it to everything else. And the everything-else of Kirk’s politics amounted to little more than a loathing of those whose mere existence provoked his ire.

It is not just, for instance, that Kirk held disagreeable views—that he was pro-life, that he believed in public executions, or that he rejected the separation of church and state. It’s that Kirk reveled in open bigotry. Indeed, claims of Kirk’s “civility” are tough to square with his penchant

for demeaning members of the LGBTQ+ community as “freaks” and referring to trans people with the slur “tranny.” Faced with the prospect of a Kamala Harris presidency, Kirk told his audience that the threat had to be averted because Harris wanted to “kidnap your child via the trans agenda.” Garden-variety transphobia is sadly unremarkable. But Kirk was a master of folding seemingly discordant bigotries into each other, as when he defined “the American way of life” as marriage, home ownership, and child-rearing free of “the lesbian, gay, transgender garbage in their school,” adding that he did not want kids to “have to hear the Muslim call to prayer five times a day.” The American way of life was “Christendom,” Kirk claimed, and Islam—“the sword the left is using to slit the throat of America”—was antithetical to that. Large “dedicated” Islamic areas were “a threat to America,” Kirk asserted, and New York mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani was a “Mohammedan,” with Kirk supposing that anyone trying to see “Mohammedism take over the West” would love to have New York—a “prior Anglo center”—“under Mohammedan rule.”

Kirk habitually railed against “Black crime,” claiming that “prowling Blacks go around for fun to go target white people.” He repeated the rape accusations against Yusef Salaam, a member of the exonerated Central Park Five who is now a New York City councilman, calling him a “disgusting pig” who had gotten away with “gang rape.” Whatever distaste Kirk held for Blacks was multiplied when he turned to those from Haiti. Haiti was, by Kirk’s lights, a country “infested with demonic voodoo,” whose migrants were “raping your women and hunting you down at night.” These Haitians, as well as undocumented immigrants from other countries, were “having a field day,” per Kirk, and “coming for your daughter next.” The only hope was Donald Trump, who had to prevail, lest Haitians “become your masters.”

The point of this so-called mastery was as familiar as it was conspiratorial—“great replacement.” There was an “anti-white agenda,” Kirk howled. One that sought to “make the country more like the Third World.” The southern border was “the dumping ground of the planet,” he claimed, and a magnet for “the rapists, the thugs, the murderers, fighting-age males.” “They’re coming from across the world, from China, from Russia, from Middle Eastern countries,” he said, “and they’re coming in and they’re coming in and they’re coming in and they’re coming in...”

You can probably imagine where this line of thinking eventually went.

“Jewish donors,” Kirk claimed, were “the number one funding mechanism of radical open-border, neoliberal, quasi-Marxist policies, cultural institutions, and nonprofits.” Indeed, “the philosophical foundation of anti-whiteness has been largely financed by Jewish donors in the country.”

Tommy Robinson, a far-right British activist, held a rally this week in which supporters chanted support for Kirk. The gathering turned violent, injuring 26 police officers. Lab Ky Mo/SOPA Images/LightRocket/Getty Images.

Kirk’s bigotry was not personal, but extended to the institution he founded, Turning Point USA. Crystal Clanton, the group’s former national field director, once texted a fellow Turning Point employee, “I HATE BLACK PEOPLE. Like fuck them all ... I hate blacks. End of story.” One of the group’s advisers, Rip McIntosh, once published a newsletter featuring an essay from a pseudonymous writer that said Blacks had “become socially incompatible with other races” and that Black culture was an “un-fixable and crime-ridden mess.” In 2022, after three Black football players were killed at another college, Meg Miller, president of Turning Point’s chapter at the University of Missouri, joked (“joked”) in a social media message, “If they would have killed 4 more n-ggers we would have had the whole week off.”

Kirk subscribed to some of the most disreputable and harmful beliefs that this country has ever known. But it is still chilling to think that those beliefs would be silenced by a gunshot. The tragedy is personal—Kirk was robbed of his life, and his children and family will forever live with the knowledge that a visual record of that robbery is just an internet search away. And the tragedy is national. Political violence ends conversation and invites war; its rejection is paramount to a functioning democracy and a free society. “Political violence is a virus,” Klein noted. This assertion is true. It is also at odds with Kirk’s own words. It’s not that Kirk merely, as Klein put it, “defended the Second Amendment”—it’s that Kirk endorsed hurting people to advance his preferred policy outcomes.

In 2022, when Kirk was frustrated, for instance, by the presence of Lia Thomas on the University of Pennsylvania women’s swim team, Kirk did not call for “spirited discourse.” Instead, while discussing a recent championship tournament, he said he would have liked to have seen a group of fathers descend from the stands, forming “a line in front of [Lia] Thomas and saying, ‘Hey, tough guy, you want to get in the pool? ’Cause you’re gonna have to come through us.’” Mere weeks before his death, Kirk reveled in Trump’s deployment of federal troops to DC. “Shock and awe. Force,” he wrote. “We’re taking our country back from these cockroaches.” And in 2023, Kirk told his audience that then president Joe Biden was a “corrupt tyrant” who should be “put in prison and/or given the death penalty for his crimes against America.”

What are we to make of a man who called for the execution of the American president, and then was executed himself? What are we to make of an NFL that, on one hand, encourages us to “End Racism,” and, on the other, urges us to commemorate an unreconstructed white supremacist? And what of the writers, the thinkers, and the pundits who cannot separate the great crime of Kirk’s death from the malignancy of his public life? Can they truly be so ignorant to the words of a man they have so rushed to memorialize? I don’t know. But the most telling detail in Klein’s column was that, for all his praise, there was not a single word in the piece from Kirk himself. More than a century and a half ago, this country ignored the explicit words of men who sought to raise an empire of slavery. It subsequently transformed those men into gallant knights who sought only to preserve their beloved Camelot. There was a fatigue, in certain quarters, with Reconstruction—which is to say, multiracial democracy—and a desire for reunion, to make America great again. Thus, in the late 19th century and much of the 20th, this country’s most storied intellectuals transfigured hate-mongers into heroes and ignored their words—just as, right now, some are ignoring Kirk’s.

Words are not violence, nor are they powerless. Burying the truth of the Confederacy, rewriting its aims and ideas, and ignoring its animating words allowed for the terrorization of the Black population, the imposition of apartheid, and the destruction of democracy. The rewriting and the ignoring were done not just by Confederates, but also by putative allies for whom the reduction of Black people to serfdom was the unfortunate price of white unity. The import of this history has never been clearer than in this moment when the hard question must be asked: If you would look away from the words of Charlie Kirk, from what else would you look away?"

I had an uncle who was antifa. He was in the US Army. Landed at a place called Ohama with the 116. He was in the first landing group. Fought across France into Germany in 1944/45.

Two great aunts were also antifa. They were US Army nurse. Both landed in North Africa, did the Sicily invasion, then off to invade Salerno. then fighting up the Italian peninsula campaign. Then they were sent different ways.

One went with the "Big Red ONE " to England, then to Ohama invasion, then across France and Germany.

The other sister was part of the Anzio invasion, the more of Italy.

A fascist would certainly consider anti-fascist to be terror.

He just wants to arrest anybody who opposes him and label them as antifa.

If antifa means anti-fascist, then count me in because that is everybody who loves democracy.

The founders of ANTIFA were Eisenhower, Bradley & Patton. Someone's bones spurs spread to the brain.

This country will not survive the next 3 1/2 years. It will be over within 12 months. Destroyed not by another country, but by its own citizens.

The FCC is supposed to protect the public interest, not act as an enforcer for the president's personal grievances. They're creating a media environment where networks self-censor out of fear of government retaliation.

Disney lost billions in a week because of the backlash. Not surprised that they backed up. Money talks. And the people who canceled their Disney and Hulu streaming services will probably not miss them.

We have a Constitutional separation of powers, in which the three branches of government each provide a check on the other two.

But now the GOP Congress has totally abdicated its responsibilities in favor of "president" Trump, and the SCOTUS SIX have abandoned any pretense of legality.

We are seeing the birth of a fascist, authoritarian regime in front of our eyes.

And MAGA applauds.

Taking medical advice from politicians with no medical training can be hazardous to your health.

I rather take medical advice from the 3 stooges.

We are really living in the Twilight Zone.

I'm concerned that 2 guys with absolutely zero medical background between them are making up causes of autism and passing it off as fact.

9-23-25

China will soon no longer need US consumers to power their export driven economy. What will happen then? The US administration will have no leverage during negotiations. This is not playing out like the Trump administration thought it would.

Since President Trump applied tariffs during his first administration, the Chinese began preparing by moving aggressively with their Belt & Road initiative, opening new markets. The US needs to re-think its approach. We're heading down the wrong path, on a road to nowhere.

Yo, Maga, how about all those cheaper prices Trump promised you? Are your energy costs going down? He promised a 50% cut in 12 months and it's been 9 months already.

and pharma is going to pay you to take their drugs - 1500% reduction

Welcome to Trump's America

Dictator on day 1

I'll jail my opponents

Grifting Inc.

Project 2025

Start a Trade War

You were warned ⚠️

You did it anyway

Trump cancels meeting with Democratic leaders ahead of government shutdown deadline

Of course he did. Did anyone really think he would meet with them after telling Congressional Republicans to not include the Dems and go it alone. It wouldn't be surprising if Trump actually wants the shutdown to occur.

Shut down the government. Do not pay ICE!!!! Do not reelect any of these congressmen.

Trump is a cancer on this once great nation. And most of the WORLD knows it.

He is addressing the UN but his audience is MAGA, always.

So if they do what he says, can they also have collapsing economies, a miserable jobs market, recessions and PDF Files in office, like the United States?

How wonderful it must be to be in his narcissistic mind. In his mind, he's the greatest president the USA has ever had. In his mind, America is looked up to by the world as never before. In his mind, the growth of America manufacturing is on a path not seen in decades. In his mind, global warming is the greatest con known to man. In his mind, .....

Trump is that crazy uncle who makes family holidays a bore. He's that guy.

If you don't communicate it's sure to result in zero progress.

Trump's "my way or the highway" form of governance does not work. Let's have the Trump shutdown.

What Trump does not realize is that he is "literally" the most hated man on the planet now. This is a fact. Not knowing that (and/or flatly denying it - thinking the world loves him instead) is the most glaring sign of delusional thinking there is. He lives in his own world (always has).

This idiot is not only a complete embarrassment to the United States, he is a complete embarrassment to the human race. He is an idiots hero, a mesmerizer of morons and a fascinator of fools...

He is an embarrassment to the US. Seven wars stopped - come on get real. Prices down - where? Freedom of speech compromised, healthcare being destroyed - I am so tired of his continual word salad of nothing.

This is a total embarrassment filled with lies and grandstanding mistruths. This is not who we are, this is not what we stand for. Nothing but patting his self on the back for lies. The fact checkers well verify most all this speech is lies - but it was still spewed out for the world to hear.

This is not leadership, we can only hope we'll be able to recover from this administration.

Nothing but rambling negativeness and hate -

TRUMP is insane he's losing NATO ALLIES and doesn't care .

The pit of embarrassment apparently has no bottom for this President. He constantly comes up with ways to make America and it's citizens look like buffoons.

Unprofessional, disrespectful and ignorant. A total disgrace and embarrassment to the American people and the country of the United States.

It's America that is going to hell and very quickly.

That's Sinclair's right...it's when the FCC chair comes in and mafioso "we can do this the easy way or the hard way" that it goes from "cancel culture" to "fascist state".

I don't like the cancel culture, but what the FCC chair did was blatantly unconstitutional.

Imposing Trump's will on the world is easier said than done. Countries are beginning to take their business elsewhere and since much of our manufacturing have been moved offshore, we could be in big trouble.

Donald. You offered to meet with the Democrats. You cancelled. For viewing yourself as this rough tough guy, you act like a whiny little boy. Act like a man. Take the criticism and do your job. Also, you do not need to get revenge for every little thing that happens to you. Laugh it off and move on. Be a man.

Whiny man. Your party controls both the House and Senate. Showing your inability to govern like you did when you couldn't get the ACA repealed during your first administration despite your promise to do so while also being in control of House and Senate. Divided government means having to negotiate with the other side in this situation.

To have control of the Executive, the Judicial and the Legislative, I have never seen someone with so little control.

The Constitution places control of the purse strings in Congress. If the president doesn't like what the people want, the government can be shut down. It is a check and balance. That is how Congress checks the executive.

So... Trump still hasn't figured out that he isn't a king yet, huh?

Is there really nobody around him who can explain to him that he needs at least a few Dems to cross the aisle?

Trump, you and the Republicans have just decided without meeting Democratic leadership to SHUTDOWN THE GOVERNMENT. This is on you and your stupid tariffs.

Lying about everything got Trump elected. He assumes it will always work for him. Nothing of what he says here about what Democrats are demanding is true. Nothing.

Democrats, hold the line. Shut it down. All the way down. Trump and his fascist pals need to wallow in the mud they've created.

maybe shutting it down for a while will be good for us

9-24-25

Democrats would be thrilled to see a ticket featuring both Obama and Trump. The highly popular Obama would likely win easily against the very unpopular Donald J. Trump, who will be 82 years old at that time, while Obama will be in his mid-60s. The Republicans would need to find a way to disqualify Obama. Just imagine a debate between Trump and Obama!

It would never happen. Trump's Supreme Court would probably rule that it's OK to run if you didn't have two consecutive terms, but not OK otherwise. Project 2025 owns both Trump and the Supreme Court.

Lydney Graham once said if the Republicans elected Trump it would destroy them. Now he's advocating violating the Constitution. Pretty flexible for an old guy.

America has lost the Chinese grain and soybean export markets, most likely for good, to countries in South America and Australia. China is now actively helping African countries develop their agricultural markets. US farmers still have 2024 crop in storage. US sorghum exports to China have completely collapsed. US farmers are already going bankrupt and yet US farmers are slow to blame Trump in fear of losing bailouts which are likely on the horizon.

As a group, farmers overwhelmingly voted for Pres. Trump and therefore they overwhelmingly voted for their own demise. No taxpayer funded financial bailout for farmers. Give them MAGA hats, a pat on the back and remind them that elections have consequences.

9-25-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "JD Vance Suggests That FCC Chairman's Warning to ABC Stations Over Jimmy Kimmel Was Merely "A Joke"."

In any other era, you might consider this a joke. Unfortunately, there is a lengthy track record of this administration going after opponents. They range from former FBI officials to universities. These attacks include politically independent heads of agencies, appointed judges, and news outlets. Some have been threatened with revoking citizenship.

The worst retribution is against comedians. Late night talk show hosts are comedians first and foremost. Johnny Carson was a comedian and those who followed in late nighttime slots are comedians.

Every administration has faced opposition. Prior administration would refute claims and offer a rebuttal or more importantly just ignored it. . Not this one. It goes straight to retribution and silencing.

This is not acceptable. There are no excuses or explanations to justify this pattern.

Careful, Law Barbies! Disbarment is a serious possibility. Take a look at where previous Law Barbies have ended up.

Trump has the mindset of a dictator. He is abusing his power and position as the President of the USA, to punish his political opponents and enemies!

Reasons for disbarment for malicious prosecution

The "dig your own grave" phase of the MAGA movement has begun. Poking the Comey bear, poking the Jan 6 bear, and of course, don't forget Papa Bear....the Epstein bear....will all lead to MAGA's magnificent downfall. It will be exposed in the end that the "swamp drainers" were actually running SWAMP.COM all along.

Another case dismissed. Dear president's open hostility towards his political "enemies" pretty much guarantees every single court case is going to begin and end with actual malice

He was elected with hopes he would improve our economy, end wars, reduce inflation, offer everyday hardworking Americans a better quality of life. None of that is happening. He is too busy trying to screw his perceived enemies cause it's all about HIM

Insane that people support a president that declares it is illegal to criticize him....

Trump just committed two impeachable offenses;

Targeting/retaliating against political opponents.

Using a department of the government as a tool against said political opponents.

Cases against Trump, which involve real crimes, hang around in the courts for years and years and years before the Supremes save him.

You can bet they'll fast-track these bogus claims against Comey.

Bondi knows this is a joke. But she has no shame.

Welcome to Banana Republic. Case goes nowhere but Comey racks up legal bills and PAM's integrity just went up in flames. Everybody the Donald touches gets ruined, check with the officials in his first term.

And the Dems will indict Patel and other top Trump administration officials when they take the Presidency again. How many American tax dollars are spent by both parties on this nonsense?

Our education system has failed. The weak-minded no longer have critical thinking skills and only believe information that fits their agenda. People are so blinded by Trump they eager to believe the propaganda.

Trump's speech is definitely inflammatory. People like Megyn Kelly try to rationalize it away, but they cannot. It is what it is.

Trump's whole rise is fueled by division and anger. I remember him telling people to punch others in the face. He also mocked the brutal attack on Paul Pelosi.

"Divide and conquer" is an actual legitimate strategy and our violence against each other is proving it's working. In my opinion the violence that's happening will continue if our 2 major political parties cannot see that there is more to their jobs than the next election. Two opinions can be right and to compromise is not weakness. There are no martyrs here just victims of differing opinions.

These people act amazed that ICE and GOP politicians are being attacked after they push them so far. Then it's all about Charlie Kirk and nothing about the couple who were shot dead at their front door trying to protect their daughters. If they'd been GOP then flags, news etc would have been all you would hear on the news. But they were Dems so they don't matter.

You keep pushing and people break, so it's only going to get worse before it gets better.

This level of hatred in the country started once trump got into politics. From that point it has only been escalated by rhetoric from that side. The right blames the left for every violent act while ignoring the fact that it is coming from their side.

No president in our history has proclaimed that he hates half the country and does not want the best for him. Only MAGA and sycophants like Megan Kelly would claim he was 'joking' or give us an alternative explanation of what he clearly meant.

This is less a shift toward Democrats and more of a shift away from Trump. The last 9 months have been a complete dumpster fire, everything from inflation to the economy and our standing in the world is getting worse, while other things are just downright disturbing. We need a Congress willing to reign in on the chaos.

Nothing says "I'm not a Nazi" like angrily demanding people stop calling you one.

Bold talk from the party that calls everyone THEY disagree with "socialist," "communist", "radical left lunatics," etc...

Vance added, "If you want to stop political violence, do what the president does and tell your supporters that people who disagree with you are radical left lunatics."

Vance, you called Trump America's Hitler before anyone else.

I don't use Nazi as an insult. I use it as an accurate descriptive term for the politics deployed by Vance and Miller.

9-26-25

This is going to cost us lots of money. This man simply cannot control his lying mouth, he needs to be removed by 25th Amendment provision ASAP, but it won't happen because he surrounds himself with cowards and traitors.

9-27-25

Putting Charlie Kirk on American currency? That's not just a bold move—it's a bewildering one. Our currency honors individuals whose contributions transcend partisan platforms and whose legacies unite rather than divide. Elevating a contemporary political commentator to that pedestal risks turning our national symbols into ideological billboards. If the goal is inspiration, let's choose figures whose impact is historic, enduring, and universally recognized.

Sure, lets immortalize Charlie Kirk who consistently cloaked discriminatory views in religious language, using Christianity not as a source of compassion but as a shield for exclusion. He opposed diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, dismissed LGBTQ+ rights, and framed abortion as a moral failing rather than a complex personal decision. His platform often amplified narratives that marginalized communities found harmful, all while claiming moral high ground through faith. That's not spiritual leadership—it's ideological cover.

Sadly, I am now prepared to conclude that the United States itself – especially its fragile governmental institutions – may no longer be salvageable in the long run.

The media can't keep up with this man. He is doing something controversial every day and they are trying to keep the Epstein Files story alive. Now what will he say that makes him authorized to make this move?

He's going to Portland because he feels that he will get the resistive reaction he hopes for to declare whatever is needed to suspend future elections.

Trump clearly wants to implement a dictatorship. We knew this will happen. His supporters are getting it but we need everyone to push back and make sure he knows America will stand strong against him.

This is not about crime. It is about Trump pushing fear to all Americans to do as he says, just like Kim or Putin.

Sane and decent Americans must reject this man with every fiber of their existence! We're no longer a shining beacon, but a despicable and lost society of decent people!

I agree with you wholeheartedly. Dictator Trump is at it again, a fascist like Hitler and Mussolini. Whatever happened to our right of free speech? He is sending troops to Portland to take it away. Luckily, we cannot yet be arrested and sent to a Gulag in Siberia, but only as long as we are in Trump's mind legal US citizens.

We already have a partial dictatorship run by a madman.

Trump plans on CAUSING enough trouble in enough big cities, so he can declare the country is in a state of emergency and cancel midterm elections because he knows IF midterm elections take place, Congress will be flipped to a Democrat majority.

What a farce. He just wants to use any excuse to do what he wants, arrest law abiding Americans and change our country forever. Be careful what ya wish for MAGA. Authoritarian governments dont work well anywhere and never did.

Fighting domestic terrorism? Anyone have any kind of details on what that is exactly? Or is it whatever Trump decides it is.

War ravaged Portland? I must have missed that when I visited this summer...

**How about creating Jobs and Lowering Inflation instead????**

Saw an interview with an Iowa wheat farmer yesterday. He said that he will lose \$xx money on every acre of his crop. He said, he normally sold his wheat to the USAID program for distribution to other countries but when Trump closed that program it caused wheat prices to tank.

Trump put tariffs on China during his first term and China bought soybeans from Brazil instead of us. Our soybeans sat rotting on the dock with no buyers. Trump ended up bailing out our soybean farmers to the tune of \$20 billion dollars. His tariffs cost more money than they brought in.

Tariffs are hurting business. CocaCola, GM, Ford, Tesla, Campbells and other American companies are quietly shifting operations to Canada to avoid the aluminum and steel tariffs.

The Canadian Prime Minister complained that 70 cents of every Canadian defense dollar goes to the U.S. so he cancelled a \$19 billion contract to buy F35 airplanes and a \$20 billion contract for new submarines from us. They are considering the Saab Grippen airplane and accepting bids from Korean and German shipbuilders for the boats.

Canada is the 5th largest natural gas producer in the world. They signed long term contracts to provide gas to China. It had previously been piped to the U.S. so expect our gas prices to tick up. This has not thrilled our liquid natural gas exporters on the Gulf coast. Their price to buy gas has gone up and now they have to compete with Canadian exporters.

So much winning.

Why aren't more Americans aware of these facts? Trump is so arrogant and he operates from a 1950s mentality when America was the only superpower. China was a poor country back then. This has changed drastically in 2025 and countries that depended on us have now found a

way to survive without America in the mix. This will continue even after Trump is out of office because he has proven that it is too risky to bet on America.

Fascism is an authoritarian and nationalist ideology that seeks to create a centralized, dictatorial government. It emphasizes the supremacy of the nation or race over individual interests and opposes democracy. In simple terms, it is a system where a dictator controls the state and suppresses opposition.

The tide needs to turn fast and furious. He is bringing to life the Khrushchev quote: "We will take America without firing a shot. We do not have to invade the US. We will destroy you from within." - Nikita Khrushchev, November 18, 1956

Personally I think he's a Russian agent working to do just that.

The latest Trump escalation against freedom is sending troops authorized to fire on Spokane protesters. There are not that many protesting and I'm sure if they get out of line the police could handle it. Trump is depicting Spokane as a war zone. Not even that justifies his attack on citizens right to assemble and protest peacefully. Every day he chips away at Constitutional rights.

Why are we bailing out US farmers AGAIN? The majority of rural voters, including farmers, voted for Trump in 2016 and 2024. Trump imposed tariffs in his first term and ruined farmer's overseas markets, resulting in farmers receiving bailouts/welfare. When he campaigned in 2024 he promised to do the same thing and he has. Farmers need to learn that there are consequences to voting for someone who promises to implement policies proven to be financially detrimental to you.

Trump's tariffs are causing our farmers to lose market share to other countries, from which they may never recover. Trump is creating a new reality for US farmers, and they may have to diversify their crops.

Let me get this straight as MAGA logic sometimes eludes me. Farmers vote to make Trump president so he can impose tariffs. Imposing tariffs places a tax on all Americans. Then Trump takes away medical care and food supplements from the neediest Americans so he can give a tax cut to the rich. Then, when the people who voted for Trump to raise taxes and cut services are impacted by the tariffs they want to take the money i paid in the form of taxes on imports to bail them out of a problem they asked for in the first place. Did i miss anything? Let them eat soybeans!

Unless I'm mistaken, and some times I am, the demographics of trump supporters have shown farmers to have been strongly supportive of him at the polls. During his first term he seemed to burn them to the extent that the rest of us taxpayers had to ante up a massive bailout for them. Now, his economic gymnastics seem to be hurting them again. This time though we're sending our money to Argentina. Hey farmers, you wanted him, own it. And as for Grassley, you've been a trump enabler for years. You have no business complaining.

9-28-25

Democracy dies on the eve of its celebration of birth with thunderous applause and chants of USA... USA...

**We're officially living in both the darkest AND the dumbest timeline...**

Colleges are where fearmongering goes to die. It's where the kid who's never interacted with someone outside their bubble has a diverse swarm of upperclassmen help them lug their boxes to their room for move-in, just because. Where the Jewish kid invites everyone to Sabbath dinners because he's homesick and doesn't want to eat alone. Where the gay guy down the hall is everyone's emergency boyfriend if they're being hassled at a club. Where they might have an RA

or floor tutor who's Indian, or discover that their Muslim roomie still likes to do girl's night, fix her hair, and do her make-up like their BFF back home. And sure, the weird kid on 3 may be weird to everyone because he pushes a gold-toilet around on skates (true story), but he also likes to think of himself as the dorm taxi, and gives people rides because it's just funny to see someone being pushed around campus on a gold toilet. And bonus points for the international kids who were taught different mathematical methods in their home countries who help you finally get that one thing that's always confused you in calculus, because their method works better for your brain.

A lot of people are afraid of their kids going to college because they have less control over what their children see and hear. For many young adults, college is the first time they are exposed to world-views and perspectives that are different than what they were "indoctrinated" into at home. My university roommate was a white girl whose small town only had one black person and their biracial child living there, and those were the only people who weren't white. And even most of the people who were white were blonde. She told me she had never personally known an Asian person before, and she had never seen so many people with brown hair. She became best friends with a Korean guy on our floor, married a different Korean guy, and had a half Korean child. She met a ton of different people from different races, genders, sexualities, etc. And she was always a very kind person, just sheltered, so maybe that helped. But university exposed her to more human beings of different kinds than she ever would have met in her small town, and that's just really cool.

Conservatives hate college because the students there:

- gain a wider perspective
- experience diversity and realize its merits
- learn to think critically

All of these make it impossible to become or remain a conservative.

Conservatism is fear. Nothing more. They need their followers afraid so that they aren't able to think critically. Or they might see just how monumentally stupid and evil conservatism really is, especially how we practice it in the US.

Yup! I grew up in a conservative home in Oklahoma, and college helped me realize I didn't actually have conservative beliefs, I was just parroting my parents. The semester I spent in NYC at Queens College really helped me grow as a person. I left Catholicism (though I was already questioning in high school) and discovered a lot about the biases that had been baked into me as a kid. While college wasn't a good financial move for me, it was a great life move for me.

It's harder to brainwash an educated person.

My life before college was full of indoctrination, 24/7/365. If anything, it's the other way around. Going to a public university de-indoctrinated me.

So Thune is basically saying that they are not going to negotiate anything and taco can't make up his mind whether he's meeting with Dems or not since that's changed a couple times in the last week. As far as ACA goes I wonder if Republicans actually realize the scope of the population it affects? I really doubt that they care. After retiring from law enforcement with over 30 years there was no health insurance available through the state pension system so retirees really had no choice but to go with an ACA program until they reached 65 and got on Medicare. This is the case for all first responders who either have to work until 65 which is not easy as it might be in other careers.

It's not far left for politicians to support the expansion of Medicaid and Obamacare to cover uninsured people. Our healthcare system is broken and favors workers with high paying jobs and

retirees. Dems believe healthcare is a right not a privilege. We need an EU style healthcare system where everyone has quality affordable healthcare. I moved to Spain years ago and its national healthcare system is excellent. Some Americans travel to the EU to obtain medical treatment they can't afford in the US.

What is unreasonable is maga bringing forward a budget that is so one sided and takes so much away from citizens. They do this knowing it will be unacceptable to make dem's look like the bad guys. This will result in more bankruptcies from medical debt. This is also about shifting the media away from epstein.

I say shut it down. Take away many of Trump's graft opportunities. Plus, lack of federal spending will hurt everyone, but it will hurt red states more. And they need to see what it is they voted for since telling them didn't do a bit of good.

Sen. Thune has already stated that the Republicans would NOT work with Democrats. Even the president had stated the same. However, if the president wants a sit down to negotiate, the Democrats are more than willing to meet. Who is trying to hold the Government hostage, Sen. Thune?

RELEASE THE UNREDACTED EPSTEIN FILES!

9-29-25

I really do support and appreciate every single vet in this country. But this goes way beyond just keeping the VA's open. What about all the children that are going to lose their Medicaid? That's what the Dems are fighting for also, not just VA benefits.

Veteran here as well, I say shut it down. Take care of all people! We fought to protect the people of the U.S, not knowing the enemy will come from within our own government.

Trump will do anything to divide people because it benefits him politically and financially. It is selfish and unpatriotic of him, because it weakens and damages America, but he doesn't care. This whole "attack on Christianity" claim is false and offensive. Most Americans are Christians, although separation of Church and State is an important tenet of our Constitution, and helps prevent corruption of both religion and government.

a bigger question is who is not a target? and even a better question is who is making targets? obviously Trump is always making such statements and agitating his followers, perhaps he should let the investigators to find the motives before making another target for his followers.

"The Trump Administration will keep the Public misinformed, as we always do. In the meantime, PRAY for me, and my billionaire buddies, that the Epstein files are never fully released. THIS EPIDEMIC OF POLITICAL CORRUPTION IN MY ADMINISTRATION WILL NEVER END!"

The president needs to end the rhetoric that divides the country and leads to violent outcomes. His hateful response to anyone who disagrees with him, challenges him or who speaks truth to power inspires the worst in his supporters and does nothing to contribute to or promote meaningful dialogue. How about strengthening gun laws? How about meaningful conversations? Well, no. I guess building a new ballroom in the White House takes precedence over saving lives and seeking unity in a very divided country. Sad state of affairs.

The country needs to know the shutdown will be on trump and the Republicans too cowardly to do what is best for the people. They refused to negotiate with the Dems, as did trump, and here we are. This meeting is all for show on trump's part. He has no intention of avoiding a shutdown. Weaponized Incompetence...

Trump refused to meet Democrat leadership to work out the few requests they had to avoid a shutdown. They were healthcare related and geared to the most vulnerable Americans, a great deal of which are Registered Republicans. He called their requests "unserious." Now he is hoping for the shutdown to "Auto-DOGE" employees that he otherwise was struggling to fire in a ploy to paint the losses as the fault of Democrats despite his clear Trifecta of rule. His base will play the part and blame the left and they will do it all while Trump uses the shutdown to leverage their healthcare and wellbeing for political points. It's amazing the costs we all shoulder so that a minority can "own the libs" never take responsibility for their own actions or put forth policy that reflects a true understanding and benefit for regular Americans.

This Republican administration controls the shutdown, not the Dems. The republicans are causing the shutdown because they want large cuts in health care and the Dems will not agree. The Republicans support large tax cuts for the rich.

Dems are evil incarnate.

What I've notice this year is that if someone that has left-wing views commits a terrible crime it is left-wing extremists, but if someone with right wing views it's mental health or PTSD. Just blame, thoughts and prayers and no actions. We need focus on mental health not blaming. They need to work on a fix.

It's not a self own, nor embarrassing. Her audience heard what she said and agree with her. Few are interested in any corrections. It is drawing an invalid conclusion based on misrepresenting the data.. call it stretching the truth or lying.

The Trump Administration doesn't care about valid conclusions or the truth, it's all about the message.

From the study linked in the article - the failure of some conservative leaders to condemn white supremacists and other violent extremists is a major problem, allowing these extremists to believe they are carrying out the will of a broader political movement.

Yet it also revealed left-wing violence remained far less lethal over the past decade, with 41 attacks and 13 deaths since 2016, compared with 152 attacks and 112 deaths from the right over the same period.

Our country isn't going to last with all these MAGA people wanting Fascism!

Yep, taking money from non-farmers to bail out the MAGAbilly farmers that supported him sure doesn't SOUND like socialism...

they literally just added close to 4 Trillion to the debt. stealing from the poor for billionaire and corporate tax. stealing from veterans, medicaid, medicare, children SNAP, schools, farms public lands, cancer research, FEMA, weather, EPA, air traffic, and now health insurance.. what the heck do you think you are winning at? helping the bottom % is pennies compared to the money that the top% is taking and they are already billionaires. you have gained illusion and lies from a conman and the billionaires that are actually causing our demise. heritage fund / project2025 is running off the fascist playbook - same steps as hitler did, right in front of your eyes and you still seem to think Biden/Kamala were hurting you? the reason they couldn't do half of what they wanted was because of republicans blocking efforts. for your sake and this country. please wake up

Trumpstein promised to "run America like a business"? It's a country, not a business. That aside, these people thought that a guy with six bankruptcies and multiple FAILED businesses was a good choice to do that. These people are having their lives turned upside down due to their lack of critical thinking skills and tunnel vision.

i want to check in with trump voters. i have one very genuine question:  
it's been 250 days. now that immigrants have been violently torn from their families and communities have been destroyed, now that trans people have been blamed for virtually everything and live in fear, now that free speech is on the brink of collapse for us all - has your life gotten better? have your groceries gotten cheaper? has your health insurance premium gone down? has your work/life balance improved? can you take a vacation yet? are you happier? has the widespread suffering of others paid off for you in the way he promised it would, or are you still waiting?

9-30-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "I traveled 8K miles to hear this?" Retired general rips into Hegseth's 'canned' speech."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump suggests using 'dangerous' US cities as 'training grounds' for military."

I was in the Army and went through many leadership changes. The worst leaders demanded respect through fear tactics and not through mutual respect.

This is entirely consistent with Trump's agenda. Trump wants a military that will follow illegal orders. Find every member of the US military who is opposed to the authoritarian regime. When they have scrubbed all the thinking members of the armed forces, they will be a MAGA military, loyal to Trump/MAGA, not the US, and not the Constitution.

Welcome to the Trump dictatorship. Thanks MAGA. Thanks SCOTUS. America was once at least, a hopeful place. Now, we are the failing nation that Trump said existed in every speech the Tangerine Tumor has given.

Let's list some wastes of money, since this seems to be a trend:

This meeting

prosecuting James Comey

investigating the president's enemies

defending indefensible executive orders (e.g., birthright citizenship)

firing federal workers that had to be rehired

shutting down the government because instead of negotiating with the opposition it's  
"my way or the highway."

Pete Hegseth's salary

Donald Trump's salary

535 salaries in the House and Senate--they can't figure out how to work together

reducing taxes on the top 5%

capital gains taxed on a LESSER % than other income

DOGE--most of its reductions will end up costing more in the long run--penny wise and  
pound foolish

Kennedy, Jr's salary and vaccine policy which will cost more in money and lives than  
following good science

There's more, but a nice baker's dozen is all we need to get the point.

The event involved Trump telling the generals that he would use them to control the people and the government, proclaiming himself leader for life. He also stated that if they didn't follow his orders, they would be fired. The end of democracy and belief in the Constitution would soon follow. We have to thank the blind followers of Trump and some GOP members who are afraid

of losing their positions, as well as the Evangelical Christian cult church that made this happen. They used religion to destroy America, all for the goal of creating a Christian country.

Such a sad time for America.

Trump's speech was just one lie after another. He's completely lost track of reality. He's told so many lies that he doesn't know truth from lies now.

Imagine having some loser who barely served in the National Guard telling a bunch of generals who had to travel from around the world for this wannabe to tell them they are bad at their jobs.

So this was just a trump rally exclusively for the military brass.

Totally inexcusable, and an incredible waste of time and money. Embarrassing, and an irresponsible risk. Just one more in a long list of reasons to impeach them both!

“Not quite a loyalty test, but ... on the spectrum of loyalty to ideology,” said a second defense official. “Total waste of money.”

Nailed it.

The generals are calling them "Fat Man" and "Little Boy" because of how badly they bombed.

Dems must use their leverage. If the GOP chooses to shut down the government, the GOP will be blamed. Let them do more cuts if they choose to. The DOGE cuts were incredibly unpopular.

These will be even more unpopular.

Logically, how is this not an explicit abandonment of Trump's oath? Trump is necessarily saying "Do my bidding or I will harm the country irreparably as a result". Trump is taking premeditated decisions to harm the country.

The stock market is headed for a nosedive. Gold prices are steadily rising as investors are shifting away from stocks because there's no semblance of stability in the future.

King Trump does what he wants. The GOP led Congress is afraid to go against him. Perhaps they should seek other jobs.

Trump said this afternoon that a government shutdown is a good thing. Now trump can fire government workers that he was planning on firing anyway and try to blame it on the democrats.

So trump wants this shutdown.

Trump is right about “severe consequences “ when republicans shut the government down.

Democrats will win the House and Senate and we will impeach and remove Trump, the Worst President in American History.

Want a budget, stop the pay of congress and their healthcare, see how fast they reach agreement!!

In 1973, an Air Force nuclear-missile officer named Harold Hering asked a simple question during a training session: “How can I know that an order I receive to launch my missiles came from a sane president?” The question cost him his career. Military members are trained to execute orders, not question them. But today, both the man who can order the use of nuclear arms and the man who would likely verify such an order gave disgraceful and unnerving performances in Quantico. How many officers left the room asking themselves Major Hering's question?

