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Political Responses in Divisive America

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I love people saying entertainers should not be political and then saying they're for Trump. Once again, they can't follow the plot.

Who would want to be apart of MAGA agenda? Tax cuts for the rich, cuts to environmental problems, getting rid of health care, promotion of Putin, and most of all trying to end peacefully transition of power.

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It's all emotional. It's true that many of them are actually that gullible but nobody wants to face the fact they were lied to and conned, especially if they know it. Once they admit it to themselves and others, it becomes real and the only thing more painful than knowing that you've been fooled is also knowing that people you hate were not. They just don't possess the moral, intellectual or emotional maturity to face an unflattering truth.

This should surprise no one. We live in the age where facts no longer matter unless they are what you want to hear. If they aren't, you will just go to the appropriate cable news channel to tell you what you want to hear.

And they call it, doing their own 'research'.

Most of the people went to Fake Fox and their misinformation machine to get what they wanted.

Won by 7 million plus last time. Economics tend to carry the day, and the election is almost a year off. Interest rates will decline towards historical averages, which will support the value of stocks, bonds, homes and most other assets.

Trump may have a criminal conviction by the time of the Republican convention.

As of 12-23, SPY and QQQ since the election, are up over 48.65% and 52.67% respectively.

Unemployment rate is 3.7%

US Real GDP growth rate is at 5.20%

The Current Inflation Rate is 3.2%. Prices over the last six months have risen at an annualized pace of 1.9%.

The average home price in the U.S. climbed 29% 2021-2023

Gas prices have been falling for a year

The US produces more oil than ever in history, and more than any country

Consumer sentiment finished 2023 at a five-month high, perhaps a good sign for the economy as a new year gets under way.

S&P 500 closes higher 12-22 registers longest weekly win streak since 2017

MAGA feelings get MAGA hurt? I thought they didn't care about feelings.....weird and whiney...

The merry-go-round of threats from the Kremlin, nuclear threat one day, ceasefire request next day, Eastern Europe invasion next day, and then nuclear threat again; round and round it goes.

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Unfortunately, democrats are too nice and want to play by the rules too often. While republicans will do anything for power.

This can be taken a step further. If trump's claim of absolute immunity is valid then that immunity also applies to Biden, so why are republicans wasting time attempting to impeach him? According to trump's/Republican logic, Biden is immune from prosecution.

It's so rich seeing Republicans who have patted themselves on the back for decades as constitutionalists, patriots, and guardians against the concentration of power... only for them to make 100 different excuses for Trump that would set precedents that would erode checks and

balances and allow the president to become a dictator thus nullifying the constitution and republicanism.

Under Trump's arguments, Biden could cancel the 2024 presidential election citing threats of election irregularities. Biden is absolutely immune from criminal and civil charges.

Instead of getting a budget passed and aid for Ukraine and Israel, Mike Johnson and his merry men head to the border for photo ops and pontificating. What a bunch of worthless parasites. They need to return to Washington and do their jobs and get an immigration bill passed that's worth something. The GOP House has done absolutely nothing this last year but perform like a circus act.

Just do your jobs, go back to Washington and pass an immigration bill, instead of trying to grandstand. Oh that's right if they did that, they'd have nothing to run on. Unless doing nothing is a winning strategy.

Such government by extortion is doomed to stagnation, finger-pointing, and etc. E.G., blame ALL the failures at this time on Biden. Elect a criminally seditious wannabee dictator, who turns politics into lies and incompetence disguised as entertainment and faux religion.

They should let the government workers continue to do their jobs and shut down Congress. We will not miss them.

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President Trump and his blushing bride Melania exemplify a loving and faithful commitment to matrimony that will be used as an example in all marriage counseling sessions as to what the perfect union should be. His adherence to a strict diet and workout regimen are immediately obvious when he is seen powerfully dominating the golf course while his fellow players watch in awe and admiration with their mouths agape. His youthful head of luscious hair exudes youth and vigor and his Cray Supercomputer brain certainly commands respect world over. His large hands of granite could easily have been hewn from the face of the mighty Mount Rushmore itself. Our fearless leader's ability to unite all genders and races creates such a warm sensation of love that people cry with joy and the feeling of inclusion and equality.

This should be really easy for them. Defend the Constitution or defend Trump..... it's that simple.

If court rules as a partisan that means any democrat president can do the same. So the country is doomed.

The Extreme Court will likely rule in the Fuhrer's favor

Vote like your life or the lives of your wife, daughter, niece, or grandchild's life depended on it, because it does. Vote for Democracy and Freedom.

The fact that some "Christians" here want the women to die in birth for the baby to probably die as well from complications goes to show the hypocritical side of Christians. It's only Christians and Catholics too.

My life was saved by an emergency room abortion when I suffered an incomplete miscarriage at 18 weeks. I was near death from blood loss before the surgery was performed. I would have left a husband and a toddler at home, had I not had that surgery. For the people ready to dog pile me and tell me I should feel guilty, I don't - at 18 weeks, that fetus wasn't surviving, regardless of whether I was alive, or not.

If the Supreme Court is involved, then nothing will change, and everything will stay just like it is. Stacking the Supreme Court to favor one side should have never been allowed, not for either side. How can we trust anything that's been rigged in the first place? The Supreme Court is now

no better or more trustworthy than either political party. An amendment should be added that states that the Supreme Court is always balanced. Otherwise, it can never again be trusted. SCOTUS hopped up on their high horse without considering the ramifications of their ruling. Typical of those with god complexes. We need term limits on the SCOTUS to minimize the power creep of their bloated egos.

That is not good enough. What about the 1 in 5 that have a miscarriage in the first 3 months? They have already jailed someone for that.

Still think these Republican "lawmakers" really care about your rights? Wake up...abortion is just the tip of the iceberg! Next is free speech!!! Equity, inclusion, Diversity...all dead in Republican land!!! Wake up folks or we will be flying a red flag with a hammer and sickle in the corner!!!

Abortion is murder! Period dot! No exceptions shall be made. If something terrible is going to happen, it is God's will.

Pro life with no exceptions is the most illogical political stance we have in this country. Close second is the complete denial of climate change when it's obviously happening all over the world...like, blatantly obvious.

Why the heck are a bunch of JUDGES determining the medical fates of millions of women? If this were about emergency vasectomies because a testicle was irreparably damaged and infected, it'd not even be an issue.

Between the Republicans in DC and those in Florida, seems little is being accomplished for their people. Is this what they want?

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Will be interesting to see how the regressive conservatives on SCOTUS squirm and wriggle to claim it's not a state's rights issue when the Constitution gives the right to the states to decide who can appear on the general election ballot and it defines people who are automatically disqualified. Furthermore, if you read all the state laws, almost everyone of them says the state may Not that the state must. So, the decision as to who may appear on the general election ballot for each state is a state decision not a federal one. It's a state right.

Obviously, the sooner Russia is kicked out of Ukraine, the better off Ukraine and the millions of innocent civilians who live there will be.

But I can't help but think that the longer this lasts, the more depleted and less effective the Russian army becomes. A long war actually improves US security by continuing to bleed our enemies of men, equipment, and morale.

And we learn more about Russian combat weapons and tactics in real world combat scenarios. That said, it doesn't look like Russian tactics have changed much in 80 years.

Trump said: "It's just horrible – so surprising to see it here. But we have to get over it. We have to move forward."

Good advice and good practice for Americans. Had to eliminate social security to give tax cuts to those who deserve tax cuts - the rich, so get over it. Had to stop all future elections, so get over it. We get what we deserve if we vote for any Republican.

Get over it because Trump and the GOP want this to be the new norm, eh? Get over this because losing our kids to guns and mental health issues should be acceptable in a civilized society, eh?

Get over it because the gun lobby wants you to feel safer with thousands of military grade weapons in citizen's basements without regards for the correct context of the Second Amendment, eh? Get over it because death is a part of life, and you shouldn't waste time fretting over the death of a child, eh?

Trump would murder his entire base to get back in office if he could get away with it.

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Donnie, you lost the 2020 election, get over it!!!

Even if they want to argue he "did nothing wrong" in his speech before the riot, how do they explain all his other efforts to overturn the results of the election? Is it okay to call state and local election officials attempting to convince them not to certify the results or to "find" him enough votes to put him over the top? Is it okay to come up with a bunch of fake electors in every swing state claiming he actually won that state and to browbeat the V.P. into refusing to certify? I'm sure they'd be just as cool if Biden did any or all of these things in this election.

Compared to other countries America is thriving. Let's keep the momentum going in 2024. With trump we get drama and chaos again. No thanks.

Praise God! We have the Republicans in Congress to save us from Hunter Biden. I really can't think of any issue that is more important.

Sad that Hunter Biden is the republican's top priority.

Republicans are making a distinct possibility of losing the White House again and more seats in Congress with their stance on abortion, not to mention more state elections which is a shame, since the majority of voters want abortion access. Even getting Trump off the ticket won't help unless they agree to a compromise on a national level. I know it's a state's right issue, but that doesn't matter to millions of voters especially those under 35 and it seems for many of them to be their #1 issue regardless of other issues like undocumented immigration and the economy. A national abortion on demand access law up to 20 weeks would solve the issue for most voters. Almost 99% of abortions are performed by 20 weeks, about 91% by 15 weeks. Exceptions needed for health of mother or baby after 20 weeks though. Republicans would gain more votes than they would lose. Republicans will continue to ride the bus with Democrats driving otherwise at least on the national level. You can't legislate if you can't win majorities.

No. Why should my rights depend on which state I am standing in. Do you get to decide on marriage rights too? Don't like two men married, block it. Don't like people of different races marrying, block it. Don't think POC are people and should be property? Rights shouldn't depend on state.

I disagree that a majority of voters want abortion access. There are a lot of mothers and grandmothers out here that don't believe in abortion. Birth control is so simple and inexpensive to use.

"A lot" is not more than 70%. "A lot" can be three. A majority of Americans want abortion access. Your neighborhood and family are probably skewed to align with your political beliefs - look beyond them.

Since Roe v. Wade fell, every time abortion has been laid in front of the voters, the voters have kept abortion legal. Every time. Since Kansas, Republican state governments have been working very hard to ban abortion without letting it get to the voters.

Birth control does not handle all cases.

For the longest time, republicans have been saying, "oh we have no intention of overturning abortion, it's the law of the land." And here we are.

Do you honestly think we are going to believe the religious right isn't going to come after birth control next?

Keep your religious beliefs out of other people's lives.

Or resign yourself to continuing to lose elections and a further division of our country.

It must be assumed that every GOP candidate if they get enough power will want to criminalize abortion and put women and their accomplices in prison for getting an abortion...be scared, be very scared and vote Dem

You haven't been paying attention at all. Check the current status of the economy instead of listening to some pundit who wants to obscure the truth so you'll vote how they want you to vote (for the ultra rich!) Don't you think a life-altering, possibly life-ending issue like abortion is just slliiiiiiiiightly more important to women than interest rates? Try putting yourself in someone else's shoes and you'll have the answer.

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Problem is that if Trump gets away with the 14th amendment then everyone else will do the same thing. The constitution will be reduced to an ancient piece of paper that means nothing in reality but will be used to make political talking points.

Trump tried to take the privilege of 81 million Americans away by attempting to criminally overturn the results of an election, it's a legitimate position to take away the ability for him to run for office as a result.

It is clear who these people are. This is who they continue to be. Thank goodness that there are clearly many more of us than there are of them. Let's register to vote, and show up in our overwhelming numbers. Let's win convincingly. We showed them in 2020, and we'll do even better in 2024. They'll cry foul again, but who cares. There will be no debate once we win at the ballot box, and we definitely will.

It is not illegal for a person to present themselves at the border and request asylum.

The pandemic, gang violence, and climate change have caused tens of millions to suffer and seek a better place.

Would appear trumps stable genius solutions were fanciful and flawed as the issue persists long after he was going to fix it. Big, beautiful wall paid for by Mexico. But then they aren't interested in a solution. It's one of the few cudgels they can find with which to attack Biden in campaign ads.

Stefanik has lost her character, her integrity, her values and her soul. When are Republicans going to realize they can't control a psychopath? Billionaires are the root of all evil.

1-8-24

I find Mr. Trump's policy of "two wrongs make a right" very interesting. He accuses Mr. Biden of using the justice department to persecute him, so that is what he will do if he gets elected. Very interesting.

The Supreme Court is in a pickle. They can't say Trump has immunity without also saying Biden has immunity. But the real problem is that Trump is asking them to rule on immunity before the trial and before a verdict. You can't appeal the result of a trial that hasn't happened yet.

The problem with MAGA is they pick and choose which parts of the Constitution and Bible they want to follow.

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The public rarely hears of pastors denouncing Trump's distortion of Christianity. On the other hand, Pastor's supporting Trump have been extremely vocal since Trump's election and have convinced congregants and others that Trump is the embodiment of Christianity. In my opinion, any religion with Trump at its head, is a religion devoid of morals and humanity and one to which I can't belong.

Only 13 Presidents failed to get re-elected.

Only 5 Presidents failed to win the popular vote.

Only 4 Presidents have been impeached or resigned.

Only 1 President has ever been criminally indicted.

And only ONE President has done ALL FOUR.

-Donald Trump didn't lower your taxes (He deferred them)

-He didn't get you that healthcare coverage

-He did not unite the USA, he divided it

-He didn't lower your prescription prices

-Didn't get your roads or bridges built

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-He incited an insurrection against our government

-He didn't put "America first" and he sure didn't "Drain the Swamp..."

-He left office with the worst job numbers of any President since the Great Depression.

The Devil is a liar. Trump is a liar. He has deceived many, just as Jesus warned. Woe to those who follow the false prophet; the liar; the deceiver; the divider; the beast. Evangelism and its prosperity gospel represent materialism, manmade idolatry, and contempt for the Word of God. The Make America Grottesque Again movement and their blasphemous leaders will surely pay a heavy price for their wicked, hateful ways.

The 14th Amendment was written so that people that fought for the south couldn't be elected to government after the war. Nowhere does it say that those people needed to be convicted in a court of law of rebellion or insurrection.

The scary part is that the GOP actually thinks that "allegations" is legitimate reason for Dark Brandon to be taken off the ballot or impeached. They don't seem to understand that dark Brandon would have to be found guilty of something. They don't do well with proof and facts. It's not about results in the courts or legislation. It's about getting votes. And their perpetual outrage machine is still effective at getting conservatives to vote - even when entirely based on lies and deception.

When asked if a president could be prosecuted for ordering the assassination of a political rival, Trump's lawyer struggled mightily to not say "no." The best he could do was a "qualified yes", assuming the politics of Congress fell out in favor of it. The implications of that argument should worry, if not outright frighten, anyone who loves this country.

If Trump as President can order Seal Team Six to assassinate political rivals, then ALL presidents can do the same.

Just the thought of this is scary. The USA is not Russia, China, or some third world country with no democracy.

"Trump's lawyer argues that a president can order SEAL Team Six to assassinate his political rival if Congress is cool with it" Well now that to me doesn't sound very democratic.

unbelievable. . I guess Fascism is next. armbands, deportations, genocide... why would any sane person say that about assassination of a political rival ?

A president can order a lot of horrendous things to people which is why the U.S. needs somebody seasoned and sane instead of a man-child psychopath.

Let this article sink in, "Trump's lawyer argues that a president CAN order SEAL Team Six to ASSASSINATE his political rivals if Congress is cool with it". That kind of talk is the talk of a DICTATOR. Is that what you want in America. All you Trump loyalists are not American's you are simply Trump pawn's the country you want to create is not a country for ALL AMERICANS. Trump must be stopped.

1-10-24

In 2024 House GOP majority has pushed zero bills to help anyone, failed to pass funding for the government or announce even a framework to a budget. They're busy impeaching a cabinet member, a president and holding his son in contempt. This isn't government. I'm not sure what this is but this isn't government. We have to all do better.

Thanks to the GOP's million dollar efforts, I have made up my mind not to vote for Hunter Biden in any election. Great job guys!

If the Hunter Biden case is so important that Republicans talk about it all the time, then Hunter's testimony should be conducted in public view. The whole point of conducting it in private is to edit the testimony to make false claims or generally misrepresent the testimony. I believe all Congressional Hearings should be public except where classified material is discussed.

Congresswoman Mace needed to mention Hunter's lack of te\$ticle\$? The vileness of her language demonstrates all we need to know about Republican intellect. They have none. Zero. Nada. Republicans are a truly vulgar form of American.

LOL Hunter just embarrassed the republicans. They look so weak and afraid. Can't handle their witch hunt being exposed to the public.

I believe it's possible Hunter has dirty laundry to air but how can I take any of this seriously when the attackers won't even ask questions in public? It's the public that has a right to know and judge for themselves.

Hunter Biden showing up to a hearing on finding him in contempt for not showing up to the committee hearing was gold.

You just have to applaud that move.

The hypocrisy of the GOP was on full display. They have shown exactly how ridiculous their attempt is to question Hunter Biden in private so they can distort what he actually testifies to in response to their questions.

Surely Republicans will demand Hunter suffers the same punishment they dished out to Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) Kevin McCarthy R Calif.) Scott Perry (R-Pa.) Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) and Mo Brooks (R Alabama) for ignoring their subpoenas.

Republicans have shown multiple times they have distorted closed door testimony and were later fact checked by witnesses. Hunter is right to request public testimony only. These GOP liars cannot be trusted.

MAGA Republican average day:

- Awaken angry at the world
- Tune in FOX, so they can find out who is making them angry
- Daydream how to more control women's bodies and help Trump
- Ignorance of Facts and History is COOL

- Practice Fascism while hating the Socialism they love
- Worry about the Constitution while they shred it
- Chat with friends on the latest conspiracies, get more angry
- Shine the guns, down some 'shine
- Panic that trans/gays & immigrants are coming to get them
- Realize that Dems use their education to "know stuff", become enraged!
- Read up on next insurrection well after midnight, because they are so angry

Smart move. And none of those republicans offered to testify in public as Hunter did. To vote for conviction would be to aid and abet hypocrisy.

MTG's level of karenicity, stupidity and arrogance is truly astonishing! She makes a fool of herself when she voices her highest opinions on subjects she knows nothing about. Her poor congressional record speaks volumes about herself.

Hunter triggered MTG so hard, that was amazing. Her screeching only appeals to the most insecure of Americans.

Hahahahahaha, I was waiting to see Fox spin this. Hunter wasn't a participant. He came, he saw, he left. The republicans lost control of their bowels when they saw him in attendance and I suspect that was part of the intent because it put on yet another display of the current republican disfunction followed by Fox trying to do damage control. I'm certainly not a fan of Biden but I do tip my hat to today's maneuver.

1-11-24

I don't really care for Hunter but they issued a subpoena and he showed up. Why do the GOP representatives not want Hunter to testify in public? Is there a downside to being transparent? If he's guilty of something, let's get on with it.

If Conservatives are pro-Life, why does the GOP spend so much effort defunding education, food, social, and wellness programs for children?

70% of Americans believe women should control their own bodies. 70%. Read the cards and weep.

This is the anchor for the GOP. Come election day they will pay dearly for this from women from both parties.

murder is murder.... sometimes the right things aren't popular.

Sometimes some things simply are none of your business.

What about the bastards that shoot up schools? Did the children or their mothers have a say then?

If jan6th was staged by antifa, why does trump want to pardon them?

Republicans have long resisted any attempts to federalize elections- insisting instead that elections are a states' rights issue. However, since states are NOW, exercising their rights in ways the GOP does not like they suddenly are opening the door for the federalization of who can qualify to be on the ballot.

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As a native male Texan, I have told my granddaughters that they should consider moving out of Texas to a state that supports their decisions concerning reproductive health. I would encourage any woman of childbearing age to stay clear of Texas and states that do not respect their choices.

Abortion rights lost a lot of seats for the republicans in the last election and it will be a loss for the republicans this coming election. It is like the republicans are making it a point to lose

elections. They are doing a good job at it. I agree with letting that issue be between God and the person involved.

That's what I've been noticing.

Republicans try to pretend that nothing has changed on the abortion front and that Roe simply moved the decision back to the state and that was the end of it.

Never mind the draconian anti-abortion laws they're passing. Never mind that they're actively trying to thwart the clear will of the voters in states where referendums have been on the ballot.

Nope... The abortion issue doesn't exist.

They're doing the same with Jan. 6th...

Nope... There was no coup attempt and it was just a few protesters getting out of hand, if they address it at all.

I'm curious how they plan to put the toothpaste back in the tube. Much like it was THE issue to drive red voters, it will be THE issue to drive purple and blue voters until things return to how they were from 1973 to 2022.

It just shows how little Republicans actually believe in their morals and ethics, more important is winning. The Republican Party would throw American democracy out entirely if they believed that would win them total control. These authoritarian Americans are a threat to this democratic republic, and they continue to say it and prove it with every passing day. In essence, a good third of this nation would destroy our democracy if it meant they could rule the country without interference. These are very bad people and not at all the patriots they claim to be.

This is proof that republicans are NOT a party based on principles. Whether your principles work for you or against you, you stand by them. As soon as their "pro-life" stance started to cost them at the ballot box, they shut their mouths. Abortion issue? What abortion issue? They only want power. They don't ACTUAL care about anything.

They will not answer. They will dance around and be vague. They will say what people want to hear. But rest assured when they're voted in they will restrict or eliminate abortions. Every.

Single. One. Of. Them. Gone are the days where central GOP members could have a view separate from the extremists. So if you care about that topic, vote for the other party.

Read Project 2025. The GOP want to remove all legal protections for women, minorities, and LGBTQ. Not just reproductive rights, ALL rights.

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These clowns just like to whine. Please voters, stop sending unqualified individuals to DC. If this is the best Texas has, don't send anyone.

This is Fox at its finest! They whine about Biden not doing enough then when he does, they bring on some hack politician to bemoan it isn't enough or it was too late of a response. Fox is a joke, and it is so transparent that they are, how in the world does anybody in their right mind take this network seriously.

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But the real issue isn't granting exceptions, it's about politicians taking over possession of a woman's reproduction. Get out of women's private medical and reproductive decisions

Republicans; it's not your business.

The States of Kansas and Ohio have told republicans just that.

In November the other States will speak.

Vote in November to restore individual rights!

They're not pro-life, they're pro-birth.

Sister Joan Chittister explained why being against abortion doesn't mean you're pro-life.

Here's the full quote:

"I do not believe that just because you're opposed to abortion that that makes you pro-life. In fact, I think in many cases, your morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not a child fed, not a child educated, not a child housed. And why would I think that you don't? Because you don't want any tax money to go there. That's not pro-life. That's pro-birth. We need a much broader conversation on what the morality of pro-life is."

1-15-24

They said that many were incredulous over what they described as excessive and unfair legal investigations into Trump. But, the Republicans are also doing the same thing to Biden. The only difference is that they keep finding more and more things on Trump, and nothing on Joe. Yes, they found things on Hunter that they cannot link to Joe, and that is ticking them off. How does that make you mad at Joe that Donald has more crimes that they can prove. And if he gets away with them, then we may as well just get rid of all laws and the police department. Go back to the wild west days.

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he incited an insurrection against our government

he didn't put "America first" ...We couldn't even buy TP on his watch.

He didn't drain the swamp. He just identified some republicans wallowing in it.

Two reasons: Greed. They like those Trump tax cuts for the rich; let the middle class pay for running the country. And ignorance. Just look at the examples. Chip Shaw complains about paying \$6 for a carton of eggs. Does he blame Biden for the resurgence of the bird flu epidemic? More worrisome is the 73-year-old physician who seems to be completely ignorant about the strong economy under Biden.

Trump is so smart that he claimed that if Biden was elected the stock market would completely crash.

1. Now the US has a record stock market,

2. We have lowest unemployment other than Japan, And let's not forget that Biden created 13.2 M jobs in his 1st 30 months in office,

3. We have the highest GDP growth rate,
 4. We have the lowest inflation in the world,
 5. We have the lowest energy costs among all the G7 countries.
 6. Plus, the S&P 500 has also gained 30%
 7. We are also producing more oil domestically than we ever have in our history even over Trump's record, and we are also EXPORTING more oil than we ever have in our history.
 8. Additionally, crime in almost every category went down across U.S.
- So tell me what's the "stable genius" plan to improve the economy?

Here's a quick breakdown of what both parties are running on: Republicans: Border security. Lower crime. Build the economy. Lower taxes. Strengthen our military. Build infrastructure. School choice. Democrats: Defund the police. Make all crime legal. Raise taxes. Destroy the economy. Destroy our military w DEI programs. Give our tax dollars to our enemies. Force transgenderism on kids. Make it a crime to misgender someone. Kill babies. Thanks for coming to my TedTalk. I will now be taking your questions, comments and concerns.

Ohh, my question.. is the tinfoil hat too tight or does it fit just right?

you are plain wrong. Repubs did not vote for the infrastructure bill that was from Biden and the Dems. Remember Tommy Tuberville (R) who held up military appt for months which weakened the military readiness. R are restricting choices in schools by banning books and removing courses, Biden and the Dems polices helped the American economy recover after the pandemic better than other countries around the world. Know the facts and stop spreading lies. FOX and Newsmax are entertainment not factual news.

Illegal immigration is the biggest Issue to people in Iowa?? What else are they concerned with gangs and drive by shootings?

It's the biggest issue because it's what the GOP and FOX entertainment focus on in order to harness the MAGA base's xenophobia and racism. They just keep hammering the "open borders" fiction and talking about "hordes of illegals" because they don't have any real issues.

Fox, The Hill, and The Telegraph have lost all credibility by their relentless biased spin on everything. Anybody remember that the Fox slogan--before 2016--"Fair and Balanced"?

1-16-24

Trump didn't win 100% of the voters in Iowa. Only 52%. That's 52% of the far right white republicans in Iowa. How will he win the majority of independents if he barely wins the majority of far right white voters in Iowa? I don't care if he's convicted or not, he won't win in November unless Americans don't vote. But by November, Biden will have more job growth than Reagan, the Bush's and Trump had in 24 years in office. His GDP growth rate will approach 4 times greater than Trump's. Unless Americans are tired of significant job growth, lower unemployment and higher GDP growth then Biden wins. Why would you go back to 2020?

lol..President Biden actually got infrastructure week done... the chips act. unemployment at an all time low. stock market at an all time high. but the BIGGEST problem YOU have is...

ROE v. Wade :)) women care more about their controlling their own bodies than the price of gas.

what about the guy that spent \$2000 on trump attire and complains about the price of gasoline ?

Sorry but he is going to be convicted. I think everyone should vote for Biden if they want our Democracy to survive.

Standing at the register complaining about how their money doesn't cover the things like groceries, while buying a \$75.00 set of Trump "Nutz".

"A decommissioned church in a tiny village that is now packed with Trump merch." ...kinda says all you need to know about the state the US is in.

I have a Trump doll in an orange jump suit.

The new MAGA religion embraces profanity. It's part of the religion.

Trinkets made in China for numb skulls in the USA! Sad commentary on the people buying this stuff thinking it's the amusing truth when it's nothing more than pandering to the lowest denominator but then again, these people aren't smart enough to see it!

MAGAGA IQ equals Iowa winter temps

Trump vulgar merchandise... bought and sold by the same people that want to tell you what church to go to and how to live your life.

The state of US politics is alarming. Nobody talks about the issues, they just point at each other making accusations that fire up their base with no intent of making positive change or working together towards mutually beneficial compromise.

This is not how democracy is supposed to work.

1-17-24

Thanks to Biden we are the envy of the world on two fronts: our economic growth rate, and our incredibly low inflation rate. I'm not saying inflation is low historically, especially if you look at the past 15 years, I'm saying it's really low compared to other nations. Inflation is a worldwide issue and many are trying to blame it on Biden, which makes no sense since he's out performed here. As for legislative accomplishments, there's the CHIPS and Science Act which brought infinitely more semiconductor manufacturing to America, he's gotten Medicare to negotiate drug prices via the Inflation Reduction Act. Lower income people that couldn't afford insulin could now get it for only \$35, which will save a lot of lives. He improved health care for Veterans, ended America's longest war ever, funded a ton of infrastructure through the American Rescue Plan. Name one other President in the past sixty years that's done that much, you can't do it. Our COVID recovery has been nothing short of miraculous. Take into account Biden's other accomplishments and it is very clear who is the better leader. I can't wait for this election to be over and done with and to have at least four more years of prosperity under a real president and leader.

1-19-24

He's brainwashing his supporters to make them think he's mentally stable. No one walks around bragging about the things he brags about. Never trust a man who wears orange makeup. Never trust a man who says if you come after me I'm coming after you. Guess that means Mr. Bone Spurs will send Seal Team Six out to take down all of his rivals. He just confessed to committing a crime and no one is paying attention.

And there are more independents voting than either democrats or republicans. We the independents ultimately decide who's getting elected, because we're not voting because of any party affiliation.

Trump lost the a lot of the independent vote last time around, and he's going to lose even more of it this time, if he makes it to election day without winding up behind bars.

and "promise to unleash chaos and bedlam" around the nation if they proceed, Trump's lawyers wrote

If this is not a threat promising another Jan 6th, I don't know what is and he should be held in contempt for making threats against America. The difference is this time, the rest of us will be ready.

Interesting argument. Trump suggests to the Supreme Court that he should not be held accountable for violence against the democratic process by suggesting that if he is held accountable there will be violence.

Out of 46 presidents, only the one speaking. Here needs immunity. C'mon, folks! THINK this through!

1-20-24

As an independent voter, I would have voted for Asa Hutchinson (R). He left Arkansas with a budget surplus and worked in a bipartisan way with the lawmakers in our state to get things done.

He was respectful, had integrity, and respected others with a different opinion...so of course he didn't meet the "new GOP/Maga" standards. He withdrew after polling just .5%.

Instead, I'll vote for Biden...

Worth mentioning is that in 2018 the Trump administration's dismantled a National Security Council directorate at the White House charged with preparing for **when, not if, another pandemic would hit the nation**. Another incompetent decision by Trump. Less government is NOT always good.

Interesting. Christians are offended by a cartoon yet they support Donald Trump, a real live person whose actions are much worse than a pretend cartoon. Hard to take these folks serious.

1-21-24

When Trump ran in 2016 there were tons of examples of word salad, has he gotten worse due to age? or because he is growing increasingly agitated with his court cases and campaign schedule? He wasn't fit in 2016 he is not fit in 2024 for many reasons. You can almost see steam coming out of his ears like a cartoon character.

The way Trump's degraded the Republican Party and the respect, honor, values and truth (mostly) that they once stood for, has been wild to witness.

1-22-24

The Republican GOP couldn't care less about the people. The unwillingness to even try to work with the other side to better the lives of the American people is obvious. All they care about is themselves. Wasting tax money on frivolous committees, instead of allocating this money towards programs or projects to help the people that voted them in.

No accomplishments? I think our enemies would disagree. They have successfully worked to divide the nation in their insipient support of trump, casting aside all integrity, common sense, and logic in doing so. They have launched pointless investigations with no actual evidence of a crime, all in the attempt to smear the POTUS to aid trump in the upcoming election. They have brought us to the brink of gov't shutdowns several times because of their refusal to find bipartisan solutions and pass a budget. They now refuse to support Ukraine until the border situation is improved, but they sabotage that effort because it could be considered positive for the POTUS and trump has ordered against that. They may not have accomplished anything positive for our nation, but they have certainly succeeded in disrupting our gov't on trump's behalf.

USSR was 10x bigger than Afghanistan, and they ran with their tail between their legs after a few years of guerilla warfare.

USA out gunned North Vietnam in every way during the Vietnam War, and we went bankrupt fighting guys on flip flops.

Size doesn't matter in modern warfare.

The so called Freedom Caucus doesn't want to govern, they want to stop the wheels of government and leave the country in a state of laissez faire anarchy where the strong rule the weak and the rich get richer.

They complain about deficits while cutting funding to the IRS so revenues can drop even more relative to expenditures.

The Freedom Caucus is the product of right wing talk radio and Fox News and to a considerable extent, Kevin, you have been an enabler of it.

1-23-24

I was a teen before abortion was legal. The teens were telling each other how to do it to themselves in not good ways. The wealthy could always get one. I will wager that women have been doing it in not good ways for centuries. Making it illegal will not make it go away.

Before Roe v Wade, those who had not money got coat hanger abortions. Those with money, Daddy paid off a doctor to do the abortion. In many instances, it was the pastors of the churches that arranged abortions for single girls with no money. And a lot of them died. A lot.

The pro-choice crowd does not tell the anti-crowd what to do, but the anti-crowd wants to force their beliefs on everyone.

Most abortions take place before there is anything close to looking like a viable fetus. These anti abortionists that carry around pictures of supposed babies that have been aborted are just lying and spreading misinformation!

The 19 year old activist in this story is in for a rude surprise at some point. She's too young , naive, and immature herself to really understand what she's doing- or what the larger implications of her dream of having abortion become illegal nationally will be. She is being brainwashed into thinking that making abortion permanently illegal on a national level will somehow stop all abortions from happening. It WON'T. Those who can afford to go to places where abortion is legal will always do so, simply because they can. The people who will get hurt the most, however- and the ones who will DIE- will be poor and low income women- and this girl had better be careful, because there may come a day when she will find herself in that category.

Ms. Hope Miller had better hope she's never faced with an unintended, unwanted or defective pregnancy. Maybe then she'll wish she hadn't been so intolerant and restrictive.

The religious far right want no abortions ,no exceptions. If something bad happens ,its in God's hands.

More than 60 million human beings have been murdered in the womb since abortion became legal in 1973. 2,300 human beings are killed every day (disproportionately African Americans), and tomorrow, it will be another 2,300 dead and gone. This happens every single day.

To put that in perspective, gun violence kills a total of 110 per day in the United States, and so, abortion remains 23x more deadly than guns. It is the greatest Holocaust in our nation's history. That's 60 million times women and families were saved and have been able to go on with their lives and avoided a very bad situation. Focusing only on what you describe as murder proves how extreme and unjust that opinion is. Realize that it is responsible to not ignore the living. And

that to demand that half formed potential life as preferable to the living is a fool's gambit. A woman can always have another child. A fetus needs resources, at least a mother, how many years before it is self sufficient

So to be a Christian I have to go to church every Sunday and give 10% of my income to the church? Oh nope not happening. You don't need to do those things to be a Christian, you are flawed.

Jesus Christ taught compassion, kindness, forgiveness and treated everyone with dignity. How any Catholic bishop who claims to live by the teachings of Christ can endorse Trump, whose whole life has been a repudiation of everything Christ preached is truly incredible and wrecks of the worst form of hypocrisy.

Finally some REAL Christians look beyond party and look in reality at their faith. If they looked at the candidates without any bias, they would easily conclude that Trump has no morals: prideful, multi divorced, adulterer, rapist, nasty comments about others, a scam and con artist, lusting after his own daughter, etc.

1-24-24

In the 2000 election, 97,488 Floridians went to the polls and voted for Ralph Nader over Al Gore or George W. Bush. The vast majority of them were disaffected liberals who saw little difference between the two candidates and voted for Nader as a means to protest the two-party system. A handful of them possibly thought that Nader had a legit chance of becoming president, but they were fooling themselves. These were symbolic votes. The only problem is that in an election that close — as all the polls predicted it would be — every single vote mattered, even the symbolic ones. If a mere 538 out of those 97,488 people voted for Gore, he would have won. The entire 21st century would have unfolded in a radically different way. The Iraq War may never have happened, and it's very likely Donald Trump would never have been elected president. Most dumb decisions on this list were made by politicians, but this one is on the voters — and in this case voters who prided themselves on how smart and righteous they were. Those 97,488 people made a very dumb decision. We've been paying for it ever since.

1-25-24

Margie just made it completely clear, anyone who disagrees with any Trump policy at all will be forced out. They're making the Republican party so exclusive that they're going to exclusive themselves right out of existence.

1-26-24

The GOP is going to end up owning the border problems with their fealty to Trump.

If you can explain how Christian Americans can explain THEIR treatment of immigrants.

I like how Republicans push out their chests when they say "We are a country of laws" when the topic is illegal immigration. As if that ends the discussion. But when their pols break the law, then it seems we're all sinners, Jesus forgives us, who is ready to cast the first stone, etc.

Remember back in the day, maybe 15 years ago, that being arrested would disqualify you from any elected office? Now its a badge of honor. Scary times.

WOW. I have never seen that celebrated in all my years... like the MAGA folks celebrate breaking the law while claiming to support police and be the party of law & order.

We can do better CO

What Christians would get behind a 78 year old bigot who has been convicted of tax evasion, corporate fraud and sexual assault?

I would discount any Christianity that comes out to support a mob boss, whose idea of winning elections is with a Capitol REPUBLICAN LYNCH MOB. So if the pagans are supporting Trump, I would hardly consider them Christian.

Greed, Power, Ridicule, Sexual Assault Lying, Cheating, Adultery, all great "Christian" traits.

Don't Christians / Evangelicals preach against the anti Christ ??? Now they are supporting him and urging people to vote for him. Sort of conflicting messages here.

Remember when Republicans, and Trump in particular, argued that the mere fact Hillary Clinton was under investigation made her ineligible to be President simply because she MIGHT be too busy with litigation to be an effective president?

Does the phrase 'Nobody is above the law' have any meaning nowadays?

Trump simply has absolutely no respect for the law, social norms, the constitution, democracy. He simply has no respect of any kind whatsoever for anything, anybody, including no self-respect. Therefore, he is not able to feel shame or embarrassment. He has no guardrails, no scruples, no morals, no sense of right and wrong. He is a failed creature.

1-27-24

So anyone serious about border security would accept this border security bill. Anyone who just wants to use the border as a talking point is against this bill.

The year is 2024 not 1944. It's incredible and somewhat frightening that in this country we have individuals who supposedly represent the well being of US citizens, have the mentality of a potato.

1-28-24

Don't forget it was Trump and his extremist GOP that just torpedoed the BI-PARTISAN border deal in order to "deny Biden a win".