10-1-25

But Argentina gets a 20 billion dollar bailout .... They are also selling soybeans to China at much cheaper rates than U.S. farmed soybeans thanks to the big beautiful trump tariffs. That part of the farm industry will never recover from this as China made up 99% of their sales. MAGA sure made America great....

These are some of the policies and programs that Democratic lawmakers backed:

Affordable Care Act 2010 (Obamacare)

Medicare and Medicaid 1965 (under President Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrat)

Social Security 1935 (under FDR, a Democrat)

Civil Rights Act 1964 (under President Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrat)

Voting Rights Act 1965, originally passed under Democratic leadership (though bipartisan).

20 billion bailout for Argentina while shutting down US government, cutting Medicaid for the poor and let go of hundreds of thousands of federal workers?

It's wild to me that Dems are asking for \$20bn to save the ACA for another year and that is just too much to ask for and is unreasonable, but \$20bn to bail out Argentina so that they will relax retaliatory tariffs on grains so that we can sell them soybeans so that they can sell them to China to fix problem created by Trump's tariffs...No problem at all 😊

REAGAN'S ELIMINATION OF THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE led directly to the poisonously polarized politics we have today. Not the only reason, but a major reason. No question in my mind.

When we finally claw our way out of our current situation, many things need to be changed. But first among them would be to re-instate the Fairness Doctrine. Ideally as a Constitutional Amendment.

(And to clarify something in this graphic that at least confused me: Reagan's FCC eliminated the Doctrine in '85, which Congress then passed a bill to re-instate in '87, which Reagan then vetoed.)

And why isn't the US farm economy in a good place? Because of the economic wars caused by the Trump tariffs. No more soybean exports to China and other countries. No more beef or pork exports to other countries because they are getting their needs met by other exporters. Because of Trump tariffs, the cost of replacing farm equipment has gone through the roof, while farmers will have less money to spend due to suppressed commodities markets. Trump owns this mess 100%.

The farmers do, they voted overwhelming for Trumps tariffs. I feel bad for them but I do not support my taxes going to help people who cant help themselves.

Gee, wonder why?

1. Cancellation of \$26 billion USAID contracts with American farmers
2. International boycotts of US agriculture from Trump's trade wars resulting in billions of dollars in lost revenue
3. Tariffs that have increased operating costs for US farmers (supplies, equipment, tools, seed, feed, fertilizer, etc).
4. Deportation of the Farm workforce (50% of US farm workers are undocumented)
5. Crops left in the field to rot due to no labor
6. Lack of water in Northern California because Trump emptied the reservoirs after the California wildfires were contained

Thanks Trump

All these actions by trump (miller) are designed to destroy human lives, citizens' spirit and sense of fairness, and America, too, probably! News media needs to do a deep exposé about miller's life and background. Evil is not instant; it always has a history.

Their hypocrisy is astounding. They boo hooed over the death of Kirk, but not a sound made when one of their own, a MAGA ex-marine, killed 4 and injured 11 at a church. Even people who don't pay much attention to politics can't help but notice how little they truly care about the lives of others.

Compare CCM to gospel music. Even nonbelievers feel the beauty and power of gospel, which crossed over from the black church into popular music and gave us soul and R&B.

How many people who are not evangelical listen to CCM?

The problem with MAGA Christians is that they are hateful, brutal, cruel and racist. It's impossible to attract decent, educated people to their point of view.

My wife listens to CCM and I wholeheartedly agree with Ms. Marcotte in her description of the music. Most of the males sound like Justin Bieber wannabes and the females all sound like early Taylor Swift. The songwriting is boring and the musicianship is generally overly produced. If I you are looking for answers to life's problems in CCM you are going to be sorely disappointed.

My parents are MAGA and I absolutely agree with this article. It is sad to see. Their life has been made so sad by the absence of any trust in other humans that don't share the same crazy conspiracies. They have even alienated their conservative daughter and family. This movement is a disease, not an answer to anything, and definitely not our salvation. God doesn't need MAGA or Mega Churches. It is the other way around.

MAGA's are psycho, phony, and far from the teachings of Christ. They are the antithesis of true Christianity. MAGA is as much a disgrace on this country as the Salem witch trials and slavery are. MAGA has burned out that light on the hill that Reagan referred to. The country is now dark as hell.

Christian music isn't a genre; it's a marketing label, a fence built around art. The problem is that the industry model rewards safety over creativity. Every message of every "Christian" song tends to circle the same themes: reassurance, praise, forgiveness, longing for God's presence. The patterns are rarely challenged, never stretched into something raw, unsettling, or confrontational. It truly is troubling when free speech is being threatened by a sitting POTUS for its criticism of his actions. Even worse, is when his authoritarian exercise of power and a core base which uses Christian country music (CCM), along with its artists in some cases, to support his leadership as beyond reproach.

Is this not an issue which Jefferson wanted to prevent? That is, to limit the all-out use of a faith (religion), say Christianity (Judeo-Christianity), with its many various denominations, that do not necessarily agree with each other, but in this manner, is used in a monolithic stand, that supports Trump as he wants to claim himself, and that expected of his base?

What do his most devout follower have to say, when Trump failed to place his left hand upon his "Trump Bible" (once sold for \$80 a pop as I recall) that lay upon the Inaugural Bible, both of which were held by Melania, the soon to be FLOTUS? What does that mean to you? What does that suggest, to any person, whether they are for or against Trump's handling of the presidential office he currently holds?

In the near future, I can envision:

'An American President That Went Too Far: The Messiah Complex of Donald J. Trump, Unraveled.'

10-2-25

This is not good. It's getting to be where the government only is supporting this administrations own beliefs, with all its Power. It is not admitting there is another side, nor opposition, nor any other Justice.

It's right out of the "Project 2025" handbook.

Eliminating people that won't swear an oath of loyalty to djt.

The firing of federal employees has nothing to do with waste fraud and abuse. It's about being able to retain and hire people loyal to djt and not the people.

How about we combat the price of groceries.

Don Quixote was at war with windmills, but at least he possessed the values and ethics of an honorable person. trump can't even name the enemy, just drug cartels. That sure narrows it down.

The President does NOT have the power to declare war. That power resides ONLY with Congress.

It doesn't need to be said but a federal government who's official policy is "we will take the taxpayer dollars from people living in states that didn't go for the current administration in the last election and give their money to people in states that did" is not going to survive for very much longer.

It's definitely a good way to get Independents that voted red in 2024 to never vote red again. I love the idea!!

So Trump's going to permanently fire a lot of government workers, GOP tax cut for the rich bill getting rid of major funding for food stamps and Medicaid, forcing many food stamps recipients to go find work or starve, and the ACA credits coming to an end, followed by Trump deporting all the illegals willing to work minimum and sub minimum wage, Trump increasing lumber tariffs again, which caused lumber prices the first time to spike almost 200%, contributing to massive home price increases and inflation, and then add to that AI destroying white collar jobs. Something tells me unemployment rates will spike and we enter a recession. Feds cannot stop the recession. They can only lessen the impact.

It's ironic because Trump himself admitted the economy does better under the Democrats, and that some pretty bad disasters happened under the Republicans. Trump presided over some of the worst economic and stock market crashes in history, and EVERY SINGLE REPUBLICAN President for the past 125+ years have presided over a recession or depression.

Prepare for the Great Trumpression Recession or Depression.

The four year revenge tour continues. Unemployment is on the rise. Inflation is on the rise. But payoffs to the rich and payback to anyone he sees as an enemy is more important than the country.

As a NY Liberal: I'm 41 years old and never felt like a president disliked or hated me personally. I didn't think Trump "hated" democrats when he first won the presidency... this time feels different.

He's speaking like every single Democrat is an enemy and every single democratic idea / policy comes from the enemy. This is dangerous stuff and I'm not sure how the US can last 4 years like this or what the future would hold if we do.

Does the next democratic president have to now "attack" all GOP voters? Are we just electing presidents to attack blue states/ red cities depending on party? No logic at all regarding cuts or firings.

Trump views the entire country and every citizen as team red or team blue.

In his post, Trump mentioned Vought, the architect of Project 2025, a plan by the conservative Heritage Foundation (The Deep State) that calls for the takeover of the country. tRUMP's administration is following implementation of the plan. Before the election the Felon said he had never heard of project 2025.

I believe ultimately he's only cutting the number of republicans who'll be available to protect him from the numerous impeachments headed his way in about 16 months.

No leadership. Just wants to play games. Explains the Six Bankruptcies.

Trump is trying to get rid of Congress and the Dems are also fighting for one of the equal branches. He has not abided by what the Congress has passed. He has refused to distribute money that has been allocated and thinks he holds the purse strings. The SC has gone against the Constitution and written laws and has allowed him to do it. The SC is helping this guy to become a dictator. Everyone should read the Left sides dissensions so they understand how the other SC judges are going against the laws. Why should anybody sign a budget when Trump doesn't abide by it? The Dems want guarantees what everyone decides can't be changed by Trump.

Are the republicans and the public just going to stand still and do nothing ?

The Qatari airplane, the Argentine soy bean, the Israeli funding these already are racking up billions while our economy is tanking

wake up republicans, it's your money too

Let's be fair. Nothing has stopped them from slashing whatever they really wanted so far this year. From what DOGE wanted cut to what Trump wanted cut no one's stopped them. They just get to hid behind the shutdown to act like the dems put them in such a hard position but they just "totally have to do this regrettable action" now. Even though they've been planning to do it.

It's time to let the republicans burn it down. Let the American people get what they asked for. Dems need to stop making deals to save people from themselves. Let them eat cake! Rural farmers...eat cake! Ranchers...eat cake. Construction companies, hospitality, manufacturing,.....all of you! Enjoy the fruits of your vote!

10-3-25

Trump is bankrupting small and medium size farmers to leverage their farms to Large corporations to oligarch farming.

But farmers have warned that the lack of purchases could be devastating for them, particularly at a time when fertilizer and other goods have become more expensive, potentially even leading to bankruptcies and foreclosures.

- Farmers can thank Trump -

Remember when Trump said "Trade wars are good, and easy to win"?

How did that work out?

Didn't Trump say America doesn't need China , farmers are feeling the pinch of the tariffs move,, Thought he was playing checkers, Didn't realize it was chess,, Dumbest tariff move in history,, I'm quoting the investors & Wall Street analysts

Nah Dude, the Soybean farmers are hurt because they voted for you and your tariffs.. its a free market after all.. no one can be forced to buy.. and if you say yes they can be forced.. that's like so socialist... 8'8

MAGA farmers expect socialism for themselves but Noone else.

Pull yourselves up by your bootstrap! Communists!

Trump said he was going to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act with an AMAZING, COMPREHENSIVE and INEXPENSIVE healthcare plan...over 8 years ago.

Then he claimed, last year, that he had a "concept" of a plan.

Has anyone seen what that "concept" looks like?

Of course not.

The ancient, orange dictator might have all the power, but at the end of it all he's still a small, insignificant, unhappy man.

Trump is turning the movie "Idiocracy" into a documentary.

Yet tons of money for a ballroom, Argentina and gold in the Oval Office. No healthcare plan and universities defunded. Tourism gone!  
Maga lost bigly.

10-4-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Treasury drafts Trump themed \$1 coin to commemorate America's 250th anniversary."

The Trump Republicans are great at two things: blaming others (usually Democrats) for what they themselves have done and not giving a damn about what cruelty they bring about in service of Project 2025.

These people (Republicans) are diabolical. We can only hope their incompetence and greed will be their downfall.

Correct me if I am wrong, but isn't Portland calm and well policed, not 'war ravaged'? There are no signs of any disturbances except those that Trump begged for. And even those are small, polite and peaceful. If they want trouble, they will send in troops. I suppose that's what they must want in this takeover.

If any of these cities are rioting in such a way as to have the governor ask for federal help, it would be ALL OVER THE NEWS. Do you see anything like that on the news? And I don't mean Fox News. I don't. This is all manufactured nonsense by Mr. trump.

TRUMP "MARIE ANTOINETTE" SAYS, "NO HEALTH CARE FOR YOU PEASANTS, BUT A BALLROOM FOR THE QUEEN!"

Yo, there are people that still don't have clean water to drink in this country. We have military being sent into US cities. Our government won't release information on an extremely wealthy p3do with ties to many in the "elite" class of society including government officials. Cost of goods continue to rise and many of the decisions being made by our government are continuing elevated those prices and disproportionately affect those in lower tax brackets. Maybe spend less time caring about an entertainment event within an entertainment event that is like 4 months away. It's appalling to see how little this administration cares about things that actually matter and impact the majority. And it's sad that so many people don't have the capacity to actually look at what's going on and realize who is to blame.

You are correct. Additionally, Barbie Kristi Noem only seems to care about getting a good photo op. The Republicans prioritize their own interests and wealth above all else. These billionaires wouldn't have their immense fortunes if they didn't exploit their workers, and they clearly don't care about clean water or other essential issues. In my opinion, they will simply replace us if we don't agree with their harmful agenda.

I remember watching a segment on 60 Minutes about a town in the South that lacked adequate sewage systems. The Republicans blamed the residents of this impoverished town for their situation, showing a complete disregard for their living conditions. Despite claiming to be good Christians, I have a different name for them.

What are we to do when a president issues blatantly illegal orders, and has no reason to fear impeachment or any other legal sanction?

Not that anything matters anymore but for the record this is more radically anti-Christian than any amount of gay marriages or trans kids playing volleyball.

I don't think you can make a more direct assault on the ethos of Christ in two sentences than this.

10-5-25

Majorie Taylor Greene is reading the tea leaves. She knows that the Republican party is fast cementing itself on the wrong side of history. It's position on Israel is very unpopular among the MAGA crowd, especially the Gen Zs. The Epstein files is another albatross on the party's neck. The longer they try to delay releasing the full files, the greater the opposition in the party. Then comes the consequences of the Tariffs, gutting of social services in the "Big Ugly Bill" on millions of Republicans. And now, they are fast losing the messaging war to Democrats on who is actually responsible for the shutdown, despite that Republicans control the Senate, the House and the White House.

End the shut down before the Trumpster begins to fire hundreds of thousands because if he does, it will be found to have been illegal because the workers fired did not have due process because the personnel department was totally nonfunctional and therefore the govt will owe huge amounts of money driving it into bankruptcy and once again the Trumpster will lay claim to the largest bankruptcy of them all, his seventh, the country of America.

Trump had promised a better and less expensive healthcare plan in his first term, and I guess he's still working on it. What we now have is "gov't of the wealthy, by the wealthy and for the wealthy". Since the wealthy don't need healthcare insurance, they think we don't either. Voters need to ask themselves why none of the ultra-wealthy are not making a case for universal healthcare. EVERY first world country has it EXCEPT the US, why ?? If trump really cared about "We The People" he would lower tax breaks to the wealthy, and give the people who need it healthcare.

Dear MAGA soybean farmers: Under Joe Biden last year, you sold \$18 Billion worth of soybeans to China. Under Trump this year, you have sold \$0. Vote accordingly.

– @rng\_politik

31 U.S. Code § 5112 states it is ILLEGAL to put a living president on a coin.

I'm sure the "law and order" crowd would love to hear this.

The healthcare plan is sitting on Trumb's desk just underneath his infrastructure plan. Both will be available to the public in two weeks. Understandably at the moment, Trumb is focused on implementing the 2025 doctrine he is supposedly "mandated" to do, even though he "knew nothing about it" during his campaign.

I want to live in a world where the flags are lowered for Jane Goodall.

Will someone turn off Trumps television and give him a shiny object to play with.

For those don't grasp why Hegseth is a dismal choice for SoD, he is the only person to get the job with this smattering of lackluster experience:

Served in the Army National Guard, not significant active duty.

Rank: MAJOR – a mid-level officer rank, NOT senior leadership.

Deployments: Served in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, but in roles focused on civil-military operations, NOT strategic military planning. That is unheard of in someone promoted to his level.

NO Joint Chiefs, Pentagon, or command leadership experience that would typically be seen in a Defense Secretary or top-level military appointee.

Terrible history of alcohol abuse and misbehavior. When one is so out of control that they pass out at multiple holiday gatherings and a former spouse needed a SAFE WORD to discreetly summon loved ones for help, that person is unfit to be Secretary of Frozen Banana Stands, much less Defense.

He equated gay marriage with having intimate physical relationships with nonhuman animals, close relatives, and children.

It strongly appears he is a serial ray pizzt and even was called out by his own mother for his terrible treatment of women.

He has a history of financial mismanagement in both of the Veterans' organizations he led. He banned Maya Angelou's I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, but kept Mein Kampf, by a certain chap with an odd moustache.

This makes him the most facepalmy hire ever. And people complain about DEI? This TV-personality-walking-museum-of-sketchiness is more of a DUI hire.

“There is no insurrection in Portland. No threat to national security. No fires, no bombs, no fatalities due to civil unrest. The only threat we face is to our democracy — and it is being led by President Donald Trump,” Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek said in a statement after the ruling was handed down Saturday.

In Trump's urgent desire to be considered a great man, he has lost sight of what it is to be considered a good man.

Only MAGA propaganda teaches its victims to INSIST America has dangerous cities. The logical flaw in such attempted assertions lies in the fact that if the legal system was really "soft on crime," then why are all the jails filled?

America isn't a land of chaos, and the nation isn't succumbing to the attempted fear-mongering from amateur propagandists. 99% of the nation's people conduct business daily without noticing encroaching anarchy.

Propaganda teaches its victims to insist metros are failing even when it's quite obvious they're not. Distrust MAGA to interpret reality properly.

Trump has stated he thinks there should be a military presence in every large American city. Between the lines that means that any protest or anti-Trump rhetoric will result in military action. The actions of a fascist.

Troops that deploy against US citizens are violating their service oath to defend the US and uphold the constitution

What Trump is doing by 'punishing' what he calls Blue cities is the trademark of despots throughout history. Create a bogeyman that at least conservatives can get behind - true or not - and the despot has it all sewn up. 'Enemy within', 'Deep state', are all terms that every dictator has used to divide the people, excuse their own failings, and create a cult-like following. It, unfortunately, works. Until it doesn't.

These types of actions only bring us closer to a rebellion that could result in Civil War... a war where Soldiers from one state are pitted against the populace and soldiers of that other state.

What if the Governor of Oregon now activates her soldiers/guardsmen to defend against the soldiers from California?

Governor Newsom: Is this not a justifiable reason for California to secede from the Union and take our place in the World position of Leadership that it should hold?

Revenge of the patriot American citizens who have every right and reason to defend their US Constitution from the radical far right fascist dictator #47, and his 21st century 77,00,000 sycophant fascist patriots.

Has General Bone Spurs made America great again yet?

The home-grown serial felon criminal in the White House is deliberately poking the bear: Project 2025 and Trump are creating a domestic war setup situation, whereby they keep bullying democratic ran cities, “poking the bear”. Like the big 2020 voter fraud lie Trump manufactured and his team of liars are still repeating today. That lie produced a domestic terrorist attack on the Capitol Building. Blood was drawn. Trump has manufactured another deadly lie with the help of

his fascist radical right friends. Trump recently suggested using these cities for “war practice” = “poking the bear” with National Guard troops, Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Airforce, ICE and Border Patrol. Trump knows that he is going to piss off at least one citizen and that citizen will pull a trigger and Trump will declare “insurrection”. Let the domestic war begin. The dictator’s dreams come true, and America is not great again.

The loss of markets will persist as long as tariffs exist. Does a farm bailout become an every year event? In the mean time millions of people go without health care. Millions more go hungry. Farm states voted for Trump. If they don't suffer the consequences for bad decisions, they will repeat those bad decisions.

It has been an every year event for many many years. Like Social Security, our Agricultural system relies on a socialistic element of our Government...Farmers don't typically admit it, but economically they are socialists. For example, just since 2019, they have received between 100 to a 125 billion dollars from the US government.

Who is bailing out the average American when they go to buy groceries, clothes and gasoline? Last October I bought a pre-lit Christmas tree at Costco for \$400.00. The exact same tree is now \$470.00 at Costco 1 year later. 1 year ago all we heard was how expensive everything was. This year everything is 20%-50% more money. Where is the media frenzy and the maga pearl clutching over this?

The tariffs work so well that the farmers need bailouts, consumers can't afford groceries, and layoffs are looming. Thank god the rich aren't impacted.

Let us face facts. There is NO President of the United States of America anymore. No President would turn his back on his duties and the oath he has taken. HIS JOB is to work with Congress to find a resolution that can be acceptable. For the sake of this country, people need to pay attention.

Totally Disappointing... are the Republicans — who control the House, Senate, and the White House — have chosen a shutdown rather than negotiate with Democrats. Democrats have been willing to negotiate in good faith to address the healthcare affordability crisis.

- Extend the Affordable Care Act tax credits that make it possible for millions of Americans to access health care,
- Reverse Republicans' devastating cuts to Medicaid,
- Ensure that Donald Trump cannot make unilateral, illegal cuts to federal funding in the future.

It is particularly reprehensible that Trump and Republicans are choosing a shutdown that lets low-income women and children go hungry while Trump wastes millions of taxpayer dollars sending federal agents to American Cities. It could not be clearer that Republicans care more about political theater and spreading fear than they do about helping Americans !!!!

10-6-25

This is not a game. They are reducing government- they are simply concentrating government power into the hands of a few people. They are willing to sacrifice workers and their families in order to increase their power and control.

Democrats make up about 47% of the House and the Senate.

The bill that's being argued about during this shut down was written wholly by republicans, and contains no democratic input.

Why would/should democrats vote to pass a bill that contains absolutely nothing that democrats want? Even though democrats make up nearly 50% of congress?

Republicans control the presidency, the congress and the US supreme court. Republicans control all three arms of government. Republicans need to govern, and part of governing is compromise. If they can't do that, they can't govern properly and are wholly responsible for this shut down.

Trump has been a total failure-- he ran on lowering prices and accomplished the opposite-- everything is significantly more expensive, businesses are being bankrupted or are struggling. He has no clue what he's doing with his trade war.

This is a TRUMP SHUTDOWN! He needs to face it, This TRUMP SHUTDOWN OWNS HIM, AND HIM ONLY. He has taken over the gop congress to the point that very few of them think for themselves anymore.

"Barbara Walters would ask Trump to name states where gas is \$1.99 a gallon.

Walter Cronkite would ask Trump which schools change a student's gender without parent permission. Dan Rather would ask Trump where they are performing after birth abortions.

THAT WAS BETTER

History will see that he manufactured chaos because he had nothing good to offer. No vision. No ideas. Just tearing down what others have built, and blamed others for his shortcomings.

Generations will be taught he was nothing but a pathetic con man and a failure.

For some reason, I feel like I'm in my own version of The Man In The High Castle.

They aren't reducing the size of government. They're eliminating checks and balances. WAKE UP!

Between his belief that homosexuality should be criminalized, every trans person is a predator, churches being the only religious orgs to be tax-exempt, and the belief people who play video games should be spending their off time working overtime at their jobs, I cant think of anyone in Washington whose self-destruction I'd be more pleased with than Mike Johnson.

Let's see - Johnson sent everyone home, didn't schedule another meeting until the 13th, trump. left town so didn't try to settle things. Hmm. Wonder what party seems disinterested in a solution.

Trump, @StephenM and MAGA-world have been doxxing and threatening judges who rule against Trump, including Judge Goodstein.

Today, someone committed arson on the Judge's home, severely injuring her husband and son. Will Trump speak out against the extreme right that did this??

Instead of the ridiculous and expensive deployment of national guard troops, how about developing an actual sustainable strategy to reduce crime in these cities. A few months of having a bunch of troops hanging around isn't going to do anything in the long run but cost us a lot of money and make it feel like a police state.

Reason for troops in Portland was trump viewing on t.v riots from George Floyd era in Portland he just now saw on fox from Hannity. You would think that the PRESIDENT would verify but he acts on "instinct"

Reporters need to stop treating Leavitt like she's playing a normal press game. She's not. She's performing scripted outrage and deflection. The only way to break that loop is coordinated pressure. If she dodges a question, the next reporter should ask the same one, slightly reworded, same topic, same heat. No moving on. No letting her pivot. Stay locked in until the mask cracks. The goal isn't just to get answers, it's to make her lose composure, drop the script, and reveal the machinery underneath. That's how you break the performance. That's how you Get The Truth.

US code 12404, which clearly says the president has the right to call up the national guard in cases where he deems it appropriate." That's the problem. trump wants to classify any dissent as a problem.

Basically, Leavitt is saying that it's okay for Trump to stir up trouble and if you protest Trump gets to crush you with troops. I'm sure both Putin and Hitler would agree.

“The president is using his authority as commander in chief, US code 12404, which clearly says the president has the right to call up the national guard in cases where he deems it appropriate.” Except it's not appropriate. He straight-up admitted that he was watching television when he made the decision to call the Oregonian governor and offer to send in the troops. He saw a years-old video from 2020 during a Fox discussion and assumed it was a live feed of current happenings in Portland. That in itself would have been an impeachable offense to republicans had Obama admitted to doing something that colossally stupid.

Trump wants to cause unrest, that and practicing for the midterms are the real reasons behind troops. No judge should allow that lying windbag to put troops on American streets, why are they suddenly needed because this clown is in office.

SORRY! Law 12406 LITERALLY says it can only be done in the event of a foreign invasion, (no) a rebellion, (LOL no) or inability to enforce federal laws. (also no) SO GET OUT

American troops are not constitutionally allowed to be deployed against Americas citizens. they know this. they know what they are doing is criminal. had a democrat done this they would be demanding resignation. that is what we should demand of trump, Leavitt, Miller. Noem, Homen and Hegseth. this is fascism.

Why do Maga men wear makeup?

Notice how Bondi is going after and prosecuting those who post addresses of ICE and right wing terrorist but Trump, Miller and the rest of MAGA can call for violence against judges and post their address for their MAGA cult. Miller was basically ordering violent action against Judge Goodstein. So where is Bondi, her weaponized Justice Department and prosecution of Miller? Just go on X and other right wing sites and look how they cheer and celebrate the judge's house being torched and then they talk about left celebrating Kirk's demise.

One has to worry that the "Red Skull" has so much credibility in this administration! He may even be the real "shadow president" for domestic decisions with Vlad calling the shots internationally.

Miller is in charge. Trump is just a tool of his. Miller is implementing Project 2025. Those involved are all traitors of the USA and it Constitution. Miller is in the driver seat and will do anything to ensure there will be no midterm elections. He feeds Trump old videos or fake ones, and Trump thinks they are happening right now. Patriotic Americans will win in the long run over these traitors!

Nuremberg-style trials await him

Just curious. When is the Unity coming? That's all I hear, but what I see is the exact opposite.

Welcome to the MAGAverse. Up is down, left is right, good is bad and Trump is a good Evangelical Christian who loves the working man and just wants to help those less fortunate.

Charlie Kirk was someone who made a living by draping himself in the American flag and religion all to push his extremist talk onto young vulnerable people pushing hate, racism, misogyny, homophobia, etc. etc.

Kirk did not deserve to die, but he was not a nice guy and not deserving of sainthood. He's made horrible comments about black women and women in general among other incendiary and hurtful things.

It's the GOP that are leading us to the end of democracy. They have always had the power to be a check against a runaway authoritarian President yet they fail to honor their oath to the Constitution. Heaven help us all. Our Democracy is crumbling in front of our eyes day by day.

Funny, he didn't invoke the act on January 6th, when there was an actual INSURRECTION going on.

The only person who has tried an insurrection is him on January 6th. Then he pardoned all the insurrectionists because of their loyalty to him. Trump should be in jail plain and simple. He continues to violate the Constitution and international law.

Trump needs to establish martial law as a prelude to the suspension of the general election in 2028.

Donald Trump keeps blurring the line between law enforcement and the military to go after political opponents.

It's unacceptable, and it's how authoritarians consolidate power. We must name and resist every attempt to use government power to silence dissent.

He is speaking to the military here. If it was any other president, it would be a national scandal that rocked his administration and party.

But for some reason, many Dems and much of the 'liberal media' keep giving him a pass.

"We have to take care of this little gnat on our shoulder called the Democrats," says the American President to cheering servicemembers.

This is so incredibly repugnant and un-American, on so many levels, I don't even know where to begin.

So wrong, outrageous, shameful and disgusting. These are lines that should never been crossed. And have never been crossed. But he keeps crossing them.

Never let them normalize how wrong it is to attack political opponents when speaking to a military audience.

This is impeachable behavior.

But not a single member of Congress has the courage to make the case.

And it's getting worse fast.

The PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, the Commander-in-Chief of its armed forces, to THE NAVY. I don't give a fuck what party you support, can you not see the danger and insanity in this? Can you imagine Reagan, or Clinton, or the Bushes, or Obama saying something so UNAMERICAN?

This political speech to the Navy violates all protocol. Our armed services must remain apolitical. Congress should seriously censure him for this.

That "little gnat" represents half the country

Trump to the Navy: "We have to take care of this little gnat that's on our shoulder called the Democrats." Can you imagine any former president saying this to the military about Republicans..

Trump is encouraging the military to turn against nearly half the country, and elected Republicans won't say a damn word against it.

This is monumentally fucked up.

At least they didn't cheer when he said that. A few in the back looked at each other like what the fuck?<sup>[SEP]</sup> So the Commander-in-Chief just told the Navy their mission is to 'take care of' half the American people? Sounds less like strategy and more like a fascist open mic night

Shameful and unacceptable, this is NOT leadership. Openly sowing seeds of hate & malice against half the country he's supposed to be leading, to what's supposed to be a non-partisan military.

Nasty, hateful and narcissistic individual, not a leader. Embarrassing.

I'm sorry but this will never be normal to me. the president of the United States saying we need to "take care of" the opposing party.

we are in some extremely dark times

Decent people of any political stripe should condemn comments like this. And not just when prompted. Proactively say out loud, "I disagree with this. This is not America." Because if you don't, we will completely lose the fundamental spirit of the American experiment.

This framing violates the spirit of what the founders envisioned: a republic built on debate, disagreement, and institutional balance. The Federalist Papers didn't call for unity of opinion; they called for checks, deliberation, and the protection of minority voices. To treat political opposition as a contaminant is to reject the very architecture of constitutional governance.

Imagine a draft dodging US President calling half the country gnats in front of a military audience. Never before. Americans should reject this divisiveness and stand together. We have more in common than not.

Trump to a room full of Navy sailors: "We have to take care of this little gnat that's on our shoulder called the Democrats."

Gnats are swatted or killed with insect killer. Disturbing metaphor.

As of 2025

Republicans: Approximately 37.4 million voters are registered as Republicans.

Democrats: Approximately 44.1 million voters are registered as Democrats.

Independents: The share of registered voters who are unaffiliated with either major party has grown to about 32%, reflecting a significant increase in independent registrations over the years.

Mitch McConnell must be so proud. Trump's just one man. The hundreds of Republicans that are enabling him are the REAL problem. The SCOTUS, Congress, senate and judges need to be held accountable for not upholding their oath to defend the Constitution.

There is no group that is more negatively affected by the Trump Administration than Gen Z. The jobs market is crashing. If they get a job they will be paying the tariff taxes on cars, homes, furnishings, computers etc. Tariff taxes are inflationary.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump administration brands US cities war zones."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump considers Insurrection Act after judge blocks National Guard deployment."

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This is how DICTATORS work, deploy the military to our cities, then crack down on any protests, take away our rights, end the Constitution, only his rules will apply. He is marching towards this faster with each passing day. This is not the US I grew up in, never in my 82 yrs have I seen stuff like what he is doing happen. Yes we have problems plenty of them, and it is the job of Congress to govern to solve these problems, but Congress has sold out to big money, and remain in office way too long, cause we keep sending them back election after election, we need term limits, but it will take a total house cleaning of Congress to get that done. In the old days, you served for a while then left to go back to your farm or business, now it is a full time job til death do they leave. I have never seen so much division as I do now under Trump in all my years.

There is NO limit to presidential powers in the US today. SCOTUS gave DJT carte blanche to do whatever he wants with impunity under the guise of 'official duties'.

Our government is shut down. Our military occupies our cities. Hundreds of thousands of federal employees fired. Trillions added to our national debt. Political opponents charged with crimes.

America has an authoritarian government, whether you care to admit it or not.

Hamas will never agree to lay down their weapons and Netanyahu knows that. As such, Trump got played because now Israel can continue what they've been doing with Trump's support.

Biden could and should have done more to condemn Israel's genocide and support Palestinian self rule, but Trump's 'peace plan' will never stand.

This year's unNOBEL War Prize goes to Trump. Bombing Iran, shooting up boats off Venezuela, threatening the Taliban if the uS doesn't get back the airbase Trump gave them, demanding Greenland become part of the US. 100 years in the future when someone is reading the truth about Trump's presidencies, they'll label it fiction

Rep. Greg Casar, D-Texas, the chair of the Progressive Caucus, wrote on X: "I don't quote MTG often, but... 'Not a single Republican in leadership... has given us a plan to help Americans deal with their health insurance premiums DOUBLING!!!"

Stoke fear. Exploit desperation.

Suspend the rule of law. Fan brutality.

Every time the stronger brutalize the weak, it's fundamentally the same playbook.

Our duty is to stand up to brutality.

Our moral obligation is to protect the vulnerable and hold the powerful accountable.

Why is the covert use of AI accepted in traditional art galleries and comics publishing?

First, most fans, editors, and gallery directors might not realize it, but they love AI-based artwork; its "styles" are popular, and they celebrate "AI aesthetics" both online and in person, purchasing them without concern for how they were created. Second, some of these artists are not newcomers but seasoned veterans in the comics industry with established networks of friends and contacts. Third, none of them admit to using AI, often creating "preliminaries" and other artifacts as proof after the fact, and some even post about being "Anti-AI."

But more than anything else, it's what I call the 'Emperor's New Clothes' phenomenon. Editors and directors might not have noticed it, but plenty of artists are aware and offended by it. They may discuss it only privately, since the industry is small and nobody wants to make enemies. As a result, the silence persists, and AI-generated images continue to be produced, promoted, and sold, replacing non-AI art.

At least she (MTG) admits the truth of why the Democrats will not comply with the Republican budget bill. Republicans want to take away 20 Million Americans affordable health insurance.

But they want to gaslight their followers into believing that the Democrats did it. That is why the Republicans in the Senate refuse to go ahead and abolish the filibuster and pass whatever they want.

It has become abundantly clear with each passing day that what's in the Epstein files will end Trump's presidency. He knows it, he's scared and it shows. Any person with an ounce of decency who reviewed these files have been horrified. All others that viewed the contents and are protecting Trump will forever be complicit in covering up the behavior of the most disgusting human being to ever ascend to this country's highest office.

The reason Trump picked Pam is because she has a checkered past and criminal accusations against her. She took an oath to uphold the constitution, not enable Trump and Miller. She will be on trial and face a prison sentence when Trump is no more.

You can't hide hate behind scripture.

"Increasingly, Hollywood views half the country not as fellow citizens with outdated beliefs, but as enemies who deserve punishment"

Isn't this EXACTLY how the President feels? He's said as much on a daily basis.

Seems like conservatives have more interest in focusing on culture wars, entertainment, movies, bad bunny, than actual governing and legislating to solve actual problems like healthcare, prices, etc...

To the restaurants refusing ICE service, the hoteliers locking their doors, the tow truck drivers trailing their vehicles—with tears in my eyes, I say, thank you.

I love this town. Stay salty, Chicago.

Fox News is facing ridicule online for repeatedly featuring masked “guests” — including a supposed “former Antifa member,” an “ex-gang member,” and others — who all share the same build, eyes, and voice, leading many viewers to suspect it’s the same man each time.

Internet sleuths have compared screenshots and suggested the mystery guest bears a strong resemblance to Robert J. O’Neill, the former Navy SEAL who claims to have fired the kill shot on Osama bin Laden.

O’Neill, a longtime Fox News contributor and commentator, has made numerous appearances on the network. The repeated use of masked figures resembling him has renewed criticism of Fox’s credibility and its reliance on sensational, poorly vetted segments.

Let's be clear, there is no longer a United States Of America. Trump and almost every single Republican in office has abandoned all ideals and values of what makes America America, The Constitution. What we have now is a country embracing fascist ideals, such as putting armed troops in the streets to subjugate the population. Furthermore the executive branch with help from a complacent Congress willing to look the other way is marshalling a secret police force through ICE to terrorize people. ICE agents hide their identity with masks and are answerable to one person, and one person only, Trump. We're not moving towards a dictatorship, we are already living in one. I blame both political parties for the collapse of our once great Democracy. Republicans for encouraging Trump, and Democrats for not standing up and doing something about it. There are a lot of us independents here that aren't going to stand for it much longer. I support the Constitution in it's entirety, including the true reason for the 2nd A. Who's with me?

I was a student at Kent State in 1970 when American soldiers were called in to "control" student protesting. And guess what the BIG rumor was the Friday this all started? It was that the campus was under Martial Law & we should do exactly what the soldiers said, or they could shoot us. This later proved to be dis-information. But every authority figure, especially dorm RA's, were spreading the rumor just to keep us under control. We all saw how THAT ended. And I believe Trump is going to do the same thing. And once Americans start being killed for simply exercising their first amendment rights & the news gets out....well, things are going to get interesting.

Truth is... It may not be a choice of Martial Law or Civil War - my take is Martial Law will try to be declared and that will lead immediately to Civil War. Ans let me be very clear - neither of those will work out well for anyone on either side of that divide. It would be massively preferable to avoid both if we can. I am unsure if we can avoid it, though.

He's also setting the stage for ignoring court orders banning the use of National Guard troops. He accused the judge that ordered him to stop trying to send troops to Portland of being 'corrupt' and hinted her orders were illegal.

We have now entered Stage 4 of the 5 Stages of Totalitarianism: Create a crisis. This is the stage in which the efforts to take complete control of power are fully operational: fake crisis that requires "peace through strength" tactics that are unwarranted.

Lack of education and gullibility by a large percentage of Americans have been the electorate's culpability in bringing us to this point.

Stephen Miller, Rusell Vought and Peter Thiel are running the Country right now, Trump is their pawn, Project 2025 is unfolding right in front of us and that is exactly the plan to do away with the constitution and implement project 2025.

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News of the Surreal (for Real): "Pastor shot in the head by ICE agents sues Trump administration over First Amendment threats in Chicago."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump calls for jailing Democratic leaders as troops prepare for Chicago deployment."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "India has a festival where a Hindu goddess slays a demon. This year the demon is Trump."

It's like why you never see Proud Boys and ICE at the same time.....cause they're the same person.

When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in a flag

Looking for a Jan 6th insurrectionist or Proud Boy? They are ICE agents now.

I may be just a rugged Marine combat veteran, but I can assure you of something that I've witnessed in the world: when voices are ignored, people go to extremes to be heard. People often resort to violence as a means of resisting authoritarianism. Historically, authoritarians wield military force like a hammer over glass, shattering dissent with precision and cruelty. "National Security" cloaks its violence in the language of order and security. They station soldiers not just at borders, but inward towards the hearts of cities, where fear is meant to take root deeper than loyalty ever could. Yet, resistance rises—quiet at first, like a whisper behind locked doors, then louder, swelling in the streets, carried by voices too long silenced. The people, though bruised and bloodied, remember freedom as more than a memory; they remember it as a birthright. And when the weight of truth grows heavier than fear, regimes built on intimidation begin to crack, their power slipping like dust through clenched fists. In the end, no matter how ironclad the rule, the will of the people proves more enduring than the steel of a gun

If Trump ever uses the military in a US city without clear and compelling violent protest that looks to be payback by Trump against a democratic city I will have no problem taking up arms against an unlawful military presence. The military is beholden to the constitution, not the President

Apparently, Trump tolerates riotous behavior in Federal building. The 1-6 rioted where sedition occurred, were all pardoned by Trump. Miller should seek clarification from Trump over permissible riotous behavior.

Obamacare passed in 2010. 15 years ago. For 15 years republicans have complained about how bad it is how expensive it is, how they were going to replace it with something better. Yet, in 15 years I have never seen them put forward one single plan to replace it with something better. Not once.

I work for a family-owned construction company which cannot afford to offer its employees health insurance at this time, so many of us get our insurance through the ACA.

I'm curious how much insurance companies spend on lobbyists and politicians? Outlaw those institutions from hiring lobbyists and contributions to politicians. An easy way to decrease premiums...

Ok...we get it...magas hate the ACA. Well, you guys have had 15 years to offer a better alternative and...nothing. Trump promised a big, beautiful healthcare plan that would be ready on

day one (8 1/2 years ago) and...nothing. Repubs need to step up to the plate and offer their own plan. Of course, we all know that will never happen.

It's a horrible concept for healthcare. But instead of fixing it, Republicans want to bankrupt half of America and crash the entire healthcare system, while allowing insurance companies to continue making record profits. What is wrong with our government?! Vote. Them. OUT.

This is a foolish move by MAGA, by letting the subsidies expire they are exposing the true costs to working class voters, in 2025 even sooner than 2026. This will be well ahead of the midterms, so all can see the consequences of this BIG UGLY BILL. There will be no place to hide, they will have to own their failed policies, including this, the tariffs, and all of their bone headed choices, which aren't making AMERICA GREAT AGAIN. Rather this is a continuing process of hollowing out the middle class. 51% of the voters consider themselves Middle Class, they are lying to themselves. According to the Pew Institute, to be considered Middle Class a family of four must make 2.5 times the median household income. In 2024 that income was \$83,750.00, so that means to be Middle Class you would have to have a family income of 209,325. Only 20% of households earn that amount, which means 80% are Working Class. Can there be any doubt we need a public option for that 80%, since the 20% can afford their own private health care if they want it.

The real problem is that the GOP has no plan.

Let's talk about petroleum subsidies.

So, the GOP wants working Americans to pay for unsubsidized healthcare costs while the wealthiest industry in the world benefits from subsidies?

While the growing AI industry is being propped up with federal money?

While sustainable energy initiatives are being defunded and cancelled?

While guardsmen are costing 1M to 2M dollars per day per city to solve fake problems.

While It "costs tens of billions of dollars each year to fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), with its budget recently increased significantly for detention and deportation operations.

Who do these people think they are?

"Shut-down donnie" for jail!

Republicans don't want ACA because the rich are unwilling to sacrifice any of their tax cut (despite ballooning the deficit beyond any height in the past ) It is something that actually helps the real taxpayers who have to foot the bill that Donald Trump signed their great grandchildren's doomed to debt to pay for after, but the rich will have a vast fortune to pass to their own.

Remember, for those who are confused, ACA IS Obamacare too!

Hate is not policy.

Chaos is not security.

Threats is not negotiation.

Fear is not governance.

If she goes after antifa, she will have to jail the majority of Americans. It's not an organization. It's a thought process that means anti facist.

Antifa is an ideology not an organization.

He makes me want to puke. A room full of deranged people and they think that they can sell this to the country and world. Your friend from Canada. Ps nothing but lies even when they caught on tape

Most blue states use independent commissions to do the maps and DEM have a bill in congress to make it a law that ALL states use independent commissions to do the maps all DEMs voted

for it and NOT A SINGLE REP would vote for it that shows the REP do not care for the will of the people only power

They're corrupt as hell. MAGA is insane.

The entire trump administration is a publicity stunt.

Regarding Portland, citizens have been sending in photos and video from all over the city to show it is not war ravaged. The only area that is having an issue is the one ICE detention center that has around 30 (+/-) protesters, many dressed in costumes. Protesters have been told to keep it peaceful so there is no excuse for the goon squad to retaliate. If Noem is threatened by a protester in a chicken suit, she's not as tough as she pretends to be.

Stop. The guy died a horrible death. The immediate response from Trump and the right was, "how can we use this?" They tried to make him out to be something he wasn't even close to and refused to even remotely recognize that he had made some very questionable comments. This included Charlie Kirk fans being super offended when people quoted Charlie Kirk. It took about 2 minutes for Kirk's wife to go from being the grieving widow to living the high life.

I thought we were over pretending that Kirk was some kind of saint.

So much for the "most transparent" administration.

Pedophile-protector Pam is still refusing to answer questions — and still hiding the Epstein files.

This is just a brief commercial break, a pause, before the return of regularly scheduled programming. The sides pause, both sides negotiate in bad faith, and war resumes. It has happened so many times. You'd need a fundamental change in circumstances and a real agreement, and nothing here is that, this is just a pause to try and exploit the short break and rearm in the meantime.

Trump didn't usurp executive power on his own. Congress is just as guilty for enabling Trump at the expense of their own rights so they could empower the executive branch. People need to vote these politicians out of office. These politicians are not leaders. Leaders look out for their constituents whereas politicians look to enrich themselves and the people and organizations that contributed to their campaigns. It's high time American voters realize that the average taxpayer is footing the bill while the rich get tax breaks. If Trump really wanted to cut down the debt he'd roll back the tax cuts but that doesn't play well with the wanna be autocrats that enable the fascists that occupy the White House and Congress.

If quoting Charlie Kirk is hate speech, why wasn't him saying all that stuff hate speech then? The fastest way to fully trigger a Republican Kirk fan is to simply quote Charlies own words back to them.

Aren't you sick to death of politicians threatening schools and universities with cutting funding if they don't do what the politician wants? I am. A school should be able to name a street what THEY want to name it. I have nothing against Charlie Kirk. Actually before he died I had not even heard of him. Bu this I know. He is not entitled to the sainthood that republicans are assigning to him.

Charlie Kirk did not deserve to be murdered.

Nor did he deserve to have flags flown at half mast, roads named after him, statues of him built, or a national holiday.

He was a political firebrand that made his living arguing, and unfortunately offending a lot of people.

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The exchange of terrorists for the remaining hostages is necessary and welcomed but will not stop the hatred, will not provide Israel with security and proper respect in the world as a sovereign state, Hamas will not go away and there will not be a Palestinian state as a reward for October 7th

World War 1 lasted "about" 5 years. World War 2 lasted also lasted "about" 5 years. The Israeli vs Palestinian "Conflict" has been ongoing for nearly 100 years of each side killing innocent people in the other side. The thought of a temporary peace deal next week is hopeful. Will it last? When over the last 100 years has any agreement lasted between these two sides that hate each other. Next week will be the start of the most recent calm before the next storm inevitably breaks out once again.

Only donnie can believe that completing 5% of a peace plan would mean ever lasting peace. How hard is he promoting himself for a Nobel Peace Prize? He is still using threats (or else) phrases, blowing up boats in international waters, and using the military in his own country to stir up the people so he can use the Insurrection Act.

Many probably think (hope?) that once president 🤪 is no longer in power that our government and our country can move back towards some semblance of normalcy. I no longer think this. It's obvious that too many people in the country have too much anger, frustration, envy, whatever it is, that made them susceptible to 🤪's bizarre cult of personality. Once he's gone he will have left a playbook behind that someone or some group will pick up and continue to follow because incredibly it's now a proven method. Unless the millions of apathetic non-voters in the country finally get fed up with this S-show and use their voting power to make it stop, we are on a slow road to destruction.

Trump has unleashed the worst in our country. It was always there, but he opened the gates!!! Once he is gone the Project 25 folks and the Heritage folks will continue one because those are the ones orchestrating this entire thing. They are letting tRump be the figure head and let him take "credit" but he isn't in charge. Once he is gone they will find another figurehead to stand behind the podium.

As it was in Hitler's Germany it WILL be a devastating and a VERY long road back if indeed we have not completely lost our sense of Democratic direction.

"We have an Insurrection Act for a reason; if I had to enact it, I'd do that," he told reporters on Monday.... I guess to Trump, storming the US Capitol and beating the Capitol police and trying to prevent the certification of an elected President, along with stopping the peaceful transfer of power isn't classified as an insurrection.

Americans: we need to decouple from China.

China: ok, let me help.

Americans: hey, you can't do that!

Aren't bailouts socialism?

This guy has lost his farm already it's just he doesn't know it yet.

Wait I thought America was great again

Reaping what you voted for!! No bailouts!!

ENJOY ALL THE WINNING FARMERS!

I was always told farmers were smart. But given that this dude is just now realizing what the rest of us knew about Trump since like 1999.... well.

Business & Commerce 101 : Don't ever insult or belittle your biggest customer

This is exactly why public schools must prioritize teaching critical thinking skills.

Trump: Smart people don't like me.

MAGA: That's why we like trump.

MAGA!!

Farming is already the most subsidized industry. Now they want a bailout because they voted in a guy who said he wanted a trade war? Wow.

Too bad.....you voted for TRMP and now you want US Taxpayers to bail you out.

Wait so having a president who doesn't anger all of our trading partners would be a GOOD thing? Huh, who'd a thunk it!

When people with decades of experience and knowledge are punished or removed when they disagree with top management that is new, the problem is not with the people with decades of experience.

I'm a bit flabbergasted that Hegseth and Trump would stand in front of professional tacticians and expert military men and women and show their cards as if these people hadn't seen the face of dictatorships and authoritarian regimes form and fall across the globe at their hands and in some instances designs...

Military Officers Oath:

I \_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Unlike enlisted service members, officers do not swear to obey the President or other superior officers in this oath, a distinction that traces back to the Founding Fathers to ensure the military's dedication to principles and laws rather than a single person

Trump and Hegseth clearly never made officers rank nor familiarized themselves with this Oath to know how foolish their demands would be.

The entire speech episode was bold.... Likely too bold. I know for certain a great many of these officers were thinking that they now have the basis to remove Trump and Hegseth should they ever need to in order to avoid greater catastrophe of our nation. They'll play along until they no longer can if Trump enacts something like Martial Law.

**Taking a Major in the reserves and making him a 5 Star General overnight - a promotion of 8 grades - is a recipe for failure.**

There's a huge difference between getting fighting to stop in the short term and resolving the root causes of the conflict.

I don't think previous recipients went around boasting and campaigning for themselves to win the prize, as Trump has been doing for months, if not years. He seems to believe he can browbeat the world into thinking he deserves the honor, repeating constantly how great he is and what a statesman he is. It's mostly just words, as always, for his own glorification. If, God forbid, he's given the prize I think it will be only because the Committee is afraid NOT to give it to him. And Trump would then cease even the pretext of being some kind of statesman and fully unleash his true bully persona. NO Nobel Prize for Trump!

No one is going to award a "Peace Prize" to someone who has sent federal forces to attack lawful citizens of their own nation.

He definitely does NOT deserve the Nobel Peace Prize! Don't forget that he encouraged violence after he lost the 2020 election. He bullies to get his way, exaggerates and lies about everything, and is a prime example of what a president SHOULD NOT be. He is all about

himself and cares for no one else. He is a dictator Wanna-Be, and a danger to our country and our allies.

They are calling US the enemy within. If that isn't meant to incite a riot then nothing is. Remember though when protesting PEACEFULLY that what they NEED more than anything is an EXCUSE to justify this 'martial law' attempt to end all future elections. Keep your heads but be clear on what it is you are resisting.

"When the government subsidizes something, it means it's not working." Then why do we keep sending money to farmers? If they can't sell their products, then they need to find another line of work. If the sale of their products is being hampered by the tariffs, then maybe the administration should be looking at figuring out a way of dealing with that instead of using our tax dollars to prop up a business. Isn't that what Johnson is alluding to when he says that subsidies are propping up insurance companies. What's the difference?

If you ever wondered how people like Hitler, Manson, Jones, Koresh. etc could get people to follow them and their crazy ideas, just look at how EASY it was to get the same "small government, don't tread on me, can't trust the government, 2nd amendment" crowd to applaud our own military being sent to city after city to police the streets in the name of "taking care of crime".

This is part the Trump-MAGA "Flood the zone" strategy.... Throw as much garbage and lies around-- and let everyone debunk and neutralize them.

This should be worrisome to many Americans... King Trump should be America's respected leader at home. and World leader... I fear he is sounding a lot like the Germany guy in the late 1930's to mid-1940's.

Republican C-SPAN caller to Mike Johnson: "As a Republican, I'm very disappointed in my party, and I'm very disappointed in you, because you have the power to call the House back. You refuse to do that just for a show."

If the government reopens without including the extension of the Obama health plan, millions of US families will find themselves without healthcare or health insurance they can't afford.

Millions will find themselves in this same situation. The GOP must include the continuation of healthcare and coverage that the DEMS are fighting for. Millions of newly uninsured and uncovered children will die. The DEMS are fighting for healthcare for all Americans. MAGA needs to keep our healthcare!

This back and forth on who should cave to get an extension signed is taking away from the actual issue. The budget was due in April. This new(ish) norm of ignoring the deadline and then duking it out over extensions is crap. They need to do their jobs.

What a POS! Can't even be man enough to admit he's responsible. Dems are standing up loud and clear and truthfully saying why they're holding the line. The cult is lying, evading, finger pointing, and pretending they actually care. There is not one single shred of honor or decency in the entire party anymore. Stop stealing our money to give to the rich, stop lying about the democrats, stop supporting the pedophiles, and stop pretending you give a rat's ass about the working class. It's disgusting and no one outside the cult is buying it.

Do we really think we can see a cease fire existing between Israel and Hamas now and continue in the future? To be honest with everyone across the world, I am tired of all the hatred between all the nations, between all the people, everywhere, there and here in America. It is sick when there is so much hatred just over politics especially when there are people who are trying to kill us. WHY DO WE HATE EACH OTHER?

Johnson is a self-proclaimed Christian. He's also one of the biggest hypocrites in Congress. Rather than try to help Americans with medical cost he sits in his corner, blames the other guy and does nothing. His God is Trump and he grovels at Trump's feet daily.

White supremacist Christo-fascism is alive and well in Ohio. another Kent State soon.

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No no no no no no....why, for the love of everything everywhere are we doing this? This is not our role. We've grossly exceed our role in covering for a nation that's roughly the size of New Jersey with a significantly lower GDP than New Jersey and a population about that of Jersey.

We have to stop getting involved in everything they want because they simply want it. We simply cannot continue to do it. We supposedly can't afford to keep credits in place for the ACA markets but we can find billions upon billions of dollars every single year for 1 single country without fail.

MAGA...Is that America first? Is that putting U.S. farmers first? Is that putting U.S. troops first? Is that putting the corner store owner, the janitor, the fast food worker, heck even an American CEO first? No, it's not in any reasonable manner. So why back it?

Why, you ask 🤔

Simple!

Because our Republican neighbors and our Republican coworkers MANDATED every bit of what we're seeing!

Because miss o ginny rasm and hmfbya mean FAR more than happiness and prosperity and peace to our neighbors.

Had enough yet?

what's left in Gaza but rubble - now U.S. taxpayers have to clean up Gaza then bail out Argentina while thousands of Americans were fired, military workers are not being paid and the rich guys getting big tax breaks and richer - way to go Maga - wait, not to mention repub magas wanting to take healthcare insurance from folks, closing hospitals then increasing insurance premiums for regular Americans -

Look at history. Every time some president has sent troops to another country for.... whatever....ended up in a war.

In today's GOOD NEWS section the 2025 Nobel peace prize went to a Venezuelan

This comment, along with others likely to follow from Trump's Administration, was anticipated.

Ms. Machado's accomplishments and actions are admirable, and this award highlights that.

Democracy is a good thing and worth fighting for.

Actions speak louder than words. One fights for democracy the other fights against it. One humble, one demanding glory. One bringing people together one dividing people. So that's why Trump didn't win.

The "White House" embarrasses itself on a daily basis. If Trump had ANY class, which he does not, he/they would congratulate Ms Machado and highlight her accomplishments. But three-year-old Trump can only whine, "Me. Me. Me."

I don't want to downplay the efforts made to end this horrible war in Gaza and Trump's very important role in bringing it to fruition, but the Nobel Peace Prize should not be a competition. No one should be outright campaigning for themselves to win it, and by doing so, he cheapens it. Congratulations to Venezuela's Maria Corina Machado. Her efforts appear to be well deserved.

The funniest thing though is that \$50K signing bonus is only paid after 5 years of service. If we still have elections in 2026 and 2028 it's very likely all of that money gets canceled or those guys get laid off before they ever see a penny.

No if Trump will take over the government after 4 years, and that's why he is building his own MAGA army and spreading them all over cities, like he is doing it now. He will make sure that next J6 will be different story.

“In the 1960s, the KGB conducted psychological experiments that demonstrated how prolonged exposure to fear messages could lead to brainwashing, effectively altering subjects' perceptions and beliefs.”

One of the reasons Trump can say this stuff is because most of his supporters don't live in cities - or have ever even been to one. So they believe him when he says cities are 'out of control' or 'riddled with violence', while people who live in these cities know those events are the exception, not the rule.

Most of Trump's supporters have also never been graduated from, attended, or even visited a college or university in the United States, so they have zero practical knowledge of how universities operate or what they teach students via the plethora of majors and graduate programs they provide.

At this point, NO CONGRESS at all would be more effective than one that tears up and divides the country...

The solution to all these issues is to make Congress live by the same rules they make for everyone else. Shut down? No pay. Healthcare? Same as everyone else. Most of these issues would go away immediately.

Peaceful protesters don't hate America. They hate the idea of an authoritarian government in America.

We do not hate America. We hate what Trump is doing TO America. Seems we kind of actually love our Constitution and aren't really happy with having a King Trumptator. And paid? Hell, we aren't even INVITED, we just attend as being the single most patriotic thing an American can do - standing up FOR our Constitution.

Is it just me, or does it seem like every time someone disagrees with tRump, it's un-American? No Kings is a offering of free speech, something else the MAGA folks don't like if it's anti-tRump

I plan on attending another NO KINGS rally on 10/18. And no, I am not a paid actor, and neither are the people attending. I am so tired of the GOP blaming freedom of speech peaceful protests as being organized by ANTIFA (no such organization by the way, it is an ideology), or attended by paid actors, or sickos. Those attending these rallies are individuals from all walks of life, all ethnic groups, various ages. The GOP Trump supporters are in denial.

Besides the Epstein files, I would like to see a complete forensic audit of all Trump and his families stock trades to see if they have been shorting the markets before these so called tariffs are disclosed to the public.

Trump started a trade war with the world. In response, the world has been moving away from a U.S. centric universe and China has been more than willing to take the lead where it can. To get trump to lash out like this would indicate that someone has informed him that China has little to no need to deal with us.

Goodbye 2025 gains on retirement accounts. And prices will go even higher on lots of goods. Soybean and other farmers, goodbye to a huge customer.

It's ok for Trump to impose fees, yet not ok to have fees imposed reciprocally? Nice to live in his world.

Man he's doing such a good job. Government is shut down. He's firing employees while they are furloughed just a couple months before the holidays. Troops aren't being paid. Everyone in America hates their neighbor because of who they voted for. Global markets are working through each other rather than the US. Tons of constitutional rights violations that have civil rights lawyers licking their chops.

So are we great again yet?

When will Trump's cult realize that there is no plan, that there is no strategy other than confusion and chaos. Trump's "tariff policy" is ad hoc, and improvised by the minute, with predictable disaster. You've been played, Trumpers. Wake up.

Earlier this year I watched Tom Homan stand up and explain why it was ok that federal agents had slapped a third grade child in handcuffs and transported them to an out of state detention center where they were held for almost a week. The horror I felt that this was happening in my country is the opposite of hating the USA. We're better than this.

The real question is when will the American public hold Trump and his followers accountable. They are destroying this country and should be held accountable.

The "No Kings" protests are a peaceful, grassroots response to authoritarian overreach—not a threat to America, but a defense of its founding principles. Attempts to smear these gatherings as violent or anti-American are not only baseless, they're a distraction from the real issue: millions of citizens standing up, calmly and lawfully, against the erosion of democratic norms. These are not paid agitators—they're everyday Americans who believe power should remain with the people, not concentrated in one man! RELEASE THE EPSTEIN FILES!!

GOP could have ruled 100 years ago, but since the advent of telecommunications and ultimately the internet and global interconnectivity, we can now see how broken their world view is as to governance. They are in general poorly educated, they cannot make correct fiscal decisions that lead to prosperity. Mainly because they represent the interests of and do the bidding solely for the rich. They rely on their speaking words from "Christianity" to control the masses, but the Republican leaders are immersed in financial controversy and illegal practices, most with minors. They spread hate and division as a way to cover their transgressions, blaming everyone else for their misgivings. Their laws they enact are one-sided and meant to divide the populace so they can benefit the wealthy. When the poor need help they shun them and find ways to terrorize vulnerable populations.

The "No King Protest" was not a Hate America Rally. it was Hate Trump Rally aimed at voicing opposition to his authoritarian policies. The Rally could not have been more American.

The SAD part of the trump administration, as was Hitlers administration, is his legacy will last forever. German people do not like to talk about Hitler because it is a stain on their legacy. Trump supporters will be faced with questions from their grandchildren and they will deny ever supporting trump.

Of course they are fighting. Trump appoints thugs to cabinet and few have the skillset for their particular job. When they get called out and frustrated, they attack their own.. Give this cabinet a box of knives and lock them up for a week. Let's start over.

It's so funny listening to Trump constantly telling everyone how amazing the economy is doing. And republicans doing nothing to correct him. While at the same time, republicans saying, "there's probably 80% of Americans that can't go without two paychecks in a row." If Trump and republicans are doing such a good job of putting so much disposable money into peoples

pockets, then where is it when they need it? This is exactly what happened leading up to the pandemic. Trump kept boasting at how he had saved the US from the economic disaster that was the Obama era. But as soon as the pandemic hit, a majority of Americans needed to be immediately bailed out in the form of a stimulus check and/or unemployment check. Proving once again, that while billionaires continue to give themselves tax cuts that give them more wealth than they can spend in 1000+ lifetimes, most of America is dead broke, or close to it. Many people remember when President Clinton negotiated for peace between Israel and Palestine which didn't last. These two nations have been fighting for over a century. Trump's peace won't last.

President Carter also did that in the 1970's.

There will NEVER be peace until the "other team" ceases demanding the borders of pre-1947.

Trump's version of "peace" is as temporary as one of his campaign promises. He thrives on conflict — it's what keeps him in the headlines — so believing his deal will bring lasting calm is pure fantasy.

He's destroying everything stable that Democrats like Obama and Clinton worked to build.

Under Obamacare, my premium is \$90 a month, and my car insurance from InsurancePanda is just \$23. The economy actually worked for regular people before Trump came back swinging his ego around the world stage, pretending to be a statesman.

Peace can't grow in the shadow of arrogance — and Trump's ego blocks out the sun.

That is exactly what I've been asking, where is that Trillions of tariff money going? Over the past year, the rate of increase for our national debt has averaged \$5.72 billion per day, \$238.16 million per hour, \$3.97 million per minute, or \$66,156.25 per second. This increase over the past year amounts to \$6,132.36 per person or \$15,779.51 per household. In all, total gross national debt amounts to \$110,020 per person or \$283,098 per household. Is this making America great or just broke from the top to the bottom?

News of the Surreal (for Real): "GOP Leaders Call 'No Kings' Protest A 'Hate America' Rally, Baselessly Suggest Terror Link."

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No mention of his prescription and OTC medications.

Something that was included in Pres Biden reports.

And no legitimate doctor has the word "exceptional" in their medical review, clearly geared to pacify the patient who used to get away with writing his own reports.

Jim Jordan can go ahead and try to impeach a judge. It would require 67 votes (two-thirds) in the Senate for conviction and removal.

Can the Republican Party survive Trump? It seems they have decided to double down on culture wars, bigotry, vengeance and obstruction to good governance instead of actually governing. A party that chooses short-term gain over long-term survival has no future.

Fair warning Republicans! A political party cannot survive without broad-based support; clear ideology and vision; effective leadership; adaptability and responsiveness to the needs of constituents; electoral competence; inclusivity and internal democracy; credibility and trust as a party.

further and further, we go into fascism, autocracy or what ever you want to call it, but democracy it's not. Man, these Republican forget that they don't have the monopoly of crazy. A Democrat or Independent will swing this pendulum back and pull this same [delete] in the future.

Vertical morality has led to the demonization of empathy and desensitization toward the suffering of other.

Unfortunately, Trump's heartless and thoughtless intentions have little to do with common sense or doing what is "right". He will do things highly controversial, then tout it to his low knowledge support group, rationalizing that he and his accomplices are certain this is what must be addressed to combat waste, fraud, and abuse, and they simply go along without a moment's thought. We are witnessing the destruction of our once great nation, and the "band played on". I am very disappointed in the Democrat's rather obvious inability to mount any meaningful "front" to combat this lunacy, and, I fear, once the midterms are over, and there is no monumental change, it will take a very long time to "right the ship". The time is now.

Our education system is being run by a wrestling promoter with zero experience in education-- having had none herself.

There are a lot of maga parents in special education. Are you still happy about your vote?

I think this is no accident. I believe the Lord above sends us clues and messages. This is the essence of this man breaking through and this moment is to teach all of us who really care about our religion and our fellow Americans what this man is about. Remember, this man is the very person who decorated this gaudy office with obscene and unnatural wealth in an office which should be devoted to the people. Consider all his actions and Jesus's teachings. Are these two men similar, or are they opposites. And if they are at the opposite ends of the spectrum, how can they both be good?

Trump is not religious. He uses religion to use their people and appear moral and normal.

I'm still waiting for that 100% , 200% 300% and even 500% cut in drug prices. In my world 100% cut means free but hey I never went to Trump University.

10-13-25

You mean picking a fight with the largest manufacturing economy, 1.5 billion people and a source of nearly everything we make may be problematic?

-- No Kings • No Lying Hate Clowns --

"Reality TV President looking for a Reality Show"..... Perfectly said and absolutely true.

Why has NO reporter said to Trump "ANTIFA just stands for Anti-fascist. Are you saying "Mr. President" that you are FOR fascism?"

Donald Trump knows that his popularity with his base of MAGA voters rests on his ability to project decisiveness and strength. He understands that right or wrong, MAGA voters, who mostly seem to be a grievance-addicted bunch dissatisfied with their lot in life, couldn't care less about the impact his policies and decisions have on the current state of our nation, or its future, as long as he comes off like some kind of comic-book tough guy hell-bent on wreaking havoc on their perceived enemies. Sadly, those "enemies" are mostly their fellow citizens, who more and more view Orangekopf as no more than a tiresome bully who's somehow managed to deceive his supporters into believing that his campaign of vengeance and pursuit of personal glory somehow aligns with their best interests.

Most MAGA voters will stay true believers. But Karl Rove is undoubtedly correct in thinking that the broad swath of independent voters in this country will inevitably start to sour on the man who seemingly believes that the distraction of his performative culture war will suffice to cause them to forget (or at least forgive) the fact that he's obviously abandoned his promises to address their economic concerns.

'Protecting ICE' is not in any way a valid justification for deploying the military home guard. That's insane, an admission of gross incompetence if it were actually true, but an obvious lie to instill fear, since it is clearly not. ICE is an armed federal agency, benefiting from the state's monopoly on legal violence. If they were actually trained professionals - as they are meant to be, and not desperate randos hired off the street as they truly are - they would not need another armed agency to 'protect them.'

He can't govern. That's the simple truth. That requires an interaction with people and Trump can only command. I imagine he has no real interest in policy except to exert more power not just over D.C. but the anyone who resists his view of the world. He said he hates his adversaries and since that includes over half of the country, he therefore hates America. His sadistic approach to the Presidency speaks for itself.

I guess he thinks that a scowling face and a clenched fist makes him look "powerful" - it doesn't. He just looks like a grumpy old man.

Hamas has already said they won't comply with the peace treaty condition that they give up their weapons. How long until Hamas rebuilds its army. A temporary Truce at best between two groups that have been fighting for centuries.

I was sorting through my March 2025 photos yesterday, found our get-together photo when Dylan was in town, and tried to create a proper Multimedia "group" portrait with adding Lynsey in. It didn't quite work, but it's better than nothing. Lynsey is sort of on top of our Multimedia cheerleader pyramid.

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And now we know what Trump's priorities are. His expensive coif over a shaky peace deal that won't last past Christmas.

No, Speaker Johnson:

The No Kings Rally on October 18 is not a "hate America" rally.

Quite the contrary.

It's a rally of millions of people who believe in American freedom and are not going to allow you and President Trump to turn us into an authoritarian country.

The Administration and its sycophants have used EVERY pejorative word they could find to describe these protesters. The words they can't find are American Citizens, War Veterans, Clergy, Teachers, Construction Workers, Union Works and really fine concerned people.

Take the blinders off Mullin. There are masked men in the US dragging children out of their beds in the middle of the night to deport them. We have a president who is usurping congress and refusing to allocate monies approved by congress and illegally using tax payer dollars for whatever purpose he chooses. Our CDC has been decimated. Heaven forbid we have another pandemic. Our farmers are going bankrupt because of Trump's ridiculous tariffs. Food prices are escalating because there are fewer people working in the industry thanks to them having been deported and because of Trump's tariffs. Try buying coffee or bananas. Unemployment is rising with hundreds of thousands having lost their jobs. Services have been cut to our Vets. Private law firms and universities have been bullied and threatened over free speech. Judges are being vilified for upholding the Constitution. The very fabric of our Democracy is being eroded by the day.

There is no derangement about hating Trump! Trump is just a person that no one loves. And many people hate him for his actions not necessarily for him a person.

Protesting trump's lack of moral compass for starter's. The list is too long to put here but I can assure you it does not include ambivalent towards anyone.

Trump's so transparent, this is why he has been begging Republicans to shut down the government since his first term. It's the perfect opportunity to fire employees that were appointed by other administrations and destroy programs. Otherwise known as violating civil service protections that were designed to prevent this from happening. Republicans act like Democrats are never going to take power again but all of this is going to be remembered.

There are no democrats programs or republicans programs, they are American citizens programs.

Spineless MAGA politicians will find out at midterms how good voters' memories are. They are allowing Trump to act like a dictator in our democracy and 2026 will be the REAL TURNING POINT.

This is the creepy guy that MAGA Christians voted for. Makes you wonder just what kind of hate is taught in MAGA churches, doesn't it?

10-15-25

This Saturday I urge anyone who is tired of the tyranny, tired of the blatant lies, tired of the ICE Terrorists, tired of the racism, sexism, homophobia, & transphobia, tired of the spreading of fear, intimidation, and hate and most of all tired of the Trump regime destroying our Country; Use your voice and join one of the peaceful protests this weekend all across the country. The Power Belongs to the People! No Kings!

My dad was ANTIFA. He fought for our country against fascism in WWII

I am certainly not happy with China's decision to stop buying US soybeans, but in what alternate universe is one nation required to buy the products of another? China made its decision in response to Mr. Trump's never-ending tariffs, and they had every sovereign right to do so. Imagine the screaming from the White House if China declared that the US is somehow required to purchase Chinese electronics.

I remember when Republicans were very much against federal government intrusion into state and local governments and various affairs. This guy and his minions want to control every detail of life, mostly in a negative way.

J.D. VANCE SAYS ITS OK TO JOKE ABOUT GAS CHAMBERS, RAPE, AND "WATERMELON PEOPLE," BUT IF YOU QUOTE CHARLIE KIRK YOU'LL GET YOUR VISA REVOKED!

A bombshell report detailing racist and antisemitic texts shared among Young Republicans lifted the veil on how the next generation of GOP leaders talk when they think no one is watching. Unsurprisingly, prominent conservatives defended the participants.

They get their entire argument strategy from Pee Wee Herman. "I know you are, but what am I?"

The BBB cut billions out of Medicare, a trillion out of Medicaid over 5 years, it cut billions out of CHIP, Billions out of WIC. It is taking away tax credits for the ACA which will make millions of people's health care cost a lot more, the Democrats are holding out to get some of these things back. It extended the tax cuts for billionaires and made them permanent. Trumps promise for no tax on Social Security turned into a \$6,000 tax deduction for people 65 and over and it goes away after 4 years.

Republicans simply hate everyone who is not like them. They tart up their racism and xenophobia with a flimsy 'law and order' veneer. Yet, have no problem supporting a felon who simply ignores laws he doesn't like.

“I spoke to the police chief of Portland last week and he said that the President’s claims just don’t match up with what’s happening on the ground,” Collins fired back.

Leavitt’s attitude grew intense, and then her anger eye came out

Trumps still in the running for Fascist of the Year

10-16-25

Devastating for his state and all he can do is quote Trump’s line. pathetic

Just because Republicans won the Presidential election doesn’t mean the rest of the country doesn’t get any input into the business of the country. Their 77.284 million votes only represent about 23% of the current 342 million Americans. I think the other 77% of the country at least deserve to be included in the negotiations. That sounds reasonable, right?

Dems know by now that the maga in Congress who are obedient to trump will never negotiate in good faith. The only way the Health Care cuts are going to be reinstated or applied again is when maga finally realizes those that are following trump are taking away programs from 95% of this nation and giving profits and proceeds to the elites and corporations. When those health care costs go up for EVERYONE, it will be maga's in Congress that will be asking for negotiating time with Dems. Marjorie Green sees it already from her constituents and others most likely do also. That is why she is saying to reinstate the funding.

“You don’t get to call yourself a Christian and laugh when families are torn apart — and think it’s okay that the highest court in the land just gave a green light to ICE agents to target people because they’re brown or speaking Spanish.”

Better than that, when Dems take control, they can just start deporting anyone that voted against them. Trump is setting the precedents for unlimited authority in the name of safety and security. The next Dem president could jail trump and his family, confiscate all his businesses and endlessly investigate all his allies and supporters in the name of national security.

Deals with Russia, leaving Ukraine government out.

Deals with Isreal leaving Palestinian government out.

Deals with the Taliban leaving the Afghan government out.

The last thing any country should want is Donnie bone spurs making a "deal" on their behalf  
Trump is using lawfare to attack anyone he perceives as an enemy. Hitler did this. Stalin did this. Mao did this. Like those three dictators, Trump is paranoid, mentally ill and egotistical. He is supported by a cult of ignorant poorly educated sycophants. 2026 will end badly for the Magats!  
When Trump blamed everyone for lawfare. It was so that he could ACTUALLY use the law for LAWFARE. He never intended to follow the law. He's a criminal so... I guess we should have known..

This is really a sad day! This is purely evil and nothing more than a spiteful revenge act of his opponents. He clearly stated he hates his opponents. Trump stole thousands of top secret documents from his first term and left them carelessly @ Mar A Logo. This is hypocritical and very unprofessional.

No one knows projection better the the Donald

A corrupt prosecutor can get a Grand Jury to indict anyone.

It's time to get on board, y'all. Either take a stand against what the president is doing or feel shame and regret when it all comes tumbling down.

Trump is following Hitler's play book, and it has worked so far. Just look at ICE if you have any doubts. They storm people's homes without any type of a warrant, drag people outside, cuff them, haul them off to jail where they sit without due process of law until ICE decides what their

fate will be. This is happening to children, teenagers, and citizens who were born in this country. They have no criminal record or ties to gangs of any kind. Why is this kind of "Nazi" behavior condoned in this country? Is there no agency that can stop innocent people from being targeted for no reason. Nothing happens in this country unless Trump and the Republicans want it to because they control congress, the senate, and the house. I'm ashamed of the Democrats for not pointing this out more forcefully especially since the Republicans are saying it's the Democrats fault for the shutdown. That is on Trump and the Republicans, and they can't be allowed to weasel out of it.