One party continues to put personal gain over the good of the country....which one is that I wonder?

1-29-24

The GOP loves the Supreme Court and the Constitution - until they don't. They love law and order and are insistent that laws must be obeyed - until they don't. Noem is an insurrectionist and should be stripped of her office as should Abbott and all the other insurrectionists. A society based upon laws requires compliance and deference, not contempt and disrespect.

This tells you everything you need to know about the Republican party. They are about control and power and not about making the United States better. Our government is most successful when they work together.

Mr. Lankford punished for trying to do what is right. He did what all the leaders should be doing, try to talk together, work things out together; instead of fighting, arguing, suing, finger pointing.

So again, the republican's are stating right here that they are going to punish a fellow republican for bipartisan negotiations for border resolution?? That's all the American people need to see!

Sooo Oklahoma GOP... what your saying by passing this resolution is the following:

- It's better to do nothing about the border.
- Attempting to negotiate a border solution, also known as governing, is bad good job Oklahoma GOP..

Everybody sees what's going on. Republicans are not interested in solving any problems if it looks like a plus for a Democratic incumbent. Democrats from the president on down, however, will always reach across the aisle to achieve something positive for the greatest number of Americans, even if only to check the cruelest impulses of their Republican colleagues.

Norm does not cite any specifics. She doesn't know if the proposed bill is good or bad. She only knows that she needs to say the bill is bad because Cheeto Mussolini says so. The words of Conservative Republican Senators indicate otherwise. They know this is a great deal from their historically conservative point of view. Cadet Bonespurs wants continued chaos at the border to further his political ambitions, to the detriment of our National Security.

The word Christian and Trump are polar opposites.

Christians supporting the man who is just this side of the Devil and wanting to believe God has sent him to save America. Their Messiah loved everyone and forgave everyone, including his enemies. Trump hates so many and seeks revenge against a long list of enemies.

A lot more would get done with Sen. Tillis' attitude on the situation. I cannot understate how much I appreciated hearing Tillis say "I didn't come here to have a president as a boss or a candidate as a boss. I came here to pass good, solid policy that will help a president who is serious [about] securing the border," Sounds like he's about working for the people, which all of these Representatives and Senators should be doing already, but instead a large portion of the republican party are puppets to Trump and as a productive US citizen, I'm appalled by their actions. There's no guarantee Trump is going to win in November, so delaying these policies so Trump can lie and say he's going to fix the border like he said in 2016 and look how that turned out. The border needs help NOW, and if this bipartisan agreement would be passed a year ago, and will provide needed help NOW, it's sad that just because Trump is running for president 2024 it won't happen. I mean wrap your brain around that one. It's hard enough to get any type of agreement between the republicans and democrats and when we do, Trump ruins it.

No matter how much they scream and complain, the very last thing the Republicans want is a secure border. If it was secure, they could no longer use it as a weapon against Biden. The last bill to go before Congress that beefed up border security saw all except two Republicans voting AGAINST it. So, the next time Tim Scott, Marsha Blackburn or any of another 200+ Republicans wailing about our open borders, remember that they voted AGAINST securing it. I thought the repubs wanted the border secure? Supposedly, this is the best, conservative border legislation in decades and the repubs don't want to vote on it because of politics! Trump is a cancer and he needs to stop trying to intervene. Because nothing will get done if he gets back in office(he won't).

1-30-24

The ironic thing is many if not all MAGA individuals and most Republicans in general have done the very same thing with Donald Trump. They view him as a savior and idolize him like Jesus. Sounds weird that he is saying you can't do that as in the Bible, but the whole network is about idolizing one figure, that being Trump.

Happy people don't criticize others

Unhappy people do.

Not everything is a conspiracy, or political.

The Fox News world of painting everyone as either Conservative or a "lib" is creepy.

People are more than their voter registration.

MAGA's are soiling themselves at the prospect that Taylor's followers might make the correct (not "the right") choice come November. . . .

Taylor Swift is smart, nice and compassionate- those attributes disallow her from being a conservative.

I hope Taylor and her Swiftys, all go out to vote BLUE; She is getting under MAGAs skin, and they know it.

2-1-24

If only it were that simple, Mark. Current laws are being enforced. Biden has also proposed legislation that would make it much harder to claim asylum; Republicans blocked it. Biden has asked for additional funding for increase patrol agents and enhanced equipment; Republicans blocked it. Biden implemented additional actions; Republicans appealed to the SC to require him to cease and desist. The Governor of Texas has blocked border agent access to the work area. And on and on. It is not that simple, Mark. Not by a long shot. More could be done and perhaps what Biden has done (that was then blocked) and proposed (that never got out the gate because it was blocked) would or would not have been enough but it would have been more. No.

Republicans are plenty ready to yell about the border issue (which is longer standing including under Republican controlled white house) but they sure do not see interested in solving it, neither supporting measures the President proposes or implements by Executive Order nor coming up with their own solutions. House Republicans have stated loud and clear that they will not support any actions to control the border while Biden is in the White House as they need the talking point and improving the situation might help Biden. That's it pure and simple. Republicans are again placing party and personal agenda above what is best for the country and their constituents. THAT is the problem (regardless of what Fox News, might be telling you).

Trump is against the bipartisan border deal, wants the economy to tank, the stock market to crash and for his opponents to rot in hell. What kind of narcissistic, self-enriching, delusional, menace to society, who is running for president, would wish that on America. He wants to be able to claim that he is going to fix all of these things, when in fact, Biden has already done so. Trump is toxic and only cares about himself. He lives and breathes the desire to be powerful and doesn't give a hoot about America or it's citizens. To make matters worse, his supporters stand behind all of this bull hooey, which tells me that don't care about America's citizens either.

MAGA Republican average day:

- Wake up angry at the world
- Watch "unbiased" propaganda, so they can find out who is making them angry
- Ponder how to more control women's bodies
- Prefer alternatives to facts and whitewash history
- Admire Fascism while hating the Socialism benefits they use
- Worry about the Constitution while they shred it
- Read up on the latest conspiracies, get more angry
- Polish the guns, down some 'shine
- Worry that trans/gays & immigrants are coming to get them
- Discover that Dems use their education to "know stuff", become enraged!
- Everything plastered in red, white & blue flags - True "Pay-triots for Trump"
- Support next insurrection well after midnight... because they are so angry

The house is trying to pass legislation that will allow Biden to CLOSE the border. It will go to the senate and Biden has already said he WILL close the border. Basically, giving the

republicans everything they wanted.....but now they're against that. Why? Because they need a diversion from their anti abortion debacle and the fact that they have accomplished NOTHING. Even republicans here in Texas are complaining about the fact they have nothing to run on. So...you get this.

Wouldn't immigration reform be a priority for the GOP? but they clearly said in public: " we will not pass any laws that help Joe Biden's popularity." Isn't sabotaging the current Executive Branch and making America suffer intentionally (in an effort to get leadership change) considered Treason?

The GOP gets a taste of it own medicine. Once elected to office, one is a public servant, sworn to protect the Constitution and the US and fellow citizens. That means putting aside partisanship and working together to resolve problems and issues, to craft legislation that makes sense and helps as many as possible, to be knowledgeable about history, the law, one's fellow citizens, and everything pertaining to one's job, and to carry oneself with dignity, integrity, and humility. Congress needs to get their act together like mature adults so they can do the job we hired them to do.

Why is it that Republicans only gain a spine or a willingness to speak the truth as they are leaving office or have already left office?

I disagree with Crenshaw on a lot of issues but he is right here. It is not just current representatives. Trump is trying to make this bill DOA in the house and even if he was still privy to reading the bill, he wouldn't because he has a 3rd grade reading level and doesn't actually care about legislating. The GOP has completely lost their way

Brandon baited Republicans into publicly denying they want to cut Medicare and Social Security while they're actively campaigning to cut Medicare and Social Security. Then he baited House Republicans and Senate Republicans to show everyone they have no plan for immigration reform.

Crenshaw sees the same thing everyone sees - a GOP completely incapable of governing so much as a lemonade stand.

I loved it when Dark Brandon made the entire Republican caucus clap for him when he said, " Folks- as we all apparently agree social security and Medicare is off the books now, right? After everyone clapped he exclaimed, "we got unanimity!"

2-3-24

Here's reality: I have heard of very few people who voted against Trump last election (that he lost by a landslide) changing their minds whereas after 1/6 and the years of election denials, a large number of Trump supporters have decided they won't vote for him. He lost by 10 million votes in 2020. How's he going to make that up?

It is pretty unlikely that I will vote for a republican again in my lifetime after all that I have seen since 2016. I am hopeful that there are many more out there that feel the same.

The MAGA agenda:

1. Attack the truth and those who speak it
2. Attack the rule of law and those who enforce it
3. Prove that government is broken by breaking the government

2-4-24

Offered the GOP a bill to restrict border, they turned it down. They don't want to solve this problem. If it was solved they wouldn't have anything to run on. Border will continue to be a problem no matter what forever, so that GOP has a talking point.

The baby boomers do bicker about certain aspects of wars. But they love wars as we have seen since they took over. If Trump had done exactly what Biden did Graham would be praising him big time.

And if Biden had responded any sooner then Johnson would have complained that the response was too soon and it should have been planned out better. The political division in this country is off the rails and our country is on the verge of an implosion.

I have seen or heard nothing to make me believe that Trump's popularity is "soaring" again. I HAVE in fact read and heard that he has lost most independent voters and those GOP moderates who have switched to Independents. The more Marjorie Taylor Greene & MAGA company threaten and alienate Republican voters, the less chance he will have.

2-5-24

Put President Biden and the Don on a debate stage and let America decide which one is an angry, addled old man and which old man supports health care, a woman's right to choose, repairing America's infrastructure, and the auto workers union. Neither candidate should interrupt the other when he's speaking.

2-6-24

She said, " Biden is going to be putting more pressure on the Senate and the House". If I remember correctly it's not the presidents job to write laws, that responsibility belongs to the house and senate. Maybe the American people should start putting the blame where it belongs with congress.

Opposing the bill isn't going to win you any new votes from the far right and it's not going to cost you any votes from the far left. Those people are already decided. Just like supporting the bill isn't going to win you any new votes from the left or cost you any from the right.

But to those of us in the center who don't know how we're voting in November, announcing your opposition to the bill before you've even read it is a red flag. The fact that some of y'all explicitly said that you won't support it solely because it makes Biden look good is an even bigger red flag. How about putting the country over the parties?

Not sure what the end game was but to the independent voters, this looks like a win for the (D) column.

The bill will help with border security, more so than any bill in decades. The GOP helped negotiate it after all and that is what they want. They want more and nothing stops another bill from being passed. But Trump wants the border as bad as possible for the election.... he's said that.

I love how President Biden has turned it around on them. Now they're forced to defend their obstruction, when they could be stealing the credit (their normal M.O.) for a strong border bill. McConnell is the only repuQ who can strategize, and now they ignore him in favor of Donny's ridiculous instructions. I'd laugh at this stuff in a movie. Genuine comedy here.

In 2013 the US Senate advanced a comprehensive bipartisan immigration deal that included a wall with a 68-32 vote and it was blocked by House leader John Boehner and his GOP allies. It was never brought up to the floor for a vote simply because Republicans knew it had widespread support and feared the landmark legislation would be accepted and signed into law by Barack Obama and they could not allow that to happen as it would give Obama a legislative win and take away the biggest GOP election talking point. Just over a year later Trump started his campaign for president bashing Democrats for being weak on immigration and promising to

build a wall that never happened. What's going on in the US Congress today is a replay of Republicans desperate attempt to protect their favorite wedge issue for corrupt political purposes. Translation: The new bill would be a tremendous fix for the mess Trump left at the border, and there's no way we're gonna let Biden get credit for solving the problem in an election year. What would that leave us to whine and lie about?

Seems like these remarks were prepared before the bill was seen. House GOP do not want a win for Biden, Trump says no, and House GOP continue their war on government. The America people again are no concern for them. If the house GOP can be one of, even not the least, productive terms in the house they will were seemingly wear it like a badge of honor. They are incapable of governing.

I watched January 6 in real time - it was a clear attempt to overthrow the government. It was all premediated long before January 6 - starting with if he lost, the election was rigged; phone calls pressuring secretaries of states; making up false slates of electors; pressuring Pence.

I'm a life long Democrat but I've always respected Republicans, even if I didn't agree with them, up until Trump. I want the old Republican party back. Even if we disagreed, there was sanity and a sense of pride and respect there. It's totally gone.

2-8-24

Ask INSURRECTIONIST Marjorie Greene & the other MAGA troglodyte, Q: How come 140 police officers were seriously injured by "peaceful" protesters?

Marjorie Taylor Greene Introduced a Resolution to Impeach DHS Secretary Mayorkas on Nov 9, 2023. She barked and barked and barked for 3 months trying to impeach him. During this time, she introduced ZERO bills to help the American People! She co-signed ZERO bills to help the American People. Lastly, she talked about ZERO bills to help the American People! After 3 months of wasted tax-payers money, she failed at impeaching Mayorkas! What will this do to help the border, NOTHING! All Republicans do is play politics - and scream on Fox News! Marjorie Taylor Greene did not go to Congress to help Americans! She went to Congress to spend money on conspiracies and unwarranted impeachments.

2-9-24

“Life After Life”

The right will run with this and say this special counsel as though he is medically certified and should be believed 100%.. is Biden questionable? About the same as Trump. They both forget things and misstate things and refer to the wrong people. This special counsel obviously has political points to make and took his shot. Repubs can try and run with it based off a one person political attack job but they can go stuff it. You can't protect Trump then go after Biden when both their ages and mental capacity seem pretty much aligned. I'm voting for the people behind the President in this election and it certainly won't be looking red in any way,

If they did not remove Reagan when he was nothing but a vegetable, or Nixon when he talked to portraits of former presidents, what are the odds that they will remove an old man that occasionally makes laughable and sad gaffes.

Boy, now all of a sudden, the GOP is interested in bad handling of classified docs and it's vital enough of a concern to begin "exploring" Biden's removal. BUT, Trump's case wasn't never even on their radar. In their minds, he's still the best man for the Presidency. Crimes, misdeeds, bad decisions and personal vendettas aside, he's their guy! Trump 2024 for a party that has no conscience, no integrity and feels no responsibility to represent all American citizens.

As Mark Twain once opined, "it's easier to con someone than to convince them they've been conned." How sad it is that some individuals believe that scientists, scholars, historians, economists, and journalists have devoted their entire lives to deceiving them, while a reality tv star with decades of fraud and exhaustively documented lying is their only beacon of truth and honesty.

Trump is the master of shiny objects, lies and conspiracies meant to distract. Trump attempted to overthrow a presidential election, thru VP pressure, massive voter fraud propoganda, fake electors and calling state legislators for votes.

FUN FACT: Trump ran on affordable healthcare for all, balanced budgets, and great trade deals and a wall Mexico was going to pay for. No care, broke records for deficit spending , had to give farmers billions due to his complete failure with trade and little wall.

Meanwhile our for profit healthcare system is the #1 reason for personal bankruptcy and we spend more annually on the military than the next 10 countries on the planet COMBINED! Maga has been played for suckers, much like what Trump suggests our military professionals are.

Wonder where that affordable healthcare for all went that Trump promised. It never arrived after the massive tax cuts for the wealthy. Trump and the GOP's corrosive impact on woman / voter's rights are historic. And now Trump wants FULL IMMUNITY. Innocent people don't need that folks, just dictators do.! Truth over hate 2024

The nauseating thing in all of this is that we're supposed to believe that voting "fraud" only happened in swing states. If the election deniers were truly concerned about voting irregularities, they would have to look at every state; would have raised concerns in every state. It's quite clear to me that focusing their attention on only the states that didn't go their way solidifies just how unserious they are at reducing voting fraud in favor of "fixing" elections. So, this election denier, this Stefanik, tells us who she is; we should believe her.

Trump's 2020 loss had nothing to do with election law changes. It had everything to do with him saying over and over to his voters, don't trust mail in voting, be sure to vote in person. Before he said that, his senior citizen voters were more likely to vote by mail, but his cult does whatever he wishes. Everybody knew when they went to bed on election night and mail in votes still needed to be counted that Trump would lose. There simply would not be enough GOP mail in votes. There was no fraud except for a couple of GOP voters doing what Trump told them to do - vote for their dead mother or vote in two places. But pretty much everybody followed the rules. Trump has nobody to blame but himself.

So she is stating clearly that in the future she is willing to break the law and ignore the Constitution for Donald Trump. Thanks for saying the quiet part out loud. I guess that's the litmus test for Trump VP choices.

Stefanik-"Pence's problem is that he has a conscience. I don't have that problem."

Carano's anti-vax, anti-mask stands went against widespread mainstream medical policy and encouraged unsafe practices during a public health crisis that resulted in millions of deaths world wide. Fortunately that is in the rear view mirror for the most part. She had no medical expertise to back what she was saying and I expect Disney has contracts are pretty airtight control of messaging. Whether you agree with the message or not, Disney signs the checks and you agree to their rules. She wasn't campaigning for Trump, she was advocating an unsafe, unproven medical view. If she had been advocating the benefits of recreational psychedelics or Fentanyl, she probably would have been let go also.

Dream: The dream ended with the zombies, becoming psychotically self-aware, and ended up killing themselves rather than face their undead existence.

Taylor Swift has almost 300 million followers, fanatical fans around the world. The people who would vilify her for a political endorsement are ones who already don't like her. This is the USA. She can endorse anyone she wants. That's how it works over here. I don't think she will shy away from who she is on the advice of some "top talent agent." That's laughable.

So, billionaires can sway the outcome of an election with their money, but entertainers and celebrities with loyal followers can't? Someone explain to me why this is different.

Does the threat of vilification only apply when an athlete or entertainer endorse the Democratic President, because I've seen many country artist, Vanilla Ice, UFC Fighter Colby Covington support Trump and not a word. Entertainer's and Athletes do not have to give up their rights as citizens of the U.S., they have every right to voice their opinion as anyone else, they will be affected by the election just like everyone else. I believe the more they come after Taylor Swift, the more influence She will have, if that's even possible.

I believe the majority of the country is moderate, socially liberal, fiscally conservative. Like myself, I don't care if you're gay and want to be married. I am pro choice with limitations. But I don't think there should be unlimited handouts like reparations, cancellation of student debt, a blank check of foreign aid to other countries. And no I don't like guns either, but I understand why people do because many people don't live in the safest neighborhoods, or live out in more remote areas.

Swift is smart and experienced, she knows this well. She understands the gravity of having someone like trump back in the white house and is using her popularity to disapprove. There's this thing called freedom of speech.

She should be considered a brave patriot.

I prefer a President who didn't say the US Constitution is "archaic" and "really bad" for the country.

Remember 2010-2016 when Republicans most important priorities were:

- 1) Replace Obamacare.
- 2) Reduce Deficit and Debt
- 3) Grow GDP more rapidly.

Trump failed on all 3 -- and Republicans think he was a success.

Poor memory. The country accrued an unfathomable amount of debt during his 4 years.