10-17-25

What is wrong with Megyn Kelly lately?! She used to be, years ago, at least somewhat reasonable. She has really lost it. I honestly think she just says these hateful things a couple times a week for attention, and to try to remain relevant, which she is not anymore.

Not surprised. This is what America voted for. We're living under the results of "hate-based voting".

Elections have consequences.

Can we just be direct? If you love Hitler, you hate Jesus. This "us vs them" mentality has taken us way down the wrong path. Our conservative ideals will fail if they are laced with this kind of crap. We do need to help people realize when they are being immoral, but it must be done in love. Being a person of color is in no way, shape, or form immoral.

The entire GOP is, at this point, at best, deeply nazi-curious, and much of trump's most vocal support base is very very nazi-curious. He has taken the decades of quiet GOP racism, antisemitism, and bigotry, and given permission for it to all be public. Now they show us who they really are.

The "college kids" Vance is talking about are the same people whom Charlie Kirk emboldened. But in any event, nobody who downplays this sort of vile garbage -- like Vance did -- can be reasonably considered an adult. "Boys will be boys" is only true because irresponsible "men" like Vance let them get away with it.

History doesn't have to be repeated. Majority need to find our voices, politicians need to discover a backbone and leave the dark side behind. Their chief color certainly isn't associated with Heaven

Trump, Fox News and republican politicians indicate millions of people marching in the 'No Kings Day' protest will be Antifa and American Terrorists.

How stupid does Trump, and his political sycophants think we are?

It's called No Kings Day, a day the earliest American arrivals have already seen.

They left England and formed a democracy due to a belief in self-governance, unfair taxation without representation, and a desire for freedom from British control. Colonists were upset about paying taxes on everyday items like tea to a government where they had no voice, and they felt that Britain's increasing control and heavy-handedness threatened their liberties.

The American Revolution was fought to gain independence and establish a new nation based on principles of self-government and representation.

Today, Donald Trump and his political sycophants want Autocracy and self-appointed King, not Democracy and President elected by the people.

Project 2025 is designed to end our country as we all once knew it. We're being led down the same path as Nazi Germany was in the mid 1930's.

We have a Dictator, his lapdog appointees, a republican sycophant majority in the House of Representatives, a corrupt majority on the Supreme Court and his masked Gestapo violently invading our cities, already in place.

America is in a lot of trouble.

Trump has asserted more power and authority than any other President in modern history. The way he skirts Congress, the deployment of the military, his tariffs... I would think even his most ardent supporters would have to admit he has changed the game. That's making a lot of Americans very uneasy- I'm an Independent and don't care for the Democrat Party, but I know they have every right to protest. And this time, they may even have a point...

How does a President cut projects and other expenditure that have been approved by Congressional Actions? If he didn't want to be King, then he shouldn't act like he is one.

Doesn't want to be king? His actions prove otherwise. He has done nothing LEGAL since he took the oath. He's a crook, and grifter and a felon. And our so called "Congress" has not done their job and stopped him, nor has SCOTUS,,as the constitution demands! They all need to get out and we need to start fresh with honest people.

He is correct, he is not a king, he is a mix between a dictator, autocrat and Communist supreme ruler. Kings have a parliament that is included in decisions. Db T wants all the power, no addl help or thoughts from anyone, this all feeds his D\*\*\*\*\* leading to full on A\*\*\*\*\*.

Cut welfare programs in retaliation for the failure of the government to find a solution to this ridiculous stalemate?

Punish poor people for his complete inability to lead?

South Park is spot on in their depiction of this horrible excuse for a president.

We also don't want any oligarchs, dictators, authoritarians, or fascists wannabees. Trump may not want to be king, but he certainly is an authoritarian and has admitted he wants to be a dictator.

This is the battle plan...

1. The Convicted-Felon-in-Chief says that he doesn't want to be a king.
2. The protests stop.
3. He goes right back to what he was doing to cause the protests.

djt, nobody is a stupid as you and your followers. The rest of the thinking world is on to your tired, worn out cons!

No Governor or President should be able to pardon or commute a sentence of anyone convicted of crimes. This is a slap in the face of the judicial system, not to mention, there's an appeals process. Governors and Presidents have abused the privilege for years and it's time for an Amendment to the Constitution and States Constitution removing that power.

I agree 100%. I also think that NO one should be able to pardon or commute sentences for their own co-conspirators.

This commutation underscores a troubling erosion of accountability in American governance.

When a president intervenes to free a convicted fraudster like George Santos someone who deceived voters, donors, and even his own family it signals that political loyalty now outweighs integrity or justice. Of course Trump would take care of another felon; these men thrive in a system where power shields wrongdoing. What we're witnessing isn't leadership, it's institutional decay a nation rewarding deception instead of condemning it. America hasn't just stumbled; it's actively falling.

And to make it even worse, George pled guilty to the charges so there was no "injustice" involved. Kiss the ring and your wish will be granted.

10-18-25

Just a few concerned citizens at the Ohio Statehouse in downtown Columbus, Ohio at 5 p.m. today.

"I believe in the resistance as I believe there can be no light without shadow; or rather, no shadow unless there is also light" —The Handmaid's Tale

It's a good day to protest fascism.

It was just so heartening to see so many Americans finally getting out of their households and pushing back hard on Trump and MAGA while the world (and history) is watching.

"To judge some saved and some damned and to elevate the saved over the damned is presumably part of what it means to be God. But when human beings transfer God's work into politics, substituting their judgments for the judgments of God, they claim an authority and wisdom they lack, with troubling political implications. If [House Speaker Mike] Johnson thinks atheists are anti-American, does he think only the righteous are American? If so, can the righteous be fellow citizens with the damned? Should not the damned be shunned? Does not the superiority of the saved to the damned undermine the idea of human equality and the shared freedom that flows from that equality? Should the damned, those who do Satan's work, as the president would have it, be allowed the same freedoms as the saved? If our rights come from God, do the damned share them?"

What beautiful, beautiful visions of empowerment and courage! This means something. This is important.

The rally in Eugene Oregon that I just returned from was peaceful, nonviolent and was participated in by at least twice as many people as the last one. We can change the direction this country is headed in, peacefully but with determination.

Time to stand up or lose our freedom . Trump is way overstepping his authority . Turning the military on our own people ? We also need to figure out a way to hold the supreme court accountable and subject to replacement if they stray from the constitution . This crazy revenge childish move by Trump shows how unstable he is . He is more worried about a picture in time magazine and his disdain for Rosie that he can not do the job we hired him for . Senators , you are tiding up your rhetoric ( MTG ) Cruz to moonwalk through the midterms . Not buying this nonsense !

Trump meanwhile happily commuted George Santos' fraud sentence because his kind of crooks are good people.

No king day around the world I love it. I don't think I realized that what the USA president does affects a wide world countries as well. Trump is so evil now that it can't be hidden. Trump and his administration will be vanished from DC. It's very sad that Trump doesn't have one person in his administration willing to do the right thing. Their legacies will follow them all days of their lives especially his spokes people. The lady AG is evil and has become to powerful. We will vote them all out in 2026-28.

I am just home from our No Kings rally here in ultra-conservative Frisco, Texas. A very uplifting morning, lots of first-time participants which shows just how disgusted and worried many are. It is a wonderful feeling being with so many like-minded people. Now, if they would all follow that up and vote the Republicans out. . . .

Protesting is a right in the Constitution.

What Mike Johnson is experiencing is the reaction to the Republican Party and their President. We are advocates of Democracy, while Trump represents an authoritarian regime, which many

Americans are resisting. Trump wants people to violently react, so he can mobilize the National Guard against them and install Marshall Law. This is not an American President, he is a full blown dictator in action. Republicans, Democrats, and Independents have gotten together to demonstrate that we are always Americans First. We may have different points of view, however, it is done with respect for each other. PEACEFULLY! AS AMERICANS!

Just got back from a No Kings protest. Last one I attended, 70K showed up. This was huge, no definite numbers yet but the crowd was at least twice the size of the last one. There was no Hamas or Antifa, just a lot of senior citizens marching for their Medicare and kids marching alongside their parents marching to ensure the Constitution will be upheld and the rights of their children will be protected. I met a 96 year old on the trolley who said she was marching for her grandkids. There were a lot of people in frog, unicorn and dinosaur costumes. It was peaceful and people were happy and decent to one another. Mike Johnson is a liar who is afraid of his own shadow and has no business being speaker of the house.

The problem with Mike is that he equates loving America with blindly following trump. You can love our country and disagree with the current administration.

I just came back from a very peaceful rally. Hundreds of respectful people waving signs, no violence at all.

Mr. Johnson and his ilk - had they been present - would have supported king George III during the Boston Party.

I am a Republican and let's be clear. The No Kings protests ARE pro American values. They are not anti-Republican nor anti-GOP. They are anti-Trump and the Republicons that support him and his anti- American values.

Anyone that says otherwise is one of those Republicons.

We need real Republicans to take back our ounce proud party.

Your vote is your voice in this country. It counts. I hope people show up in every election - state, local and fed. And vote too in the primaries that decide the candidates! So important.

I went to a protest today. It was much, much bigger than the one at the same location held earlier in the year. People expressed a wide variety of concerns ranging from remembering Jan 6th (a particularly important one for me) through Trump's corruption, persecution of political enemies, and usurpation of power the constitution doesn't give him - like implementing tariffs. We had a big show of support from passing cars. Occasionally Trump supporters went by, giving us the finger or swearing at us outright. There was a demonstration of the kind of "Christian" values Trump promotes.

Attacking antifa is attacking America and embracing fascism. Trump and MAGA have never put America first. You don't get to support fascism and be a proud American. We literally had a war about this. The whole world was involved.

Mike FAKE CHRISTIAN Johnson: Remember the 9th Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor". Shame, and Mike Johnson calls himself a "God Fearing Christian". The ONLY God Mike FAKE CHRISTIAN Johnson fears is HIS God - Donald J. Trump. Also, Mikey forgets the 1st Commandment: "You shall have no other gods before Me." Mike FAKE CHRISTIAN Johnson needs to understand, this statement INCLUDES Donald J. Trump.

I attended one in Tulsa.

Great fun and atmosphere.

Flag waving... Constitution loving people of all kinds.

Largest protest across all of America which could be akin to the Boston tea party.

Peaceful dissent of a tyrant.

The way out of tyranny is just this.

Mass peaceful protest.

And the Truth

I attended my local No Kings event, and we were handed out mini Stars and stripes and we waved them. Johnson said this event was pro Hamas but I'm Jewish. Why would I be pro Hamas?

Maybe the MAGA Cult, lead by Trump, that includes most of the Republican Congress should be called the "MAKE AMERICA HATE the CONSTITUTION" party...

The Constitution, with its checks/balances and citizens' rights, is what protects the people from the abuses of government power. Laws are written by the government for the governed. The Constitution is the law for the government.

Preserve, protect and defend YOUR Constitution for yourself, your family, your country, the rule of law and generations of Americans who have put life and limb on the line in its defense.

This is definitely not hate America, it's love America.

Johnson, stop the divide. It's you we don't like

Americans overthrew a king almost 250 years ago. People who don't want kings are the real patriots.

Where's the bear spray, the confederate flags, the flagpoles as clubs, the flying fire extinguishers, the half-naked guy wearing horns? What kind of a protest is this?

I would say Johnson hates America for enabling Trump to defy the Constitution.

Trump will fall.

He will go into history as the greatest shame and failure of the American political system.

His government will also go into history as a disgusting example of unbridled corruption and greed. In the days following his loss, there may be violence from both sides.

The anger and resentment could easily bubble over into riots. America will survive this, and eventually the healing will begin.

Truths hidden by his deceit and corruption will become known. Although many will deny his guilt, most people will eventually recognize the truth. They will become quiet, softly mumbling like the Germans after WWII, "I just did not know".

They won't want to talk about it. Ten years post-Trump, it will be difficult to meet anyone who will admit that they actually voted for him.

I wholeheartedly look forward to that day.

Republicans hate the first amendment.

Can't get anymore un-American than that.

What Johnson is doing is the same thing most MAGAs do. If you don't agree with them that Trump is great then you must be anti-America. Trump has convinced them that he is America so if you're against him then you're obviously against America. Very cultish.

The people who "hate" America, the constitution, the concept of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" are wholly the cult that is entranced by an 80 year old morally bankrupt grifter, convicted of multiple felonies, adjudicated for aggravated sexual assault and who attempted to overthrow the government because he couldn't man-up and accept defeat in 2020!

Fox News viewers don't see peaceful protesters simply because the host isn't calling them peaceful protesters. Yes, it's that simple with MAGA and the Right. If the protesters erected a 100ft cross and formed a line for a baptismal pool, the Right could be convinced in a single FOX

segment that they're actually performing a violent trans ritual while riding unicycles, and they'd believe it.

This disdain for Trump is wonderful.

Lol look at all the American flags lol 😂 we're so violent too

Trump, Fox News, and the MAGA world are no doubt hoping the some of the protests will turn violent.

If Antifa, Hamas, and everyone else is involved, why aren't they arresting anyone? And rejecting a king is the foundation that this nation was founded on.

Look at those Crowd Sizes! trump must be foaming at the mouth with envy

These protest numbers didn't include foreign countries throughout the world such as Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, etc...

STAND UP America ..... Canada is PROUD of you .....

Here from Mexico City. CONGRATULATIONS Americans, it was about time to react ;;;

Hate America? We don't hate America. We are America.

This stirs a passion in us that we thought was gone. We the People.

I went to two protests. One in a mid-sized city and one in a small town in Oregon. Both protests were double what I saw four months ago. What struck me more than anything was the protest in the city. I can only describe it as a celebration. The cars moved slowly by as we created a traffic jam but no one cared. The people in the cars were honking, waving, recording on their phones and giving high fives. They had their own signs. More than once when we were chanting, there were cars honking in tune with us. The people even had their own signs. I can't even express how much hope the experience gave me. I am still feeling overwhelmed by it.

We don't answer to a king; we answer to a Constitution.

Watching from Australia. I'm so proud of America today.

2,000 strong in my small town. No Kings!

There must've been 5000 people today in my smaller town that normally would've had maybe 300 people at the most. I talked to broadcast section of people and honestly there were a lot of individuals who made it clear that they have voted Republican their entire lives. Nobody supports fascism. Apparently Maga is profa. Pro-fascism. Which is incredibly anti-American and seditious.

Respect and I'm so proud of all the peaceful protesters today from the uk

I was at the anti-trump protests in London.

Good job America, keep fighting (peacefully)

Mock all you want, FOX. Fact is most Americans aren't happy with Trump trying to normalize his authoritarian rule over the country. By any stretch of the imagination, his actions are not normal or even Constitutional. The entire Administration who enables him and those who stay silent while these things go on need to answer for this.

Anti-Trump rallies have been amazing today. Seeing the feeds from across this country from friends and family and the turnout has been simply jaw dropping. Just came from a rally in a small rural, red town with a population of 5,000 and we were a crowd of over 600 people. Incredible.

Not the "Hate America" rally as was reported by some "news" outlets.

Someone just walked out of the unfortunately prolific book "The Handmaid's Tale" and into a protest rally.

Out promoting reading, education, and awareness at the 'No Kings' Protest at the Ohio Statehouse in Downtown Columbus, Ohio

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Fox News Butts Clip of Mike Johnson Citing 'Hate America' Rally with Smiling Protesters Waving American Flags."

10-19-25

These are not Communist people, these are People that hate our President and those GOP Members that are not doing anything about him. There's Millions of Americans marching the streets trying to tell this Administration they have had enough.

Today's protest in my town gathered the most amazing loving people, most were Senior citizens. It was amazing! Loved every second of it!

Fox News you are a part to Blame lying to your Viewers with incorrect Information just so you can stay Number one in your Rating that does not say much about your own Values

I am not a Democrat but I am in the Trump opposition. This is an opinion article so I take it with a grain of salt. There were plenty of men at the No Kings protest. Masculinity does not require one to be mean. On the other side, I do see why some men are turned off. Any assertive behavior even in defense of good causes can be interpreted as 'insensitive' by some on the left. The middle ground is where we should all be. The problem is we no longer agree with that looks like at all.

Trump was never planning on settling this war to the benefit of Ukraine. He wants Ukraine to give up all the land taken by Russia plus probably more and he wants Zelensky to be good with that. I'm sure Zelensky told him no and that's why he lashed out. Trump doesn't like people that stand up to him. That's why he doesn't like Democrats.

One minute he is giving missiles, but when his puppet master reminds him of the dirt he has on him, he's back to worshipping at the Putin altar. He's a Russian agent and has been for years and is scared to heck of his boss.

Yielding to the enemy is not qualifying Trump for Nobel Peace Prize. It is call obeying and succumbing to defeat. No good solution from Trump who is a servant to Putin.

Poor Ukraine, if you could find out what Putin has on Trump, things would be a lot easier. You don't find Trump cussing and shouting at Putin, He's scared to death of Putin you see it in his face and gestures.

Trump is not and has never been on the side of America.

No one should be fooled by Trump's ongoing hollow performative support of Ukraine. His fundamental allegiance to Vladimir Putin's imperial project has never wavered.

His true, enduring position was revealed when he looked upon the raw aggression of territorial conquest and could only see genius, calling Putin's move "savvy" and "wonderful."

This is not the language of a statesman who opposes invasion, but the admiration of an autocrat-in-waiting for a fellow strongman who takes what he wants.

Every subsequent statement in support of Ukraine is a transparent illusion, a con man's necessary lie for a public that still believes in national sovereignty.

His unwavering commitment is not to a free Ukraine, but to the strongman's principle that might makes right and borders are merely suggestions for the powerful.

"What kind of president sells Bibles, gold shoes and a \$100,000 watch?" one former supporter said.

10-20-25

The MAGATS that I know have spent their entire lives making decisions without ever considering the consequences of them and then blaming others when things don't work out. It's a prerequisite for being a MAGAT sheep.

10-21-25

The Republicans are concerned with the protests because, by far, they dwarf any mass movement the GOP has ever managed to muster onto the streets, and the sheer number of independents and moderate Republicans that also went to the marches is a serious electoral concern.

Complaints about the King in the Declaration of independence

The Crown restricted colonial trade with other parts of the world.

Dissolving legislatures: The king repeatedly dissolved colonial legislatures for standing up against his infringements on the rights of the people. After dissolving them, he long refused to allow new elections

Standing armies in peacetime: The king kept standing armies in the colonies during peacetime without the consent of the colonial legislatures.

The king was accused of inciting domestic insurrections

Sound familiar?

From the tough talk to the frightened looks on their faces, it's obvious that trumppers are soiling themselves over the numbers and the energy of the NO FAUX KING WAY demonstrations.

7 million protesters and not one arrested for insurrection.

"Another Fox News complaint, which was the No Kings protests were comprised of mostly "old white people."

They just can't comprehend that this was on purpose. Even the republicans know that videos of cops beating on old white people, aren't going to go over very well. If only they could get the blacks out into the streets. Then they could declare an insurrection.

The people resting are watching, and we support and applaud your efforts.

Fight the Power!

God bless the first amendment.

Young and old, republican, democrat and independents, from all walks of life, attended to oppose what trump is doing to the US and its people.

The October 18 event was described as overwhelmingly peaceful, with a festival-like atmosphere in many cities.

The rally's message focused on resisting authoritarianism and affirming democratic values, with chants like "No Kings!" and "This nation belongs to its people" echoing across the country.

People that did not need to be controlled by someone else or realize they made a mistake were there. Of course the right wants to belittle the event as it is a real threat to their support of the billionaires for the sake of the majority of the country. Sad, desperate and weak attempts.

I know my grocery prices keep going up and the poor soy bean farmers are getting poorer. Not sure why those without billions would feel good about that.

BTW Let's see the Epstein files. What ya got to hide donnie?

10-22-25

There were republicans, democrats and independent voters at that rally. What was done was done to all of us!

In Indiana, I would say that we have PBS that is left leaning to center and that is it. The local stations are definitely mouth pieces for the admin and local radio is mobbed by "conservative"

talk stations. Way closer to 98% current Republican leaning than liberal. And they call themselves conservative radio, I wouldn't call today's Republican party anywhere near what conservative use to mean.

Over my many years, I started out a conservative Republican, but now somehow I am a left leaning lunatic and my politics haven't changed. The political spectrum has.

You sound like my Aunt Ruth. She voted Republican since Eisenhower, but she left the party specifically because they were no longer conservative and had forgotten what that meant. It was probably not coincidental that she did this when Trump showed up on the scene.

10-23-25

He's destroying the White House, but worse he is destroying the USA

If corporations can make all these donations:

They can afford to be taxed.

They can afford to raise wages.

He's not a builder, he's a destroyer.

I'm not American, but I find it very shocking that he demolished part of the People's House. On the other hand, I'm not surprised. What surprises me is that no one is doing anything. Your country will be a complete disaster after this man is gone.

Narcissist will destroy everything, Our government, Our Economy, Our Military, Our Rights

In a time of climate crisis, war, unprecedented poverty and unrest... \$300 million spent to stroke one man's ego is criminal.

I hope he gets sued for damaging federal property.

10-25-25

The overwhelming majority of farmers in the "8 to 10 farm states" endorsed the policies of their elected representatives in Congress and Trump with their vote last November. They could have known better had they looked away from Republican propaganda and Fox Fake News and Alternative Facts long enough to inform themselves with facts, but they were too lazy and hateful to do so and now they want taxpayer support and sympathy for their pathetic, self-owned economic dilemma. They are getting what they voted for ... suffer!

They've spent the last 10 years giving away their power and authority to Trump. What else did they expect? The only answer to give a bully must be "No," as early and as often as possible.

Because once you start saying, "Yes", it becomes much more difficult to say "No" when it really matters. And every bit of your power that gets chipped away will never come back.

It's good that some people like Rand Paul are starting to acknowledge this, but it's far, far too late. Welcome to the "find out" phase of the Trump experience. It's only going to get worse.

10-27-25

America is now owned by billionaires, not the people.

It's a huge problem that he is even talking about this without any blowback from other politicians who should be doing everything in their power to stop this madness right now.

In response to "blowback" and "not ruling out a third term"—

Trump thought that he could implement his "authoritarian power" by pushing the "rest of the world" for trade concessions (tariffs) resulting in severe punitive measures for the international economic community. as well as trying to resolve America's internal and/or external financial (debt) predicament—consequently leading to more economic (job) data turmoil—"[Trump], but

the real numbers I'm talking about are going to be whatever [I want them to be after I fix them] in a year from now on."

Moreover, Trump has been further dismantling the economy (foreign investment) by having those international companies who have (interests) factories in the U.S. raided and "quarantined" for various subjective "policy issues".

How can people not voice their opinion about "his" ineffective policies and leadership?

Trump hasn't "saved millions", but rather to the contrary—

He is digging America's grave with "his own autocratic shovel"—

And maybe he'll be in his own before the current term ends.

How is a man this delusional continued to be allowed to hold office? I sincerely do not understand how he's still there. Any other employee in any other job would have been fired long before now for the behaviors this man exhibits on a regular basis.

He is still there because the other the other branches of Government are failing to act in accordance with the tenants of checks and balances according to the constitution. Yes, the people can act, but I don't think American's want a civil war.

If you repeat the things he says, Maga call it TDS.

Gallego on what the next Democratic president should do about Trump's ballroom: "To really mess with him, just name it the Barack Obama Ballroom, and I think that will take care of half the problem."

10-28-25

So much for Trump's Nobel.

He will learn like his predecessors, that it's impossible to negotiate a lasting peace when one or more of the parties in conflict aren't particularly interested.

With an abundance, possibly overabundance, of fairness to Donald Trump, every President since WWII thought he had the answer. So far, US Presidents are 0 for 14 (15 if you count Trump twice) at creating peace in the Middle East.

10-29-25

Here is an idea. Compromise and no cuts to ACA that helps millions and saves lives. Instead cut other waste. The GOP always wants to cut what helps the most in needed. Also make top rate 39% as the only years since 1986 we lowered them. In the 90's gov reform was done over years. Cuts and increase to 39%. By 2000 we balanced the budget. The GOP way has always increased deficits. No more lies by the GOP. They passed bills before and said we deal with it later.

Enough of that.

It's crystal clear that the Trump/GOP plan for healthcare aid to poor and middle-class Americans is to eliminate it. They'll then further reduce access to Medicaid, curtail Medicare and then, on to Social Security. They've been after "entitlements" for many years and now with all three branches of government in their control, this is their best chance to finally do it.

Healthcare was a mess in America before the ACA (Obamacare) was created to fix it.

Republicans are taking us back to those times. The infusion of resources into getting this country healthier, in addition to the high paying jobs and research the ACA is all being rolled back. An unhealthier/underpaid workforce will ripple effect through the whole economy. We will all suffer for it.

While Republicans are united in criticizing the law and the need for subsidies, there is no clear plan on how to deal with rising premiums if those subsidies are allowed to expire.

Republicans have no answer for anything. That isn't their strong suit. Cutting taxes, important social issues like Charlie Kirk, and watching people getting beat are their issues.

Day 286 of Trump's latest presidency.

285 days past when he promised the Ukraine/Russia war would be over.

285 days past when he promised gas would be under \$2.

285 days past when he promised groceries would be cheaper, specifically eggs for 99 cents a dozen

And here's the big winner – 3204 days since King Taco promised us a new “beautiful health care plan that we are all going to love”.

"Repeal and replace."

With what?

It's been 8 years, and Trump claimed he had "a concept of a plan."

Meanwhile, prior to this spending bill, the GOP has voted to defund, repeal, or reduce the ACA more than 70 times.

Voters need to band together to require members of the House and the Senate to do things we need them to do. We should create a pledge to present to our Senators and Representatives in Senate and the House that says "See that the following is done or we will vote you out in the primaries."

Then you add in the demands that you are requiring them to meet, like....

Term limits

Repeal Citizens United

Ban stock trading while in office

Pass an annual budget

Pick one or two of these at a time and vote them out if they don't follow through. There should be issues that we can agree to address so that people from both parties can apply pressure.

People are tired of the blame game and want politicians to work together like they are supposed to get things done. Ego shouldn't be the main driver in politics

MAGA remember, Which party try to remove the ACK without a replacement. And also who weakening it so the prices went up all because they did not like Obama. So all your people who voted for this mess. Going to lose your healthcare, PA, prices are still going up, the farmers are bankrupted, and we are more divided than ever.

This is what happens when the magas finally realize that trump's big bloated bill sold them down the river on their health care premiums. They just assume that when Trump took office, everything would be skittles and milkshake waterfalls for them. But that realization is coming hard to red states. They forgot that they voted for trump to hurt people, and it's a tough realization when they realize that those people are themselves.

They should have voted better.

Let's see the TacoCare plan.

Republicans wants to replace Obamacare with TRUMPDONTCARE

10-30-25

"What if Joe Biden sent the Federal Bureau of Investigation to start arresting his political opponents,"

Yes but he didn't. The cases against Trump were not started with his input.

Trump on the other hand has used his power to go after anyone who looked at him sideways.

I have no problem with the government going after corruption. It's when the corruption lies at the highest levels and those levels outright direct retribution using government resources, that's the line and looks like blatant corruption.

All the GOP does is lie. In this case, they're lying about Democrats to deceive people into thinking their abuse of power is something Democrats are doing, but they've never abused power like Donald Trump has.

Classic authoritarian playbook: claim "the other side" does bad things, do those bad things yourself to "combat" and "protect from" the other side. The tactic relies on a gullibility. Sadly, it has been working on far, far too many people.

10-31-25

For more than two centuries, our country has made laws using the power of compromise to get the votes from both parties to approve a particular bill. The problem is that today, even a small amount of compromise by either party is portrayed as a total abandonment of their respective party's core principles.

Nothing will ever get done by our law makers unless both sides are willing to compromise to achieve the required 60 vote count in order to get some of what they want instead of one side unrealistically holding out in an attempt to get all of what they want with the other side getting nothing.

Also, it is ridiculous that the United States government has a separate procedural process used to decide whether or not to pay for the laws and items that the United States had already purchased when Congress and the President approved those bills which became our laws. That procedural process is similar in structure to the equally ridiculous idea that I would buy items with my credit card and then decide later whether or not I want to pay for those items.

Vance will say and do anything to get ahead. There's no belief or value he won't abandon if he thinks it will help him look better.

It doesn't take much research into JD's life to realize he has no core convictions nor integrity. He simply calculates what avenues are most easily available for him to obtain greater wealth and influence. His story of childhood doesn't match reality. By most accounts he has lived and spoken complete contradictions to his current message. Absolute power hungry squish!

I don't think Vance is a good Christian. If he was, he would stand up to trump regarding firing people because they don't follow his agenda. Vance himself has criticized people and used not so kind words with them.

Donald has an agenda even though he claimed to know nothing about Project 2025 while campaigning for office. That agenda is to bring his brilliant strategy of ending global USAID assistance home to his supporters. The 119th Congress' MAGA/GOP has implemented that agenda completely. The only way MAGA/GOP will avoid losing control of Congress is by not holding free and fair elections next year. When Mitch McConnell was told how many of his constituents would lose food and health care assistance he replied, "They will get used to it." Mitch is right. They have gotten used to voting for tax cuts favoring wealth financed with \$ trillions in borrowing that began in 1981. Donald repeating the Bush/Cheney failures is no different.

Harrison Ford slams Donald Trump for attacks on climate change: "I don't know of a greater criminal in history."

"[Trump] doesn't have any policies, he has whims. It scares the sh\*t out of me. The ignorance, the hubris, the lies, the perfidy. [Trump] knows better, but he's an instrument of the status quo

and he's making money, hand over fist, while the world goes to hell in a hand basket. It's unbelievable. I don't know of a greater criminal in history," Ford told The Guardian.

"He's losing ground because everything he says is a lie. I'm confident we can mitigate against [climate change], that we can buy time to change behaviors, to create new technologies, to concentrate more fully on implementation of those policies. But we have to develop the political will and intellectual sophistication to realize that we human beings are capable of change. We are incredibly adaptive, we are incredibly inventive. If we concentrate on a problem we can fix it most times."

I have NO SYMPATHY for anyone who voted for Trump. They are getting exactly what they voted for.

I DO however, sympathize with the elderly, disabled, and children who did NOT vote for Trump but are being impacted by the decisions that Trump is making.

I guarantee she is anti-socialism and has made several comments and posts in the past years criticizing socialism and all socialist programs, like a true MAGA.

Yet, here she is, on SNAP (a government socialist program) and angry at her own family for not being socialist and give her a handout.

MAGA is an emotional movement based on resentment and hatred, rather than a precise, cohesive set of policy ideas. MAGA followers have no interest in making the world a better place, and they are willing to suffer just as long as those they despise and resent are suffering more than they are. They are willing to sit in a burning house so they can watch their neighbor's house (who they despise) burn down.

Another classic case of FAFO. Why WHY WHY would you vote against your own interests ?? Did you not think that because you wanted 'their' gov't benefits to go away that "yours" would go to ??

The people who spend all day watching Fox News were fed a steady diet of "No benefits for illegals!", and they were ignorant enough to believe that these cuts would somehow only affect those who have brown or black skin.

I am 100% on board with her living with the consequences of her vote.

I am not okay with her children suffering because she lacks cognitive ability.

In 2015, Mike Johnson wrote the following on Facebook, "Donald Trump lacks the character & the moral center we desperately need again in the White House. I'm afraid he would break more things than he fixes". Mike was right.

These folks keep saying that people are taking advantage of SNAP. You can't take advantage. Either you qualify according to your income and number of children, if you have them, or you don't. I know people that are just above the maximum income and they DO NOT RECEIVE SNAP. So, get off the train that keeps tooting the program is being "scammed". Some people, from all walks of life, will take advantage of anything that's out there. Just like businesses scammed millions if not billions during Covid, to cover non-existent expenses. They're still finding people that are guilty of that.

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Remember: The richest 1% evade over \$160 billion in taxes every year. That amount would fund a year of SNAP for 42 million people — with money to spare. Remember this the next time you hear someone ask, "But how will we pay for it?"

Trump was not elected to renovate things and spend tax dollars like a Renaissance Prince. Oval Office gilded grotesqueries...

The bribery plane...

The ballroom no one needs...

The Lincoln bathroom ice cold marble...

The Kennedy Center that can't even sell tickets...

Layoffs are at the highest level since covid and SNAP benefits are about to expire for millions.

There's no way that could be an absolutely disastrous pairing and everything will be just fine.

The impeachable offenses of Chump :

1. Pardoned 1,500 right wing domestic terrorists that attacked America.
2. Firings and attacks at the FAA right before a major crash.
3. Refusing to obey court orders.
4. Refusing due process.
5. Weakening environmental laws.
6. Illegally running a business for personal profit.
7. Threatening our allies.
8. Refusal to condemn the Russian invasion of the Ukraine.
9. Trying to limit freedom of speech.
10. Refusal to remove the DOD after he compromised national security.
11. Cabinet choices are all unqualified, some with criminal behavior.
12. Withholds approved congressional funds, with political malice.
13. Allows non-elected personal financier to steal the public's private info.
14. Allows this person to fire government workers.
15. Advertises for this person from the White House.
16. Imposes tariffs without congressional approval.
17. Uses military force without congressional approval.
18. Cancels foreign aid without congressional approval, but approves it with a personal conflict of financial interest.
19. Fires workers at government jobs with political malice.
20. Lies to and threatens the press on a daily basis.
21. Tries to obstruct justice regarding releasing the Epstein files.
22. Tries to willfully ignore the constitution.
23. Claims he "does not know" if he is obliged to obey the constitution.

We need as much comedy as possible in these times

Trump raids and slides funds when it suits him. Congress created a law that SNAP must be paid. This is exactly why contingency funds were created. He's already said it out loud that he thinks it's a Dem program and it will hurt the Dems. Well yea I guess the Dems are the party that wants to see people fed and healthy. But unlike Trump, they want this for everyone. Not just those that donate and kiss the ring.

I'm totally baffled on what part of him starving over 40 millions children and seniors Trump thinks will be popular or even morally correct. He is still stalling for time before releasing SNAP funding and all while complaining about being ordered to do so, and also having stated he absolutely refuses to sign any bills funding SNAP before his demands to become Dictator are met.

I think he forgot that ALL Americans need some type of healthcare. Whether they get it through ACA or private, they still need it. Where he got the idea that mostly illegal immigrants are using

our healthcare more than our citizens is crazy. For him to deny extending healthcare for Americans is crazy. Denying SNAP to Americans who require assistance is crazy.

He's tried threats. He's tried firings. He's tried program cuts. He hasn't tried face to face negotiations. Why not?

Trump's a weak leader and can't negotiate. He only knows how to bully and threaten. When that doesn't work he's got nothing. He's on record saying a shutdown is the result of a weak president and he's the weakest we've ever had.

It's their fault. Everything is their fault. It's so easily solved." Spoken like a true petulant child that trump is. Democrats know full well that republicans are lying when they claim they will negotiate the ACA later. trump has always hated Obama care because Obama came up with it. He's been trying to kill it ever since, always promising something better in two weeks. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

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Barry Goldwater did not say the U.S. had stopped being a Christian nation. Instead, he warned against religious factions trying to dictate their moral views to all Americans, and in a 1981 speech, he stated that he would fight them "every step of the way" if they tried to impose their beliefs through government. He emphasized keeping "the affairs of state separate from the uncompromising idealism of religious groups," and believed that a country with diverse views needed to be governed by compromise, which he felt religious zealots were unwilling to do.

Thinking about current events. A real Christian would be advocating for SNAP and assuring people have Healthcare insurance. They would also be encouraging our ICE to treat immigrants with dignity and treated humanely.

Trump has openly shown us that Trump 2.0 is a government for the personal use of Trump. He knows that he isn't popular, which is why he is doing everything he can to cheat and keep a majority in the House. He knows if he fails, he will be impeached a third time. And Republicans might decide it is time to get rid of his arrogant back side.

I hope the MAGA's that are on OBAMACARE like their increase in premiums. If the republicans would just sit down and work on getting the medical cost down the premiums wouldn't be so high. It's only been 17 years that they said they had a better healthcare plan. What does he care? He's not going to have to run for election again. In 2028 either nature's bill collectors will have caught up to him, or he'll so break our system that he'll be allowed to stay in power past his term. There's no quiet Mar-a-Lago retirement in his future, because to do so means opening himself up again to the risk of prosecution...and being inconsequential. He \*has\* to have that power. He will \*not\* give it up willingly.

We stand at a crossroads. The time has come to unite for a world where peace prevails over aggression. Our mission is clear: to end partisanship, foster collaboration, and create a future where every voice is heard.

Our principles:

- Promote Unity: Let's bridge divides and work together for common goals.
- Stand Strong: Counter aggression with resilience and determination.
- Protect Our Future: Ensure the safety and well-being of our families and communities.
- Embrace Diversity: Celebrate and respect the differences that make us unique.
- Foster Collaboration: Work together across borders and cultures to achieve lasting peace.
- Inspire Change: Lead by example and inspire others to join our cause.

Together, we can make a difference. Share this message, spread the word, and be part of the change.

He makes stuff up as he goes along, and worse, he believes himself.

"Remember, Republicans, regardless of the Schumer Shutdown, the Democrats will terminate the Filibuster the first chance they get. They will Pack the Supreme Court, pick up two States, and add at least 8 Electoral Votes," Trump claimed without presenting evidence. "Their two objectors are gone!!! Don't be WEAK AND STUPID. FIGHT,FIGHT, FIGHT! WIN, WIN, WIN!"

That he continues to pit the two main political parties and their constituents against one another when this could actually be his chance to sincerely shine and be a leader. But no, he chooses this. Over and over again.

The mad king wraps his lies in holy thread,

But truth won't bow, it walks ahead.

A throne of rage, a face of scorn,

No grace was ever truly born.

He speaks of God with empty breath,

Yet sows division, pain, and death.

A leader's vow is meant for all—

Not just the ones who praise his fall.

If Democrats were going to stack the Supreme Court, don't you think they would have done it while Biden was in office? So, this is just more Trum talk: lies, projections, nonsense, fear mongering. Same old mutterings of a demented power hungry despot.

The New York Times last year plastered a rather prophetic warning across the front page of its Sunday Opinion section, cautioning that the Republican Party's then-presidential nominee, Donald Trump, would follow through with some of his most troubling promises from the 2024 campaign trail.

“DONALD TRUMP SAYS HE WILL PROSECUTE HIS ENEMIES ORDER MASS DEPORTATIONS USE SOLDIERS AGAINST CITIZENS PLAY POLITICS WITH DISASTERS ABANDON ALLIES,” the cover warned in all-capital letters. “BELIEVE HIM.” “And we are only 10 months into this administration,” Shi wrote in a separate post. “They move fast. They break things. They have no regard for history or norms or laws. They want us to feel overwhelmed and weak, but we can't submit. We can't give up.”

So he held a Gilded Age Halloween party to rub our noses in the fact that the oligarchs are in charge and anyone making 400k or less a year is expendable.

He wasn't alone at that party. The other oligarchs came down from their ivory towers and attended. They celebrated the security of their lifestyle as the rich and famous.

They celebrated the shutdown is keeping the Epstein Files under wraps because Mike Johnson won't allow the Republicans to come back to the House and won't seat the Democrat who is the final vote for release of that long-anticipated set of documents.

Where are the Republicans? Why, they are avoiding their constituents' town halls, avoiding Washington, DC, and their long cold seats in Congress? I'd be fired if I refused to do \*my\* job.

Where are those pesky Democrats who are holding out for what meager healthcare we do have? Why, warming their seats and staring at empty seats where our ELECTED

REPRESENTATIVES are refusing to do their jobs. Democrats are ready to take up the business of our government FOR THE PEOPLE, FROM THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE!

WHY is this happening? Because the Rich and Famous are shaking in their boots about being.. ahem.. exposed by the Epstein Files, that's not going to go away. Too many of us have teenage daughters, granddaughters and nieces.

The next No Kings will be spectacular. Even MAGA like to eat, and they are the main recipients of SNAP.

Trump has stepped over the edge of reality. He is now living his megalomaniacal fantasies. This psychosis is going to destroy everything it touches.

These people need to realize that while Trump may have immunity, his minions do not. They should think before blindly following his orders.

Kristi Noem, now Secretary of Homeland Security, lashed out at South Park for mocking her appearance and portraying her as a “puppy-slaughtering Botox addict” leading ICE raids on heaven. She called the satire “lazy,” claiming the show couldn’t criticize her job performance and resorted to petty jabs, Noem’s reaction to South Park reveals more than she intended. By calling the satire ‘lazy’ while ignoring its critique of her immigration policies and her own memoir’s dog-killing anecdote, she’s not defending her record—she’s dodging it. Satire thrives on truth, and in this case, the truth is what stings.”

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Of course, Trump wants to change the rules! He doesn't want to govern. He doesn't want to negotiate with the other party. He wants to rule.

Trump wants only one thing. "To win." He has no intention of negotiating. Ever. He does not care what happens to the country. Being forced to negotiate would be "losing."

Russell Vought and Project 2025 openly state Trump and the GOP should not negotiate with Democrats. Even though of course, that's the only way democracy functions. It's not "extortion."

What he says and what he does are 2 totally different things. He says he's saving the country, but look around at what he has done so far. It's like night & day. Have we as a nation suffered this magnitude of destruction before? He's even tearing down parts of the WH under a veil of secrecy...no permits, no Code reviews, no public notices or discussions, no public contracts. All or most of the contractors have had legal run-ins & issues. He's sending in armed federal marshals into cities claiming they are being taken over by gangs & the local police are unable to deal with them, when in reality he is giving the nation false information that supports his actions. Videos of conditions in these cities do not show what he claims is happening, residents in those cities are telling the media his intervention is not needed or wanted. Mayors are saying the same exact things...we don't need his federal troops. National Guard units sent in to protect federal buildings have nothing to do, instead they're mowing lawns & picking up trash. Wake up America, this man his not the Prez, he's a destroyer, a mob boss, a grifter and he even cheats at golf.

Hitler also claimed he was “saving the country”. We know trump and his cult are NAZIs/sympathizers because their rhetoric is taken straight from NAZI propaganda and their actions have followed the rise of the Third Reich almost step for step.

Hitler thought he was doing an incredible job HELPING GERMANY... so, helping the country is not the excuse he should want to stand upon.

In the end, it doesn't really matter, the President can help a wide variety of people, but when the only people he chooses to help are those who are accused of racism, when he continues to put down those who are victims of racism... Whether Scott Adams is racist or not is not the issue

here, the fact that Trump chooses to prioritize allegedly-racist people over victims of racism, with absolutely no indication of willingness to help either regardless, doesn't bode well against allegations of Trump's own level of racism.

Democrats don't want people to die because they can't afford health insurance. The monsters! Fox is the "living bible" for the MAGA cult.

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The President of our country should not be ranting and raving, calling people names in the middle of the night over a social network. He is so desperate for the world to adore him, it's like he's trying to advertise himself for it. He thinks if he says everyone else is wrong, people will think he's right. Please, vote against his party so we can get rid of him or it's only going to get worse.

You'd think even Trump supporters would get tired of hearing from Trump about how he got screwed in the 2020 election. It's like people whining about their sports team losing a game due to a bad call by a ref. Sure, you can whine about it for a while but who wants to hear someone still whining 5 or 6 years later about the same game, the results of which are NEVER going to change? It's more than past time to move on.

All of what Trump says about Biden, is projection from who Trump truly is, inside and out. Most people with basic level intelligence, know it.

My energy bills have gone up every month since January and I don't mean a few bucks here and there based on energy use to compensate for weather. My city is also taxing now in a way it didn't before. So.... Oh, groceries, way more expensive.

Not voting republican will destroy our lives? Republicans control are 3 branches of government and things are going from bad to worse fast. I'd say let the democrats control all 3 branches and see what happens. We'll probably end up with a balanced budget and respect for human life. It will be terrible.

It's been proven that every time Republicans are in the majority, big business and the rich flourish. Democrats then get control and we have balanced budgets, lower deficits, social programs are funded and the country as a whole is better off. Nothing is perfect but MAGA is very, very bad for the United States.

Vote like your retirement depends on it. MAGA is looking to reduce Social Security and Medicare instead of funding the programs.

More than just retirement. Lessening of regulations on pollution in water, soil and the air will cause more health issues and the fact that republicans refuse to give us affordable insurance, we will have to choose between a doctor, food on our table or a roof over our heads. Ole Donnie says we can't have all of them.

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Trump is not going to do anything except try to bully the Senators into getting rid of the filibuster. He's NOT a negotiator... all he knows is threats, bullying and temper tantrums...

Extend the subsidiaries for Obamacare and SNAP and the government will open back up really quickly.

Michael Adams, KY Secretary of State: We're getting calls about polls being closed. They are closed because we do not have elections today. Kentucky votes next year. You cannot vote today in Kentucky for the mayor of New York City or the Governor of Virginia. Sorry.

11-6-25

"He can rant, he can rage, he can post "STAY TUNED" like a wannabe dictator teasing a coup — but the truth is simple. There's no voter fraud crisis. The only fraud here is Trump pretending to care about democracy while plotting to dismantle it.

Every time he screams "rigged," what he really means is "I'm losing." And every time he threatens to use executive power to stop people from voting, it's proof that he knows the American people have his number.

Trump doesn't want to "protect" elections — he wants to own them. But in America, elections don't belong to presidents. They belong to us. And no executive order, no tantrum, and no "it's just a fact" gaslighting from the MAGA press room can change that."

Historians will look back at Trump's presidency as the darkest days in American history.

Clearly a lot of Republicans are fed up with Trump. Speak out. Demand that the 25th be invoked and Trump is removed from power before any more damage is done.

Calling trump a lame duck is an insult to every duck. trump is just lame.

Cost of living and affordability were pretty much what Trump ran on. Remember the "I'll bring down the cost of groceries on day one" stuff? But when it came to the "how," all he could suggest was kicking a bunch of people out of the country. That hasn't done anything positive for the cost of living, and you have to feel like the Republicans really don't have a plan.

No plan for anything. Not even "concepts" of a plan. Just Project 2025 (that Trump lied about) & Trump's orders. Why would anyone believe them when they say re-open the govt. & then we'll talk - when they refused to earlier talk or reveal any inkling of a plan.

Women haven't forgotten about abortion and Roe V Wade will resurface.

It wasn't just the message Mamdani delivered, but also his positive energy. Dem leaders need to learn from that.

GOP shot themselves in the foot, arm, butt and everywhere by making people pay attention to their pocket books, corruption, law fare, Israel, identity politics, cancel culture, epstein files and government overreach. They accused the Dems of all this but now they are actually doing it and now folks are paying attention and it's all on you MAGA GOP.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2t88stnbP0g> Pharoah Sanders - Karma 1969 full album

11-7-25

I remember someone who was debating Bernie Sanders falling on stage. Bernie ran right over to him and acted genuinely concerned. Actions speak louder than words.

TACO goes zombie and JFK quickly walked away from the stricken man. Two men who have never had to do anything themselves because of their families riches and it shows how helpless they are without others around to support them in everyday life.

First and foremost, at least the gentleman is okay. That is according to hot lips Leavitt. Although, based on her track record of dishonesty, the gentleman is probably deceased.

What is most interesting is the gentleman collapsed while the representative from Eli Lilly was speaking about how his company has been "advancing science"

But wait, TACO, RFK Jr. and the red hat brigade don't believe in science when it comes to advancements in medicine.

His comments of "Ingesting disinfectant" using "ultraviolet or just very powerful light" or do not take Tylenol because it causes Autism was not based on science. So, tell us again how Eli Lilly is "advancing science"

After ICE raids, revenge prosecutions, high cost of food, housing, and a bad economy, a firer and no hirer job market, 1.1 million job cuts, government shutdown, discontinue of SNAP, military troops patrolling city streets, and 42 million Americans are losing their healthcare while other will be paying a much hirer rate. Now a man collapses in front of him and trump just stands there like he's out of touch as to the emergency situation next to him with no compassion nor concern. What else do you need people too convince you that this dictator is in office for the rich and himself, not you.

Trump is upset because he was interrupted by this emergency of one of his supporters. What a guy. What a president. Annoyance and grieving he does not understand. This is life with Donald J. Trump.

Not an ounce of feeling or concern. He just stood there. Not knowing what he was expected to do. But this is what a sociopath would do. They have no feeling, compassion or empathy for others. They are only concerned with themselves and how things affect them. This coldness? This lack of concern? This is what trump brings to the presidency every single day. There are working Americans standing in food lines today, our air traffic system is in shambles, and there trump stands -- unconcerned, getting off on the cruelty. Because that's what he is. Him in the photos standing, waiting for the "mess" to be cleared away? That's what he is.

Put THAT pic on all of the election promotions for the republicans. The concept of "a picture is worth a thousand words"?

This picture speaks VOLUMES and many of us knew it before this. He would have acted the same way if it were Vance on the floor; OR Melania.

Winning is losing, high prices are low prices, high taxes are no taxes, and the world is upside down we are just seeing it upside down.

This is just like 2020, when Biden beat Trump out of office and both Trump and his crazed voters had to collectively and literally PRETEND to themselves that they actually won and that Biden cheated.

It's a cult thing. And it always was.

Simple majority is terrible and would eliminate compromise completely.

The entire system functions on expectations people are acting in good faith and NONE of them are. Naturally they shouldn't be surprised they can't find compromise when they're actively trying to everything to avoid it.

In typical Fox/MAGA messaging they keep claiming that Socialism is the same as Communism. Not one of them ever passed a civics course. They might want to look at Norway or Sweden to see the difference. They both have strong market based economies and they manage to take care of their citizens needs including their healthcare!!

It is so tiresome to hear "socialist" policies compared to Venezuela. Virtually all European countries are Social Democratic states with state-supported education and health care that relieves a huge burden when it comes to debt. Young adults don't come out of college with 50 grand in loans they have to pay back for the rest of their lives and health care is cradle to grave in most European countries. This is the way it should be in a modern society. The US has the most anachronistic form of social security one can imagine. You pay into it your entire life and can only collect if you become disabled or reach 65. It's just insane. Yet, persons like Laura patter on as if the US is a country people envy. No one envies it, certainly not anymore. Not even Venezuela.

Socialism??? Does she mean like taxpayer funded farmer bailouts, bank bailouts, Argentina bailouts, billions in yearly subsidies to the already obscenely profitable fossil fuel industry,

favorable tax treatment for money made specifically by not engaging in personal labor, and the socialization of corporate losses combined with the privatization of corporate profits????

He doesn't want to hear any criticism. Part of the job of President is having to handle the criticism that comes with that job. His refusal to answer questions about his policies says a lot about his lack of fitness for the job. The President is elected to work FOR the people.

I work in a doctor's office. It is just now becoming clear to seniors how much Mr Trump and his goons have taken from Medicare.

Our hero failed to mention that there are 30% fewer items in this One Big Beautiful Thanksgiving Dinner and 50% more generic items vs. name brand items in this Walmart extravaganza.

The MAGA posters are all clustered up in the Mamdani hit pieces from FAUX Noise. When they lose, Republicans pull out their Victim Cards and retreat to their safe spaces.

Trump keeps touting the fact that Walmart's Thanksgiving basket is cheaper this year than it was last year. But he hasn't mentioned that this year's basket has 22 items compared to 29 items last year. Also, most of the items are Walmart's Great Value store brand compared to last year which included a larger proportion of name brands.

"I don't want to hear about the affordability", just more proof that trump is not working on lowering costs. He is asking us to not believe our eyes and to ignore rising costs. I don't think that MAGA world will be happy with this since it directly impacts them.

The problem with having billionaires in charge is that they don't get the concept of affordability. They have never had the experience of considering the cost of something in their decision making. It's not a factor for them. Meanwhile, most of the rest of us have some limit to our ability to do whatever we want. Hope we learn from this experience!

Senator Chris Murphy has got it right: "People aren't dumb. They know prices aren't going down."

- While gas prices have gone down from a few years back, they're certainly not around \$2 a gallon in my neck of the woods. Yet utility charges are rising across the country and with winter coming up soon, will only get worse.

- The Trump administration wants to pitch utility prices at governors, yet the issue is national due to how energy is procured and distributed by key players. They won't take it on because it would take too much work to get it done. Trump always looks for the easiest way out...like blaming.

- As noted, no one making up the lies about groceries going down must shop. Every -- and I mean, every -- shopper I know picks and chooses what to buy largely depending on pricing. Affordability is an issue that won't go away. If Trump chooses to deny it, the mid-terms will be even worse than the appetizer he was served this week.

The president of the United States of America is fighting to not feed people. That's right, the president of the United States of America is fighting to let people go hungry because he thinks it benefits him politically.

Let's see how SCOTUS handles this one. They ruled against the Biden administration when it came to student loan forgiveness because they said Congress had the power of the purse. Well Congress designated this money for exactly what the president is fighting to not use it for. My opinion is they will try to partially save him from his own disaster, but not fully.

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Not Communism...but Socialism: something that you're already intimately acquainted with...

Well I hate to be the one to tell you, but Socialism, which you have been told to fear all your life, is responsible for all this...

1. The Military/Defense - The United States military is the largest and most funded socialist program in the world. It operates thanks to our taxpayer dollars and protects the country as a whole. From the richest citizens to the homeless who sleep under the bridge. We are all protected by our military whether we pay taxes or not. This is complete socialism.
2. Highways/Roads - Those roads and highways you drive on every single day are completely taxpayer funded. Your tax dollars are used to maintain, expand, and preserve our highways and roads for every one's use. President Eisenhower was inspired by Germany's autobahn and implemented the idea right here in America. That's right, a republican president created our taxpayer funded, national highway system. This was a different time, before the republican party came down with a vicious case of rabies that never went away.
3. Public Libraries - Yes. That place where you go to check out books from conservative authors telling you how horrible socialism is, is in fact socialism. Libraries are taxpayer funded. You pay a few bucks to get a library card and you can read books for free for the rest of your life.
4. Police - Ever had a situation where you had to call the police? Then you have used a taxpayer funded socialist program. Anyone can call the police whether they pay taxes or not. They are there to protect and serve the community, not individuals. This is complete socialism on a state level, but still socialism all the same. Would you rather have to swipe your credit card before the police will help you?
5. Fire Dept. - Hopefully you have never had a fire in your home. But if you have, you probably called your local taxpayer-funded fire department to put the fire out. Like police, this is state socialism. Your tax dollars are used to rescue your entire community in case of a fire. It use to be set up where you would pay a fee every month to the fire dept. for their service. If you didn't pay, they let your house burn down. Sadly, a man from Tennessee had this exact situation happen to him in 2011 because he didn't pay his \$75.00 fee. I guess that small town in Tennessee would rather let people's houses burn down that resort to evil socialism. So don't take for granted the fact that you have a 24/7 fire dept. to put out your burning home thanks to socialism.
6. Postal Service - Like having mail delivered directly to your front door and paying next to nothing to send mail anywhere you want? Well it's all made possible by socialism.
7. Student Loans and Grants - Did you go to College? If you did, your family might not have been rich enough to pay your way through. So you got your education anyway through student loans and grants from the federal government at taxpayer expense. Of course you have to pay back the loans, but if not the government, did you know anyone else who was going to lend you tens of thousands of dollars? Probably not. So the taxpayers lent you the money and you paid it back with slight interest. The government grants you accepted were gifts from the taxpayer and the federal government that you did not have to pay back. Socialism got you through school.
8. Bridges - Along with our highways, our government used your taxpayer dollars to build bridges. This allows the public to travel across rivers without having to sail or swim.
9. Garbage Collection - Like having your garbage collected once a week instead of having to drive it to the landfill yourself? Thank socialism.
10. Public Landfills - Taxpayer dollars are used to have places to dump all of our garbage that is collected by taxpayer funded garbage men.
11. War - That's right! War would not be possible without socialism. Your tax dollars are used to fight wars for your country. This is Big Government at it's biggest. Private companies don't attack other countries, at least not yet. Government is the only entity in America that can defend us from foreign enemies and our tax dollars are used for every second of it. Socialism has brought down Adolf Hitler, Saddam Hussein, and Bin Laden. War may very well be the most socialist thing on this list.
12. Farm Subsidies - Our government uses taxpayer funds to pay farmers and businesses to provide their income and keep them growing food for the public.
13. CIA - The Central Intelligence Agency is vital to America's security. The CIA is completely taxpayer funded to protect the public from enemies.
14. FBI - The Federal bureau of investigations is a taxpayer funded government agency.
15. Congressional Health Care - As Republicans in congress warn us of the evils of government-run health care, most of them are covered by taxpayer-funded government-run health care. You literally pay for their health care while they tell you that paying for your neighbors health care through a public option or single-payer system is socialism. They are 100% correct, it is socialism. They're just not telling you that they like their socialist health care, they just don't think you should have it. They are afraid you might like it better than the private insurance you have now that funds their campaigns and gives them money to push what is best for them and not for you. Members of

Congress are free to opt out of their evil government health care, but most of them don't because deep down, they like socialism too.

16. Polio Vaccine - In the 1950's polio ravaged the United States. Until Dr. Jonas Salk invented a cure, finally ridding America of this terrible disease. Dr. Salk could have sold his vaccine in the free market and made millions and millions of dollars. Instead he gave it to the federal government to begin eradicating polio. He said that he made plenty of money as a scientist and felt it was too important to try and profit from or create a business around.

17. EPA - Republicans hate this taxpayer-funded government program because they have the nerve to tell corporations that they may have to follow environmental rules and regulations for the greater good of the earth and the people who live on it. But if you don't like breathing mercury, drinking dirty water, and breathing in chemicals, you should like this example of socialism working for the people.

18. Social Security - You pay a tax to help ensure that our grandparents and senior citizens of America have money to live off of when they are retired or too elderly to work. I love hearing rich people bitch about this one because the truth is that they do not pay a social security tax, like most payroll taxes. This little piece of socialism helps prevent our senior citizens from sinking into poverty and starving to death.

19. Museums - Many museums are privately owned by organizations and groups, but many are also taxpayer-funded state, national, and federal museums.

20. Public Schools - Can't afford to send your children to an expensive private school? Thanks to socialism and government, you child can still get an education. Public education has been under attack for decades in this country by the radical right because public schools don't teach Christianity to your children and it enables people like Barack Obama to work hard, gain scholarships, and eventually become President of the United States.

21. Jail/Prison System - Many murders and criminals are behind bars right now and not out on the streets because of our taxpayer-funded, federal and state run jails and prisons. Taxpayer money is collected and used to help protect all of society from murders, molesters, rapist, etc. I know there's a lot of disagreement and controversy about how to handle our prison system, but I think we can all agree that serial killers should not be freed into society. There are also many private prisons in the United States. However, they have a higher escape rate than their socialist counterpart. Besides, don't you see the bad incentives in having a private prison system that profits from having people in prison? Since a business's top goal is to make more money than the year before, the only feasible agenda would be to get everyone in prison.

22. Corporate/Business Subsidies - This is the type of socialism that is acceptable in the Republican party. You tax dollars are given to big corporations to do things they should be doing anyway out of morals and ethics. Like not sending jobs overseas and hiring people. Wouldn't you like a nice big check just for not breaking the law? To be fair though, many businesses do earn their subsidies by advancing green technology and practice, donating to charity, helping communities, etc. They aren't all bad. People just get mad when big billionaire oil companies get billions of their taxpayer dollars while they're paying \$4 at the pump. For the corporations that don't earn their subsidies other than donating to their very own political party, it's merely welfare. Though however you look at it, it is socialism.

23. Veteran's (VA) Health Care - Our soldiers bravely go to foreign countries and risk their lives at the request of their government and the American people. For those who survive, we as a country feel committed and obligated to ensure that they have everything they need for the rest of their lives for their service to us in which we could never fully repay. So we the taxpayers fund their health care in a government-run single-payer system for veterans. Many soldiers return with mental and/or physical health issues that would cost them thousands in a private health care plan. Socialism funds the military, the overall war, and also takes care of our troops when they return home.

24. Public Parks - Like going to the park on a sunny day? Just being able to walk right in, or at the worse pay a small fee? This is once again the work of socialism. If it were private, it wouldn't be a park, it would be someones back yard. That small or non-existent fee will turn into a \$15 fee faster than you can say "No Trespassing".

25. All Elected Government Officials - From the Supreme Court, to the President of the United States and all the way down to the County Dog Catcher, taxpayers pay their salary and provide the funding for them to do their job. We pay for every aspect of their job. So in a sense, I guess you could say our whole country is run on socialism.

26. Food Stamps - Republicans fill with bitter contempt knowing that our government at the expense of the taxpayer is giving poor people money to buy food they couldn't otherwise afford. This, like welfare, is what the right thinks socialism is all about, along with mass murder. However, just like corporate welfare, welfare is socialism. I'll just end this one with a quick story. I have been down and out in periods of my life and sought assistance via food stamps. Even though I was what anyone would consider poor, I was not poor enough to get food stamps. Which means people who do get them, must really, really need them. As far as my personal experience, they weren't thrown around like candy the way the right would have you believe.

27. Sewer System - Do you like having a sewer system to remove waste and prevent pollution and disease from seeping into our environment? Thank the taxpayers of America and the socialist system it operates in.

28. Medicare - Medicare is one of the most liked socialist programs in America. Most of us don't mind paying taxes to provide our senior citizens with health care and hope the next generation will do the same for us. If you don't believe me, just look at almost any poll. Most seniors would not be able to afford private health care. So this form of socialism is a life saver for this nation's grandparents and senior citizens.
29. Court System - Whether it's the murder trial of the century or a case in a small claims court, the taxpayers of America fully fund our courts and legal process. You may pay for your own lawyer, but the courtroom, judge, and jury is paid for through socialist means.
30. Bird Flu Vaccine - You don't have bird flu right now and probably aren't worried about it because our federal government used taxpayer funds to pump vaccines all over America.
31. G.I. Bill - The G.I. bill allows veterans to pursue an education by using taxpayer dollars to help them pay for most of their schooling. It also helps them with loans, savings, and unemployment benefits.
32. Hoover Dam - Remember when our country use to build things? Our government built the Hoover Dam using taxpayer funds. It is now a vital source of power for the west coast.
33. State/City Zoos - American families have been going to the zoo for generations. A place where kids and adults can have fun seeing creatures and animals from all over the world and learn at the same time. Many zoos are ran by the state and/or city, using taxpayer funds to operate and even bring the animals to the zoo.
34. IRS - I know, the IRS is about as popular and well liked in America as a hemorrhoid, but think about it. The IRS is the reason that we have anything. The IRS collects taxpayer funds for the federal government. The government then dispenses these funds to our military, states, and social programs. If there is no one collecting taxes, no one will pay them. If no one pays taxes, our country shuts down. Without money to operate, nothing operates. This may sound like a good thing to some radical republicans, but for those of us with sense, we know this means anarchy in the USA. The IRS gets a bad rap because if you don't pay your taxes or owe them money, they can be ruthless. Like everything else, the IRS is not perfect, but without them we literally have no country or no means to run it.
35. Free Lunch Program - Some children are living in poverty by no fault of their own. I'm not saying it is even their parents fault, but you surely cannot blame a child for the situation they are born into. In most if not all states, there are programs where children who live in poor households can receive school lunch for free. The taxpayers of the state pay for this. Sounds like socialism to me, and also the moral and Christian thing to do.
36. The Pentagon - Our defense system in America is a socialist system from top to bottom. We as taxpayers fund the pentagon completely.
37. Medicaid - Our government uses taxpayer funds to provide health care for low-income people. Republicans, the compassionate Christians that they are, absolutely hate this program. What they fail to understand is that when people can't afford to pay their outrageous medical bills, they don't. This bill does not disappear. The loss that the insurance company, doctor's office, or hospital takes gets passed down to everyone else. So covering people and giving them a low-income option reduces costs for them and everyone else. This is the main argument behind a health care mandate. It's not to force you to buy health care out of cruelty. If everyone is covered, costs drop for everyone. If you have no compassion for the uninsured, you can at least understand the rational in a selfish sense.
38. FDA - The Food and Drug Administration is far from perfect. It is infested with corporate corruption and they have been wrong many, many times. Countless times they have approved things that they later have to apologize for and have banned things that would have helped people. However, they have also stopped many harmful foods and products from being sold to the public and protect us everyday from poisons being disguised as products. While not perfect, they are needed to prevent harmful food and drugs from being sold to you and you family. Without them, corporations can send whatever they want to your supermarkets and drug stores without any testing or evaluation. I don't mind my taxes going towards a middle man to inspect the safety of the products we are being sold everyday.
39. Health Care for 9/11 Rescue Workers - After beating back GOP obstruction, Democrats finally passed a bill last year to allow government to help 9/11 rescue worker's with their health care after many came down with horrible lung diseases from the toxins they breathed in rescuing people from smoldering buildings. These brave citizens risked their lives and health to help complete strangers. They deserve more, but covering their health care is a good start.
40. Swine Flu Vaccine - Do you have swine flu right now? Then thank government and the socialist structure.
41. Disability Insurance (SSDI) - For those who are disabled and cannot work, our government provides an income for them via taxpayer dollars as opposed to the other option of letting them starve to death.
42. Town/State Run Beaches - Like going to the beach? Like it when the beach is clean and safe? Like having lifeguards on staff in case of an emergency? Then once again, thank the taxpayers and the socialist structure that makes it all possible.
43. Corporate Bailouts/Welfare - The whole point of this post is to prove that we ALL use, benefit from, and like socialism. This example is a form of socialism that the republicans not only like, but fight tooth and nail for. They

don't like it when socialism is used for working/poor people, but when it's for millionaires and their corporate donors, socialism becomes as American as apple pie. The middle/working class who are the majority of taxpayers pay for welfare for corporations and people who have more money than all of us combined. When our government bails out a bank or gives a subsidy to a billion dollar corporation, you are paying for it.

44. State Construction - Ever see those construction workers in your town fixing potholes, erecting buildings, repaving highways and roads, and fixing things all over town? They themselves and the work they do is taxpayer-funded state socialism.

45. Unemployment Insurance - All your working life, you pay payroll taxes. Some of these taxes go toward a program that temporarily provides for people who lost their jobs until they can find another one. You pay for others, others pay for you. Especially these days, you never know when you might lose your job. You may need temporary assistance until you get back on your feet. The government recognizes this. UI also keeps the economy moving in times of recession because people still have some money in their pockets to buy goods and promote demand.

46. City/Metro Buses - If you lack transportation, you can catch a city bus. Taxpayer funds and the fee you pay to take the bus make it possible for millions of people to go to work.

47. WIC - WIC is a federally funded program to assist women, infants, and children. WIC helps low-income families by providing funding for nutrition, education, and health care for children.

48. State Snow Removal - Even though sometimes it may take them longer than you like to get to your street, do you like having snow plow service to clear our roads and highways in the winter? This is a state socialist taxpayer-funded service.

49. PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) - PBS operates on donations and government funding. They provide non-partisan news and information to the public. They are the home of Sesame Street, Masterpiece Theater, and The Antiques Roadshow. Surveys show that they are literally the most trusted name in news. I wonder how Fox feels about that?

50. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - The CDC helps promote and enact the health and safety of the public along with helping to prevent and control illness and disease. The CDC is a government program that operates on taxpayer funding.

51. Welfare - Is there anything the republicans hate more? Of course I'm talking about the welfare that goes to poor people. Corporate welfare is not only accepted in the republican Kabul, but it's mandatory that we give our tax dollars to billionaires and not question the logic of it. Though if you look at it realistically and not through the red scare glasses in which the right sees the world, welfare helps the economy. As I've said many times, when poor people have money in their pocket, they buy things made and sold by companies. This creates a demand. To keep up with demand, businesses must hire to keep up. If you yanked everyone who is on welfare off of it tomorrow, the economy would take a blow and lose jobs due to the down tick in consumer demand because we just took what little money they had away.

52. Public Street Lighting - Like being able to see at night when you walk or drive? Thank Socialism.

53. FEMA - If Disaster strikes, FEMA is there to help pick up the pieces. As a part of homeland security and an agency of the federal government, they use taxpayer dollars to help cities, states, and towns recover and rebuild. I don't know to many private companies that could assist in disaster relief and ask nothing in return. Thank God for socialism.

54. Public Defenders - Ever been in trouble and couldn't afford a lawyer? Well the taxpayers and the government make sure you still get representation.

55. S-CHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) - S-CHIP is a program that matches funds to states for health insurance for children in families that cannot afford insurance but make too much to qualify for Medicaid. Your tax dollars go towards covering uninsured children, is that so wrong?

56. Amtrak - Amtrak transports tens of millions of passengers a year in 46 states and three Canadian Provinces. It is owned by the federal government and your tax dollars are used to fund it. All aboard!!

57. NPR - National Public Radio operates on private and federal funding along with public donations. NPR has been one of the most trusted news sources in America for over 40 years.

58. The Department of Homeland Security - Created after the terrorist attacks on 9/11, this heavily federally funded department of the U.S. government helps protect us from future terrorist attacks. This is the third largest department within the United States government.

59. OSHA - Do you have a safe and healthy workplace that provides training, outreach, education, and assistance? Thank OSHA! Brought to you by the taxpayers of America and socialism.

60. State and National Monuments - The Lincoln Memorial. Mount Rushmore. The D.C. National Mall. All brought to you and maintained with your tax dollars. Socialism is patriotic?

61. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - The USDA enforces regulations on the farming, agriculture, and food industries to ensure food safety, natural resources, and hunger worldwide and in the United States. Your tax dollars are used to help keep what you are eating safe and even feed those who are not eating.

62. Government Scholarships - if you work hard in school and show true potential, our government will give you a scholarship towards college so you can advance your education. Your tax dollars have been used to send future doctors, lawyers, scientists, and even presidents of the United States to college.

63. Department of Health and Human Service - The overall goal of HHS is to promote, implement, and ensure the health of the American people. Your tax dollars are used to do this. Government looking out for the well being of it's people, imagine that!

64. Census Bureau - Every ten years, our government collects data about our people and economy, to better serve and represent us. From the forms that are sent to your home for you to fill out and send back in and to the census worker who shows up and kindly asks you to fill out the form if you don't send it in, all taxpayer funded socialism. The information collected is used to better understand the economic situation and population in your area. Not to enslave you in a FEMA camp.

65. Department of Energy - This taxpayer funded cabinet of the federal government oversees nuclear weapons, nuclear reactors, energy conservation, radioactive waste disposal, and energy production. To those of you who care about our environment and would rather not witness a nuclear holocaust might consider this money well spent.

66. Customs and Border Protection - the CBP is the largest law enforcement agency in America. This is big government that republicans actually do like because they don't like Mexicans immigrating to our country like our ancestors did. However, this taxpayer funded, socialist agency of the federal government regulates trade, imports, and immigration.

67. Department of Education - This cabinet of the federal government is actually the smallest. They administer and oversee federal assistance to education. They also collect data and enforce federal laws and regulations involving education. Even though the right thinks that this department is indoctrinating your children, they actually have no control over curriculum or standards.

68. Secret Service - Your tax dollars are used to provide highly-trained, skilled professional bodyguards to protect the President of the United States.

69. Peace Corps - The Peace Corps is a volunteer program run by the government that helps people outside of the US to understand our culture as well as helping us learn about other cultures. However they are more well known for their work with economic and social development in less-fortunate countries. Sounds very Christian for being a socialist program, huh?

70. Department of Justice - The DOJ is responsible for enforcing the law. Socialism keeps our civilization intact.

71. National Weather Service - Like knowing when a storm, tornado, earthquake, or snow is coming? Socialism makes this possible and available to everyone.

72. The White House - Our taxpayer dollars through a socialist means pays for the house that the president and his family live in during a presidents time in office.

73. Government - Like it or not, our country would not be a country without a government. Every single day, government on state and local levels serve us in ways we simply take for granted. Government as an entity operates and functions on our tax dollars through a socialist structured funding system. From the military down to the county dog catcher, socialism turns the wheels that make our society function.

74. Law - Laws and rules make our democracy possible. Remove these laws and you have sheer anarchy. Laws do not appear out of thin air. To have law, you need a government. You need elected lawmakers to make the laws and a government to implement and enforce them. Socialism is responsible for every law in this country. Without our government and lawmakers which exist thanks to socialism, there would be no laws. So the laws themselves, are enforced and implemented thanks to socialism.

75. Civilization - As an American citizen, you enjoy freedoms that many in other countries do not. Like anything else in this world, our government is not perfect, but you should be thankful everyday that your country has a government that feels an obligation to serve the people and protect their rights and freedoms. This is completely possible because of government, taxes, and socialism. Do you think the private sector would do a better job of governing our country? Do you think corporations would enact laws to help protect and serve you and your family or them and their profits? The reason you can read this blog and the reason I can write it whether you agree with it or not is because of the freedoms we have here in America enforced and protected through socialist means. Our entire civilization depends on us being a people united. Socialism is a glue that binds us together and makes possible the things that we could not accomplish as individuals working against each other.

I don't care who you are.  
Rich or poor. Teaparty Republican or Liberal Socialist.

You benefit from at least one or more of these 75 American Government-Run, Taxpayer funded Socialist programs, agencies, and laws.

My overall argument is not for a completely socialist nation. This would not work. A completely capitalist nation would not work either.

I'm just simply saying that I, as a Democratic Socialist, feel that the two can co-exist. I know this because they always have. Socialism and capitalism have always co-existed in America.

I also believe in freedom. I believe options are a form of freedom.

Right now in the United States of America, I can send mail through the public postal service or I can choose a private option like FedEx. I can send my kids to public school or private school.

As liberals, we don't want a government takeover, we want options. We think we should have the freedom to be able to choose to have government health care if we don't like our private plan.

If we are 18-64, we have no options or freedom over our own health care. I don't understand why this isn't viewed as a corporate takeover of health care.

Socialism is not a bad thing. It is a foundation in this country of ours. Claiming socialism is bad because of radical and non-factual comparisons to Hitler and Stalin is like saying all guns are bad because of the Columbine killers and Jared Loughner.

National socialism and communism are very, very different from Democratic Socialism here in America. I'd explain further but this topic is for another post, this one is long enough. Besides, socialism defeated Hitler.

So let's just stop the madness and have a serious discussion about socialism and the role it plays in America.

"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a president and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country" – FDR

What Trump has done to the economy is going to get republicans wiped out in the next couple of elections. That's the truth. Inflation up. Basic necessities up. Unemployment up. Job creation down. GDP growth down. Consumer sentiment down. Health care costs up. Energy costs up. This country is looking a recession in the face and Trump is focused on building a ballroom and arch while cutting off food aid for the hungry rather than negotiate an extension for rising healthcare costs. Go ahead and eliminate the filibuster. That won't stop the blue wave coming but will instead intensify it.