Normally this would be unacceptable for the party of fiscal responsibility except for nearly 3 trillion in corporate tax breaks were stolen and used for company buybacks. Approved by boards comprised of the highest stakeholders in the companies wanting to inflate the value of their own holdings. Sure, your 401K did great until it didn't. It was the greatest con in American history and it created the illusion of a robust economy. Billionaires will not be the ones who pay it back. He lost in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023... But 2024 will be different. Einstein's definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

People forget that Biden had to rebuild the economy after the pandemic. He was left a mess, and has actually done a good job of bringing it back. It's not fair to compare the economy of 2020 to the economy before the pandemic. In fact, most of the experts predicted a deep recession and a stock market collapse. Those things didn't happen while Biden's been in office.

Tale of the tape:

- Record debt and deficit increases
- Mishandled pandemic that crushed the economy and left over a million Americans dead

- Largest transfer of wealth to the rich from the middle class
- Implemented tariffs that spurred inflation, raising consumer prices
- Increased racial tensions
- Attempted to overthrow the government
- Did nothing to help healthcare costs
- The only wall building was a scam by his cronies
- Pardoned a bunch of unrepentant criminals
- Did nothing for infrastructure
- Divided the nation at every turn
- Put people in concentration camps
- Committed rape, fraud, extortion, bribery, conspiracy, sedition, incitement, theft, obstruction, solicitation

But he signed off on Warp Speed and got Roe overturned, setting back women's rights half a century.

I'm almost 72 years of age. In my voting lifetime, I don't remember when our only two options for president were this abysmal. I voted for Biden in 2020, I'll vote for him again this year. Only because the alternative is completely terrifying and unacceptable to those of us who want the USA to remain a democratic republic, who don't want someone who's a dangerously mentally unhinged criminal in the Oval Office. Trump was unfit for the presidency in 2016 by every measure, he's even more unfit now. At least, warts and all, Biden isn't Trump.

In over 40 years as a registered voter, I have never been polled. I will be voting Pro Choice and Pro Democracy down the ballot.

I'm sorry, but Trump is any better? He can't string along a coherent sentence or stay on topic to save his life, and ya'll are bowing at his feet? If you truly believe that we need someone mentally competent in the white house, then you would agree with me when I say that neither one of them deserve the presidency, but you won't. Because you worship Trump like he is your God.

And to take a lawyers opinion on someone's mental health is pretty pathetic and totally reaching. If the same report came out having the same opinion on Trump, you would STILL be bowing at his feet as if he is your God.

The hypocrisy with the maga party is truly amazing.

Isolationism didn't work well before. Won't work now.

Roe vs wade is what is also driving many young women to vote against the republicans.

What scares the living daylights out of the GQP is that Taylor is of the "country" kind of artist and has a powerful presence with younger voters. The GQP has always thought that, like the hypocrites known as evangelicals, they'd have the country crowd in the bag automatically. Taylor could completely upend that with another endorsement of Joe Biden. The orange criminal traitor is going to lose anyway (if you put any stock in fund raising results), and if he's a convicted felon by Aug or Sept, the loss will be historic and maybe completely destroy the GQP with massive downballot losses because of their cult leader. Taylor could make that even more disastrous and see the GQP blown up in nuclear fashion.

I'm a MAGA trumper....and the whole thing is a Democratic conspiracy....let's see....Biden is President # 46....running for a second term... $46 \times 2 = 92$Travis Kelce's number is 87..... 92 minus $87 = 5$...what has 5 edges ?..the Pentagon....enough said...the Superbowl is rigged so KC and Travis Kelce and his COVID vax statements win..and so Taylor Swift can endorse Biden at the victory celebration after the game...

Taylor Swift - real life Wonder Woman in a triumphant moment in time to "Save the World" from dictators. Wow

I'm not defending Biden but if its him or Trump sorry I'm voting Biden. Give me someone to vote for that's normal and I will vote for him or her.

Gran Turismo: "This is an untapped demographic of buyers that we should be reaching"... "These players have tracked more track time than you have in your entire career"... "It's unprecedented"... "Not some flamed out has-been"... "It's a contest"... "You have to find something *achievable*"... "I am doing it, whether you believe in me or not"... "I'm here to prove that you can't"... "This is not a game"... "I am going to work you harder than you've ever been worked. And I am going to prove that you don't have what it takes"... "Now is your chance to turn dreams into reality"... "I didn't think it was going to be so physically demanding"... "What's your biggest fear?" –"Going home and proving everybody right"... "I know you think it's just a simulator, but it's good"... "Look at this from a marketing perspective"... "He's not press-ready. He's not confident"... "You've got to prove that you belong"... "Nobody wants you there"... Listening to Kenny G and Enya to stay calm and relaxed... "Cars explode all the time. This is normal"... "Damn gamer!"... "Nub"... "You have instincts that can't be taught"... "You manifested this"... "It tests you"... "I thought he was completely nuts. But he made me a believer"... "Stay focused"... "It's like he's got a cheat code or something."

Why Did I Capture All of This?

Why did I find myself copying these down from countless comment sections on mainstream media news articles? Because there needs to be a detailed record of the voices and the discussions. Or else people forget or neglect what happened in America during these years.

I also wanted to articulate and capture the reasons for *why* I lean the way I do politically. Some people on the opposite end of the political spectrum can't name any reasons for the accomplishments and priorities of being a moderate liberal. I wanted to make sure that the reasons are able to be referenced and acknowledged.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYzOgGahqZM> 24 Hours in Washington DC: Visiting 17 Attractions in One Day

6 hr. 37 min. from Dublin, Ohio to Washington D.C.

5 hr. 49 min. from Dublin, Ohio to Frederick, Maryland

3 hr 10 min from Dublin, Ohio to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

3 hr 12 min from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Frederick, Maryland

2-11-24

"One More Day"

In fairness - Biden has certainly had his work cut out....he is handling Trump's mess here, trying to help Ukraine which is critical to both Europe's food supply and gas line - not to mention world economics, straddling a fence along Israel, and dealing with everyday business of this fractured country! All in all he is doing a fabulous job. We all have our forgetful moments...but he is bright, experienced and I feel safe with him at the helm!

There is no end to this guys narcissism. He claims responsibility for literally everything, except, except when he's wrong.

But Donald Trump is never wrong.

Why ANYBODY would want this psychopath in any kind of power position is insane.

Do I wake up every morning and say 'yes, Biden's my man'? No, but like every president, they have to keep a lot of plates spinning. I do awaken each morning feeling reasonably comfortable that he's doing the best for this country, and the world. Has he corrected every ill, no, but neither has any other potus.

I always felt that PINO trump did only what was best for him and his personal interest—in other words his time in the WH was an orchestrated kleptocracy reinforced by the GOP members of congress

The Whale: A slow-motion suicide... “I teach online college courses”... “Being in debt is better than being dead”... “You have congestive heart failure. If you don’t go to the hospital, you’ll be dead by the weekend. You will die”... “This book made me think about my own life”... An explicitly dark movie, meaning there are no whites or highlights on screen... Blood pressure 238/134 indicated Hypertension Stage 3... “I let it get out of control”... “You still walked out on us all because you wanted to fuck one of your students”... “You could have died right in front of me!”... “You’re supposed to analyze the poem. This is just a list of facts”... “It’s overwritten and dumb”... “Someone close to me passed away and it had an effect on me”... “I believe we are probably living in End Times”... “It’s the idea that a better world is coming to replace this one”... “I thought the Bible was devastating”... “I really think that God brought me here for a reason”... “He’s dying. What he needs is spiritual guidance”... “He caved in on himself”... “He’ll probably be dead in a few days”... “Write whatever you want. Whatever you are thinking”... “He needs God in his life”... “You’re more interesting to me now”... “Charlie doesn’t have any money”... “You still do that. That positivity. So annoying”... “I need to know that I did one thing right with my life!”... Suicide by high calorie pizza... “JUST WRITE ME SOMETHING HONEST”... “*I can’t tell if she was trying to help me or hurt me*”... “Your complaints have been heard. I will be replaced by someone else”... “You wrote, ‘I think I need to accept that my life isn’t going to be very exciting’”... “I’m going to share something honest with you”... “These essays don’t matter. This course doesn’t matter. College doesn’t matter. These amazing honest things that you wrote... *They matter*”... “People are amazing”... “He’s dying”... “You’re the best thing I have ever done”... “The author was just trying to save us from his own sad story just for a little while.”

2-12-24

“You Keep Telling Yourself That”

<https://www.listchallenges.com/1001-albums-you-must-hear-before-you-die-2021>

<https://www.listchallenges.com/1001-albums-you-must-hear-before-you-die-2021/list/7>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnkDjMDD3JQ> Gil Scott-Heron & Brian Jackson – Winter In America (1974)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aRNUsmfeck&list=OLAK5uy_nE98iEFJZ4oEf8GYDFEFfCd11I9RbJVBY The Revolution Begins: The Flying Dutchman Masters (Sampler)

Gil Scott-Heron

When is Trump going to present his beautiful health plan? Is Mexico still paying for the wall or did Trump give up on that? When can we see his tax returns like he promised? They guy says a lot of things but rarely if ever does something.

NATO is there to protect the world from aggressive actors that threaten all. 45 does not care about anything or anyone but himself. His attitude towards military personnel, captured veterans, deployed veterans and all who do not agree with him is appalling. We as nation and the rest of the cannot allow him to become President again.

Trump - "you got to pay your bills." LOL Trump has perfected the art form of not paying his bills.....

Trump still owes some \$2M to 16 cities where he held rallies in 2020! When is Trump going to pay up!? Here is the difference between Trump and NATO countries NATO countries pay with their own money! Trump pays his bills using grifting and rubes giving him money.

His propaganda is dangerous. The Supreme Court will not save the nation. Vote Blue.

It's one thing to have a President that has memory issues. It's an entirely different matter to have one that is this mentally-challenged and he doesn't even know it.

NATO was formed as a means for protection against Soviet aggression. Trump needs some new history lessons.

2-13-24

“Eric Homan Fan Fiction”

Reporting another fucking headache that I had to live with, battle back, and medicate against throughout the morning. It was somewhat neutralized by noon after I took a steam shower. But I felt a lingering headache pain in my left forehead temple. Just annoying.

Well? We saw the insurrection, everybody did. Let's review what insurrection means. "A violent uprising against an authority or government.

"the insurrection was savagely put down"...That violent mob was at our Capitol Building to stop Joe Biden's confirmation process and to look for Nancy Pelosi and Mike Pence to do God knows what, they were screaming it in the halls ---- at Trump's bidding, urging them to fight and that Trump would join them. That is the definition of what insurrection is. Not all of us fall for that Trump Horse...of don't believe your eyes and ears, believe me. No, we believe our eyes and ears.

Thank you for posting the definition of insurrection.

I have these definitions to add.

- 1) Insurrection: A violent uprising against an authority or government.
- 2) Foment: To promote the growth or development of.
- 3) Incite: To move to action; stir up; spur on; urge on.

On January 6, 2021, the crowd that attacked the United States Capitol clearly was guilty of number 1.

On the same day, Mr. Donald John Trump clearly was guilty of numbers 2 and 3.

Republicans in Congress forfeited the right to complain about the "broken border" when they trashed the bipartisan bill that was the product of months of negotiation and refuse to come forward with an alternate plan that stands a chance of passing both houses.

65% -70% of Georgia's population is in the Atlanta metro area which very Blue. MTG only speaks for the Neanderthals in the rural NW corner of the state that borders Alabama and Tennessee.

The hypocrisy of the GOP is astounding. Impeach a guy for not controlling the border, then vote no or don't vote on a bipartisan bill to secure the border.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “GOP Lawmaker Dubiously Claims Amendment Would Let 1-Year-Olds Get Abortions.”

Bottoms: A high school fantasia... “We’re finally hot”... “I’ve been building tension”... “Excuse me, could the ugly, untalented gays please report to the principal’s office?”... “We have nowhere to go but up”... “Welcome to our fucking fight club!” –“It’s a self-defense club”... “We’re going to teach you how to not take shit”... “It was just so empowering”... “Today we are going to start with some body contact. We’re going to do some wrestling”... High school fight club in the gymnasium... “Stop smiling. I’m kicking your ass”... The lesbians love getting pinned to the ground!... “I jack off after every therapy session”... High School cheerleaders selling their old undies to old men! “I don’t know why anyone wants my old, dirty underwear. It’s so weird”... “P.J.... I’m straight”... “They started the club to fuck cheerleaders”... To the cheerleaders: “Make out with each other!”... “We killed a lot of guys. We’ll process it later.”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-23YWQSWZU&list=PLohYzz4btpaSCGI6E7JDLOfiR_UrfcQ1E The Monster Squad Soundtrack Score (1987)

2-14-24

“Inverted Anxieties”

Dream: My family decided to go out for the evening by dressing up in borrowed Halloween costumes from our cousins. We were supposed to go to church in our Halloween costumes. But because we were so late for church, we went to a party at a State Park where my parents met up with Aunt Sharon, Denny and their kids. Uncle Orville and his family were also supposed to be around. The group I ended up hanging around were into college orgies, vomiting from too much alcohol, and talking about college. It was like a rundown Florida tourist location with lots of restaurants and bars by the beach. I felt really weird because I was sexually attracted to some of the girls there in skintight costumes. Yet one was puking her guts out while everyone was talking and could hear the whole thing. That made me feel pretty much over this scene and its contradictions. I know I'm supposed to get out and socialize more, but this was ridiculous. What a turn off. I eventually left, walked around, and found some people watching old Saturday Night Live episodes. I also wondered what my older sisters thought about this or if they were back at that other table.

Red hats, are trying, to delete, ...deny, change, distort, ...some parts of US History.

They don't realize, today's young people, will learn the truth. regardless of what Republicans say and do.

MAGA is about half the republican base and less than a third of the country. Enough to swing Republican primaries but not enough to win national elections.

Exactly. Half of the registered GOP voters equals about 16-17% of total registered voters. Both sides of the aisle depend on Independents to win on Election Day. Trump's antics continue to erode that support and will show up big in November.

The security threat is Trump and the MAGA Republicans. Alyssa memories. Alyssa annual videos.

Still surprising that Republicans are afraid of voters. Instead of governing and earning votes, they try to exclude as many people as possible. If anyone encourages voting, then they are Deep State. Just doesn't stand up to logic.

Taylor Swift is so popular and well respected, she doesn't need to be part of a "deep state plot". She may endorse Biden with assistance from no one. She may decide to keep her political views to herself. Either way is fine.

OMG. She has not said anything about Biden. Trump and Republicans of course are making up stuff to scare uneducated, simple-minded folks as usual. They sure seem really, really scared of her... It's kind of funny:)

Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah Wilderness, New Mexico.

Neighbors (1981): “They’re *different*”... “They’re my panties. They’re edible”... “To tell you the truth, I don’t have many friends around here”... “He said I could have you”... “things around here have been stagnant... “They were beyond neat. They were extraordinary. Unique”... “It’s been a time”... “It’s just not going to be much fun without you”... He desperately wants to escape his doldrum life... Almost plays like a live-action cartoon at times.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “1 in 5 Americans say Taylor Swift tied to deep state plot to reelect Biden.”

2-15-24

“For What?”

Morning! I think I have spoken to the rest of the team individually but wanted to let you know that Alexis resigned this week. Her last day is 2/27. I am working out G3 support and will potentially use one of the new hires for print now but may need some support training once we on board. Dani is attending G3 meetings now and Laura and Melinda are helping out as well.

Oh! Sorry to hear that. Just let me know how I can help with any assistance.

And so I am confronted with learning the news of another coworker leaving McGraw Hill. This one was my peer as well. Yet I also knew she had migraine health issues and she had a novel that was about to come out. So it's no major surprise that she is leaving.

Thank you all! It's been a pleasure working with such a talented and dedicated team. I wish you all the very best! I hope our paths cross again in the future.

Best, Sylvia

Textures for my website.

Let's see. So far, Trump has been convicted of sexual assault and financial fraud. He is facing indictments for obstruction of justice, campaign fraud, election tampering, and abetting an insurrection. What exactly does Ms. Haley need to see out of him before she goes back on her "pledge" of support. When Trump said that he could shoot somebody in the street and his supporters would not care, maybe Ms. Haley was one of those "true" fans to whom he was referring.

Seriously??!! Where is all the WINNING that Trump keeps promising OVER and OVER again?

Quick reminder:

He claims to have 'a-big brain'

He claims to be smarter than the average person

He claims only to hire 'the best'

How is that working out for him so far:

Lost the 2020 election

Lost too many court rulings for his false election fraud claims (59 out of 60 = 98.3333% loss)

Lost his sexual assault case against E. Jean Carroll

Lost the defamation case for the SECOND TIME against E. Jean Carroll

Lost the civil case for his business fraud in NY

Lost the election in Long Island to replace George Santos

Lost this ruling

BLAH, BLAH, BLAH....

Honestly MAGA people...how many losses will it take?

You cannot blame the DOJ or the juries in his cases or the judges or the Supreme Court rulings because if Trump only HIRED THE BEST, his legal team would have won ALL those cases for him and being that he was supposedly smarter than everyone else and knows more about EVERYTHING (especially the generals in the US military), WHY DOES HE KEEP LOSING? Shouldn't he be able to OUTWIT all these parties against him given the double whammy of having 'a-big brain' and the 'best legal team hired'?

“The issue agenda is on their side. Their congressional behavior is not,” he added. What "issue agenda" is on their side, Mr. Luntz? Obviously not abortion. After whining & screaming about a border crisis, they have turned down at least 3 bipartisan proposals for border changes, & anyone who reads the last proposal, can see that it would be a huge improvement over the status quo. But it seems that rep lawmakers don't think the border is as big a crisis as they've said, since they'd rather see it stay the way it is than vote for a dem & rep proposal to improve the situation. It

appears to me that their only agenda is to advance their careers; advance the rep party's march toward authoritarianism, seek retribution for perceived wrongs, keep the dems from passing any legislation, prevent the president from completing his cabinet; & return someone to the presidency whom they called a liar & accused of dereliction of duty after J6. Their only platform appears to be whatever Trump demands, including amplifying his lies, causing distrust in our election & judicial systems, getting rid of any agency that might hold Trump or them accountable for their actions, war against the country being "aware of and actively attentive to important societal facts and issues" (woke def); getting rid of any media that disagrees with or criticizes them or Trump; getting rid of any republican lawmaker who dares to have an opinion that differs from Trump's; & getting rid of our allies.

How did the a party end up in such an intellectually unsupportable position? They yet today posit fabrication after fabrication per the Giuliani theorem "I don't have evidence: I have a theory". First how does anyone much less a formerly esteemed attorney believe that's sufficient in a court of law or common sense and then how do so many become to believe this is acceptable despite a prior life of educated logic. Now Qanon, theories, conspiracies, criminality, etc. are ok? It doesn't compute.

“Oh, angel eyes. Am I deceived or did you sigh? For all I know, you let your love light shine on me. Oh, angel eyes. You never close who's got the time? I can wait until your love light shine on me.” –“Angel Eyes” by Roxy Music.