Very obvious and not hard to figure out unless you watch Fox. Sentiment against Trump is stronger than ever because he's the exact opposite of democratic values. He won in 2024 due to apathetic- and undecided citizens who stayed on the sidelines. Those citizens, even including some of his supporters whom he has hit with "friendly fire" decisions, realize how much a danger he is (A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER) and are energized to not just protest but to vote this guy and his henchmen out of office before he does permanent damage to America.

Trump is the "biggest liar in the history of American politics," who "will say anything to anyone at any time with utterly no thought of consequences or ever being held accountable. When the moment of accountability comes, he just tells another lie. ... When he was just a sleazy real estate grifter, this was merely annoying. But now that he's the president, and he has an army of propagandists behind him insisting that he is American history's great truth-teller, it's sick and it's dangerous."

The Republicans fought tooth and nail against the ACA, starting by branding it "Obamacare" as part of a political strategy to denigrate the law and link its unpopularity directly to President Barack Obama. The intention was to make the legislation a symbol of government overreach and a key target for unified opposition. When that didn't work, they made up stories about "death panels", "government takeover of healthcare", "the ACA only helps low-income or unemployed people", and "the ACA caused all premiums to skyrocket" - all of those lies have been discredited.

And yet, 15 years into the law, Republicans are still unable, or unwilling to admit that the law did many positive things for Americans, including:

- significantly increased the number of Americans with health insurance and helped lower the uninsured rate to an all-time low
- allows kids to stay on their parents' insurance until age 26, covering them through their college years
- insurance companies are no longer able to deny coverage or charge us more because of a pre-existing condition
- lifetime and annual limits on essential health benefits have been eliminated
- most plans must now cover a comprehensive set of benefits, including prescription drugs, hospitalization, mental health care, and maternity care
- all qualified plans must cover certain preventive services with no out-of-pocket costs, such as screenings, checkups, and other wellness visits

Unfortunately, we still must have health care insurance to pay for our care and our unexpected crises. Costs in health care rise year after year, and so do the insurance costs that cover us. Maybe the GOP needs to actually come up with a better plan than the ACA before they destroy the ONLY plan we have.

Malignant narcissist is what Trump is. He's the laughing stock in the entire world.

BOOOOO!!! I hate him. I've never "hated" any other republican president. Never. Disliked and disagreed, but never hated.

Trump is hated in the United States and throughout the world. He is an awful person.

In MAGATS ears, they only heard cheers. Their cognitive dissonance is palpable.

Trump will be the first president to be impeached three times. What a douche.

Just watched Nuremberg. I'm excited for history to repeat itself.

11-10-25

Approving subsidies is a band aid. The real problem is with the health insurance companies and the extremely high rates they charge. Many middle class families don't get the subsidies and have to pay these rates. Our government need to get to the root of the problem and fix it for everyone!

Politicians need to start shopping, simple as that! Right now, they merely depend on economists, stock market trends/strength, inflation numbers, statistical data - it's not the REAL world, and for some bizarre reason, they don't believe their constituents when they tell them that their groceries and bills are up, the politicians seem to just point to their 'numbers' and say "how can that be? These numbers say otherwise" - Politicians seem to be disconnected from the reality that, once the price of something goes up, for whatever reason, it stays up, for example, several products that increased in price for pandemic reasons are STILL at pandemic level pricing! if politicians came down and visited the REAL world, we may actually start to see some change, they may see that we are more than just numbers and statistics!

Prices went up during Biden's term, largely due to the blowback after the Covid pandemic. They then stabilized later during his term, but the damage was done. Rightwing media had the ammunition it needed. Now - inflation is up again. From my perspective WAY up. Food price increases are crazy, especially staples like beef and coffee. Tariffs. And corporate greed. Neither of which is being addressed by the guy in the white house.

Trump has deflated his evaluations of "worst human being", "low IQ", "communist", etc. to the point we all know there is no thought or meaning behind them other than the subject is not liked by Trump.

The Inflation rate dropped from 9% to 2.4% when Biden left office.

Trump entered the white house with a low interest rate thanks to Biden and his Inflation Reduction Act policy.

However, 9 months of trade wars, and decreased productivity has caused an inflation rate increase directly related to Trump's irresponsible and counterintuitive monetary policies.

Biden was an ok president. He was elected because the voters did not want trump to be in office again. Inflation was a worldwide phenomenon as a result of covid. No Country escaped the high costs that was in every nation. The American voter needed someone to blame, and Biden was the scapegoat. trump on the other hand WILL rank as if not the worst, close to the worst president ever.

Nobody believes Trump's crazy ass at this point

What kind of drugs is Trump on??

The Kennedy Center Honors was one of the most inclusive, talented, entertaining and classy venues to showcase and honor performing arts. With Trump at the helm, it is an embarrassing, total joke. A shame. It's like tearing down 1/3 of the White House to honor the guy who's a legend in his own mind. Disgraceful. Disgusting. Good news: Anything that can be done can be undone. Once DJT is a miserable history, a black stain on America, this pimple will be popped and return to what America REALLY is.

11-11-25

I think the Fox panel was correct, the booing was done by a select group. What they didn't acknowledge was that this select group was probably made up of people who want a Prez who knows what honesty, decorum, and decency are and recognize when a person (Trump) doesn't have these traits. Also, people who don't appreciate a Prez who is undermining the justice system by pardoning his serfs and lackeys and is weaponizing the Justice Dept. to go after the people he considers personal enemies

I remember McCain walking on the floor of the Senate and looking around and turning his thumb down to kill the bill that would have eliminated the ACA. He did this because he knows Trump and the republicans had no replacement, it was all stump talk and has been since then. Trump/MAGA/Republicans don't want to create a healthcare plan because they get so much money from the lobbyist and they are told if they create a plan that is not good for them, they will lose all their lobbying money.

All I can say is I hope he keeps this up. You know Biden didn't spend enough time talking to us about the economy.

For what happened coming out of the pandemic the recovery was faster than any other nation and by all measures economic growth and strength was great.

What Biden failed at was pointing out that there are multiple facets to the economy as it is perceived by most of our citizens.

Biden failed to address that the cost of living was terrible. Personally I see that as a separate branch of the economy and Biden kept getting up on TV and telling us the economy was good. The economy was good. The cost of living was terrible.

Now Trump has promised us he would lower prices on day one and he has done the exact opposite.

What he is doing just like Biden is getting on TV way to much and telling us that things are great. All the while forgetting that we fill up our cars once a week. We go to the grocery store once a week. The folks that can afford it buy things on line several times a week. Millions of young people pay rent or want to buy a home.

Keep it up Mr. Trump. You are making the exact mistakes I want you to.

These stories are exhausting. Trump misrepresents everything. He keeps referring to the word "groceries" as an old-fashioned word. Is that because he has never had to go shopping for food. Well Mr. President, I go shopping for "groceries" every week and the prices go up every week.

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During the 2020 election Biden held a town hall and a man asked him why he should vote for him. Biden said that if you asked the other side that they would tell you that you must vote for Trump because Trump was the only one that could save the country. He went on to say that he would just ask you to listen to what he had to say and if you liked it, consider voting for him. Trump and his team took that conversation and only aired the part that said that you must vote for Trump because Trump was the only one that could save the country and left everything else out, making it look like Biden was endorsing Trump. When they were called out on it, the response was "Biden said those words" and they refused to apologize and continued airing those ads.

So, Trump said all the words used by the BBC. They shouldn't apologize and they should continue to air it.

Having said all that, Trump is such an embarrassment to this country and is unfit for office. He should be removed, the sooner the better!

This doesn't make sense, Trump sues everyone left and right, but we can't sue him for his constant lies and defamation.

11-14-25

a President is NOT supposed to order the DOJ to investigate. It certainly is bad enough that Trump is using the situation room, the AG and Assistant AG and the FBI Director to alter votes. These are ALL the actions of a desperate man.

In other words, "look anywhere except here". It's clear from what we have seen that Trump was a large part of Epstein's world. If you just look at one of the documents from the estate, the birthday card, you could come to lots of different conclusions but when you look at the card and the emails together, an ugly story starts to take shape and you begin to understand why the President is fighting the release of the entirety of the DOJ's Epstein files.

“My fear is that, when Trump is seen through a clear and objective lens, the support you gave him will define you.”

11-15-25

He is setting up a precedent telling ppl that if they break the law to help him, they'll be not held liable or accountable. Basically saying, get ready for the next one

Remember when the GOP would claim they were the party of law and order? In order to receive a pardon, you have to admit that you're guilty. So Trump/GOP release huge amounts of violent criminals into the streets, then send the national guard into cities to fight crime? It's beyond absurd.

"Authorities found six guns and roughly 4,800 rounds of ammunition in his home. Because of prior felony convictions, it was illegal for him to possess firearms"

Who needs cops and "lawmakers" anymore when Mr. Law and Order is just releasing criminals from prison almost daily.

We're living in Idiocracy every day.

At this point it's pretty obvious that if you were willing to help trump overthrow the government on his behalf, you're good. That was a test of loyalty, put on a MAGA hat, T-shirt and you can shoot a liberal in the middle of 5th Ave and trump and Republicans see nothing wrong, they will free you.

We need to put ourselves in a position to do the same, but better.

No more moving to higher ground doesn't work, against a enemy that has no higher ground to achieve.

11-16-25

The price of gas where I live in Iowa is around \$2.50 a gallon today. Tomorrow could jump up 25 cents. Who knows how the oil companies adjust their prices. Our gas is cheaper in some ways because of ethanol added to it.

Now food prices are another matter. 80/20 ground beef on sale at \$5.99 a pound is a major pain in the wallet. Chicken and Turkey prices are plenty high also. In general just about everything that you buy is high priced. Coffee is extremely high priced. We don't grow it here and guess that's part of the reason. So Trump and his wealthy friends say theirs no affordability problem never had to struggle like many Americans do today. He doesn't care plain and simple.

I guess if the republicans say something enough times they think people will believe it , healthcare is out of control and republicans want to make it even more expensive, prices on food up, car insurance up, homeowners insurance up, entertainment cost up and wages are not keeping up.

The MAGA Nutz are just like Trump's own children ... they cannot receive any love either.

Trump continues to hurt his base, and they still want his love, so they cheer him on. I think its a twisted form of Stockholm syndrome. Too funny.

October 2024 electric bill: \$95.

October 2025 electric bill: \$151.

There's a 12-month chart on the bill that shows my consumption of electricity was almost the same as last year, yet the price is 50% higher. This is simply a fact.

If Thanksgiving dinner is 25% cheaper than last year why was my grocery bill \$30 higher than last year? I bought the same things and in many cases I bought store brand rather than name brand. Also no coffee was purchased. I wish someone would take tRump grocery shopping.

When my dad died 4 years ago, he spent his last 30 days in a hospital with sepsis. They treated him with antibiotics. He also had cancer, but it was untreatable. No real care, a few tests. After he passed away, my mother received a bill from United Healthcare for \$2,2 million. Fortunately dad was covered by Medicare, but \$2,2 million! This is what we are up against. Massively bloated bills for minimal treatment. A health savings account wouldn't scratch the surface.

The reality is we have lost manufacturing jobs since TACO returned to office. Public and private infrastructure projects initiated under Biden have had the signs updated with Trump's name.

Prices are up on almost everything except gas. Our closest ally is refusing to share intel with us. Still no Epstein files.

And while China is building roads, bridges, and homes,, they have become the leader in solar and wind energies. Trump is talking about coal powered warships, trying to make his cult believe that one trans person on a sports team is more important than science, and grifting off the American taxpayer.

I have used Trump's vindictive behavior as an example, to my children of how not to live your life. He could accomplish more if he could change, but that is not going to happen. Trump lives in the past, time to move on.

As a grandfather who because of what I learned in our upbringing of our 2 daughters am a better grandfather than I was a parent, I commend you for choosing a very important example to coach your younglings about what to be and choosing the absolutely perfect choice of DJT as an example of what NOT to be. Keep teaching them well against fascism and authoritarianism. These are the challenges before us now with RepugnantCons in power.

What Trump does: Spend hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to outfit a flying palace airplane he does not need, redecorate the White House to look like the palace of Versailles, build a ballroom to host lavish parties for the rich people who support him, get us into unnecessary foreign wars, impose tariffs that are hurting American families and forcing American businesses to close, and rage against his critics.

One of Trump's many maladies is CDS (Criticism Derangement Syndrome).

The primary symptom is dishing out criticism but being unable to take criticism.

Trump has no dignity. If he did, he would just focus on trying to do a much better job as the chief executive of the country. This is none of his business. I remember when Stephen Colbert royally roasted George Bush at the White House press dinner. While Bush as broadsided, and rightfully so for all the meandering about Iraq war justifications, there were no calls whatsoever from Bush or the WH to have Colbert strung up.

Here again, our absolutely sick President - with all the issues facing our nation - has the time and desire to criticize a late night comedian. The Orange Boy needs to go- Impeachment, 25th Amendment, or political persuasion by GOP'ers who find a spine. Sad.

Trump's administration and a large majority of MAGA suffer from TDS. TDS, Trump Devotion Syndrome: Symptoms include inability to reason, severe allergy to truth and the Constitution and a cult-like attraction to a criminal. 1000's of others were convicted criminals for their devotion.

11-17-25

The economic chipmunk is right. Egg prices have fallen sharply since Trump took office and implemented his bold, new, egg drilling initiatives --tripling our supplies. Both Biden and Obama flatly refused to authorize drilling for eggs, citing environmental concerns. 😞

trump Zombies think they are patriots. They think they are the "real Americans." And that's dangerous. Very dangerous. Overly-eager Rambo Minute Men gun-slinger wannabes. And anyone who goes against trump, against the cult, quickly becomes enemy no. 1. MTG has every right to be concerned.

I'm not a huge fan of either of them, but I understand her point and empathize with her. Political name-calling feels childish to me, and she's definitely a target now. Calling someone a "traitor" can easily escalate hostility and justify aggression among extremists. From what I'm seeing, the risk of political violence only seems to matter when someone aligns completely with what Trump wants to hear. Prayers for her safety and prayers for a clear mind for extremists.

11-18-25

The most difficult thing to convey to young people who have come to political maturity in the last decade is that US politics used to be \*normal\*. People didn't have brain worms.

They didn't shoot puppies. They didn't wave fascist conspiracy flags. Basic propriety was the norm.

Not saying it was great or anything -- plenty of bad stuff went on -- but the basic, universal assumption was that the people involved would behave like adults, have basic manners, hew more or less to mainstream norms. It wasn't an embarrassing freak show.

I applaud this, but it's actually too little, too late. They've had 1000 FBI agents redacting the files for 10 months. There will always be a shadow over the information released.

"I'll open the Epstein files when I'm elected president" said Trump during his 2024 campaign.

Then, when he became president, Trump refused to open the files as promised and did whatever he could to stop the files from being released. Later, facing a major backlash from his own party, Trump reverses course and encourages them to vote for the release of those files. So, in my mind, one of two things is possible (or even both). Trump could have possibly had the files whitewashed, with any incriminating evidence involving him removed entirely. The other possibility is having Trump instruct Bondi to investigate others' involvement with Epstein, thereby disallowing the files to be released during an "active investigation".

If Trump can sue news agencies over what he thinks is unfair treatment, individual reporters should be able to sue him for infringing on their 1st Amendment rights. That reporter had a right to ask whatever she wanted.

Please understand, dictators don't like any accountability or asked any questions they don't like. Trump thinks and believes that the rest of the world should act like his cabinet who are all "YES Men and Women". They speak, when he wants them to speak.

Trump puts the "dick" in "dictator".

Is it possible that our President needs to go to anger management class???

Trump is the most compromised President our country has ever had. MAGA, sinking to new lows.

How can a news reporter be insubordinate to the President? The reporter does not report to the President. Trump sounded more than irate. He is just plain ANGRY about the Epstein files.

I wish Donny's Cholesterol would hurry up and kick in, and live on national TV.

This guy is so pathetic with his name calling when asked a serious question.

A 2-year-old tantrum in the end with the name calling and bullying.

People need to start suing him over this name calling and bullying. How would he like it then?

11-19-25

Our military and Veterans all know about the oath we took to defend our Constitution. That oath was not party affiliated nor an affirmation that the oath was to the President. Every soldier's oath is to this nation itself and our Constitution.

Military members are legally required to disobey unlawful orders. In fact, failing to disobey a manifestly illegal order can lead to criminal liability for the service member.

I would argue Trump doesn't understand what "unlawful orders" are. I'm quite sure he thinks anything he says must be obeyed.

I wouldn't be surprised if the generals already have a contingency plan when Trump orders the troops swear loyalty to him, and not the country.

That's hysterical that they are mad at the Judge because the Judge is calling them out for purposeful and willful deceit as Halligan testified that a full grand jury indicted Comey but that the final revised indictment stated Comey's indictment was not reviewed by the full grand jury but only by the jury foreperson and one other grand juror. So in other words, "she lied," but she's blaming the Judge.

I think the judge is just starting to show his frustration with Halligan's total ineptitude and the DOJ lawyers' transparent attempts at covering for her. It's only natural, when faced with such incompetence, to stop taking them seriously and start to voice your thoughts.

Just because someone is RUDE, doesn't mean they're HONEST! How stupid is MAGA?

They all act like playground bullies.

Dear God - wth happened to that young woman as a child? Her parents have got to be utterly embarrassed. She is truly vile!

“You should appreciate the frankness” of tRump calling a reporter “piggy?!? These people are the lowest of the low!

I can't imagine lying so boldly and with smile.

Still blaming president biden what a suprise

Can't wait to see that woman marched off to prison. One day Leavitt, one sweet day!

Allowing the POTUS to call professional people childless names is disrespectful. Globally it's making America look like a bunch of uneducated fools. face-red-droopy-eyes Now Karoline is saying the shut down shows we don't need the department of education face-turquoise-covering-eyes, some of these people should have never graduated because they didn't learn a darn thing. face-orange-frowning Operating for 45 days during the shut down does not give a clear indication of the overall effect it had on education, that determination takes years. It's unbelievable the way Karoline lies, it's going to catch up with her one day and Karma will bite hard.

This entire Regime needs to be F'ng sued and jailed into oblivion!! 🤔🤔🤔 I'm so sick and tired oh this shyt!!!!

Former military here. I took an oath to protect my country against enemies, foreign and domestic. An out-of-control president would be a domestic enemy. Congress is reminding the military of their oath. Prez tRump is threatening "punishment by death". Congress is correct. Prez is dangerous.

Defying orders is not treason, it is insubordination. Insubordination is not punishable by death. Every member of the US Military is explicitly told upon joining that it is their responsibility to refuse unlawful orders- "Just following orders" of a superior is not considered a valid excuse for committing a crime, against either the domestic laws of the US or the international agreements it is party to.

Because there are laws, that even the president must follow? You can't just kill people, no trial no jury, no evidence. I don't know what country you are from, but that's not how things work in America.

11-21-25

Trump, and the MAGA cult, seem to be under the impression that Trump IS the United States. He is not.

Oaths are supposed to be to one's country, not the current president.

And those Dems are right. All of them served this country and understand the Constitution. How do you think Trump would do in a closed book test on the Constitution? Additionally, ask Trump who in his family has served?

That was fast. Guess the right isn't concerned about calls for political violence anymore. A few minutes ago, Trump's puppet, Speaker Johnson said he doesn't have a problem with what Trump said.

This Retired Air Force Combat Veteran, took a Oath to the U.S. Constitution, not a temporal President that wants to use the Military against his own citizens!

I thought I would never see a U.S. president side with an invading tyrant against a free nation. America should never ask a country to cede any of their land to an invader. And, we should be providing everything that we can to help in protecting that free nation.

I'm a former Republican supporter; and Donald Trump is the worst thing that I have seen happen to our government during the tenure of the 13 presidents that I've seen in my lifetime.

Security guarantees are hollow. Israel breaks the Trump peace plan ceasefire agreement and continues the process of annexation and the US does nothing.

The ruling in *Trump v. United States* is an affront to democracy and the rule of law, forfeiting critical checks on executive power. It undermines criminal accountability for presidents if their law-breaking occurs in the course of "official" conduct, and it endangers democratic accountability by potentially shielding presidents from prosecution for trying to overthrow elections. By inserting this opinion into a world where impeachment is no longer a viable option, the Supreme Court is licensing future presidents to subvert our democracy at will — and protecting a past president, Donald Trump, who attempted just that.

11-23-25

Medicare for all is really the only way this works. What is the point of insurance companies, but to inflate our costs to increase their profit margins. A single payor system prevents these over inflated prices put forth by both hospitals and insurance companies. Hospitals are way over charged for their supplies and those costs are passed on to the consumer of course, but this is healthcare. We pay for the luxury vehicle but end up with a used Pinto when needing to get anywhere. I wish anybody would come up with a better plan, but I don't understand why lining the pockets of insurance companies is our only answer.

It is no coincidence that the countries with universal healthcare just happen to be the countries rated as the happiest overall. If you know you're not going to lose your house and savings because of medical bills, you might tend to feel happier.

They spent the entire campaign promising instant fixes. Now they're begging for patience.

Translation: tariffs broke the economy, they know it and they can't fix it, so they're trying to buy time to get through the midterms.

And Vance is desperately trying to save his 2028.

What a poor excuse for the supposedly richest country in the world. We may be swimming in infrastructure but we are morally bankrupt. Basically the only "civilized" country where if you become seriously ill you can just about kiss everything goodbye. The leading cause of bankruptcy in the USA is medical debt, with over 60% of personal bankruptcies attributed to unpaid medical bills. Debt has been shown to increase the risk of anxiety, depression, and suicidal thoughts. Stress from financial burdens can also worsen existing mental health conditions. What a country, priceless.

Trump keeps bragging about American greatness while ignoring the unbearable reality millions face when they get sick. It's not strength.. it's moral failure.

The economy should be giving people stability, not pushing families into debt because they dared to see a doctor. Under Obamacare my costs stayed reasonable, and my car insurance from InsurancePanda is only \$23 a month.. real examples of how policy can help people instead of leaving them one illness away from disaster the way Trump's ideas always do.

A nation that bankrupts its citizens for getting sick is not a healthy nation at all.

This is what you get when somebody with absolutely no knowledge of the problem tries to "fix" it. Of course he has no details! There are no details, this is just to muddy the water enough to get people who also know nothing about it to support it until he can get through his term without doing anything to fix it. He's NOT going to willingly do anything that helps people who need help. This would take money away that could go to the people who don't need help. He has shown that over and over. He just wants to throw a bit of money at it and make it go away. I shudder when I think of what the deficit/debt numbers are gonna show. Let me say this and I want everyone to read it:

#### THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WHICH HIT OBAMA'S DESK WAS A DEFICIT NEUTRAL BILL.

This means that there was enough new revenue included in the bill to offset any costs. But this was before Republicans started chipping away at it. Republicans couldn't repeal the law, so they were and are trying the "death by a thousand cuts" method. Don't take my word for it, look it up. Their publicly spoke goal was not to help the American people, not to make healthcare affordable, but to make it so onerous that the people using it would be MORE disadvantaged. Before anyone starts flaming me over any problems they have with the ACA, look it up. Check to see if your problem is not with "Obamacare," but with what Republicans have done to it. Let's see it really isn't a peace proposal it is more like terms for surrender. The Ukraine needs to cede part of its land, cannot join NATO, needs to pare down its armed forces, no peace keeping forces will be allowed, the US will not provide arms or security, does not have any consequences to Russia if invades the Ukraine in the future.

Such an embarrassing deal that the US presented. Shows we are supporting a dictator and first President ever to not support a democracy. Eric Trump said during Trump's 1st term that they don't need any American banks because Russia gives them all the money they want. Russia call's Gabbard "our girl", and people wonder why Putin helped Trump win. Trump does anything Putin wants. Trump and Wilkoff are easily manipulated.

11-24-25

This is what happens when an administration tries to weaponize the justice system for payback instead of, you know, actual law. A judge tossing the cases because Trump's hand-picked "prosecutor" wasn't even legally appointed isn't a technicality, it's a full-on rebuke of the entire scheme. They weren't bringing real evidence, they were bringing vendettas. And once again, the courts had to remind them that you can't just install loyalists to manufacture charges against your political enemies.

More lawfare from the Conservatives. They've completely destroyed all faith the conservatives care for law and order in the US. They've proven this. They've actively violated their oaths to the Constitution, and continue to.

America can never be great with conservatives in charge of anything.

Mr bone spurs can't handle the fact that senator Kelly is an actual military hero, and he is just a spineless piece of garbage!

Death threats are illegal. Arrest him and lock Trump up! Of all people Mark Kelly 28 year veterans and went thru hell when his wife was shot in the head during her campaign. Refuse illegal or unlawful, you can reject. Not legal orders DONNIE!

MAGA's gonna need a new Boogeyman with Trump fawning over Mamdani.

11-28-25

Republicans just wait for the next tragedy so they can bad mouth the democrats. As if there is no wrong ever done by a republican. With that said, the guy helped the US in Afghanistan so he did have a right to claim asylum. He may have saved hundreds of lives there by his information. And Trump signed the guy's asylum approval himself. Not Biden.

Republicans just angry that the leftist liberal mass shooter didn't happen.. again.. just like the Michigan church shooting. Jumping the gun and then overreacting. Then doing nothing.. It is what Republicans do best...

Those Afghans helped us over there... we did the right thing by bringin them here. Just like the Vietnamese. Leaving them there after working with the US was a death sentence for them.

One person committed a horrible crime so an entire nation is guilty and must be punished.

It is how they do it in grade school so it is good for Trump.

Ya know when I look at my bills, car, house and health insurance all gone up. Utilities, electric natural gas have gone up. Food also up and portions have gotten smaller. I compared to same time last year. I am on a fairly fixed income. Yes I saved money for emergency, I guess I will be dipping deeply into that fund and it scares me.

Tariff rebate checks are an insanely bad idea for a country that is running a \$2 trillion per year deficit. Almost as bad an idea as giving yet another tax cut to the wealthy and corporations.

The lower his poll numbers... The higher the megalomania.

Trump can't do nothing to Biden, it's called executive privilege just like he was given by the Supreme Court. It's all a distraction from his failures. He's a total loser he can't stand anybody that is definitely better than him.

He must have forgotten that ex-presidents are immune from prosecution.

Are there truly people out there that still can't see Trump is losing his mind?

Alzheimers decline is sometimes evidenced by irrational outbursts.

Trump is now threatening to charge Biden with perjury if he challenges Trump's attempts to overturn any presidential order signed with the auto-pen. He doesn't seem to realize that his own Supreme Court has already ruled that a president has broad protections for actions taken while in office.

It's just another example of Trump trying to bend the system into something closer to a dictatorship.

But in a year, the voters will get their say. Hopefully we send him a clear "no" and give Democrats control of both the House and the Senate—so Trump can spend his last two years doing what he actually enjoys: playing golf.

trump supporters don't measure his success by what he does for them, they measure it by what he does AGAINST people they don't like. That's why they see him as being successful. This is why they will never abandon him. His tormenting of the others sustains them

Trump can say anything, but he hasn't done anything to help the average person. His only aid is to the wealthy. He can boast, lie, talk big. But he doesn't impress the guy that gets up and goes to work before the sun comes up and gets home after dark. Maybe if America can survive all of the nonsense of our political leaders, we can elect somebody that actually has work experience and knowledge of reality. Or maybe we've let the idle rich rule us for too long.

12-1-25

Was it the fans or the opponents of the Austrian painter who ruled over Germany in the 1930s and 40s that were afflicted with H.D.S (Hitler Derangement Syndrome)?

So basically, what this "therapist" is observing is people with morals, consciences, and codes of ethics are finding it difficult to deal with family and neighbors who have none of those things. Sounds about right.

TDS is not recognized as a legitimate mental disorder by the American Psychiatric Association or any other professional body. It is a politically charged term that originated in commentary about a president's critics.

No mention of Trump Devotion Syndrome. Interesting. These MAGA acorns can't call him out for anything. I can say that Biden failed at the border. But I liked many of his other policies. See what I did there? I had my own thought. But MAGA with Trump Devotion Syndrome can't think like that. They are "all in" <sup>100</sup>.

I think TDS is a direct result of the dumbing down of America which started quite a long time ago. We are now seeing the consequences as evidenced by a media that has no regard for the truth and politicians willing to spread hatred and division.

TDS: Trump Devotion Syndrome

Imagine dropping knee to a draft dodging, deficit exploding, insurrection inciting, charity defrauding, grifter bible selling pdf-file... worshipping a con-man who is trashing our Constitution and living life the OPPOSITE of Jesus' teachings and tenets... then calling yourself a Christian & Patriot

MA GA is a cult.

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State". "There will come a day when all the lies will collapse under their own weight, and the truth will triumph again". – Joseph Goebbels

I'm beginning to believe we are all finally experiencing & watching the slow decline of all things MAGA. And just as many predicted, it would come from the inside & eat itself outwards until there's only a shadow of what MAGA used to be. And it's their own fault. Yet most of us know by now, MAGA never takes the blame for anything. Personally, I'm enjoying watching MAGA tie itself into knots trying to explain away all this recent BS. Meanwhile, the MAGA dumpster fire is burning itself out. Hallelujah.

I'm re-reading 1984 and the parallels between this book and this administration is just uncanny. If you haven't read it in a while I highly recommend you do.

Trump wants to punish the News Media for reporting the news. Trump is a Wannabe Dictator. So far he is getting away with it. WAKE UP AMERICA

Hear that? That's the sound of Trump tiptoeing off that limb "Pistol Pete" is standing on. I was in the field in Vietnam and know the UCMJ. Two survivors floating in the water and hanging onto the debris from the destruction of their boat do not represent a threat to the military personnel who destroyed their boat. indicating that they had to be "finished off" to assure they would not call in some form of reinforcements to their aid would be funny if they weren't then murdered. Hegseth on down the chain of command are now in serious jeopardy. The military officer(s) who carried out these murders are liable for following obviously illegal orders. It may take some time, but their careers are over and worse.

12-2-25

This thing (Trump) does not care about you or this country. It's a lying, murdering, war criminal right along with Hegseth. No conscience, no integrity, and apparently you're above the law if you have the money. Disgraceful.

A lot of people blame Trump for the rise in anger hate and bullying. But it's not that simple. The concerning part is that we have become a nation where a large part of our population actually believes bullying is a sign of strength. It looked like something we were outgrowing since the days of the wild west. Intellectually, we began to understand that bullying and loud talk is a sign of insecurity and weakness. That almost always shows itself when the bigger bully is around (Trump/Putin).and the tough talk is all that and just a defensive mechanism. But intellectually and culturally we seem to have taken that step backwards.

Putin isn't interested in peace; he's after conquest, and he doesn't care how many Russians die in his pursuit of Ukraine. Trump is chasing an impossible dream he'll never achieve. A smarter move would be to strengthen Ukraine so Russia could never take it, and make sure the Russians understand that. They'll know how to deal with Putin.

12-3-25

Quoting "Moreno's proposal may face constitutional challenges if advanced through Congress. The Fourteenth Amendment provides that U.S. citizens cannot lose their citizenship unless they voluntarily relinquish it.

Courts have also recognized dual nationality as a longstanding legal status established as far back as 1939 in Perkins v. Elg, and affirmed in The Kawakita v. United States (1952)."

Convicted Felon Trump and his cult members in Congress have no intention of following the laws and Constitution of the USA.

Curious about American Indians... American Indians are citizens of the US pursuant to the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, but they technically have dual citizenship... American and tribal.

In the meantime, 40 million American adults are "cost desperate" and unable to afford quality healthcare. 47% of Americans can't afford to buy groceries. Seniors can't afford to buy medications or pay property taxes, and Republicans are worried about dual citizenship. Priorities, people, priorities... Anything to not deal with the real issues.

Another BS bill by MAGA. I am working on getting an Irish passport and want to have dual citizenship which will make it easier to own property there and travel. That's it. I am totally in alliance with the USA. Dual citizenship doesn't change that.

Dual citizenship hurts no one. Squash this crap proposed legislation.

A MAGA supporter told me that 'Climate change isn't real, BUT the Dems are 100% controlling the weather.'

I asked my very conservative Christian dad back in 2019 how he could support a serial adulterer and proven chronic liar as president. He said that God uses flawed men to accomplish his purposes, like King David.

A good friend told me that I needed to watch FOX News because they were the only network that was 'telling the truth.' I snorted, laughing, and told him how much money they were fined in court. He blurted out, 'Ha, that's fake news.'

A guy I work with says Trump was sent here by God to save us all.

2016 election: That God had chosen Trump because he was flawed and could change to lead us into the future. As we found out, he has not changed at all, but he is still being the MAGA president while he is currently harming many of his supporters. These are a combination of rural

communities, older people and people who hope he can actually turn the economy around with his tariffs.

Trump is here to test us. Not intentionally of course, he's holding up a gigantic mirror in front of us all and showing us and the world who and what we really are at the core of our being. Not just as a country, but as individuals as well. Because where we stand at this time in our country's history will define us for generations to come. We now decide if our great, great grandchildren and so forth will be proud or ashamed of us.

Actually, I'm not surprised. Although I'm not a psychiatrist, I know it takes a certain kind of person to throw away facts, science, and blindly submit to hero worship, cults and conspiracy theories. Often, these people end up behind bars- at least in a civilized society.

And now that the soybean farmers have an excess of 20 million metric tons sitting in silos across the midwest because China refused to buy them in retaliation for tariffs (and still haven't made any significant purchases even after trump's October 30 negotiation) there will be more pain coming in the next few months.

But that's what the majority of farmers voted for.

Ultimately we need to just let these mostly millionaire farmers rot. The small family farm is a myth - those small farmers have long been driven out of business or bought up by large corporations. The majority of guys still farming soybeans live off huge government subsidies and always expect bailouts.

Now, their only significant markets remaining post trump tariffs are US processed food manufacturing and California's renewable diesel fuel.

The China soybean market isn't coming back. So now trump has made the burden even greater for US taxpayers.

To hell with them. Let them rot.

China is investing billions into renewable and alternative energy. BMW will be releasing a full line of hydrogen cars in 2030. Other first world countries, e.g. Japan, France, Germany, etc., have already begun to run major areas of infrastructure and transportation on cheaper, cleaner alternative energy. Trump is taking the United States in the wrong direction. He has been cancelling our hydrogen projects. Now, he is incentivizing fossil fuel automobiles/consumption and rewarding himself and the oil oligarchs who help to elect him. The combustion engine is not obsolete, but incentivizing fossil fuel energy in 2025 is one hundred years too late. Our country will pay a dear price for Trump's disregard for science and his willfully blind eye to the energy economics and policies that are driving more forward thinking nations and their leadership.

I wake up every morning wondering what decision Trump might make that will adversely affect the welfare of humanity. His consistency in respect to compounding negative consequences has ceased to amaze me. He remains the most devious and consequential influence that has ever plagued American history. He has assured himself a legacy that will make him "immorally immortal."

Every advanced country on the planet recognizes climate change and is making adjustments and concessions to help deal with it.

We are no longer considered an advanced country as we do not recognize accepted science.

This will end the US automakers as they will continue to build yesterdays technology while the rest of the world moves on to the future which we now have gift wrapped to China. Short term gain for long term pain. It's no wonder Americans life spans are going down and who cares if we have clean air or a livable planet for our children.

Here's a prediction. The ever-manipulated stock market, which is way overdue for a correction, will crash hard under the weight of historic and accelerating debt, both public and private, long before 2028. And nobody associated with Trump will have a prayer at the polls.

12-4-25

Major pet peeve of mine. Our Founding Fathers were enlightenment thinkers which, by definition, meant they didn't let theology dictate scientific thinking. The evangelical is a movement barely 100 years old, very misaligned with Orthodox Christianity. It is based on a simplistic concept that all scripture was written to be literal and scientific in spite an abundance of hermeneutical evidence to the contrary.

Women voted this way as he was addressing the need for affordable child care. Ironic that this woman is out speaking all over the country while who is caring for her children she thinks you should be home with. People are not having children because they cannot afford to-between the cost of healthcare and childcare just not possible for many.

For someone with a master's degree, she is pretty ignorant.

I guess living in a religious bubble makes you that way.

Sixteen years of religious education but growing up in a diverse urban area, I have a different opinion of life and government responsibility.

It is in the Constitution that government is supposed to "provide for the general welfare" but that doesn't mean a handout, and it doesn't promote a "relationship" with our government. Some people are less fortunate than others through no fault of their own.

Our govt has cut funding for education, and food programs, and training programs for those whose jobs have all but disappeared (coal miners) and after school activities that keep our young people off the streets.

Our govt is not supposed to keep the money funneling up to the rich and powerful so they can stay in power.

We have ALL got to focus on moderates and collaboration instead of partisanship.

The world is passing us by while we fight amongst ourselves.

So let me get this straight - career women living in the city expect the government to support them? And that's why they are putting off marriage and kids? Here's a message from the real world - people are putting off marriage and kids because the cost of living is ridiculous and getting worse.

I encourage all citizens, 18 and older, who are not currently registered to vote, to register to vote. For people who are supposedly registered to vote, you better make sure that you're still registered to vote, because Republicans drop nilly willy 200,000 or 300,00 or 400,000 registered voters from the voting rolls.

And more specifically, women, unless you want to be more than a broodmare, you need to vote out every Republican. From School Boards. From Township/Borough/City Offices. From State/Federal Offices including but not limited to Representative or Senator.

And women, you don't have to vote the same as your father, your brother, your husband, your crazy uncle. Use your vote wisely!

Seems to me that women that put off marriage or children do so to develop their own independence and careers and would be less likely to require government assistance. Women who marry early and stay at home are far more likely to end up requiring government assistance once the husband passes.