To Ulf: “Sorry about your flight’s delay. My last meeting today ends at noon. So I can pick you up at the airport if you wants. Just let me know what time you’re arriving.”

2-16-24 **“This Life/ Existence Is Just a Long, Unawakening Dream... Until You Die”**

If Trump loses again, the pubs won't know what to do. They're putting it all on the chips that he'll win. They're spending more time impeaching, squashing bills, in-fighting; they're a dysfunctional group waiting on their hero to save the day and everyone will get his endorsement. If he loses, they have nothing.

Putin has made a huge mistake. He did not remove a problem, he created one he can't hide away in Siberia. Putin just created a Martyr for the people to rally behind in his name that will live on. Trump is actively trying to take over the funds of the RNC. The nice thing is he will rob all their money and he doesn't care about candidates down ballot. The money will run out and there will be no money to fund other candidates. Everything Trump does just makes the democrats stronger in the long term.

That would be hilarious if he bankrupted the RNC the way he bankrupted his casinos, hotels, trump water, trump steaks and just about everything he's touched. Imagine the look on the faces of his acolytes in the GOP when they have no money for their own reelection campaigns.

Trump has been defrauding people for decades. It's time that he finally pays up.

Lindsey Graham said back in 2016 that if trump got the nomination he would destroy the GOP. He was 100% correct. VOTE BLUE FOREVER.

A bad day for trump is a great day for the USA. Better get to applying for 2nd and 3rd jobs maga. These fines won't pay for themselves.

Trump and his daughter in law are going to milk the RNC and its donors dry trying to pay off his bills.

Attention MAGA cultists. Yet another stunning defeat for the cult this week. This is the beginning of the end of Trump. He owes millions in fines and his business is gone. He owes

millions to attorneys, and still faces many felony counts. He will lose the election and go to jail for the rest of his vile life. I am very glad he lost.

Infinity Pool: “Where are we?”... Deformed face masks... “Not many people read my book”... “I actually came here looking for inspiration”... “It’s good for an artist to have an patron”... “You’re just happy you found your fan club”... “Let’s mix things up a bit”... “Never marry a writer”... Mia Goth giving a hand-job to her favorite writer... “It’s very dangerous for us now”... The rich can pay to have oneself cloned in order for their clone to be executed if they ever commit a terrible crime... “The double turned out correctly”... “It looks just like me”... “You will both be present for the execution”... This is a movie about exciting concepts and ideas! How rare is that?... What if you had to witness “your” own execution? What would happen to your mind and how you view your existence?... “Em, help me!!” It has his memories and all... Being stabbed to death repeatedly by a young boy... He gets his own ashes (of himself). “Consider it a souvenir”... “They were installing an infinity pool”... “You said that you were looking for inspiration”... “There’s something to the experience, isn’t there?”... If no law can apply to you (because you’re rich and there’s a loophole you can exploit), does this mean you can do anything then? There are no consequences for you now. You can get away with anything (as long as you have deep pockets)... “We are all zombies here”... “While you’re still fresh, do you worry that they got the real man?” Meaning, does he know if he’s the clone or not? Fascinating... “For all you know, they could have just swapped you out. Hard to say what happened while you were asleep”... “You have to let it go. I let it go”... “Do you fear that you may have just witnessed your own demise?”... “It’s like a new skin working itself into place”... “I have this pressure in my head”... “Just a little game to play for fun”... “At some point if you don’t respond to an insult like that you are a coward”... And now, anything goes... “You’ve tested the limits of our hospitality”... “Is this a dream? That would make more sense”... Two urns for his two deaths... “Em left today.” –“That may be for the best”... The masks are works of macabre art... “It’s a hallucinogen... This is considered to be religious”... Sex in a rainbow... “Show him your strength, James”... James was beating up his own clone by accident!... “Maybe I can bring the double here and you can both fuck me. Have you ever tried that?”... “I never read your book. I’m a good actress”... In the second half, everyone becomes unlikable... “The dog is here to help you complete your transformation”... Smashing open your own clone’s skull!... Mia Goth breast-feeding Alexander Skarsgård her blood-covered breast... He can’t go back.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTTOMZw4Zlw&list=PLRW80bBvVD3WNhaiaHC39iVN5HGpDBIjU> Infinity Pool (Original Motion Picture

Have you both of you talked to Dad yet as of last night? He called me to let me know that Wesley is moving out in a month. Dad said this was “good news” because he was planning to “evict” Wesley because he was so “moody”.

2-17-24

“She Chose Suicide by Shark”

“The blatant racism of our state leadership is embarrassing and cruel. Myself, as well as Paramore will continue to encourage young people to show up to vote with equality in mind.”—[#hayleywilliams](#)

Beau Is Afraid: A POV shot of being born!... “Why isn’t he crying?!”... “I had the dream again”... “Do you ever wish that she (his mother) was dead?”... “They’re trying to get him to jump”... Decaying dead bodies in the road... The madness and noise in the streets... Hallways that are too narrow... Screams, people fighting, cursing, dogs barking, and car noises outside his solitary bedroom... A random man naked in the streets randomly stabbing people... A neighbor

sending threatening notes for him playing his music too loud at night – even though he isn't at all!... In a world where 95% of the people are hateful, have mental disorders, and are aggressively negative... Beau lives in a part of town that is clearly an open lunatic asylum!... Murders regularly happen outside his residence... A deranged “comedy”... A shit smoothie... Anyone who has dealt with anxiety with “understand” this movie... “What’s going on?”... “I’m sorry. You don’t make any sense”... “What?!”... “Maybe this is a big misunderstanding”... The bathtub is overflowing... “I’m so sorry”... A police officer with anxiety disorder with a drawn gun point at you!... “It’s just a dream. It’s just a dream”... “Beau, there’s nothing worse than losing a parent”... “Stop incriminating yourself”... “What does that mean?”... “There’s a dead man in the pool!”... “Here. Suck this off”... “It’s all under control”... “Why don’t you find something to watch?”... On Channel 78, it plays a live stream video of the present tense. Yet he can also use the remote control to fast-forward and it’ll play into his future!... “I see you now! You’re replacing my son with a demon!”... “Do you want a costume? We like to blur the line between audience and the players”... “Please tell me. What am I doing here?”... “You grieve well”... Why does the circular rainbow moan so?... “You will learn a trade and eventually earn a living”... “You will try to argue your innocence”... “You will condition your mind to new ways of seeing”... “You will experience great high and profound lows”... “No one will recognize you”... “This is me! This is my story!”... His father died when he climaxed the first time he had an orgasm. It was because he had a heart murmur... An open casket funeral with a headless body... “Elaine? It’s me. It’s Beau”... “You recognize me? I’m old now”... “You’re the same, too. Except for your body and your face”... “You’re so tense”... “I just felt that. You just blasted through that bag”... “I really thought it was going to die (from orgasming)”... “That wasn’t a dream. That was a memory!”... A giant penis monster with enormous testicles.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NFfOB7a-Ak&list=OLAK5uy_kIqG-IVVtdJlzUVMdXahW1C78Y1Ga9hC0

Emergency Ward (Expanded Edition)

Fortune: “The kindness you once gave a friend will soon be returned... in bed.”

Diastasis Recti

I found out this evening while doing sit-ups that I had a large vertical bump on my belly emerging. This kind of freaked me out because it looked like that scene from “Alien” where the creature was about to pop out of the man’s stomach. God, what the hell is wrong with me now? Is this cancer? I asked Lisa and she learned on the Internet that it was Abdominal Separation (Diastasis Recti). “‘Diastasis recti’ means your belly sticks out because the space between your left and right belly muscles has widened. You might call it a ‘pooch.’” It’s very common among pregnant women. About two-thirds of pregnant women have it. Newborn babies also can have this belly spread, and it should go away on its own. Men can get it, possibly from yo-yo dieting, from doing sit-ups or weightlifting the wrong way, or from other causes.”

2-18-24

“What Happened”

I spilled some water on my work laptop around noon. I wiped it away right away within 10 seconds. Yet after 20 minutes, I noticed that the keys for the space bar and the return key were malfunctioning. The space bar now made a “[“ and the return key made “””. So I restarted the computer hoping that would fix the issue, which it didn’t. So I eventually shut the power off, put the laptop on its side and then put a strong fan on it. Still, it left me feeling vulnerable and feeling stupid. I’m going to have to make yet another change and use a sealed cup instead rather than an open coffee cup filled with water. I had to look at things objectively on what level of “emergency” this really was. The “good” news was that it was a work laptop, which can be replaced. Also, I can get a replacement at the Polaris office. So, it’s not like I’m dead in the water. But it is an annoying inconvenience.

What to Do If You Spill Water on Your Mac Laptop (which happened to me at noon today): 1. Take power out 2. Power it down. 3. Turn it upside down 4. Leave it around 48-72 hours (do not do anything during this duration.) 5. Take it to an apple store

GOP = GOVERNMENT OF PUTIN

The best way to predict future behavior is look at past behavior. A good example of Trump's future behavior? Perhaps, "I take Putin at his word" or a storeroom full of classified material that he refused to return.

Trump is anti-NATO, and pro-Putin. That's the actual policy. The only reason Trump didn't go more rogue on this topic in his first term was because he was surrounded by level-headed people who ran interference on Trump's worst inclinations. Trump Administration Part Deux is going to be full of sycophants and pro-Autocratic, sinister operators with no regard for democracy or American institutions of government. The GOP leadership needs to get straight with what they are dealing with and take the blinders off. They will not be able to corral Trump this time, and he's going to be on a rampage of retribution. They need to shut him down now, while they still can. Back Haley, or do something other than apologize for Trump.

Thanksgiving: "Face it. Black Friday starts now on Thursday"... "They're getting first dibs on all the good shit!"... "This is fucking gold! This is fucking crazy!"... Black Friday carnage!... "After your mom died, the only thing I could do to survive was work. But work doesn't fill the void"... "Here we go!"... Rich kids take Adderall to be able to stay up later at night to get into Ivy League schools... John Carver masks... Literally beheading the turkey mascot!... Basting the new wife!... He stuck a thermometer in her in the oven!... "Gather around the table everyone. Dinner is served!" It's the guy's new wife cooked like a turkey for all the see!... "She'll pair nicely with Kathline"... "Get ready, Evan. You're about to go viral! You're about to break the Internet"... "Look at all those likes. You're a star"... "Take a bite of your lovely wife."

This evening, Lisa, Alyssa, and I joined Lisa's longtime co-worker Marilyn and her husband Joe for dinner at Vittoria's in Powell, Ohio. They paid for us since Lisa had fixed Marilyn's computer recently. I actually chatted with Joe for the entire two-hour meal about movies. Joe actually knows a considerable amount about cinema history for being a doctor.

By 9:30 p.m., I decided to finally try and boot up my Mac laptop and see if the problems with the keyboard that it was having had been fixed, or if it was still broken... or worse, the Mac wouldn't even boot up at all and I'd lose several days worth of work that hadn't yet been backed up. Thankfully... mercifully, it did. Crisis averted. I still dearly needed to make a change with not having drinks around my computers ever again. It's just too dangerous and I am getting clumsier.

2-19-24

"Je Ne Sais Quo"

Dream-Nightmare: I was stuck in a never-ending Kaiju simulator of being placed at different vantage points in a city when the monsters stomp through the streets. It's fantastic because it shows you how it would look to gaze up from a worm's eye view up at these titans. Yet you also feel yourself dying from being buried alive by rubble or being stomped by Godzilla. And then you have to go about doing it all over again. It was insane. And then you have to do it again. This time you're placed in a subway nearby the entrance. You run for your life with hundreds of other people. Sometimes you escape. Other times you die.

Steve Hubbard: Hey man! Let me know when the next toy/comic thing is, would love to go with you if you want! Hope all is well!

Hey Steve! Here is the schedule for the upcoming shows, which coincidentally are all next month. There's been a lull in shows throughout the winter and three shows are coming up soon: Buckeye Comic Con: Hilliard, Ohio: March 3rd: <https://www.harpercomics.com/conventions.php> Columbus Toy and Game Show: Ohio State Fairground: March 17th. <https://ctspromotions.com/> The Great Ohio Toy Show: Xenia, Ohio: <https://happeningnext.com/event/the-great-ohio-toy-show-spring-2024-eid3a0aqlk1f6>

The Xenia show is one that I just recently finally went to after hearing other toy vendors rave about how great it is. It is one of the largest toy shows in the country with people coming in from all over the world for it. It is also massive in over seven buildings. Very affordable compared to other shows to get in. And it's in Xenia, Ohio of all places. This is the video I shot there last fall: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4tTNuvvGUs>

Unfortunately, I won't be able to go with you since I get in early for the Buckeye Comic Con and the Columbus Toy Show because of some toy vendor friends of mine. For the Xenia show, I usually stay with my father in Dayton, Ohio for two days before heading over to the show. But I'll see you at the shows though!

Also: here is a toy store I just recently learned about in Springfield, Ohio that had some nice stuff: ROMA Collectibles: The Toy Store: 1030 Upper Valley Pike, Springfield, OH 45504 -Eric

History is the best early warning system devised by humankind, but it only works if you pay attention to it.

The simple fact remains that millions of American voters would be over the moon if Don were incarcerated for his crimes. Nikki is demonstrating that she gets "weak in the knees" when she fears upsetting Don's core supporters. If Nikki really wants a shot at the big title, she should say she wouldn't pardon him.

Pardon him, and a crime is not a crime if specific people commit them. Sure, MAGA nation will wail and gnash their teeth, but that short term gas cloud will be worth it if we don't send signals that politicians can do whatever they want. Are our values "law and order" or not?

I would vote for Haley 100% except for her claim to pardon donald trump. He needs to be held accountable for his actions. I would not be opposed to a stay of execution after a short stint in a federal pen. No setting aside of financial penalties AND never be involved in US politics again. You raise good points. We need to find a way to do all of that and fund Ukraine, too. We've seen this movie before where a genocidal dictator gets into position where he can threaten the democracies of Europe and, ultimately, become a strategic and existential threat to our own democracy.

One good way to start might be stopping the rich from streaming ALL of their income through capital gains so that they pay only 15% on that income instead of the rate that Joe Average pays. If they have write offs, then they pay even less. And, they usually do have write offs.

If we're in decline, it is mostly because of people like him. The Republicans cry over Putin's hurt fee-fees, but the well-being of the American people is entirely beneath their notice. They have had a billion opportunities over many decades to fix infrastructure, health care, the border, etc. and the only thing they can actually be bothered to do is cut taxes for the wealthiest. Oh, and undermine civil liberties. They always have time for that.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Alabama Supreme Court Rules That Frozen Embryos Are 'Children'."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_tnaaKQGz0 This fantastic video is from four years ago back when Caitlin Clark was still in high school. My absolute favorite part of this

video is how the cameraperson keeps panning back over to the section of students who were initially jeering her by chanting "overrated!". They quickly go silent.

2-20-24

"You Saved Me"

Dream: I was heading over to Columbus State Community College after having a last meeting with Ron Saks and Kon Petrochuk at CCAD. I wasn't sure if they knew that I'd be leaving CCAD after this. CCAD also built a new library about a half a mile south of campus, which no one bothers to visit since it's so far away. How stupid. As I was heading over to Columbus State, I totally forgot about the reason I was going there and ended up following my routine and heading home. I then turned around when I got to Bethel Rd. and headed back downtown. I parked again at the Columbus State lot and noticed that the Red Sea had risen up straight along Broad St. in downtown Columbus. It was an amazing spectacle to witness this 100-meter wall of water stretching throughout the downtown area. It was an insane sight to behold. I guess Moses was traveling through it. I went into Columbus State and browsed around. I was late for the 1:30 p.m. meeting. I was shocked by how disorganized the whole building was. Eventually, I found my way to the media area and Matt Swift recognized me. I had also forgotten about the meeting he himself had set, which was just about showing off the new media area. There were stacks of recent DC Comics on a table for anyone to grab. So I took about 12 books and put them into my work bag. From there, I headed out of the building when the Red Sea finally dropped from being suspended in the air. The waves from it came rushes across downtown and eventually hit Columbus State. I was thankfully able to take cover in their book store. Finally, I head home, which was all I wanted.

Donald Trump is rated as the WORST President in history, Marge.

He's the ONLY President in American history who lost an election, refused to concede, refused to participate in the peaceful transfer of power, and then he committed crimes trying to overthrow that election. That alone makes him our country's worst president.

Shocking that the one guy out of 45 who tried to destroy the thing that the job explicitly required him to preserve, protect, and defend would come in 45 out of 45

How could any sentient person not rank him last? He tried to overthrow the government for pity's sake.

Impeached twice. Failed insurrection. Dude now has 91 criminal counts. Pretty sure the worst president.

William Harrison died 31 days into the job AND WAS STILL BETTER THAN TRUMP

I think presidential rankings are a superficial way of thinking about history. That said, not only did Trump try to overturn a democratic election that he lost, but he has consistently appealed to people's worst instincts, contributing to the deterioration of moral and cultural sanity.

Obama was the worst pres ever and ever will be!!!

Oh? did Obama tried to overthrow the government and rip off charities and rape a woman and was a sellout to Putin? Just checking for a friend.

"Baby, life's what you make it. Celebrate it. Anticipate it. Yesterday's faded. Nothing can change it. Life's what you make it. (Everything's all right.) Life's what you make it." -"Life's What You Make It" by Talk Talk.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels: Squeezing people's sympathies for all their worth!... "I tell them what they want to hear if it gets me what I want"... "I needed a decoy"... "A poacher that shoots at rabbits may scare big game away"... "The man is a trickster"... "You've opened my eyes!"... "Nice!"... "I knew my limitations"... "Oh God, they're dancing!"... "Look, doctor! He's

crying!"... Lovely Glenna Headly... "Get out of that chair and dance with the girl"... "I never take advantage of the poor or the virtuous"... "I lost"... "It seems the teacher has underestimated the student"... "Hello boys. It was fun. I'll miss you. Love, Janet – The Jackal. I'm keeping the money. Is that wrong?"... "Isn't she wonderful!"... "Are you ready? So let's go get 'em!"

"Heaven on Earth. We need it now. I'm sick of all of this hanging around. Sick of sorrow. Sick of the pain. Sick of hearing again and again that there's gonna be peace on Earth... Jesus can you take the time to throw a drowning man a line. Peace on Earth. To tell the ones who hear no sound whose sons are living in the ground. Peace on Earth. Jesus in the song you wrote, the words are sticking in my throat. Peace on Earth. Hear it every Christmas time, but hope and history won't rhyme. So what's it worth? This peace on Earth. Peace on Earth. Peace on Earth. Peace on Earth." –"Peace on Earth" by U2.

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2-21-24

"Dreams Are Endless"

"Baby, life's what you make it. Can't escape it. Baby, yesterday's favourite. Don't you hate it?" -"Life's What You Make It" by Talk Talk.

"Baby... life's what you make it. Can't ever escape it. Baby... you're still dad's favorite. Don't you hate it?" -My misunderstood lyrics to "Life's What You Make It" by Talk Talk.

"Despite losing their best piece of corroborating evidence against the Bidens, the impeachment inquiry will carry on, with a focus on Joe Biden's unproven involvement in his son's business deals." The republican party's behavior has been so bizarre over the last few years and I'm afraid people are becoming numb to it. Especially when you have Fox News constantly trying to normalize it all...day...long.

Foe: "New settlements planned for outer space"... "AI with the capacity for consciousness"... "We decided to build our own planet"... "Do you want to live mundane lives like everybody else, or do you want to be part of something special and unique?"... "A chance to be a better version of yourself"... "Strange how even dying can be beautiful"... "Why don't we just disappear?"... "We're going to replace you"... "We're developing a biological replacement"... "A dynamic copy of you with living tissue"... "It's not a robot. It's a new self-determining life form"... "Standing up for what is the greatest emergency of this generation"... "This is about insuring your marriage survives while you're gone"... "she has desires that existed before you and beyond you"... "I've always had this fantasy"... "It's so fucking real"... "We had to design your memory"... "We never dreamed it would experience love"... "You're not real"... "This wasn't an affair"... "We had dreams together"... "Endings can feel alive and exciting, too."

2-22-24 **"Rainbows Are Teleportation Gates If You Can Manage to Travel Through One"**

Brook Johnson: Hey Eric! Nice seeing you yesterday. I appreciate the AE help! I have another question for you if you have time. If you are busy, no worries!

Here is my question: Before I play with adding that mask to the path/road, I need to make room at the beginning of the animation for it. How can I easily move everything else I already did further down on the timeline a second or two so I have room for the "path appearing" section? It's probably easy, but I could not find anything online to help me. Thanks!

Microsoft copilot.

This is exactly why we need to stop voting name recognition with no qualifications. This is straight up nonsense from someone with zero idea about world politics. This should make the

people who voted for him queasy. On the back of his holding up 400 military promotions. Please get this guy out Alabama, ASAP

As Mark Twain once opined, "it's easier to con someone than to convince them they've been conned." How sad it is that some individuals believe that scientists, scholars, historians, economists, and journalists have devoted their entire lives to deceiving them, while a reality tv star with decades of fraud and exhaustively documented lying is their only beacon of truth and honesty.

Trump is the master of shiny objects, lies and conspiracies meant to distract. Trump attempted to overthrow a presidential election, thru VP pressure, massive voter fraud propaganda, fake electors and calling state legislators for votes.

FUN FACT: Trump ran on affordable healthcare for all, balanced budgets, and great trade deals and a wall Mexico was going to pay for. No care, broke records for deficit spending , had to give farmers billions due to his complete failure with trade and little wall.

Meanwhile our for profit healthcare system is the #1 reason for personal bankruptcy and we spend more annually on the military than the next 10 countries on the planet COMBINED! Maga has been played for suckers, much like what Trump suggests our military professionals are. Wonder where that affordable healthcare for all went that Trump promised. It never arrived after the massive tax cuts for the wealthy. Trump and the GOP's corrosive impact on woman / voter's rights are historic. And now Trump wants FULL IMMUNITY. Innocent people don't need that folks, but dictators do! Truth over hate 2024.

Groceries went up because of covid. They haven't gone down because of the greed of the companies that produce the different items, from cereal to laundry detergent. How is that Bidens fault?

So Lisa took Alyssa to the doctor's office to get her ankle checked out after she rolled her ankle two days ago. It turns out that Alyssa did break her ankle, which made Lisa mad at me for convincing her to not to worry about Alyssa's ankle and that all she did was sprain it just like I had 10 years ago. When Alyssa found out that her ankle was broken at the doctor's office, she apparently starting sobbing hysterically and screaming and crying that they were going to cut off her foot. Upon hearing this from Lisa, I started laughing out loud. Lisa called me an "asshole" (again) for thinking this was funny. It was just so crazy that Alyssa didn't understand that she just needed a walking boot on her foot. I suppose it would be traumatic and publicly embarrassing to have your 12-years old daughter make such a scene in the doctor's office though. Still, this explains why Lisa is so constantly stressed out all the damn time.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem: A penciled-in/ doodle-like world, almost Claymation-like... Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Depression... "Murder the Shreks!"... "Alone in the world"... Bebop and Rocksteady!... Aimed at 12-year-olds... "She's milking me!"... "They... hate us"... "Bring me the Shredder."

2-23-24

"Wouldn't You Know It"

You can't have it both ways, Don. Several embryos are created with IVF treatments. Not all of them are used, but all of them are now children. If I were an IVF clinic, I would shut my doors right now. The new ruling makes it impossible to conduct business

They are not children. I have a friend who did IVF and had 3 embryos implanted and only 1 took. So does this make the Dr. a murderer?

Embryos are not children and I'm a pro lifer. They can't survive or begin to grow cellually unless it's attached to the woman's uterus. Once attached, then I'll agree with you.

Well the GQP got Roe vs. Wade repealed. So they face the consequences of their taking control of a woman's body. We saw what happened to deSatan when he banned books, banned the word period and say gay. Picks a fight with Mickey Mouse too! Vote 2024 it is time to drain tRumps Sewer Party

Trump is a monster who knows he is in big trouble with voters now, especially educated women. Trump trying to lie and weasel his way out of it, just like everything else he messes up

The GOP is now resorting to pretzel logic. If they didn't expect this to happen after being repeatedly warned, they are not responsible enough to govern.

Trump and the GOP know that putting aside the whole issue of Abortion, this ruling will also prevent using frozen embryos for stem cell research to find a cure for deadly diseases and illnesses such as Alzheimer's. I wonder if this topic was properly addressed by the Justices and was a medical and scientific argument given as well to support the advocacy of such needed research.

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so you're going to save embryos instead of living breathing children? you're deranged.

The religious aspect of the GOP is coming back to bite them. They don't know about the separation of church and state. Got rid of RvW and now we have religious radicals doing their thing. They don't seem to know what kind of consequences could follow certain actions. When something wildly backfires, like the ruling in Alabama, they try to reverse course when it's too late.

Frozen embryo = person

Cookie dough = cookie

Make it make sense.

Too little too late. 2024 is the revenge of the women voters. The virulent and dangerous erosion of women rights by the archaic and patriarchal Republican Party will meet its end come November 2024.

It's pretty simple, all fertility clinics will move to other states where they don't run the risk of being charged for murder. These GOPers are trying to figure out how to square their support for this ruling with the round hole of overwhelming support among republican women in Alabama who support IVF treatment (its something crazy like 80% support). It cannot fit. Trump, again trying to walk the tightrope of the "populist" is not smart enough to even remotely understand the science of stem cells, embryos and fertility treatment. So he says "Make a law Alabama." But Alabama cannot. Because it has been ruled by the State Supreme Court that embryos are people. No law will circumvent that ruling.

When Trump by is own words killed Roe vs Wade he open the door for this insanity.

It finally happened ... we gave the GOP enough rope! They went full Alabama. You never go full Alabama.

Contraceptives are next on the list. They will wait until after the election to spring that one on us.

This ruling was 100% due to Trump installing religious mullahs on the Supreme Court.

Trump owns this - he has unleashed the theocrats even though he's an atheist - it's kind of funny since it will be the reason he'll lose his 4th election in a row (2018, 2020, 2022, 2024)

I cannot trust any GOP at this time no matter what they say. They say ok on womens rights and then do something dumb. Haley sounded like a good choice but she came through with what is her truthfulness and said embryos are babies. I am done with her too. There is no way around this and now Trump says he is going in the other direction. If he gets in he will turn back to no abortions etc.

Too late, dude. Damage done and you deserve all of it.

If the frozen embryo is considered a child, will equipment failures resulting in damaging the embryos, result in charges of manslaughter?

Sounds like Alabama is COURTing disaster.

Some Trump Truths

The billionaire who hides his tax returns.

The businessman who bankrupted three casinos & lost over \$1B in 10 yrs.

The playboy who pays for sex.

The Christian who doesn't go to church.

The philanthropist who defrauds charity.

The patriot who dodged the draft.

The "innocent man" who refuses to testify.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Florida surgeon general defies science amid measles outbreak."

<https://www.casabonitadenver.com/tickets>

Lisa, Alyssa, and I drove over to north Westerville to Giammarco's Italian Restaurant for a 5:45 p.m. reservation to have dinner with Tom. I took advantage of their 4-6 p.m. happy hour pricing for \$3 off their appetizers by getting Pizza Pillows, Quattro Meatballs al Forno, and Garlic Bread as my main items to eat. Unfortunately, their food really wasn't all that tasty. Alyssa didn't like her \$22 (!!) lasagna and Lisa didn't really care for her entrée either. Still, it was nice to try a new restaurant.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/movies/news/why-tyler-perry-has-put-his-800m-studio-expansion-on-hold/ar-BB1iVamd>

Megaproducer Tyler Perry has put a planned \$800 million expansion of his Atlanta, Georgia, studio on hold after seeing the capabilities of OpenAI's new model Sora, which lets users create video images from text prompts.

"Being told that it can do all of these things is one thing, but actually seeing the capabilities, it was mind-blowing," he told The Hollywood Reporter on Thursday of Sora, which debuted on Feb. 15.

Perry, whose new film, "Mea Culpa" premieres on Netflix on Friday, said the expansion would have added 12 more sounds stages. However all that is "currently and indefinitely on hold," a decision Perry made in response to Sora's potential impact on filmmaking as we know it. For one, Perry envisions a scenario where the need for filming on location or building sets would be a concern of the past.

"I had gotten word over the last year or so that this was coming, but I had no idea until I saw recently the demonstrations of what it's able to do. It's shocking to me," Perry said.

"I no longer would have to travel to locations. If I wanted to be in the snow in Colorado, it's text," he continued. "If I wanted to write a scene on the moon, it's text, and this AI can generate it like nothing."

Perry called Sora a “major game-changer” that could potentially let filmmakers produce movies and pilots at a fraction of the cost, but added, “I am very, very concerned that in the near future, a lot of jobs are going to be lost.”

Perry admitted he used AI in two recent projects that will be announced soon: “That kept me out of makeup for hours. In post and on set, I was able to use this AI technology to avoid ever having to sit through hours of aging makeup.”

The “Madea” creator explained, “like every other studio in town,” he is “trying to figure it all out.”

“I feel like everybody in the industry is running a hundred miles an hour to try and catch up, to try and put in guardrails and to try and put in safety belts to keep livelihoods afloat,” he said.

<https://openai.com/sora>

The future of media and marketing is here and it's going to destroy employment for thousands of people. It's already happening in tech. Google laid off 12,000 people recently with more to come. They're just one company. There are many more headed the same direction. This is a scary time for people whose lives have been built in these industries.

It's not just the loss of jobs to build this expansion. It's the lost revenue of lumber, copious products and services, the transportation of products, the list goes on and on and on of products & services that will not be purchased, and companies that will not gain revenue and therefore will lay those people off as well. It's so far reaching. Sure, it saves him a lot of time, but the effect of it is like a tsunami

AI will destroy more jobs than it creates.

Yes, in the past one industry was replaced with another. But it was one job creating industry for another job creating industry.

That's not AI.

AI is to make human beings obsolete.

So one industry will be replaced with another at a fraction of the human jobs.

At some point there won't be enough humans working to buy the stuff the AI computers produce.

Just because technology has the ability to do something, does not mean it is also a net benefit to working humans.

This is why a global income is already being proposed. Unless you expect the large amounts of unemployed people who no longer are employable versus AI you can either cut them checks to consume goods or let them starve.

AI will render a good % of the human population unnecessary and unemployable.

Once AI can accurately portray a real person, say for example Keanu Reaves, that will be the end of Hollywood, writers, actors, staggers, costume designers, makeup artists, etc.

I despise AI. It will not only take away millions of jobs, but it will also stop people from becoming better at many different things. Someone mentioned that AI helps a person 'write' better; however, that takes away from actually learning HOW to write better (let's just use AI).

That is one of the joys of life, through hard work we can all improve ourselves instead of relying on AI.

As far as not going to locations, I don't like that idea at all. Unless a movie is making up a whole different planet, we need to show real places & real people. It reflects who we are as a people.

It's sad people want to rely on this nonsense.

Pandora's box has been opened...no turning back. Going to be a lot of people with nothing to do.

AI will decimate many Hollywood and marketing jobs. Any jobs that require building sets, backdrops, scenery, special effects etc are on the chopping block. For example, a complex battle scene requiring hundreds of extras and equipment is obsolete, AI can replace it.

Phil Liddell: "Sure AI will make the price of creating certain kinds of art drop to zero but there will always be a market for art crafted with love by real humans"

Honey, that's barely even true NOW how is ai gonna make that happen?

Movies can be really expensive to make. That's why there are so many sequels, because companies don't want to risk capital on the unknown. If AI can deliver content at lower cost, it may open possibilities for different story lines and settings. And allow more people to participate in the industry.

I do think the industry people looking at the quality of a first-gen AI system and saying it is flawed, so it won't be used in final product are definitely short-sighted. Because it will evolve very quickly.

As a creative working with independent music and film, I am excited to work with AI. It is going to level the playing field SO much. Right now, the main advantage the big industry has over independents is money. The enormous amounts of money to hire the hundreds or thousands of people required to produce things AAA. That is in part why there is a lack of original ideas, since it costs so much, and the investors demand so much profit. AI, in time, will allow small groups or even individual creatives to compete on a level never seen before. Sure, it can be used to crank out more junk without any people, but they will be competing against real creative artists that will no longer be paralyzed by a money driven industry with all the doors shut and windows boarded up. The productivity will also skyrocket for those that can harness these new abilities. The best productions will likely be hybrid, not all AI.

There is a tidal wave of transformative technology coming about in various industries that is going to change everything. Though it is bad news for people in the current entertainment industry model, in many ways I believe it is a blessing for those shut out of it because they don't know the right people or have rich friends and family. That open door is a beautiful thing.

When I was growing up in the 70s, we were constantly told we'd be replaced by robots. Turns out it's computers that will do us in. I feel sorry for younger generations, which will not know what's real and what's not. To me, it's not something to be excited about. I guess you have to be in the position to profit from it.

Croatia vs. USA ft Michael Jordan & The Dream Team: Scottie Pippin coming into his own as a superstar amongst superstars!... Charles Barkley is unstoppable... Christian Laettner ain't too shabby either! His shooting ability is stellar.

2-24-24

“How Do You Know You’re Not a Clone?”

Dream-Nightmare: I was back to teaching (temporarily) at CCAD with three new classes to teach there. They had moved their campus to Celina, Ohio to the old Harts department store. Yet they had remodeled the whole inside to make it a state-of-the-art film production studio. It had flashy movie theater lights and displays outside. I was teaching a Video II class where they were still installing the new 8K theater screen. I had locked my laptop bag and laptop within a moving light table drawer. Yet when I came back two hours after my class was over, I discovered that a company was installing theater seats into the studio space and the light table had been moved or removed. I looked everywhere for it but couldn't locate it. I asked Phil Garrett (who was now rehired) if he knew where it was at. He tried to help me find it, but to no avail. I was hounded with worry. I chatted with Ron Saks (who was back as well as chair of Cinematic Arts) about all

the people wondering into the film studio space while so much expensive equipment was at. He was also concerned about that as well. He mentioned that he had just hired Nikki Swift as a studio monitor. But she started next week. My sister Lara had been in my Video II class. She was also waitressing at a restaurant down the street. Chris Meiser, a former student was also in the class, came in late. He informed me that he was in Bosnia filming the war over the summer. She showed some of the footage he had shot.

"It's the end of the world as we know it. (It's time I had some time alone.) It's the end of the world as we know it. (It's time I had some time alone.) It's the end of the world as we know it. (It's time I had some time alone.)" - "It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)" by R.E.M.

Past Lives: "Why are you crying?"... "If you leave something behind, you gain something, too"... "Who else should I look up? The boy I had a massive crush on?"... "It's a good thing. Think of it was a blessing that you broke up, and consider this a new beginning"... "I tried really hard to find you"... "What do you wish to say?" - "I missed you"... "I miss you"... "It took me twelve years to find my friend"... "If their clothes brush, there must have been something between them in their past lives"... "That's just something people say to seduce someone"... She's married now... "I wanted to see you"... It's so surreal to follow two people speaking Korean in New York City... "Do you not want to get married?"... "I'm too ordinary"... "You were right. He came here to see me"... "I think I just missed him a lot"... "He's your childhood sweetheart"... "We're not 'meant for each other'"... "This is my life and I'm living it with you." - "Are you happy with it?"... "This is where I ended up. This is where I'm supposed to be"... "You're forgetting the past where I love you"... "You only dream in Korean"... "There's this whole place inside of you that I cannot go"... "It was good that you immigrated. Korea is too small of a country for you. It's not enough to satisfy your ambition"... "I didn't know that liking your husband would hurt this much"... "It makes me have a lot of weird thoughts. What if I'd come to New York two years ago?"... "Would we have dated? Broken up? Gotten married? Would we have had kids together. Thoughts like that"... "But the truth that I learned here I s you had to leave because you're you"... "And who you are is someone who leaves"... "The Na Young you remember doesn't exist here"... "Even though I was only 12, I loved her"... They had a connection... "What if this is a past life as well, and we are already something else to each other in our next life? Who do you think we are then?" - "I don't know." - "Me neither"... "See you then"... A film about living with memories and lost love.

Trump, nor the religious right have any interest in following the teachings of Jesus, to be Christ-like. Jesus was and is Socialism personified. Jesus was Universal Health Care in the flesh. Jesus taught that we live simply so that others may simply live.

When a presidential candidate calls HIMSELF a genius.....and you're cheering...please know, you're in a cult.

Most Americans don't make comments on news sites, or participate in polls. Therefore we don't know what they're thinking. But I suspect that the reasons Trump was broadly rejected in 2020 still apply. He certainly hasn't done anything to attract any voters outside his cult.

With the conservative policies being forced by the courts, it should be coming very clear to all Americans and women in particular what a GOP win will do to their rights...

Trump is going to get crushed in November with 1/3 of Republicans, 60% of women and the majority of independents voting against him. It will be much worse than his 2020 loss.

Hello,

Attached is our 2023 tax documents to be prepared by Muhlenkamp & Associates. Please let me know if there is anything else.

Thank you, Eric and Lisa Homan

Refining and editing the layout and designs for Faces Found chapters.

Added to underwritten Faces Found chapters with new text.