Who's raising her children as she takes over for her husband and steps into his spotlight and running his organization? She has money for childcare but according to conservatives that doesn't replace Mom when Mom has to work while supporting her family. Conservatives do not support childcare or medical care for single mothers who are left in the lurch. Women have found out in the past that depending on a man to take care of you doesn't always work out. Better to have an education and a way to take care of yourself and then have that family.

This woman has no shame. They were selling merchandise at her husband's memorial. Who does that?

dude no one wants to rely on the government, but it should be a safety net if you lose a job, get injured, get sick, disasters happen, etc. no one should ever have to worry about basic human rights like food, water, shelter, healthcare, and education.

Trump has lived his life in a world without consequences. His father's money smoothed the way for a life in which he made messes and others cleaned them up. He appears to be of a class of people who are so rarely told that what they are saying or doing is wrong, illegal, boorish, inane, or that they have no sense of how they're perceived or what people are thinking, and often, how things work. Feedback is what steers most of us straight. Power and privilege means that you can avoid it if you want. When you're wealthy or a "star" they let you lie and do stupid things and Trump has done so with impunity. Your time is up Trump, and you have surpassed your allotment of "mistakes" and lies. Time to pay the piper!!!

12-5-25

Since Ronald Reagan, it has been the policy of the Republican Party to cut funding for education, to discourage critical thinking; to do anything possible to keep people from thinking for themselves and asking "Why?"

Now the partisan, Republican-controlled, eviscerated Department of Education is saying higher education is worthless. People holding Masters and Doctoral degrees are no longer professionals. Physicians Assistants who do surgeries have the same status as a high school graduate. If you want to better yourself, if you want to help people, then fine, but the DoE cannot give you a loan to maybe one day save a child with cancer, or prevent a suicide, or stop a mentally ill person from potentially taking out their anger on innocent people--innocent children.

That is wrong on so many levels, and we all know it! We! Know! It!

Yet, do you know what higher education degrees do not exist? Do you know what jobs are not professional jobs? Well, to name a few: President and Vice-President of the United States, Senators, House Representatives, First Ladies, Governors, and the like. There are no accredited degrees for these jobs. They are popularity contest winners no better than high school Homecoming Kings and Queens.

I thought America did away with Kings. Yeah, right.

During the end of the pandemic, parents found out just how much work teachers have to do and how essential they are, doctors became miracle workers if they could save dying loved ones, and grief counselors were there to console the survivors. But many people have forgotten all of it.

Part of that is due to our complacency, but also because we are fed a hate-filled diatribe of pablum every day instead of being encouraged to raise people up and support them.

Finding ways to help people takes effort, takes work, takes creativity, and takes intelligence -- all the things the current administration is sorely lacking. It is always easier to blame someone else for our problems. You know that. Every child knows that. Hate is easy. Love takes effort, and I don't see anyone in DC, especially at the top, willing to put forth the effort.

The Seventh Deadly Sin, in all its glory and splendor, pontificates to the masses.  
And the sheep continue to chew their sweet grass contentedly.

Something I think about a lot: one of my colleagues told me her parents, who are Chinese Christians, believe that President Trump is a gift from God sent to destroy the United States. Between the gutter racism, rampant cruelty, and self-enrichment, it's hard not to think they may be right.

Trump calling Somali immigrants "garbage" shows that he sees little risk in open expressions of racism, Adam Serwer argues.

"How is it that half of America looks at Donald Trump and doesn't find him morally repellent?" David Brooks asks. "He lies, cheats, steals, betrays, and behaves cruelly and corruptly, and more than 70 million Americans find him, at the very least, morally acceptable. Some even see him as heroic, admirable, and wonderful."

900 thought Jim Jones was wonderful.

I recently visited my cousin who lives in Florida. This woman is so lovely & kind. Extremely intelligent and well educated. We were having a little lunch and she said I think he's brilliant. I was flabbergasted & couldn't even wrap my brain around what she just said. Maybe it was the next day, she said well he's a business man. I said well you could say that but you do know he has filed bankruptcy 19 times. I told her about my husband's son & daughter in law who work for a family owned flooring company. They did a lot of work on his casino in NJ. He refused to pay them & the company came close to folding. She didn't bat an eye... she also spends hours listening to Fox (opinion, not news) | will never understand.

I still don't get it. I have family, friends, coworkers who are, outside of this, very intelligent, sane, good people. Devout Christians, some of them. And they genuinely believe he's great. Like truly great, and doing wonderful things for the country. Literally boggles the mind.

Because that's a lot easier than really being 900d. As the Christian Bible and other religions teach, being good takes disciplined introspection, broad education, critical thinking, self-questioning and a willingness to change in uncomfortable ways.

He gives them a dopamine boost.

I read a management book in college on managing team and one of the interesting take away was- a team will be strong together when they have a common enemy. He has made half the US the common enemy. Most presidents unite America behind the enemy of China or Russia- he has united half the US to hate the other half. Putin's playbook is working!

He channels their anger, bigotry, and animosity on a world stage. It gives them a kind of representation that they had never had before. They love that.

It's hard to see why much of MAGA doesn't recognize the simple truth of your statement. Their consistent refusal to question Trump's self-serving lie that he won the 2020 election has become a litmus test of supporting him and has done tremendous damage to our political discourse. It's also led to real threats and acts of violence. It goes to show how gullible otherwise reasonable people can be when they can't accept defeat or entertain the idea that their worldview does not equal absolute truth.

How many left liberal people committed violent acts towards conservatives the past 4 years?

More than you can count on both hands

"Attack, attack, attack: When facing an accusation or criticism, the immediate response should be a forceful counter-attack, often escalating the conflict.

Admit nothing, deny everything: Never apologize or admit wrongdoing, as contrition is a sign of weakness. Deny all allegations, regardless of the evidence.

Always claim victory and never admit defeat: No matter the reality of the situation or the outcome, always declare a win. The perception of victory in the court of public opinion is more important than the facts" ...

The creed disgraced attorney and Donald Trump' mentor- Roy Cohn lived by and taught Trump. Black MAGA what else do Trump have to do, to show you he doesnt like our people?

He removed the MLK bust from the oval office

He is renaming seven military bases back to Confederate names

He is authorizing the renaming of Navy USNS ships Medgar Evars, Harriet Tubman and Throrogood Marshall

He delayed or cancelled Harriet Tubman from going on the U.S. \$20.00 bill

He removed content mentioning African Americans from Arlington national cementary even some famous people.

He has ended all police reforms put in place to ensure African Americans are not being abused.

He attempted to remove Tuskagee airmen from military training videos, but it was put back after national protests

He has rescinded some civil rights era protections of African Americans through Excutive orders in 2025

He has stop (2025) US Aide to mostly black nations

He has placed travel bans mostly on black nations, even places like Ghana, who is mostly conservative, Christain and have lower crimes rates than some American cities

He banned refugee status to black and brown nations but allowed Afrikanners white south africans to come here unders a fast paced refugge status based on false genocide claims!

Now on a day he should be celebrating a federal holiday (junetenth) he brings up that there are too many, indicating he wants to get rid of some, we know without a doubt MLK, and this holiday will be on the top of the list!

So, again Black MAGA explains how this man supprts us? Its only been 10months , God knows what else is coming!

The jokes write themselves. You can't make these farces up.

I'm awarding myself a Nobel Prize for Peace. I am extremely honored by my award and gratified that I saw merit in awarding myself this prize.

As Gavin Newsom pointed out, it's like calling it the "KFC Center for Veganism." What a complete joke.

This is all yours Republicans... You're either too unintelligent to see, or complicit. No other choices at this point. Which are you?

And yea, I know, "b-b-but Biden" and "open borders" and all the other Fox News talking points...

He will be erased like a confederate statue.

Who voted for this malignant narcissistic sociopath???

MAGAs believe China is paying the tariffs, but they're mad at Costco for saying its paying the tariffs and wants a refund?

And they believe both are true at the same time?

Mayor MacCready should pick up a copy of the Constitution and study what it says about tariffs.

MAGAs believe a lot of things they hear in every lie infested trump speech with the same batch of lies, e.g., trump: I stopped 8 wars (false), I got consumers a 500% discount on pharmaceuticals (you can only get 100%), inflation is going down (false it went up); gas prices are \$2.50 (AAA says gas is \$3.00); Biden gave Ukraine \$350 billion (it was \$94 billion), fake

election in 2020, (60 losing court cases proved it wasn't), every boat we sink saves \$25 million people (unfounded and ridiculous). Looking at him in that goofy red hat reading Gulf of America, hair hanging out like a homeless guy. We deserve better.

Supreme court needs reform and MAGAs must be declared a terrorist organization for destroying the country.

It's angertainment for the uneducated and uninformed cult kool-aid drinkers, and they're just making money

can't wait to see the mental Gymnastics SCOTUS will go through to somehow make "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." not mean "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

Especially when we have the notes from the authors, and contemporary court cases, that spell out explicitly that when they wrote "All Persons", they meant "ALL PERSONS". not all Citizens.

The fact they are even hearing this case shows the outright Bias of this court. The wording of the 14th is clear.

An Executive Order does not override our Constitution. We will see if the Supreme Court is loyal to our country and Constitution or loyal to Trump.

This is dangerous. If the Court deems this as legal it will eventually lead to everyone losing birth right citizenship.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "US Institute of Peace renamed for Trump after his administration gutted it earlier this year."

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If Trump gets all the redistricting, he wants it will make this country a ONE-PARTY country, in other words a dictatorship that is here to stay. By the illegal gerrymandering that Trump is doing he will have far more republican state area votes, and the democracy will never have enough to even overturn the republicans giving us a one party and only one-party country. Which is a dictatorship. Don't allow this man to continue to commit crimes, and that is what gerrymandering is, it is a crime.

Trump just publicly went after the representatives opposing him. It's similar to what he did with Mike Pence and Nancy Pelosi during the January 6 insurrection, when he allegedly tried to overturn a lawful election and was accused of treason. That day, militias were reportedly hunting them down to kill them. Folks in Indiana might want to be careful—Trump has been accused of using fatal violence.

Never trust a career criminal, he only loves himself, Trump's record includes 64 mentions in the Epstein Report, 440 instances of pleading the Fifth Amendment, 34 felony convictions, 91 criminal allegations, 26 sexual assault accusations, six bankruptcies, five draft deferments, four indictments, two impeachments, two convicted companies, the closure of a fraudulent university, and the shutdown of a fake charity. Financial penalties include a \$25 million fraud settlement, a \$5 million sexual abuse verdict, a \$2 million charity misuse judgment, \$93 million in sexual abuse judgments, and over \$400 million related to a fraud case with Paul Leintz. Personal scandals involve infidelity with all his wives and hush money payments to silence an escort, which became public. Inmate Number P01135809

Trump is putting a target on the backs of these lawmakers. He doesn't care what happens to them or that they have received death threats. Why do MAGA continue to believe he cares about them? His every move demonstrates he cares only for himself

Redistricting/Gerrymandering = Cheating - people aren't buying his lies anymore and it's the only way to hold on in the mid-terms, if that doesn't work he will cancel elections. What a piece of trash.

This is a terrible peril for our country. Our Founding Fathers set forth a tricameral government, each of the three legs to balance the other two. That is why our country has existed for 250 years. Our existence is in jeopardy, donnie does not understand the threat his usurping of power has created.

As has been the history of democratic states, their existence has failed after about 200 years. The U.S. Supreme Court will be the institution that terminates our Constitutional government and leaves us with a dictatorship. Look at Germany in the 1930s.

America's governance is now tacking every four years. Each time harder and harder, precluding the country to steadily progress. The main culprit: SCOTUS. No surprise that SCOTUS lost most people's respect: it has become a political arena with a clear agenda that is all but conservative. Trump isn't exactly who gets unlimited power. He doesn't control the majority of the SC; the Project 2025 creators and billionaire fascist money does.

Billionaires also control Congressional Republicans. Ergo: The felon in chief ceded his power to just be their tool while he plays golf, and does his revenge tour. Pull back the curtain, follow the money.

And greedy plutocrats along with their partners, Christian Nationalists plan on staying in power to finish off we the people's govt. Fascist's ultimate goal: privatization, no regulations and unlimited profits.

As for the radical religious, they are rolling back women's rights and blurring the separation of church and state.

Both diminish our rights and quality of life.

MAGA and Trump may be happy right now that SCOTUS seems to think that presidents should be kings but just wait until a D is in the White House again. The hypocrisy will be so thick you'll cut it with a knife.

Thanks to SCOTUS, the US Presidency is now a monarchy where the incumbent cannot be held accountable for his/her actions, removed for cause, or ever be prosecuted for any crimes they commit.

Many Americans have expressed concerns about the Supreme Court's recent decisions and their potential impact on the balance of power within the federal government. Rather than simply expanding presidential authority, some citizens worry that incremental judicial rulings may gradually erode core democratic principles and the system of checks and balances established by the Constitution. This gradual process is sometimes referred to as "death by a thousand cuts," suggesting that small, repeated changes could eventually undermine the foundation of democratic governance. In this analogy, each ruling is a slice taken from the pie of democracy—if too many slices are removed, there may ultimately be nothing left to preserve.

The RINO REGIME of trump/heritage foundation needs to decide if they are going to be constitutional originalists or living constitutionalists, they can't have it both ways to suit their desires.

Perhaps it's time that a good Congress, which would not be like the current Congress with more radicals than adults, designate independent agencies as congressional agencies to keep them out

of the hands of another wannabe dictator like Trump. And perhaps it's time we do have changes to the Constitution to more specify what kinds of power the President should really have. Another change would be mandatory political splits of SCOTUS so all true Americans can feel safe in the decisions being made by the highest court. These dumb idiots seem to forget that party majority will change one day, hopefully soon, and what goes around, comes around. Real Americans are taking notes and like Trump says, paybacks are hell.

It getting to the point of why even vote. Whether it's the left or the right doing it, it's, basically, trying to rig/tilt an election. Voters are being made less and less important. And, unbelievably, this SCOTUS approves it. Saying PARTISAN GERRYMANDERING is a go (Alito, Thomas, Gorsuch).

As a born Hoosier in Indiana's 4th District. I stand firmly opposed to this blatant attempt at robbery of Indiana's free and fair voice in national elections. In my 65yrs I have always voted the candidate and not the party, but I promise I will never again vote Republican in the state of Indiana and when this trickery blows up in their face, I hope those corrupt Trump lackey politicians remember they brought this upon themselves.

Most states would not be doing this if not for the threats from trump. They either play his cheating game, or it's lights out for them. This is what kind of country we have stooped to. Can it get any lower?

He has a 36% approval rating. Latest polls show that the republicans have lost 75% of the right leaning independent voters. All the redistricting in the world won't help them.

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ICE has not arrested anyone with more felony convictions than Trump.

I think back to all the images from Jan 6th of these GOP politicians running for cover and trying to hide from the mob that was trying to get to them...ALL of them. How many condemned the mob for the first few days and then did a 180 when it was obvious Trump loved it and they all had to fall in line with Orange Jesus. Same story here. No matter what they see or hear on the video, they will blindly support the felon in chief until the day voters get smart and vote them out of office.

Next year it will be "The Trump Center dis-Honors".

We used to have a respectable GOP, years ago. Then over the last 25 years it has declined and they approved of the antics their cohorts did. Then Stumpy came onto the scene and it was a total failure of the party. Many of the red states have the lowest education records in the country and the lowest GOP. Is it a coincidence? Those people will not reign in a tyrant like Stumpy and his cronies as they only care about themselves and their money. They will never grow a pair and the most corrupt supreme court will back them. Unless they are voted out nothing will ever get better and even if it does, it will take years to fix the mess they have done. GOD help us because the orange Jesus won't.

Trump 2.0 has had the worst approval record for the first hundred days in office of any president in the last 90 years.

Even the most willfully blind Trump supporters now realize Trump's promises and statements are completely worthless.

In his 2024 campaign Trump promised lower grocery and gasoline prices on DAY ONE of his administration. Almost 11 months into his term we all now know it was just a con to get votes. Even before he took office Trump started saying that maybe the lower grocery price thing wasn't going to work out.

His last time in office Trump was an abject failure, why would anyone expect his performance to be different now is beyond comprehension.

Trump made a long list of promises during his 2016 campaign and failed at all of them:

- \* Eliminate the national debt. Instead, during Trump's administration the debt increased by over 8.4 trillion dollars!
- \* Eliminate North Korea's nuclear missile program: FAIL
- \* Make Mexico pay for a wall: FAIL
- \* Release Tax Returns: NOT
- \* Repeal Obamacare: FAIL
- \* Bigger and better healthcare for all: FAIL
- \* Big infrastructure plan: FAIL
- \* Cut trade deficit: FAIL
- \* Revive coal country: FAIL
- \* Renegotiate Iran nuke deal: FAIL
- \* Resolve unfair China trade: FAIL
- \* Israel-Palestine peace deal: FAIL
- \* Repeal replace NAFTA: FAIL
- \* Lock her up: FAIL
- \* Defeat ISIS: FAIL
- \* Justice for Russian election hacking: FAIL
- \* Justice for Khashoggi murder: FAIL
- \* Reduce hate crimes: FAIL
- \* Reduce anti-Semitism: FAIL
- \* Reduce gun violence: FAIL
- \* Fix opioid problem: FAIL
- \* Lower drug prices: FAIL
- \* REAL tax cut for middle America: FAIL
- \* Troops out of Afghanistan: FAIL
- \* Troops out of Iraq: FAIL
- \* Drain the swamp: FAIL
- \* Work hard/No time to golf 🏌️: FAIL
- \* Hire only the best/brightest: FAIL
- \* Eliminate government corruption: FAIL
- \* Secure voting: FAIL
- \* Bring back manufacturing: FAIL

12-8-25

I genuinely struggle to understand why some people support Trump with such unwavering loyalty, even at the cost of their own self-respect and dignity—especially when he has a long history of discarding allies the moment they stop being useful. Marjorie Taylor Greene is a prime example: she defended him fiercely, often hurting others in the process. Now she is simply facing the consequences of the very politics she championed.

**Trump's continued attacks on Americans automatically disqualify him of serving as President. He is anti-Constitutional, defamatory, and anti-Law and Order.**

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Assuming Sen. Thune keeps his promise and then Republicans keep the bill from passing is Republicans will be on record as voting no and those who lost the subsidies are likely to vote again anyone who voted no and perhaps against other Republicans "just because" like they did in November 2025 with state and local elections.

If Thune doesn't keep his promise, it will be practically impossible for him to get other bills by a filibuster.

He has never shopped for groceries in his life and he literally called it an "old fashioned word," but he spouts off about it as if he is an expert on everything.

In July I got my yearly raise at work which came out to about \$180/month. In September my rent went up \$250. My car insurance also went up for no reason (no accidents or tickets in 12 years).

Groceries for my family of three costs \$200/week no matter how much we cut back. Both my son and I need to go to a dentist but we can't afford the coverage.

He doesn't know what he's talking about but he thinks he's a "stable genius" (a stupid phrase because he has the semantics of a five-year-old).

Everybody falls out with him eventually, like MTG currently. Some people are just slower and dimmer, and it takes them longer to figure out what he is.

Glad you got all of that out for me. Thanks! His 'advisors' are warning him how low his polls are so he's trying to fix things. TOO LATE! We already know who he really is.

This student deserved an F. Sometimes, in school, life, and certainly in one's career, one has to analyze things critically even when they do not believe certain premises. So, if her future employer asked her to analyze the impact of environmental regulations on her industry, or the impact of expansion of healthcare to include prenatal care--premises she may disagree with--is she going to go on a religious bender rather than give her employer an objective analysis?

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That old playbook of "keep repeating it over & over again and your supporters will believe it" is not working. That doesn't deter Trump. He's back to rallying as though he's campaigning to be President again with paid actors and signs while ignoring REAL problems. He's simply holding a stage to insult Democrats. His A+,+, + grading works for the wealthy.

Going to get groceries in a couple hours. I'm anxious to see how low prices have dropped.

So not only are tariffs a tax on US consumers and companies, but also eliminates foreign markets for farmers (among many other industries). Naturally, only farmers (many of whom voted for Trump) will get a bailout while the rest of us get stuck with the bill.

If Trump continues to excoriate Americans, including his MAGA Base over their "whining and crying" regarding the "Dem Hoax and 'scam' " of affordability then he will essentially end up doing the Dems bidding in the lead up to the '26 Mid Terms. He will become the Dems best weapon regarding messaging that resonates with the majority of Americans--resonates, that is, in the wrong way for the GOP. Americans, including MAGA Nation, "must" see and "must" feel that the economy is heading in the right direction over the next several months. If grocery prices, overall, continue to increase and especially if Healthcare premiums dramatically increase, beyond the "usual" annual increases and Trump has no answer for any of it except to desperately attempt to "sell" the Country on "his" belief that it's all a "hoax" and that he's already "Solved prices!" then he could do tremendous damage to Republicans in the Mid Terms. As much "soft selling" and gas lighting as the Biden Administration did regarding the economy, Trump has taken it to a "whole new level"--he didn't learn anything from the price the Dems paid in the 2024 Election for doing that.

If King Trump ends up as the GOP's midterm poster boy, Republicans might as well pre-print their concession speeches. Someone should probably break it to him that he's not exactly America's sweetheart these days, though good luck finding anyone in his circle brave enough to try.

Every Republican president in my lifetime has left office with an economy worse than when they began their term. And I've been voting for a few decades now.

I'm glad the Republicans are finally waking up to the reality of a big blue wave. We are going to destroy them in the midterms and they deserve it. They have never been able to govern but this economy is the worst since the Great Depression and prices are continuing to rise. Get out and vote in the midterms and put some checks and balances on this conman. His tariffs are killing the middle class and small businesses.

"I always ask where they get their news. They always answer with FOX only. Then I ask them if they have two right hands and two right feet? And how does that work for them?"

"My 14-year-old daughter was near a 70-year-old Trump supporter who was talking about a trans person being in a church. She said, 'My mom taught me that if something in the room makes me uncomfortable, I should leave.'"

"A lady in a Trump hat and a Love Your Neighbor shirt was sitting with her church group at a 4th of July parade. I marched with my left-leaning group, and she booed us. I walked up and said I LOVE YOUR SHIRT."

"I asked my Trump humper father-in-law if he ever reads books anymore while in a heated argument about politics. He responded, 'Not anymore,' and I responded, 'Well, that is the problem, maybe you should.'"

"Whenever I'm asked what my political affiliation is, I say, 'It's personal. All I will say is that I'm not an angry, hateful person who wants to blame others for my unhappiness.' It's funny how only one group of people gets offended by my response."

"My sister often used 'woke' as an insult. I finally told her I would rather be woke than in a coma. I have not heard that word from her again."

"When they tell me that universities are indoctrinating students to be liberal, I always respond with: 'How would you know? You never even went to college.'"

"So that guy with the concealer, lifts, and a girdle is your alpha male, huh?"

"'I'll pray for you' usually shuts them right up. They think the Right has a monopoly on 'proper' religious beliefs."

Think i will post this again. Factual studies have shown that research indicates a correlation between lower measures of cognitive ability and education levels and a higher likelihood of voting for Donald Trump. This link has been explored in several academic studies and analyses of voter data.

Key Findings:

Voter Data Analysis: Analyses of data from the American National Election Studies and exit polls show that, on average, Trump voters performed more poorly on standard tests of intellectual or verbal ability compared to Hillary Clinton or Joe Biden supporters.

Education as a Proxy: A strong predictor of a person's vote for Trump is their level of education. Voters with a high school diploma or less schooling were overwhelmingly more likely to support him than college graduates, a pattern consistently observed in multiple elections.

Cognitive Factors: Studies have found that lower cognitive abilities are associated with certain political attitudes, such as right-wing authoritarianism and social dominance orientation, which in turn predicted greater support for Trump.

Linguistic Style: Some research suggests that Trump's communication style, which often uses a lower reading level and simpler, more categorical language, may appeal to voters who prefer low-effort information processing.

I believe there is an issue with higher education indoctrinating students in such areas as facts, truth and reality. All areas MAGA is vehemently opposed to.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Marco Rubio orders diplomats to stop using 'wasteful' font." The US secretary of state says the 'wasteful' switch from Times New Roman to Calibri, overseen by Antony Blinken in 2023, pandered to disability activism."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "White House demands International Criminal Court pledge not to prosecute Trump."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "US seizes oil tanker off Venezuela in Trump administration operation."

They're trying to goad Venezuela into an international incident and incite a war. Venezuela will eventually defend its sovereignty (regardless of the US opinions on their leader). And when that inevitably happens, the propaganda machine will kick into full effect claiming that "they attacked US troops and/or assets" blah, blah, blah. Don't fall for it.

Christ, MAGA is utterly abhorrent and broken inside.

The Epstein file release deadline must be any day now....

I've never actually understood what woke is - but judging from the actions of the Trump administration and their cronies, I would have to assume that anything that doesn't give an advantage to healthy, white, male Christians is woke. A font is easier for the visually impaired to read - it cost us nothing to use the font, but the average white male Christian gets nothing from it's woke. Doing even the barest minimum to make life easier for someone with disabilities would make us soft and unmanly, it's much better to come off petty and unkind.

As someone who works in the printing industry, Calibri is a much easier on the eye font, while Times New Roman is difficult to read in smaller point, and just not as "friendly on the eyes" as Calibri or Arial. This is just STUPID, and pointless.

I have always disagreed with Marco Rubio on most things, but at one point at least, he was a serious politician. He has beclowned himself in ways I never could have imagined 10 years ago. I honestly don't know how he can even look at himself in the mirror these days

Trump wants to reverse anything that Dems have done. I can't wait to see all of his executive orders changed by the next president.

If the Trump administration is worried about prosecutions maybe they should stop committing CRIMES that can be investigated and prosecuted for breaking international laws. International Laws exist for a very good reason and should never be used as a weapon to avoid accountability by those countries who do not want to follow the law. No exceptions should ever be given to avoid counter sanctions that are issued illegally. No one is above the law or should ever be threatening those who try to enforce the laws. Trump and his minions are not above the law and never should be allowed to skirt accountability for their actions by going after the International Criminal Court and its duty to investigate crimes. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. The Trump administration has used that phrase and pushed it when it suited them and their agenda, so they don't get to tell others they are above accountability when it comes to themselves and their potential crimes. The world doesn't work that way and never should. Everyone should face consequences for breaking laws or laws mean nothing. We cannot allow that to happen; the stability of the world depends on it. No one gets immunity and the incredibly bad SCOTUS ruling means nothing to the ICC. They still have rules of accountability and should never be

compromised by those wanting to protect themselves and their illegal actions. Lines need to be drawn and not crossed. America is losing all the credibility that was painstakingly forged by those protecting moral and legal standards achieved by this country to uphold the laws here and abroad and continuing to set a good example. Not a corrupt example like those from dictatorship countries like Russia, N. Korea, Iran, China, etc. Committing War Crimes is not acceptable and should never, ever, be excused or granted immunity. Ever. That's not a world I would want to live in.

12-11-25

What is the most Christian thing Donald Trump has ever done for perceived enemies? What is the most Christian thing Donald Trump has ever done for the poorest among us? What is the most Christian thing Donald Trump has ever done for a neighbor? What is the most Christian thing Donald Trump has ever said or done?

I really want to know!

"Woke" just means you care about people besides yourself.

Didn't you get the memo from Trump. The BBB and his Tariffs are here to save us all from ourselves. Or was that we pay ourselves through tariffs? Well I am sure Fox and the other faux channels will explain to us why we will be okay as our costs go up by thousands each month.

**50 year mortgage for medical debt! Low monthly payments, FOREVER!**

Doing the work for the Heritage Foundation. They have no interest in helping real Americans. Over years and years of covering politics, the last decade of which has been spent covering Donald Trump specifically, I've learned you can never really count him out.

It's been a painful, exhausting, and deeply disappointing lesson, but an important one nonetheless. He keeps on keeping on. The things I find disturbing, revolting, and utterly disqualifying are inexplicably the same exact things that a not small number of Americans find appealing. Racism, incompetence, corruption, to name a few.

The things that would end any other politician's career for good seem to have the opposite effect on his - instead of diminishing his power they only seem to embolden him. An impeachment, an insurrection, a criminal conviction, to name a few.

The president and one of the most influential conservative groups in the country are threatening to deprive all Indiana residents of paved roads, guard bases, and major projects if they don't pass an extremely gerrymandered map to deprive voters of choice. Awesome stuff.

totally normal stuff.

The arm of a conservative think tank echoing a White House's threat to strip federal funding from a state if they do not follow orders and pass a mid-decade redraw to grab more seats.

And all out loud

**Nothing about this shakedown is conservative.**

**The Heritage Foundation threatens a majority-Republican state with an illegal funding freeze and that will intentionally harm its citizens and eliminate jobs if the state legislature dares to disobey the president**

Unless the board acts, Heritage is headed to total irrelevance. Sure, they'll still exist, raise money, release reports. But they've set fire to their intellectual credibility. The Trump team doesn't respect or seek out Heritage, and everyone else sees how they've gone insane.

Heritage in 2015: "Defend states' rights!"

Heritage in 2025: "Kneel before Zod."

12-12-25

Megan Kelly will do anything for an audience and ratings and the right wingers are easily triggered . I see this as desperation

Yet she apparently doesn't regret her vote. If the indecency, lawlessness, and downright stupidity doesn't cause regret, I'm not sure anything will.

What is really sad is that I watched part of the debate between Bush and Regan from 1980, Both of those men had compassion and empathy towards others. We have lost that, and it is really sad. The sad part is that they would not be allowed to be in the Republican party that we have now.

12-13-25

Sorry MAGA but you don't get to promise "lower prices on day one" then start the worst trade war since the Great Depression and cry "Don't Blame Me" for worsening inflation.

It's Trump's Economy.

The USA can quickly "win" wars by dropping bombs from faraway, and a massive invasion of troops. It will never be able to win wars of attrition, or guerrilla warfare. After we invade them, we don't have the will, the stomach for a constant death of U.S. soldiers, and the trillions of dollars that it takes to stick around for decades in those countries. After a decade, we left Vietnam in defeat, and after 20 years we left Afghanistan in defeat, too.

12-14-25

There is a fine line between combatting antisemitism versus promoting Islamophobia and anti-Palestinianism. It is rather ironic that the same demographic who used to blame all the world's problems on Jewish bankers are now pursuing the political theory that opposing the killing of Palestinian women and children is antisemitism.

"Let's just say the quiet part out loud:

America didn't get hijacked by 'patriots.' It got hijacked by failures — and by the very smart, very cynical people who realized how easy those failures are to manipulate.

For decades, the United States has produced a whole population of folks who never did the reading, never did the learning, never gained any skills, never grew emotionally, never took accountability for a single thing in their lives — and then reached adulthood furious that the world wasn't built around their bad decisions. They flunked out of life, coasted on the easiest path possible, and then expected the entire country to bend so they never have to feel uncomfortable or inadequate.

Enter the political strategists who said, 'Oh wow...this country has a gigantic pool of angry, insecure underachievers who will believe absolutely anything that absolves them of responsibility. If we just tell them they're right and everyone else is wrong, they'll worship us.' And that's exactly what happened.

A movement didn't rise because these people were strong. It rose because someone finally figured out how to weaponize their weakness.

Tell the failures they're actually the real Americans.

Tell the losers that the smart people secretly envy them.

Tell the ones who never succeeded that their lack of success is someone else's fault.

Tell the folks who never grew up that maturity is 'woke.'

And suddenly you've built an army — not of thinkers, not of leaders, not of contributors — but of emotionally fragile adults addicted to being lied to because the truth hurts too much.

Meanwhile, the people at the top of this movement?

They don't respect them.  
They don't admire them.  
They don't even like them.  
They use them.  
Because they know these people don't want solutions — they want soothing.  
They don't want progress — they want validation.  
They don't want responsibility — they want stories that make them feel better about failing at life.  
So the grifters show up and say, 'Hey buddy, none of this is your fault. You're perfect. It's the immigrants, the books, the teachers, the scientists, the cities, the gays, the trans people — anyone but you.'  
And the failures eat it up like dessert.  
Because it feels good.  
Because it's easier.  
Because they finally found a political movement where doing the least, learning nothing, and hating everyone is not only accepted — it's celebrated.  
This movement isn't powered by greatness. It's powered by fragility, by resentment, by the bottom of the class finally hearing a bedtime story where they're the heroes instead of the ones who fell behind.  
And the people in charge? They laugh behind closed doors. They know exactly who they're dealing with.  
They know if you give failures an enemy to hate and a fantasy to believe in, they'll hand you the keys to the country — and thank you for the privilege.  
America doesn't have a 'patriot problem.'  
America has a failure problem — and a ruling class that learned how to turn those failures into a political ATM.  
It'd be tragic if it weren't so predictable.”

- Joann Blake

If MAGA is a spoiled child, then Trump represents their lazy father figure who won't discipline them. Under Trump, the room is always clean, vegetables are boring, and school is for losers. It really makes the “of course you think this way, you're 12yo” theory about MAGA feel very real. MAGA isn't drawn to Trump because he's smart or competent. They're drawn to him because he tells uneducated, insecure, angry people that their stupidity and ignorance is actually strength. He gives them a script where nothing is ever their fault. Blame immigrants. Blame "elites." Blame Democrats, blame anyone except the person in the mirror. He turns racism and sexism into a political identity. He makes being uninformed feel heroic. And MAGA eats it up because it saves them from having to grow, learn, or change. They don't want leadership. They want validation for being ignorant. And Trump gives it to them every single day..  
Farmers getting a 12-billion-dollar bailout are the same sociopaths outraged by student loan forgiveness.

12-15-25

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Donald Trump says Rob Reiner died due to 'Trump Derangement Syndrome' after filmmaker's apparent homicide.”

How this vile, disgusting, and immoral behavior has become normalized in the United States is something our descendants will study in school, to the shame of our generation.

This is so SAD to see from President Trump. This is NOT just, "Trump being Trump." It's Trump being classless.

Trump has mental issues! AMERICA NEEDS RESCUED FROM TRUMP

This is too disturbing to be ignored!!!

The only one with Trump derangement syndrome is Trump

Despicable.. America has fallen.. time to win it back

Exactly how liberals were when Charlie Kirk died. Both reactions are vile. Just shows who's hypocritical.

sure, a few random jackasses on Facebook said offensive things but not Obama, not Biden, not Harris--and not even Rob Reiner. This both-sides line is bullshit. JohnnyCock654 should be held to a different standard than the President of the United States.

Trump Derangement Syndrome is what the Trump loyalists suffer. It manifests as an inability to tolerate criticism of Trump.

Trump Disgust-me Syndrome is what Rob Reiner and many others suffer from. It derives from a moral revulsion to repeated obnoxious behavior, lies, bullying, grifting, and open contempt for democratic norms, and the rule of law.

Btw, Mr. President, your comment was, at best, deeply insensitive, and at worst, it gestures toward a "they deserved it" attitude directed at people who disagree with you. That is dangerous rhetoric, echoing the kind that culminated in the January 6th assault on the Capitol.

Criticizing elected officials is not derangement. It is a fundamental and protected right in a democracy.

I don't care if you are Republican, Democrat, or anywhere in between... if you support this behavior, you are part of the problem. This is a disgusting display of apathy from the POTUS.

Trump's mocking the death of someone. that's not tough. it's pathetic, and enraging.

He needs to be removed from office immediately.

Trump is the most hateful, divisive president in global history, and the worst human being ever elected to any office anywhere. Everyone who continues to defend him or who voted for him should hang their heads in shame and at the very least they should stay silent.

Bad Trump.

This is who his supporters are. They love this behavior. They think it's tough and strong, even though he cries every time someone tells him the truth.

What's wild is how the GOP lambasted anyone posting even slightly similar comments after Kirk's demise. Especially ironic given the even-handed words Reiner himself posted at that time, that such an attack was awful, that Kirk's wife said the right things at the memorial, etc.

This is our president who can't stand the America people. Yet Congress and the Supreme court does nothing. He's allowed to do and say anything he wants.

He only wanted to be president to be worshipped just like Kim Jong un.

Meanwhile, Reiner on Kirk's death and how his wife proceeded.

"And I felt like what his wife [Erika] said at the service at the memorial they had was exactly right," Reiner shared. "I'm Jewish, but I believe in the teachings of Jesus, and I believe in 'do unto others,' and I believe in forgiveness, and what she said to me was beautiful. She forgave his assassin. And I think that is admirable."

But of course, Trump went low anyway.

He also said this: “Absolute horror, and I unfortunately saw the video of it,” Reiner replied. “It’s beyond belief what happened to him. That should never happen to anybody. I don’t care what your political beliefs are. That’s not acceptable. That’s not a solution to solving problems.”

This is just another example of the great Trump paradox; Trump is cagey about his physical health but is literally cataloging his mental decline, in perpetuity, via social media. Future historians will have a field day with him.

Yeah there were some left wingers saying some inappropriate things in forums and on social media after Kirks death but the democratic former presidents all offered sincere condolences and denounced the violence. Yet here comes Trump with his crude remarks about tds. He could care less that these people are gone because they didn't like him.

It is so inspiring to see conservatives, and particularly the Leader of the Pack, demonstrate their oft touted superior ethical, moral, and spiritual values, with the proper decorum and respect in the aftermath of a tragic murder.

I voted for Trump. I am not unhappy about my choice but very disgusted in his comments about the horrific death of two people. Not a good choice for him and it may bring out more of his true colors. He and I are a couple of months apart in age. He certainly has more energy than me but also far more on the meanness scale. (and I can be miserably vocal at times). His comments were totally uncalled for and leads me to believe there is something terribly wrong with his mental state. No person in their right mind could wish such a catastrophe on anyone and comment as if it was deserved. He needs to have a heart check.

You cannot spin hatred! Trump is a very sick man!

100 years from now, we’ll still be watching Rob Reiner movies and reruns of All in the Family. He’ll be remembered for the many cultural contributions he made to 20th and 21st century culture. And he will be remembered as a kind man who everyone loved working with and being around.

Donald Trump will be remembered as a malignant narcissist and a stupid fucking asshole who came close to destroying our country, and as one of the most disliked figures in American history.

In lieu of a good leader in times like this, we have comedians that can show a high level of class and compassion.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Ripley Museum pulls Trump wax figure after it becomes a 'punching bag'.”

12-16-25

Trump: the scourge on the human race.

On MSNOW's "Morning Joe," multiple panelists referenced Vance's earlier insistence that anyone who criticized conservative commentator Charlie Kirk after his fatal shooting on a Utah college campus in September should face employment consequences.

I'm beginning to think that the plan has always been for Vance to be president. Whatever is going on medically with Trump was likely known beforehand by political operatives. The plan - wait him out as he deteriorates and then hand the presidency to Vance. Thiel sees Vance as an asset who was always meant to gain control of the levers of power. Let's hope Trump is still around come 2026 elections, and the Dems gain control to topple this regime backed by billionaires. It may be our only hope to right the ship.

People did lose their jobs over comments about Kirk, which I didn't support. However, they did, so the same should apply here. The one person who is supposed to stand above all and unite the

citizens that he serves is the ugliest, most hateful person on this planet. DJT is a gigantic P.O.S. He never has and he never will get over losing to Biden..... and now the entire world has to pay for it. Sick.....

The GOP feels it has the right to be cruel, dishonest, greedy, and authoritarian, and be hypocrites, because they are supposedly 'good Christian people'. Only other people need to be civil and respect the GOP belief system. That is why they ignore rules, and fight for CONTROL. They believe that is what government is for--CONTROL.

I thank The Creator every day that my heart, mind and soul will never be the rat-infested sewers that Trump apologists live with on a never-ending basis.

Vance declared, "Call them out, and hell, call their employer. We don't believe in political violence, but we do believe in civility." OK, American voters, call them out---Trump and Vance! Make sure that both are unemployed in working for our government!

tRump should lose his job. Let's make sure he is impeached next year. The loser needs to go.

Make Asylums Great Again

Because Justice Matters

12-17-25

C'mon Congress. Invoke the 25th before our 250th Anniversary, or we will have nothing to celebrate. This guy is on a campaign to bring down the country that embarrassed him by voting him out in 2020. That is clear to anyone who is paying attention.

Delusional and deranged. This is a sad time for America. What I still find difficult to understand is how many in Congress follow his lead and his positions on the issues that we face. The sooner he leaves the better off we all will be.

Ok, MAGA/Trump defenders...

The President is the leader of the United States Of America. The President is supposed to unite the people of our country, not just their own party.

I want you to name me ONE past President (not Trump) that has been this petty that resorting to posting these types of insults under photos of previous Presidents. Just one.

But, you can't, because all of the other past Presidents had respect, not only for their predecessors, but for the office of the President of the United States. Love or hate Biden, placing a photo of an auto pen for his portrait, and the insults from Trump, is typical first grade mentality.

and this is what the world sees...they don't respect the United States right now...because we are being led by an individual that has temper tantrums when people call him out on his lies or asks him questions he's not comfortable answering. Bring respect back to the Oval Office before we don't have a country left...

The problem isn't just him. It's the millions of Americans who think this stuff is not just ok, but that actually love it.

The plaques of course will be gone and thrown into the nearest trash bin, on January 21st 2027.... These will be forgotten, but it's sad to believe that the economic and world-wide diplomatic disaster(s) created by Trump, will take many years to fix.....

The economy has been unnecessarily destabilized. Economic growth is slowing. The national debt is exploding in order to fund massive tax cuts for the wealthy. Russia is enabled. Science is denied. And now we may get into an entirely unnecessary war with Venezuela.

. . . and the orange clown show continues.

12-18-25

MAGA: "the milk in my fridge has passed its use-by-date...Bidens fault"

He is manic and panicking. He knows he is unpopular, he knows he is a failure, he knows the majority of the population is disgruntled, the walls is closing in. He was better off going to prison where he belongs. He is just prolonging the inevitable

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump's handpicked board votes to rename Washington performing arts center the Trump-Kennedy Center."

"Yes, changing the official name of the Kennedy Center requires an Act of Congress because its name is specified in federal law. The Kennedy Center was established as a living memorial to John F. Kennedy by an Act of Congress in 1964, and federal statute dictates its official name. While the Kennedy Center's Board of Trustees (whose current chairman is Donald Trump) recently voted to rename it the "Trump-Kennedy Center," this decision has no legal force on its own. Legal experts indicate that the name change must be approved through new legislation passed by both the House and the Senate and then signed into law by the President.

Furthermore, the original law that created the center specifically prohibits the addition of any other memorials or plaques in the nature of memorials after December 1983, which presents another potential legal roadblock for the proposed renaming."

Thanks, felon TACO, for breaking the law yet again.

Trump is such an egomaniac that he wants to put his name or face on everything, with his mob of enablers that treat him as God. Put Trump's face on Mount Rushmore. Put his name on the Institute of Peace. Put his name on the Kennedy Center. Hang a huge picture of him in front of the USDA. Next thing you know, the Gulf of Mexico renamed America was just a draft and will be renamed the Gulf of Trump just before the country is renamed the United(?) States of Trump.

To think that Trump is 1/100 of the man and president that JFK was is a exercise in idiocy. I never hated a politician before in my 74 years until this little Hitler came into my life. The GOP is condoning all this and will stand behind him when impeached for the third time. Germany did not see Hitler's true form until it was too late. Take a good look at the picture in this article.

There is so very much wrong with this renaming of the Kennedy Center. Adding Ddump's name has cheapened the Center, and JFK is now spinning in his grave. This is one of the most SHAMEFULL things that Ddump has done to date!

It will now be called the Hitler-Trump Center.

**We need SERIOUS people in Washington, not these boot kissing incompetents.**

More like Lying Felon- Kennedy Center.

Heartbreaking how uncaring some people can be. You see the videos of the folks they're kidnapping and they are just scared roofers and laborers, moms and dads, children and pregnant women for Christ's sake; not scary criminals. It's nice to see people here that get it.

Maria Shriver: The Kennedy Center was named after my uncle, President John F Kennedy. It was named in his honor. He was a man who was interested in the arts, interested in culture, interested in education, language, history. He brought the arts into the White House, and he and my Aunt Jackie amplified the arts, celebrated the arts, stood up for the arts and artists.

It is beyond compression that this sitting president has sought to rename this great memorial dedicated to President Kennedy. It is beyond wild that he would think adding his name in front of President Kennedy's name is acceptable. It is not.

Next thing perhaps he will want to rename JFK Airport, rename the Lincoln Memorial, the Trump Lincoln Memorial. The Trump Jefferson Memorial. The Trump Smithsonian. The list goes on.

Can we not see what is happening here? C'mon, my fellow Americans! Wake up! This is not dignified. This is not funny. This is way beneath the stature of the job. It's downright weird. It's obsessive in a weird way. Just when you think someone can't stoop any lower, down they go...

Just like The Gulf of Mexico, truly patriotic Americans will refuse to be manipulated by Trump and his administration. We respect our country's history and the remarkable people who impacted it with their courage, their dedication and their actions.

If anything, I believe this sitting President has taken the American people away from culture, arts, and languages. The defunding of PBS alone is slap in the face to people wanting to learn and explore new horizons! He hasn't earned the honor to have his name side by side with President Kennedy. I am so so sorry for this embarrassment to the Kennedy family.

The highest crime rate in America is at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue..

12-19-25

We all shake our heads and Congress does nothing. The Kennedy Center is a memorial for JFK--not Dozy Don.

It's beyond blaming the convicted felon solely for this chaos. The GOP is just as much to blame for remaining silent. They swore to uphold the Constitution and yet every single one of them violated that oath and promise. None of them are worthy of serving. They willingly handed over the check and balance power.

Tariffs don't raise prices but I'm going to cut tariffs on beef and coffee to lower prices.

The logic of a 3 year old.

We as Americans need to come together for mid-terms and vote BLUE up and down the ticket. Do not dilute the vote by voting independent or for another republican. We need to rid this country of all vile magas in congress and make sure these people never ever have any levers of power again. There is so much work to do be done to correct all that has transpired with this administration and with the supreme court. Let us all come together to save our democracy.

Defacing a federal building is a federal criminal offense, typically prosecuted under laws related to the destruction or injury of government property, which can result in significant fines and imprisonment.

The Founding Fathers argued against that kind of stuff (including with money as well) while a person was still living. It is very dangerous actually, kind of a leader deifying themselves. He even put his name first. Also hung a banner of himself at the Department of labor. Its things associated with totalitarian governments for thousands of years.

Next, he'll want to rename Washington DC to Trump DC.

We are living in the dumbest time line

Most anticipated obituary in history!

tRUMP Derangement Syndrome is the Brain Damage caused by believing tRUMP'S bullshit.

In general's terms based on the article's information over 20 years approximately 2.6 million people have obtained green cards after vetting. We now know that one individual from the program may have committed these shootings. There are approximately 340 million people in the US with an average murder rate of about 20,000 per year over the past 20 years. That's about 5.8 murders per year per 100,000 people in the US. If you take the recent 3 murders times 20 years (60) by the number of lottery green card holders the rate is about 2.3 murders per year. Perhaps there are more murders each year from the lottery group but that is not sited in the article. On the surface the suspension of the program is not based on any actual analysis. it appears the basis is for political rhetoric and not overall safety of the country.

This is Noem and Trump using fear and intimidation after a tragedy to do political retribution on immigration. Instead of blaming the vetting process, we should focus on ease of access to high capacity weapons and making them harder to buy. Maybe if Trump was as strict on gun laws as he is on immigration we would not have any mass shooters foreign or American.

Trump loves this country and its citizens and is trying very hard to improve our lives! While you may not like his personality, how can you despise him for working SO hard to make things better after Biden brought us to the brink of ruination!

Satan's best work was being able to convince evangelical Christians that a vulgar, greedy, immoral, racist man who has at least five children by at least three different wives, pays porn stars for sex, sexually assaults women, sexualizes young girls, incites violence, and never tells the truth, was sent here by God.

Trump's done nothing to convince us that he loves America, or that he's actually working hard to make anything better for We The People. These are traits that you impressed upon him yourself based solely upon vibes and your own irrational hatred for the liberal establishment.

Good afternoon everyone. I'm sure lots of you have been waiting to hear what I have to say about all this. I've probably drafted and deleted five different posts, trying my hardest to keep my personal feelings and emotions out of it. We are a diverse community, in many ways, and I always try to be respectful of everyone regardless of my beliefs. This scenario has been on my mind for a while knowing that inevitably it would make its way here. After thoughtfully reviewing all the posts and comments I believe that the main focus has been centered on the wellbeing of our children. Yesterday's hypothetical has become today's reality. Kids are literally being targeted outside of schools- this is something none of us should be okay with, no matter your politics. Our neighbors have shown deep concern about this and offered support to help protect them from harassment and detention- which has already happened to several students. I have yet to see anything said about people wanting to protect criminals or directly intervene- only awareness and support. We as a community have shown time and time again that we care deeply about our neighbors. Let's all keep our focus on that, because politics shouldn't affect the wellbeing of our children. Everyone, please stay safe.

12-20-25

This is Trump's worst speech yet.

He has to start by bashing Biden because he needs a fall guy.

He then talks about stopping political corruption, 0 arrests.

He says he beat special interests but they bought him.

He then speaks like it's 2024 & we didn't just win an election.

He's stuttering. Confidence fading. Can't lie through the reality anymore. Never heard Trump like this. Not as comfortable or charismatic as he was last night. Very telling. His base has turned. He knows it. Ego damaged. Swagger lost.

trump speech content

1. Blame Biden and Democrats for everything wrong
2. Take credit for things that are going right, even if they're fictitious.
3. Blame Biden and Democrats again.
4. Defame a few other people.
5. Wrap up with self-praise and empty promises.

What is more dangerous than Donald Trump having a third of the country solidly behind him, a third apathetic and a third antagonistic? IMO, now we are moving into a more dangerous time.

When the Germans began to lose WWII, AH blamed his own people for their weakness, and he became more and more barbaric as the end closed in and his mental capacity diminished. Trump does not have that kind of power, but he is still the POTUS. As his power slips, will the GOP help restrain him? Will the military and his ICE army follow his illegal commands? As he begins to see potential consequences for his criminality, Trump may attempt to go for broke, and that is indeed a more dangerous situation than we have faced previously.

As more and more blue collar workers lose their jobs to AI, the GOP will either have to pivot and take a completely different stance on every issue, or they will get slaughtered in the midterms. If you ask me, he knows this and that is why I wouldn't be surprised if he declares martial law before the midterms and stops the election from happening. Otherwise he knows he is going to prison for war crimes

I encourage Trump to make such speeches on weekly basis

He is doing a great job at destroying the Repulsivican party.

The majority of Americans just want him and the GOP out - NOW...

TACO'S only got one speech. "MARCIA, MARCIA, MARCIA!!!!!!". Not the sharpest knife in the drawer for sure.

LOL, nice try libs. TDS is real for you.

It surely is. We see that Trump is deranged and it's funny that his supporters keep claiming it, but then trying to "own the libs."

If anything, you guys are always good for a few laughs.

TDS ... the ridiculous position magas immediately fall back on when they realize the libs had it right all along.

If Trump were a man, he would take ownership of this economy and stop pointing fingers. The tariffs are his baby.

If the Republicans had done their Constitutional duty removing Trump from office, instead of dismissing impeachment charges TWICE against Trump?! We wouldn't be in this mess with Trump, would we?! Trump is proving more and more everyday he is guilty of his crimes, when he's committing more criminal acts in plain sight!!

Folks, I fly for an airline. And about 10% of the pilot force are African Americans at my airline. DEI does NOT get you an airline job! In order to get an interview, you have to have certain licenses and flight experience, but then if you get the job you have to pass training, checkrides, and then initial operating experience followed by another checkride. And then you have to pass recurrent training/checkrides every 6 months. And your first year you are on probation, which means that you can be fired at any time for virtually any reason.

So NO, there is no such thing as a "DEI" pilot! This "mayor" needs an enema; She's full of shit! A positive view? So we can hide some of the following to prove in Trumps eyes that we were always a great country?

#### 1. Slavery

- The enslavement of millions of Africans from the 17th to 19th centuries is one of the darkest chapters in U.S. history. Enslaved people were subjected to brutal conditions, denied basic human rights, and dehumanized for profit.

#### 2. Treatment of Indigenous Peoples

- The forced displacement, genocide, and cultural erasure of Native American populations, such as through events like the Trail of Tears, represent systemic oppression and violence.

- The destruction of Indigenous cultures and forced assimilation, including the use of boarding schools to strip children of their heritage.

### 3. Jim Crow Laws and Racial Segregation

- The institutionalized racial segregation and discrimination of African Americans after the abolition of slavery, enforced by laws and upheld through violence and intimidation.

### 4. Japanese American Internment

- During World War II, over 120,000 Japanese Americans, most of whom were U.S. citizens, were forcibly removed from their homes and placed in internment camps without due process, driven by racial prejudice and fear.

### 5. Treatment of Immigrants

- Discriminatory immigration laws, such as the Chinese Exclusion Act (1882) and the widespread xenophobia toward other immigrant groups, often fueled by racism and economic fears.

### 6. Imperialism and Overseas Interventions

- Actions like the annexation of Hawaii, the Philippine-American War, and interventions in Latin America under policies like the Monroe Doctrine and Roosevelt Corollary often led to the exploitation and destabilization of other nations.

### 7. The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment

- The unethical medical study conducted between 1932 and 1972 on African American men, who were denied proper treatment for syphilis to study the disease's progression.

### 8. Women's Inequality

- The long denial of women's suffrage (until 1920) and systemic gender-based discrimination in many aspects

Just as Hitler tasked Leni Riefenstahl with painting his Third Reich as glorious, pro-German propaganda, Trump, Hegseth and Miller want to bastardize the real history of this country along with any future interpretation of its history to be complimentary to this dark, MAGA stained, Project 2025 fueled period of time.

I charge the Smithsonian to stand strong now. If you have to shutter some of the 21 museums temporarily, cut back on staffing and increase admission pricing, I urge you to do it. No one will allow the National Zoo to cut back; he goes too far if he thinks we will allow our Zoo to be violated. This kind of intimidation must stop this is NOT for the good of the country. This is only good for the anti-American agenda of this administration and its adherents.

Is he on a rampage of attempting to generate effective Epstein diversions?

As before, this appears to be another pathetic attempt by Trump to rewrite history according to how HE thinks it should be. By illegally withholding congressionally approved funding, Trump is trying to circumvent the constitution again.

Rewrite history. Threaten. Bully. Intimidate. Yeah, that's how we Make America Great Again, isn't it?

We are NOT a perfect nation - never have been. But the intent of presenting history (warts and all) is to prevent us from repeating our "mistakes". If our history is sanitized and the lessons learned from our darker actions are hidden from the public, rest assured, we WILL repeat them, and probably do worse things.

[https://youtu.be/42X\\_eAOU4DU](https://youtu.be/42X_eAOU4DU) "Don't Be a Sucker" (1947) Reel America Preview – This could be a Twilight Zone episode easily. I didn't know that the U.S. War Department made a prototype for "The Twilight Zone" way back in 1947!?! But it sure looks that way.

Trump never wanted the responsibilities of the Presidency. He only wanted the ego boost and power trip. The first thing he did after being elected in 2016 was to start campaigning for 2020. We are now almost a year into his second term, and he has stepped up the rallies, trying to tell people how great the economy is in hopes people will believe him rather than what they see at the grocery store and at work. He is best known for refusing to read his briefing reports or listen to anybody who says what he does not want to hear, and when facts and statistics contradicted his message of personal perfection, he labeled it all "fake news."

If America can find a way to survive this traitor, the damage to the country and its international reputation will last for many years. And the gullible cult that supports such a disturbed man won't just magically disappear once Trump is just a disgusting memory. If he's been successful at anything, it's revealing the ignorance and the bigotry of a large swath of voters, and they'll still be among us. America is full of them, and they'll find another traitor to idol sooner or later.

Trump has been running on fumes for a long time. People who are always claiming how they "aced their physical and mental tests" when nobody even asked them, are doing that for themselves. Trump is growing sicker and sicker by the day, and I don't see him making it to the end of this term. Trump never learned the golden rule. The one thing he is learning right now is the definition of the word karma. For every action there is a consequence. The consequences of Trump's actions are catching up to him.

In Trump's brief moments of clarity, he still thinks he is on a reality T.V. show. Sadly, for the American people, this is NOT the case. I never watched his show because I always thought he was a pompous ass to begin with. If he were a contestant on his own show right now, he would certainly be hearing the words. "you're fired!" We will be a respected nation in the future, but it will never be under Trump.

Bingo! He's old, sickly both mentally and physically, exhausted and just doesn't care. Well, he never cared about anything but self gratification in every form but he always gloated over being "president" and strutted around bragging about how wonderful he is. Now he's just pathetic, weak, addled, obese and most likely in much discomfort with all of his health issues. There isn't a single person in his sphere nor family who cares enough about him to get him the mental help he so desperately needs. His handlers merely pump him full of whatever to keep him upright temporarily. Susie Wiles is insisting he "go on the road" and do rallies....really? He's a sick old man and can't keep up with his normal "schedule" of being lazy. This is definitely the end of t\*\*\*\*. His mortality has caught up with him and that's a good thing.

12-23-25

Friends,

Trump calls it "Trump Derangement Syndrome." I have a more accurate description: our political trauma.

After almost a year of Trump's second term, I and many other people — including, very likely, you — are feeling exhausted, distraught, and sickened by what's happened to our country and the world.

As conservative New York Times columnist Bret Stephens (whom I almost never agree with) puts it, we are being led by the most loathsome human being ever to occupy the White House — a petty, hollow, squalid, ogre-in-chief.

Every day that goes by seems to bring uglier vindictiveness, bigger lies, wilder boasts, and worse policies.

The cruelty is almost unbearable — the destruction of USAID, the pursuit of undocumented immigrants, the breakup of families, the arrests and detentions without due process, the bombing of small boats in the Caribbean and killing of more than 100 people, and so on.

The fact it's being done in our name, by the United States of America, is heartbreaking.

I try to be optimistic. I tell myself — as I've told you — that we will be all the stronger for having gone through this dark time. Most of us now have a new and deeper appreciation for democracy, the rule of law, and social justice.

I also tell myself that we couldn't have remained on the road we were on — with its widening inequalities and worsening political corruption.

I believe all this, but it doesn't always subdue for me the sting and the stink of Trump — the shattering, dispiriting sadness of it all. That we've barely completed the first year of his likely four-year regime is terrifying.

We are not powerless, of course. Together we are making significant progress against this scourge. The ogre is not able to do as much damage now as he did initially. The slumbering good giant of America is awakening.

But the vile man in the Oval Office continues to say and do horrible things.

My early New Year's resolution is to accept this for what it is — a terrible blight on America and the world — but not allow it to discourage me or dim my determination to fight it.

I hope your determination remains strong, too.

I've found that the best antidote to political trauma is political activism. We shall overcome. We shall overcome.

May you find joy and rest in this holiday season. May you recharge your batteries for the struggle ahead.

Thank you for all you do.

CBS and its parent company Paramount were recently acquired by the family of Larry Ellison — the third-richest person on Earth and a major Trump donor.

The family is now attempting a hostile takeover of Warner Bros/Discovery, which would eventually require Trump's approval. Last night, to further pacify Trump, CBS News removed a segment from "60 Minutes" — just three hours before the broadcast — featuring stories of Venezuelan men deported by the Trump administration to what the program called a "brutal" prison in El Salvador. Bari Weiss, the new editor-in-chief of CBS News, had demanded changes to the segment.

This is yet another reminder that when billionaires take control of media, it's not a win for free speech. It's a win for oligarchy.

The super-rich won't hesitate to sell out the American public if it means getting merger approvals or deregulation that helps their bottom line.

12-25-25

Trump's abuse and overreach of executive powers have all but made the Legislative Branch useless. If the Supreme Court is going to continue to allow him to make his own laws (illegally through Executive Orders) and take over the power of the purse (a Constitutionally guaranteed right of Congress), we are getting closer to an autocracy.

Trump 2.0 feels less like leadership and more like a nonstop power grab where chaos is the point and accountability is optional. I am exhausted watching one ego treat the country like a personal stage.

Meanwhile the economy keeps getting squeezed and regular people are the ones paying for it, not the billionaires cheering him on. Under Obamacare my premium is down to \$90 a month, and my car insurance is only \$23 a month from InsurancePanda, which shows what sane policy can actually do for families while Trump tears it all apart.

This is not strength or progress, it is reckless self-indulgence dressed up as toughness.

Trump has brought back authoritarian goose-stepping. Not a good look for what once was American democracy.

I didn't think it was possible for one man to do so much damage in less than a year. He has succeeded in doing more harm than any of our enemies could ever have wish for.

Horrific to think how much damage he's done in only one year. Unless Dems win back the house at midterms or unless the GOP starts checking Donnie's antics, I suspect that he will succeed in destroying America completely.

47 has been more impactful and more disruptive than just about any administration in history. Maybe FDR and Lincoln were more impactful, but they sure were NOT as disruptive in the negative way as any others I can recall in my reading of history. And these changes he has impacted and forced upon us all have overall NOT been a good thing overall. I just hope he has not totally destroyed whatever may remain of the American dream.

Here are some changes:

Why are wholesale prices of produce up 38% so far this year?

Why are John Deere, Amazon, GM, UPS, IBM, META, Walmart, Microsoft and Target laying off so many employees?

Why have home foreclosures risen by 21%

Why is meat up 24%?

Why are brazen, high level criminals being pardoned?

Why is electricity at a record high price?

Why is consumer sentiment at an all time low?

Why are healthcare premiums quadrupling?

Why are there no signed trade deals?

Why is tourism to America down 23%?

Why are farmers and ranchers going broke and demanding Socialist bailouts?

Why is coffee up 22%?

Why is the U.S. committing brazen international war crimes?

Why are world leaders laughing out loud at us and treating our "president" like a child?

Why is there a major outbreak of measles?

Why is the White House being demolished?

Why is there scientifically FALSE information on the official government CDC website?

Why are the institutions that educate and keep us safe in shambles?

Why has the U.S. government deployed its military against its own citizens?

WHERE ARE THE COMPLETE EPSTEIN FILES?

I think trump has caused a lot of the people in this country to not trust anything they say . Trust in trump is way down ,but on the other hand anger is way up about everything he says and does.

The taking away from the people, the lies to the people , and then there is all the cover ups .

Trump does like to brag about himself what he has , while people are struggling to survive . So I think trust in him and this administration is nearing ZERO.

What level of lawlessness, amorality, or immorality would go too far for Trump? What act could Trump commit so heinous as to arouse even mild criticism from the Republican Congress or his supporters? I can't think of a single one.

Trump has the worst case of "smartest man in the room" complex at a level never before seen and yes the reality show reference is perfect...he thinks he's smarter than climatologists and any scientist in general if their research shows something Trump doesn't like...he thinks he negotiates world conflicts between cultures he knows nothing about the only way he knows how...like a real estate deal...he has no interest in the history of anything...and he's coming unglued between the ears...frontal lobe dementia is already taking its toll...There's no single test for frontotemporal dementia. Healthcare professionals consider your symptoms and exclude other possible causes of your symptoms. FTD can be hard to diagnose early because symptoms of frontotemporal dementia often overlap with those of other conditions.

Worst American ever. Worst job market in decades. Worst economic policies imaginable as government spending has increased with far less government employees due to his reckless cuts. Trump isn't just a catastrophe to America. The damage is astounding and will take decades to repair. Putin's puppet has been successful in being the enemy from within. No president has ever deserved the death penalty more than treasonous Trump.

Pure evil. The next President will undo all he has done.

What a fascist country the USA have become.

CBS really help Trump to be a dictator

12-26-25

During this time of Christmas, the season of giving, generosity, empathy for others, of coming together, of charity, and appreciation, Trump has a knack for reintroducing spite, drama, partisanship, and juvenile behavior.

And him bragging about breaking up families and not allowing those less fortunate into the country, as someone who claims to be a Christian, is richer than even he ever claimed to be.

12-27-25

The founding fathers could never have anticipated any of the things that Trump would attempt to do, much less that a person like him would ever get elected. Future historians will have a lot to examine to try and make sense of this time period once the dust settles.

12-28-25

The entire problem with our democracy is 98% of politicians focus on getting votes, getting funding for campaigns and very little goes toward actual policies for the country.

"Uninterested in a competitive Republican primary in 2028, Turning Point USA plans to deploy representatives across Iowa's 99 counties in the coming months to build the campaign infrastructure it believes could deliver Vance, a Midwesterner from nearby Ohio, a decisive victory, potentially short-circuiting a fractious GOP race, insiders said."

Normally, the former VP is almost a shoe in for the party's nomination.

The fact that Vance feels that he has to start recruiting allies and enforcers already does not bode well for his support. Then again, he's neither likeable, charismatic, nor capable of enforcing discipline on the party.

I read the GOP had 2 candidates: Ted Cruz and Vance. Is that all they've got because both seem to be well below par for that position. Likability is certainly missing in both.

Trump won't even make it to 2028.

Republicans know they will need to break away from Trump eventually. What better way than letting his vice-president get annihilated in the 2028 elections... With Trump's terrible policies and even worse results, republicans are sure to lose the house and the presidency in '28. Unfortunately, they might retain the Senate, the composition of which is, and has always been, extremely unfair to democrats.

JD Vance, a Princeton grad too lazy to use spell check. Welfare cheats? A family of 4 receives an average of \$434 a month. Hey Mike, is it just the right that is above the law or is your perceived notion that it's only the left?

12-30-25

I want to fire Trump. He is incompetent. He tanked our economy in the past 11 months and he's still going.

It's called fascism. but some people need to be told what to think and believe. However, the excuse of 'just following orders' wasn't acceptable at the Nuremberg Trials.

They call it left leaning liberal media, trying to make the media sound like they have Trump derangement syndrome. The truth, Trump lied about the Epstein files, he alienated our allies, cost our friends billions in their economies with tariffs, pardoned a drug lord while blowing up boats and telling us they are stopping the cartels. Killing the low-level guys while lifting up the leaders of these cartels. He claims tariffs are bringing Trillions, when they actually only add up to tens of billions, and the National Debt will increase by 3 trillion dollars. Meanwhile billionaires pay less taxes than a gas station clerk. He has put clowns in charge of the DOJ and the FBI, and the DOD. He added his name to the Kennedy Center and wrote up a bunch of lies that were put on plaques and placed under each Presidents portrait in the Whitehouse. He destroyed the east wing for a ballroom to the tune of 200 million dollars without authorization, lined the oval office with gold leaf, destroyed the Kennedy rose garden. Who could think even this small example, President Trump is a good leader? He is the worst by a stretch in our history.

What Trump gave us was chaos and turmoil at every turn. His signature accomplishment of securing the border is overshadowed by his alienation of our friends and allies across the globe. Leadership is not ego centric

The biggest problem that the United States has at this time is that we are very much NOT united. No matter which side of the political spectrum you fall on there is a failure to see the other side's POV. As long as we remain focused on disagreeing with each other instead of paying attention to what the leaders of the country are doing, we will never be "great".

BREAKING: The FBI just uncovered a \$1.7 BILLION healthcare fraud perpetrated by immigrants.

I'm kidding. That fraud was committed by Rick Scott's Columbia/HCA. MAGA just doesn't care because he's a white American.

What he doesn't understand is its not the gas price that is dinging everyone. Its the high cost of all insurance (health, home and auto.) along with energy prices like home heating and being able to keep the lights on. All of those have gone wildly out of hand for most folks.

Insulting our allies and trading partners; trying to destroy our successful wind and solar energy production; illegal and ill-advised tariffs; deportations and detentions of essential and skilled workers; demands for campaign contributions and purchases of his properties and 'products'... he did not inherit a mess - he is causing our economic problems

I think the most telling factor about Trump and the supposed mess he inherited is the 2021 infrastructure bill. He tried to have it killed, stating it was a loser bill. It did get passed and now Trump puts his name on the construction site signs in an attempt to fool people into thinking it was his idea.

Trump inherited a very good economy from Biden, all the metrics were sound, including unemployment, inflation, GDP and interest rates. But he injected a lot of uncertainty with the DOGE firings, tariffs, unqualified cabinet leaders, habitual lying, etcetera. If he thinks everything is a mess, it's of his own doing.

People can take only so much braggadocious insanity. The lies, cruelty, corruption, spitefulness, incompetence and overall mean spiritedness are coming at us everyday, unprecedented for a US President. Throw in the Epstein files debacle, his golf time, Truth Social posting time and falling asleep during important meetings and we're all exhausted by the extreme buffoonery.

12-31-25

Twilight Zone, we are living in the Twilight Zone.

Trump has gone too far with his insults and deplorable comments. I am beyond words to describe my disgust at him, acting in his official capacity as POTUS, and the millions of devotees who brought him back into power.

Term limits! Age limits! Stupidity limits!

THIS is why I always check FOX NEWS after a big story breaks to see their spin. You have to know your enemy to fight them. Get a different perspective, then you're in the know. I listen to CNN, NPR, BBC, CBS, and on rare occasions, the FOX Entertainment Station.

Not a single one points to how Biden caused a jump in inflation. The primary cause was twofold- Supply disruptions due to Covid and three rounds of stimulus checks ( 2 of which were done during Trump's presidency). The fact that inventories were not increased with the surge in demand may have caused 50% of the rise in inflation. CPI dropped from 8.0% in 2022 to 4.12% in 2023, followed by a drop to 2.95% in 2024. For 2025 the estimate is 2.4%. So, 2023 dropped 48.5%, 2024 dropped 28.3% and 2025 projected to be 18.6%. Now, will one of the fibbers from the GOP side explain to me their reasoning, because I have been waiting all year and still haven't heard any!

Speaking of President Biden, AG Pam Bondi recently posted a chart showing that deaths from fentanyl overdose fell by 27 percent during Biden's presidency. She then deleted her social media post when it was pointed out that the decline occurred during Biden's term, not Trump's. Many Americans believed Trump was the answer to all their questions and problems. After all he told them so endlessly and continues to do so in spite of the reality that is smacking them in the back of the head every single day! To give him credit, he did get control of the border which has been a problem for decades. But as is all things Trump, there is an element of cruelty and inhumanity that is undeniable. Otherwise, there is little if anything to applaud him and so much more to abhor not only for Americans but our Allies world wide! I truly believe most Americans want our country to prosper for all and be a shining example of a democratic republic that values the Constitution and all that could make us exemplary and extraordinary. With Trump it is as though we have fallen into a deep abyss, a "dark ages" that we are struggling to crawl out of. Even his MAGA base seem to be coming to the realization that not only is Trump seriously flawed, he appears to be truly mentally unhinged as his hatred for half the country along with an unending enemies list and need for retribution takes precedence over leading a nation. His desire for wealth, power and insatiable need for unceasing praise and awards evince a man who should

never have occupied our White House. This article is spot on. The question is how do we move forward?

That's the whole plan - destroy the America we knew where unions ensured workers got a good deal, antitrust laws kept big businesses in check, financial and other firms were regulated to protect consumers. even the rich were subject to the law and we normal folk had rights. They want to destroy that so they can replace it with something else more friendly to billionaires. There's a reason the billionaires own Fox News, The Washington Post, TwitterX, Facebook etc - its all about deceiving enough of the public into going along with their recreation of our country. Every statement by Trump is some hate filled grievance blaming someone else... it's no wonder Americans hate each other and the government... I have never seen a politician actively try to make the American people hate each other like he does...

My company's revenue dropped by over 20% in 2025. It's the largest single year drop in 25 years of business. Worse than covid worse than 2007-10. It was so significant that we are having to consider letting one of our team go. Contracts and RFPs going into 2026 are down significantly. This is directly because of Trump. I am sick to my stomach on New Years Eve for the first time in my life.

Donald Trump has turned his tariffs on and off more times than a flashing neon sign. His lackeys in the Department of Justice fired experienced prosecutors and replaced them with his personal attorneys who floundered and failed ignominiously attempting to wreak vengeance on his enemies. His trade deals, announced with mucho fanfare, have faded off into the ether. He embarrassed himself, and this nation, with his feckless attempts to bring the warmonger Putin to heel. He claimed he'd order the FBI's files on the Epstein investigation to be released once he was reelected, then reneged on that promise and had to be forced to do so by Congress. He ordered the execution of foreign nationals on the high seas for allegedly smuggling drugs here and there, then pardoned an individual sentenced to 40 years in prison for conspiring to smuggle 400 tons of drugs into this country. He praised a Syrian immigrant for demonstrating courage in disarming a terrorist in Australia, then banned immigrants from Syria the next day.

Ad hoc and spur of the moment, based on nothing more than what he watched on Fox News in the wee hours of the morning and whomever was the last person to gain his ear.

Under this undisciplined captain we've saddled ourselves with, our ship of state is no more than a rudderless boat drifting on a sea of fatuous fantasies, blown this way and that by the winds of his personal whims.

Way to go MAGA. Nice way to honor the nation our forefathers handed you.

Most Americans don't even trust their own neighbors or family members anymore. Nearly half of Americans now think members of the opposing political party are "evil." Political polarization has increased so dramatically that both sides now routinely label their opponents as threats to democracy itself. Things have grown so tense that one in five American households report experiencing family estrangement due to political disagreements. Our families are quite literally collapsing from the weight of our all-consuming political and social hatreds.

only one side is upset about this and it's not the left. left wants nothing to do with maga

Trump is destroying the entire infrastructure for independent farms in the U.S. and selling out to Big Agra. His tariffs cost farmers \$44 billion in 2025, so now he bails them out with only \$12 billion, less than a third of their losses. Plus, 90% of that money goes to Big Agra Firms, as in his first-term bailout, leaving small and mid-size farmers with less than \$2 billion. With no money at all going to the businesses that support farmers, such as those that provide seed, fertilizer, insecticide, harvesting equipment, storage, or transportation.

If the voters in the US have proven anything, it's that having a Tik-Tok attention span and living in proud ignorance isn't the path to realizing Americas full potential. It's the path to kneecapping the American Dream while it slowly devolves into another Trump induced nightmare.

I'll never understand the greed of the billionaire class. They were so adamant for no taxes or regulation that they lost sight of the fact that having a strong middle class and a strong social safety net for the poor means everyone wins and they can keep going.

Instead, they decided it was a zero sum game and now we're all going to lose. It's a damn shame.

The American people are the victims now. The farmers' significant losses due to his tariffs are strapped for more money. Financial support for Argentina over our farmers' needs...why? Maybe it's for another Trump resort while he currently builds resorts in over 15 other foreign countries. He pardoned Changpeng Zhao, the crypto-billionaire felon convicted of money laundering, and Trevor Milton who was convicted of two counts of wire fraud and one count of securities fraud. Milton was ordered to pay over \$600 million in restitution to his victims but Trump's pardon released Milton from any liability... It is exactly like pardoning Bernie Madoff. Why? I'm sure there was a payout to Trump. The political violence he's caused with his endless rhetoric and ICE cube policies have been a huge failure for our country. His relentless scarring of the country needs to come to a halt. Congress needs to enact the 25th amendment.