Priscilla: “There’s nothing to do here”... “And who do we have here?”... “You’re just a baby”... “Would you come up to my room?”... “I just liked talking to you”... “He just lost his mother and he’s still grieving. He trusts me”... “What’s your intent? You’re Elvis Presley. You’ve got women throwing themselves over you. Why my daughter?” –“Well, sir, I’m very fond of your daughter. She’s very mature for her age. And I really do enjoy spending time with her”... She likes the attention he gives her. She likes it a lot... “I’m not even sure if I’ll have a music career when I get back”... She’s a sweet, soft-spoken, and shy girl... “Promise me that you’ll stay the way you are now”... “Maybe it’s time to forget about him”... “Why don’t you go on upstairs? It’s the first door on the left”... Elvis Presley’s “Lolita”... “Wow. She’s young. She’s like a little girl”... “You don’t know how much I missed you. You’re the only thing to keep me going”... “You’ve been out for two days”... “How would you like to go to Vegas?”... Pill-popping... She looks like a girl dressed as a woman... “Why you? Why can’t he find someone his own age? You’ve only 17.” –“He’s not like you imagined. And he needs me, mom”... Who is the girl that lives at Graceland?... Refusing to sleep with her. “What about how I feel?”... “Black hair and eye makeup will make your eyes stand out more”... It’s like being inside a schoolgirl’s dream/ nightmare. It’s so magical, lovely, and horrifying all at the same time... Her creeping isolation... Priscilla as a sexy maid... “How are you and Ann-Margret getting along?”... “The flame’s burning low. So you better get home to start the fire”... A portrait of female loneliness... “Things just got out of hand... She’s a nice girl. But she’s not for me”... “You’re my girl... the only girl I ever loved”... “E-, When are we going to get together again? I miss you! X Scoobie”... This certainly changes one’s perception of Elvis because it puts a human face to who he is hurting with his lying, narcissistic behavior and drug habit... I have to give it up for Sofia Coppola. Her music selections constantly cast a spell... “I’m sorry, baby. I’ve got my momma’s temper”... “Larry said this will help us go deeper”... “Oh my God. Your shirt is breathing”... “What am I supposed to do with all this influence?”... He was so controlling of her... “I can’t stand it! It’s driving me crazy! I don’t want to hear it anymore”... “I’m a woman with needs who needs to be desired”... “I’m gonna be a daddy?”... Women’s opinions and feelings didn’t matter much back in the 1960s... “I think it would be for the best for the two of us if we took some time apart”... “Elvis, it’s been so long”... An increasingly distant relationship... Elvis is off having his affairs on tour... Being married to a music idol is no dream come true... “I’m leaving... I’m leaving our marriage.” –“Are you out of your mind? You have everything a woman could want”... “We’ve living separate lives”... *“I will always love you.”*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZj74sQD1K4&list=PL7icaV1kQr6mVHgu2OjXM_izydyZevryB The Shining - (Official Soundtrack)

If elected, Trump promised the "largest deportation in the history of our country and we have no choice," he said.

He promised that in 2016 and deported fewer in his one term than Obama in either of his terms. What do they say? Actions speak louder than words.

Do not believe anything he promises.

He had the house, the senate and the presidency. Still, nothing. Same with health care and virtually everything.

It doesn't matter what Trump says, his cult followers will believe it all. The only votes that matter in this election is the vote of independents. Democrats will not change their vote, cult followers will not change their vote, it's all on the independents.

Trump says that we're living in a Biden created hellscape right now. I'm looking around and I just don't see it. My 401k is up gas prices are "normal" Food prices are still high but coming down. I've gotten two raises at work plus "cost of living" increases. Our home just appraised for a record high. My wife and I just purchased new vehicles in 2023 both came with tax incentives for plug in hybrids that get 65 mpg average and with the solar system (that also came with hefty tax incentives) that we installed it costs us virtually nothing to charge them. So, if this is Trump's version of hell, I say you can turn the thermostat up a little hotter please.

Cruise ships are packed. Restaurants are packed. Holiday travel broke records last fall/winter. Record travel to Europe last summer. Everywhere I look, I see new housing developments being built. Unemployment is at 50-year record low. GDP growth is good. Stock market is at record highs. Yes, there is still some "sticky" inflation out there and housing prices are too high, but I'll take today's economy over the 2007-2008 recession. H_11 (really Yahoo?) is when your home value drops 30% in less than a year and you can't find a job to pay your mortgage. Been there, done that.

I agree with Trump. One day after losing a \$88M verdict to the person he sexually assaulted, then losing another \$455M judgement to NYC, life has got to be a living hell.

This is it. Trump is projecting his own personal situation onto the country, and responding in the only way he knows: bluster, threats, and an insane sense of his own indispensability.

I will never understand Trump apologists. He does illegal acts (unfairly prosecuted) he says racist offensive things (he doesn't mean it). Believe what a person says! He says what he means and does it! Trump is racially ignorant, vindictive, and only cares about enriching himself and his family. Joe Biden is older and showing signs of his age, but he's a decent man and surrounds himself with advisors who are also good people. Easy choice in November

Lithuania vs. USA's Dream Team 1992: It must have been so intimidating to play against so many legends on the court at the same time! Holy shit! Here comes Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Karl Malone, and Chris Mullin coming at me!

2-26-24

“Try Some Afrocentric-German Cuisine”

Called TIAA to rollover my money into a new retirement plan with Fidelity.

Do you have a check from your former employer's retirement plan?

Answer: This will be set up for an external rollover to Fidelity over three payments over three years: 10-1-24, 10-1-25, 10-1-26. I don't need to do anything else. Just let it go.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53BBRKF-L60&list=PLY6gkiZa1V629LrdYqDPJ4vBs_2A6QmS Dune 2 Soundtrack

Negotiating any of Ukraine's sovereign territory will not end the war in Ukraine. It will temporarily suspend it. It also establishes precedent that international laws are meaningless. Once Putin can secure his stolen territory and regroup, he will continue to attack and ravage Ukraine until he has subjugated all on Ukraine.

This will strengthen Russia and Putin will have a new economy to grift off of.

Maybe Putin will install puppets and claim Ukraine is an independent state. He will claim he got rid of (murdered) the ... (Putin's original description of Ukraine's government, equating Zelenskyy's government to history's most infamous regime)

Putin is a threat to all of Eastern Europe. He will certainly move on to other ex soviet block nations feeling encouraged by US lack of resistance.

Moldova, the Balkans, Poland etc. do not want to be subjugated by Russia.

It is beyond foolish to think appeasement of aggressor Putin will end the war of conquest and destruction that Putin is bringing to the world with determination.

It is beyond foolish to believe that the mission of the US's primary adversary left unchecked is of no consequence to the US.

My wife and I are moving to Alabama. We want two hundred children in the freezer and will maintain them in perpetuity as dependents. We will never have to pay taxes again.

For crying out loud, when the Alabama Supreme Court gives you lemons, make lemonade.

Count your frozen embryos and consider them tax deductions. Figure out when you want to take family leave to be with your frozen kids. And take a couple of them in the car with you next time you get on the highway, just so you can use the carpool lane.

The Alabama decision was yet another example of right-wing judges putting their religion ahead of the law and their oaths of office.

The pendulum swings right and the pendulum swings left but sooner or later it's going to come back to rest in the middle. It does this every time without fail. When will people and politicians realize and make peace with this. The right has done a good job recently of pushing the pendulum right but their arms are getting tired and are starting to shake. The pendulum is getting ready to start swinging left and there is nothing they can do about it. They are a victim of their own success. The election will do them in when the people speak. Both parties need to take the middle path to make progress in this country but I guess that takes all the fun out of it. People enjoy trying to force their will on others.

At CPAC one of the speakers specifically spoke about replacing Democracy with a Theocracy to applause. Rulings like this should really scare anyone to this possibility .

The only way the GOP is going to fix the abortion issue is by having the Supreme Court nullify the 19th amendment. Otherwise, sorry GOP, only the most Stepford of Stepford Wives are going to vote for giving away their bodily autonomy or that of their daughters or granddaughters.

So the whole states right argument was trash utter trash and whoever voted for Trump on that are morons.

At no point at any time does the government getting involved with a person's health care offer any value. It should be up to the individual.

ummm no Trump installed the justices that tipped the scales on abortion, justices that during congressional hearings basically said it was settled law and they would leave it alone.

There would no NATO on Russia's doorstep if not for Russian and Putin actions. NATO was a Cold War entity to protect Europe from the USSR. With the dissolution of the Soviet Union it was assumed that Russia would become another European member and assimilate into the group. With the mindset of the old Communist regime being resurrected and the eventual dictatorship of Putin and like minded top advisors who see an enemy in every corner where there are none the region has deteriorated.

I say let them (Moldova) join. NATO can put additional bases and troops there to further keep Russia in check. Let's keep the pressure on Putin!!!

Putin is the best NATO promoter we could ever hope for.

This is insane. Republican want to remove Biden from office and they are supporting a person that can't put two sentences together on his best day that makes sense. A person that said Nevada would soon be like Florida, surrounded by water. There are many things Trump has said that makes no sense. Regardless of Biden's mental condition, he has put this country in a better place, unemployment wise, sock market wise, crime wise and more. Biden and others came up with a way to help the situation at the southern border but Trump's republicans friends stopped that. The border patrol union even supported the plans.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDIXhH1ZvNY&list=PLmqTb3LpNWP-oVx-Mj9FpK30O3P2QQ6hS> Willie Nelson the IRS Tapes

The brilliant warm spring weather front came in, which made for unusually pleasant conditions in the mid-60s with sun, which made me feel extra alive. I felt healthier, more rejuvenated, more energetic... almost like I was 10 years younger. A weight felt lifted off me even from the gloomy winter weather. I felt a rare feeling: peace of mind. Then for dinner this evening, Lisa made steak and baked potatoes cooked to perfection. For a Monday, this was a pretty good day.

<https://bohemianrhapsod.ai/>

Chris Althof is a nature person.

Visitors from the Arkana Galaxy: A science fiction writer is gifted with the ability to materialize his thoughts and inadvertently brings a group of aliens to Earth... “Andra, the she-robot”... “What’s the name of your galaxy again?”... “The monster will be this insane toy”... “Man, you’re a lost cause”... “Give them what they want. That’s the secret to success”... An insanely yellow moon in the night sky... “Robert, we have arrived”... A sci-fi writer whose sci-fi novel thought have come to life... Laughing blue orbs... “So, you saw something that doesn’t exist”... His breast-feeding father... “A new breed of cosmic beasts”... “Why did you run away? We are yours”... “Strange things are happening”... “What’s the point of all this?”... “Anything can be”... “Maybe it’s just a dream”... Transforming his girlfriend into a cube... “She’s temporarily shape-shifted”... “We don’t have hearts”... “But Robert is the one who created us, he created the whole Arkana galaxy and our Tugador planet”... “You are beautiful.” –“I’m how you created me. I belong to you”... “Here. This is what she (your sister) looks like now”... “Biba is this little cube”... An island that has aliens on it where tourists will flock to... “Let’s take all our clothes off!”... Their blue transportation device is stored inside her head... Her gold tights... Highly inventive... “Touch me. Touch me”... Jan Svankmajer created the "space monster" that appears in this communist-era science-fiction comedy... “Go back to your own planet, you cosmic floozy!”... “Should I turn her into a cube again?”... “You know they are a figment of my imagination”... “So, I’m the first man to kill an alien creature?”... “This is a collective hallucination”... A man with a smooched head is still able to talk... Go back in time... “It was a wonderful trip.”

7th Grade Davis Families,

This is a reminder that tomorrow night, Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 PM, we will be hosting an informational meeting for parents/guardians about the 8th grade Washington, DC trip. The trip is scheduled for October 14-17, 2024. The purpose of the meeting is to share preliminary agendas as well as all of the financial information. There will be time for you to ask any questions you may have about the trip. If your student is interested in going on the trip next fall, this will be an important meeting to attend. For those who are unable to attend, the paperwork shared will be posted on the Davis website the following day. Students were given some information about the trip today so they may be coming home to remind you about tomorrow's meeting.

Jaime

Dream: I was back in Coldwater for a Friday evening and found myself hanging out with Joe Pleiman. We were at Holy Trinity Church for a while and then found ourselves at an alternative school on the south end of downtown. I found out that my old art teacher, Mr. Nick Wenning, was there with his daughter. I gave him a big hug. The building also had a thrift store within it. Joe had mentioned something about our 25th anniversary reunion. I wondered who else I might see while I was back in Coldwater. At a large house next door, I was being taunted by Bob van den Bosch. He dared me to attack him. So, I did and put my fingers into his eyes. I'm not sure if I blinded him. Yet I also knew to get out of town, which I barely did. I walked right over to my parked car where I used to park for going to church not far from Starstruck Video. And I drove off into the night wondering if I will be going to jail. And what of my reputation in my hometown? My old classmates will gossip about what I'd done.

Amber Blackwell: Hello stranger! I have been meaning to ask you... do you have plans to film the eclipse?

DUH!!!! How well do you know me? ☺ I am taking a half day off and driving out to an open field park west of Marysville, Ohio for a longer eclipse. I live in Dublin, which will only go dark for just a minute. I've got several ND filters ready to go. I'm just hoping for clear skies.

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Women's Swimsuit One Piece Prolt Super Pro Solid Adult

Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom: Mera with her mermaid gown... "It's just meetings all day"... The melting ice sheets are causing frozen creatures to reawaken... "This is thunder-snow in Dallas, Texas"... Orichalcum... The awe of seeing the Kingdom of Atlantis... Neon sharks... Jellyfish buildings... Sonic cannon... "It's supposed to be tight"... Topo... "Excuse me if I use comedy to mask my feelings and deal with stress"... "Cockroach, the shrimp of the land"... A giant butterfly... "He's intentionally heating up the atmosphere"... Black Manta looks awesome!... "I saw the Lost Kingdom"... The Lord of the Rings underwater... "All we did was fast-forward things a few years"... Aquaman commanding the whales and killer whales in the Antarctic!... "Astounding!"... Riding a giant white seahorse!

Comment on "A Tribute to Fran McAfee: Professor, Mentor, and Friend": **What a devastating loss. Fran was such a great professor and mentor. His dedication and work ethic were inspiring and his sense of humor and kindness were unmatched. Thank you putting this together, even if it made me start bawling all over again. What a bittersweet trip down memory lane.**

2-28-24

"Something to Do to Pass the Time"

Dream: I took Ariana Grande/ former student lookalike that was from a rich family to the Columbus Toy Show. She was in one of her famous pantyhose outfits and looked a cute as can be. She had taken a bus for an hour just to hang out with me. She was really interested in me for about half a day until the spell of being new to her wore off. The Columbus Toy Show had really shrunk down in size and wasn't that impressive anymore. 1/3rd of it was even outside like a flea market. I barely found anything mainly because I ended up arriving 40 minutes later than I thought I was going to at 7:40 a.m. There was already plenty of shoppers inside and had picked the best stuff already. I don't think I even bought anything there. At least I spent the day with Arianna.

Jesse Guthrie: I just learned about this. The person in their red, white and blue logo even vaguely looks like you. They also have Chicken Coop Bingo. <https://www.thefloridamangames.com/>

Rustin: Civil Rights Activist Bayard Rustin... "1954. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled segregation unconstitutional"... "Things need to change"... "Do this, Martin. Own your power"... "We thank you for your many years of service"... "You're irrelevant. I've been called worse"... "Last time I checked, we were illegal"... "I had an idea"... "We're going to put together the largest peaceful protest in the history of this nation"... "He gets it!"... "Teach me how to not be afraid"... "I am railing at Jim for being arrogant and ill-informed"... "We face a moral crisis in the United States"... "He needs you to figure out what's next"... "This new generation is restless and angry"... "If I move, this child will never know there is an injustice taking place"... "He'll do what he's always done: champion legislation that is destined to fail"... "You once said that the time is always right to do right"... "We intend to go there by the hundreds of thousands"... "We've got to seize the moment"... "It makes you want to believe"... "It's called being strategic"... "You have to understand our disappoint"... "This march is being built by the Communist Party"... "I cared about him"... "40 freedom trains"... "And that is why I would never send me on my way"... "We have moved on"... "And congressmen are telling their female staff to stay home"... "Because sound is how you turn a crowd into an audience"... "To the achievement of social peace through social justice"... "I will march and write letters. I will demonstrate and I will vote"... "You are a sick man and you need to stop following me"... "He's a convicted homosexual"... "We do the work of our oppressors by oppressing ourselves"... "What they really want to destroy is all of us coming together and demanding this country change"... "Then they are going to have to fire me because I will not resign"... At first, only 75 people have shown up for the march... "My father used to ask me, 'Have you made yourself useful today?'"

The guy claiming he's worth 6.5 billion can't come up with half a billion.

Can't wait for the last week in March. Wonder what is going to be the first piece of property - Trump Towers? Mar-a-Lago would be nice. Just take it all.

The democrats just found a goldmine. they said they wouldn't stop at abortion and now they're proving it.

This is all attributed to extreme Evangelical Christianity that is trying to rule the U.S. With these crazy rules which is going to destroy the GOP.

Today's GOP: "the sky is falling, the sky is falling! Vote for us"...

I've been saying all along that the Republicans are coming for all of our rights. They're just acting 'horrified' at the IVF ruling to try to deflect public outrage. The GOP intends to extend this nationwide the moment they have power again. After that, they'll go after contraception, gay marriage, you name it.

I'm an independent and don't really like Joe Biden, but these are some of the reasons I'm voting democrat, I'm voting against authoritarianism

<https://www.storeholidayhours.org/cheddars-scratch-kitchen-holiday-hours-open-closed-today/>
<https://www.cheddars.com/menu/family-bundles>

2-29-24

"A Rare Leap Day"

Dream: I escaped the OSU campus stoner house and stole/ "loaned" one of their run-down, bastardized bikes parked in front of the house. I had my starving and skinny dog and my cat both on leashes as I tried with all my might to bike back home to Dublin. Yet campus never ended. It went on for hours of biking and trekking. The trashy, graffiti-textured neighborhoods were like something from a post-apocalyptic world with street gangs, alternative college students, and post-academic biker-punks in pink. It was like "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" got mixed up

with “The Warriors” meets the areas around High Street. I kept on biking and slowly my pets got a bit healthier from drinking the water puddles in the street. They gained a bit more strength to keep on going along with me. Yet, God, it would take so many more hours to get back home again. I’d never had to bike this many miles back to home before. The hours seemed to go on forever.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Leap year man, 84, celebrates 21st birthday.” **This made me so happy to read. He can finally buy beer all by himself.**

Wait, is your birthday Feb. 29th? That would be amazing. You'd be, like, 7 years old or or something!

Anti-abortion groups have always been out in full force but they’ve done little to reduce the number of abortions. They have, however, made them unsafe or illegal. It’s very unethical of them to impose their beliefs on others. It’s not about life, it’s about power and control. **Even when they hear stories like this, those fetus worshipping POS still don't GAF about the suffering women like the mom in this video experience after discovering the fetus is incompatible with life...**

Forced birth legislation does nothing to end abortion, it just makes abortion more difficult and dangerous. A bi-partisan effort to reduce abortion through birth control subsidies and education would actually be effective. Unfortunately, cruelty is the point with the forced birthers.

Improving the social safety net for women would also reduce abortion rates, finances are the top reason women choose abortion. Amazing that a woman might choose to terminate a pregnancy when you might be on the hook for thousands for the birth alone, and then you aren't entitled to any parental leave, you often have you go back to work within weeks of giving birth, and childcare rivals the cost of a mortgage.

There needs to be better male birth control and perhaps the number of abortions will decrease. Putting most responsibility on women and then criminalizing them if they have an abortion is discrimination at the highest level.

Men are not suffering as women are in this. Change the laws back, reinstate Roe v Wade. Yes, abortions are still happening today, the only difference is that now they are monumentally more difficult for women to obtain, especially poor and minority women, adding substantial cost and anguish to an already burdensome and challenging situation. This is 100% unnecessary. Men are not suffering as women are in this. Change the laws back, reinstate Roe v Wade.

I'm a Christian, and I won't vote for Trump. I know a few of my friends, Christians, who will. Mainly because of the abortion issue. I believe all life is sacred. But I don't think Trump is making a difference for that problem. This article seems to be proof of that. I also understand, it's the woman's body and life... so sometimes there's more to it than just an unwanted pregnancy. **Abortion bans have zero effect on the number of abortions, only where they are performed.**

These laws proclaiming to be christian values are just wrong in this country and cannot be enforced. They have tried for years to outlaw abortion, prostitution, and homosexuality; it cannot be done. Just as with the drug trade, long as there remains a need, a customer, these things will be available. With abortion that means more women will die from botched, amateur abortions and hospital restriction of treatment.

There were a tremendous number of abortions even back in the day before Roe as well. Other countries have found the way to radically reduce abortions to include affordable health care, paid maternity leave, subsidized child care, paid paternal leave, free and accessible birth control and better sex education. If you are anti-abortion and not for these things, you are about control and not about life.

Republicans, especially the trumpian ones, are all for "getting government out of our lives" and deregulation. Unless, of course, you are a woman.

Abortion has been around since the beginning of time in all cultures. That will continue, legal or illegal. That is reality.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "About as many abortions are happening in the US monthly as before Roe was overturned, report finds."

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On: "I want to have a good life and not just survive"... "I appreciate its different beauties"... "I like myself and I have a lot of other great qualities as well"... A documentary on a stop motion sentient shell... "I'm making a little video portrait"... One-eyed shells... Cute, beautiful, and adorable while also melancholic... "Guess why I smile a lot? Because it's worth it"... "It's an audience, not a community"... "Is this all there is?"... "I was sharing. You didn't think to share?"... "We need quiet"... "I think he's afraid of change. It's scary"... "That's why you're making this documentary, so you don't have to think of her. Are you heartbroken?"... "Don't use me as an excuse not to live"... "I'm glad I got to meet her"... "She didn't get sanded down by life"... "Ingenious use of a tennis ball"... "Maybe he needed the friendship"... "The space in my heart gets bigger and louder every day"... "A family reunited"... "Peaceful, Easy Feeling"... "I find that being in a big group can be overwhelming to me"... "I truly enjoy the sound of myself being connected to everything."

I lived a day that doesn't usually exist. How exciting!

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"A Supremely Moronic Textbook on How to Enjoy Life"

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I am so glad my kid is not learning American history in Florida. She loves to read a lot of books, some of which are banned such as Anne Frank's "Diary of a Young Girl" and Angie Thomas's

"The Hate U Give". I feel bad for the kids there only being allowed to read white washed feel-good versions of history.

3-2-24

"What If All the Toys in the World Went Mad?"

Worked on redesigning my chapters of "Faces Found".

Napoleon (2023): Beheading Marie Anionite... "Surprise is our advantage"... "Viva France!"... "Ready the canons!"... "And the sights are wondrous"... "Should I tell you something that will give you personal pain?"... "Your wife has taken a lover"... "Cheating bride"... "Without me, you are nothing"... "I return to France to find her bankrupt"... "I'm inviting you to the winning side"... The Coup... "So he needs an ally that he can call a friend"... "I shall take this as an act of disrespect"... "you feel that? It's yours"... "Long live the emperor!"... "We are discovered"... "Retreat!"... Drowning in the freezing waters... "It's nice to meet another emperor"... "He's beside himself with rage"... "When are you going to insist that we divorce?"... "This is for your country. Say it"... "Do not permit yourself to fall into melancholy"... Lovely Vanessa Kirby... "I see nothing but success in our future"... "He'd rather burn their own city than negotiate with me"... "We would be marching into the Russian winter with horses that were not raised for this weather"... "Fortune has abandoned me"... "Without you, I am nothing"... "Therefore, you have been exiled"... "All I've desired is her glory"... "I know what it's like to be underestimated"... "Long live the emperor!"... "He has held the world hostage with his egotism, his unsatiated hunger for power"... "We must not be beat!"... "The battle is mine. There will be an end to the war"... "What will you do now?"... 47,000 French soldiers died at Waterloo in one day. 460,000 soldiers died in the invasion of France.

Call for large bulk pick-up for tall ladder.

3-3-24

"How Was Your DWD (Day Without Dad), Ladies?"

Dream: I was back to working as a lab assistant at the Florida Center for Electronic Communication along with Fran McAfee. It was pretty weird to be back working there again. I took Lisa and Alyssa down to work to show them around. I thought to myself how odd it was to be back. I thought Fran had died. Even Ed Skellings was around. Alyssa was a little overwhelmed, so I took her upstairs to the recording studio/ lunchroom. Lisa, Alyssa, and I went down to the renovated Riverwalk area where we witnessed a tiger shark leap out of the water nearby us and some kids. Later, I went on a boat on a beach south of Fort Lauderdale. A great white shark was under us and the captain used a sonic weapon to force the shark to leap out of the water.

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Buckeye Comic Con: March 2024 Edition

This morning was the Buckeye Comic Con: March 2024 Edition. As always, I usually don't find much for the first hour I'm there from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Yet once Pete from Bell, Brook & Comics arrives and gets set up, I end up pulling 144 \$1 books furiously and with extreme concentration over the next 40 minutes straight. I don't talk to anyone. I just dig and pull while checking my comic book collection list on my phone. I am in "the zone". I'm also not especially excited either during this phase because I'm just so focused on getting stuff pulled before it is too late. I'm on a rush against time because once the general public comes in at 10 a.m., multiple people will be rushing in and pulling books that I haven't had a chance to get through yet. This show is the main opportunity to get new overstock books for cheap at \$1 a book. By 10:20 a.m., I am usually all done with my shopping and looking through the books. Then and only then do I go around and do a more comprehensive photo and video session around the

show to document it. (Channel 4 News was also there to get shots. I can't help but think about how this could have been my main job considering that I interviewed for the position.) Then I find Jake Johnson and Dave Pruitt to socialize with the two of them. The event becomes more of a social event for me of people with similar interests.

I left the show at noon, shopped at the Asian grocery store, had a late lunch at Skyline Chili, and shopped at Half Price Books. The sun was shining and the weather felt like spring, which is really healing. It was a good way to ease out of the weekend.

Senate GOP lawmaker says it's not a 'close call' when it comes to Trump vs. Biden's mental fitness

That's correct. trump just has to open his mouth to prove he has totally lost it.

Someone should write a note stating who is the current president, who his opponent was in 2017, list all his children and mention WW 2 already happened and give it to him.

Darn, forgot, trump can't read.

When was Trump ever mentally fit??

This year will be no different. Ultimately the anti-trump vote is stronger than ever, and getting stronger with every conviction, I mean day. The huge number of votes Biden got were heavily anti-trump votes, not pro-biden votes. Now those same 2020 voters get to add to their decision process many factors they did not have in 2020: Trumps many indictments, Complete GOP house dysfunction, Supreme Court's war against women's healthcare, Trumps insurrection, and Trump constantly stealing the spotlight with all his trials. Trump is toast in 2024.

Trumps got a record as well:

Trump promised a New Healthcare Plan. - He failed.

Trump promised an Infrastructure Plan. - He failed.

He promised a wall the length of our Southern Border that Mexico would pay for. - He failed.

He promised a Muslim Ban. - He failed.

He promised to cut the National Debt, but instead, added more to our National Debt in just 1 term than any other President.

He said covid was a Democratic Hoax. A hoax that killed over a million Americans.

He cut funding for Social Security and Medicare.

He promised to release his tax returns, but didn't.

He promised a giant Middle Class tax cut, but instead:

Trump borrowed \$2 Trillion Dollars, added to our National Debt and then gave 83% of that money to corporations, the 2200 wealthiest families in America, Real Estate developers, the owners of private planes and an Estate Tax cut.

How many middle-class families do you know with a private plane and needs an Estate Tax cut?

What did the Middle Class get?

The BILL for \$2 Trillion Dollars, PLUS Interest, that they, their children and grandchildren will be paying for the next 35 years.

A panel of 170 Presidential Historians assembled by Siena College ranked Trump as the 3rd WORST President in American history.

Placing Trump at #44, Obama at #11, Clinton at #14, Biden at #19 and GW Bush at #34. FDR was #1.

They ranked Trump last for background, integrity, and intelligence.

In the APSA Poll of 154 Historians, Trump came in dead last.

1987 NBA All Star Game: What an insane lineup: Dr. J, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Charles Barkley, Dominique Wilkins, Moses Malone, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Hakeem Olajuwon, Kevin McHale, Bill Laimbeer, and Isiah Thomas! It's like Clash of the Titans!

Life360 app to track your family's iPhone locations.

3-4-24

“Chicken Pad Thai Days”

Dream: I was enrolled in classes at OSU along with my roommate and former CCAD colleague Michael Kellner. It was finals week and I was extremely stressed. Lisa was in the same class as I was in as we took the final exam. Every question I failed in even though I had properly studied. I was outraged. The Klosterman twin boys from Coldwater, Ohio were also teasing me while we were in line to get into the class concert venue space. I almost started a fight with them in front of our Coldwater peers who were also going to OSU. There were people-mover moving sidewalks kind of like what you have at airports to help students get from class to class. Yet they were also Disney-fied... literally. One of the people-movers that was an expressway would rush you at five-times speed through multimedia projections into Walt Disney World parks in downtown Disney. I accidentally took one of these and almost ended up being late for class. I had no idea the Disney parks were so close to the Ohio State University campus. I was having constant sensory overload issues. I also had a book I needed to return to the Wexner Center library by today or else it would be overdue.

The Mystery of Our Lost Cat

At 11 a.m., I was taking our two dogs outside because it was so nice outside when I looked over at Ulf and Donna's back porch and noticed a cat that looked exactly like our cat Val. I went over to get a better look only to realize it was, indeed, Val in all her fluffiness. I got pretty close to her on the back deck when Buster came charging at her and scared her away, possibly under the back porch. Yet when I tried to look under the porch, I didn't see her at all. I tried to get a flashlight to look around, yet I just couldn't see her. I looked around their house and around our house. But Val was nowhere to be seen. She had just vanished. Then I wondered if it was Val at all and was just a cat that looked like our cat. I looked around our house, but couldn't find Val. In fact, her morning food hadn't been touched at all. This led me to wonder if she had been outside overnight as well. Perhaps she managed to get out because the latch on our backdoor had broken last week. Yet I never expected her to be able to push open the door. In defeat, I ended up calling Lisa at her work at the hospital since she was perhaps the only one who would be able to get Val to come to her. I really wasn't wanting any of this extra stress.

While I was in an hour-long-plus meeting, Lisa was outside looking all over the neighborhood for Val... to no avail. Lisa was more concerned that Alyssa was going to freak out when she learns that Val is missing since that is her favorite cat. I really didn't want to have this extra stress and headache to deal with today on a freaking Monday. So now I have to worry about my daughter's favorite cat running away.

Lisa Homan: Hi all, Our cat Val was snuck out our back door. She is a torti with long hair, no collar, but microchipped. We saw her on our neighbors back deck but she took off before we could get to her. If you see her please call 6142263182. She is very skittish and will likely run if approached. We live on Kellingsworth way so if folks in the Milbury, Amston, and Kellingsworth way area could keep an eye out we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you

The part that bugs me is that Val may or may not be gone forever. It was just hours ago that I saw her. Then just as suddenly, she vanished and I simply can't find her anymore. It is so strange how someone from your life can just wander off and disappear without warning. It was like seeing a living ghost. Did I see what I thought I saw? I have looked in every dark space I could imagine. And yet Val is nowhere to be found.

And in a moment's notice, she could show up on our back door as if she'd never been gone.

Then at 5:45 p.m., Lisa called me to inform me that she spotted a brown cat on the back deck of our backyard neighbor. She wanted me to come outside with my DSLR camera so I could zoom in. Once Lisa pointed the cat out, I immediately noticed that it was indeed Val. So while Lisa stayed in the backyard, I went running around the block to ring the doorbell of the backyard neighbor's door. Yet after I rang the doorbell twice and there was no answer (or no sound of a doorbell), I knocked on the door window. Without hearing an answer and knowing that time was of the essence, I decided to go to the backyard. I did notice a car parked in the driveway. I crept up quietly to the back deck where Val was still looking into the back screen window. I figured she had gone "home" to the wrong house and was confused and scared. I managed to sneak up on her from behind. I couldn't make much noise or disturb the neighbors either. I couldn't warn them that I was on their backyard or else Val would run away all over again. I got close and closer and... managed to snatch her right away! I couldn't believe I managed to catch her without her running away. Crisis averted! Yet... Val felt a bit too light and a bit off. Maybe she had lost weight

from being outside for a day. It was strange that she didn't put up a fight though. Then, I heard a woman scream: "Oh my God! What are you doing?!!!" The screen door suddenly flung open and a woman snatched Val out of my hands. "That's my cat! I let her out in the evenings!" Oh my God. What are the chances that we would have the exact same type of cat?!?! What the hell?!?! This cat wasn't our Val. I immediately began apologizing profusely and explained what I was doing and how our cat was missing and who exactly I was and how this was all a huge misunderstanding. I explained that I had tried ringing their doorbell and knocking on their front door. She explained that she didn't answer because she had had bad experiences with answering the door to unexplained visitors. I pointed out my wife who was watching this whole grand embarrassment play out from the back of our backyard. She waved. I shared Lisa's Facebook post to prove that we weren't crazy. I couldn't believe how things once again went from victorious reunion to a case of horrific mistaken identity. This was just crazy! I also told our backyard neighbor our names and introduced ourselves while extremely red in the face. Yet this was for our autistic daughter's favorite cat. I was willing to do "anything" for her. Yet this was too much even for me.

Then I began to wonder if the brown cat I saw this morning may have been the *neighbor's cat* and not Val at all! Was this all a case of mistaken identity?! Was Val missing at all? Maybe Val was still hiding somewhere in the house and we just didn't know. We kept checking all the closets and under the beds. This was *psychotic*. Still, no Val. I was still in disbelief that Val would be able to push the back screen door open on her own, even if it didn't had a latch. Lisa thought she had pushed it open while playing with bugs outside.

Eventually, Alyssa took notice of how sad and distressed Lisa and I were acting "as if someone had died", as Alyssa put it. Finally, I had to inform Alyssa what had happened. At first, Alyssa thought that she could be a big help and assist us in looking for Val. Yet a minute later, fear and the reality of the situation hit Alyssa hard and she started to break down crying. She cried that maybe she got hit by a car. I just couldn't take it anymore. I had to withdraw because I'd done everything I could to help. I'd gone out looking for Val for over an hour. I'd gone out with the dogs multiple times today. I just didn't have anything more to give. Lisa half-joked that we could have been arrested for cat-napping and trespassing. This was just too emotionally-exhausting and draining. It had also become outwardly ridiculous. I accidentally caused trauma to our own backyard neighbors, for God's sake! It's bad enough to have a missing cat. But now a hysterical child freaking out over their missing pet is a whole other level of stress. Now we all have to deal with *loss*. We had come to accept what had happened. It had all settled in to the reality of the situation: Val was gone.

Then after we've done everything we can do, including talk to all our neighbors, we have to start thinking about the future. We may end up having to get a new cat. Just like that. Alyssa stopped talking to me or anyone. She simply withdrew. I also grew increasingly sad... emotionally exhausted. There was nothing more I could do. This was like a weird death... and all because our back door stopped latching starting last week.

By 9 p.m., Alyssa was talking more again. We held out a strange hope that Val would still find her way back home tomorrow morning. You never know.

Work has been increasingly hard lately. I did have my first training session with our new hire, Shelley. Afterwards, I had two more meetings to attend, including one that was with the internal Grade 4 and 5 team. My colleague Dani looked especially burnt out. She even bluntly and explicitly said as much.

He wants to get elected he is going to need more than just his MAGA followers. Saying things that he does during his rallies only turns non MAGA voters away. The independents don't like him. so he lost their vote. Some GOP voters will also vote against him because of his out right crazy talk. At the rate he is going, he will lose even worse than 2020.

It's just comical how trump calls everything the opposite of what it really is. truth social (truth, really??) America has just about ALWAYS been great (except when nixon and trump were presidents!)

the maga crowd loves his performances. the rest of us not so much and a good portion see him as nothing more than a populist buffoon with no real policy programs or strategies. he just provides a daily harangue of complaints and disconnected ideas. examine the achievements of his last term. then again, there were no achievements. no major legislation passed in 4 years on anything except tax cuts for the rich and corps. even that was not his doing, but rather paul ryan's. he simply revels in the attention of the office. megalomaniacal narcissist

Trump's fans went quiet when he confused Biden and former [President Barack Obama](#) while claiming that he personally would "have the horrible war between Russia and Ukraine settled" if he wins back the White House in November.

"I know them both very well and we will restore peace through strength. Get that war settled. It's a bad war. And Putin has so little respect for Obama that he's starting to throw around the nuclear word," Trump said during a speech in Greensboro, North Carolina.

People, you have to quit complaining that they are both too old. Yes it's true. But it's also true that this is what we will face on the November ballot so you have to ignore that fact when voting and choose the candidate who stands for democracy, integrity, and who has done the most for the country.

Both old, which is not a bad thing, with age comes experience. Difference is one surrounds himself with credited advisors skilled and recognized in their fields and the other has a revolving door of sycophants' which sums up his character and intentions...

With Trump it isn't about the team, since he goes through advisors so quickly. Biden, at least, does have a team that will keep him focused. Trump's advisors are afraid to tell him when he is mixed up or just plain wrong. Big difference.

Trump and his supporters rely on lies. There is absolutely nothing redeemable about the Traitor and his minions.

Spaceman: "I wish you could see it the way that I do"... "I read that you're the loneliness man in the world"... "I love you. But people change. I have to leave you"... There is a nebula appearing in our sky above for the past four years... "He's already concerned that he hasn't heard from her"... "He's not getting this message"... Purple space spider with tentacles on its mouth... "I'm losing my mind"... "Something's not right"... "I will neither consume nor contaminate you"... "Your loneliness intrigued me"... "Perhaps my presence can lessen your solitude"... "I should have done it (left him) a long time ago"... A year in space... "And when you're alone, you think. She's had too much time to think"... "This cloud holds much wisdom"... "These particles are from the origin of the universe"... "Why do you resist this exploration?"... "I do exist"... "I loved that he was ambitious. And I was wrong." –"People are wrong all the time"... "I found the vibrations soothing"... "I'm just trying to make sense of who you are"... "You want to see what's beyond Jupiter"... "When you dream, you leave"... "The pain that it causes... it is of value to you?"... "How could you fail to see?"... "There is more I want to see"... "You think too much"... "Your loneliness is self-inflicted"... "My interest in you has expired"... "Don't leave me!"... "IN the year you were born, the sky was purple"... "To investigate the specter that has haunted our skies for years"... "Dad, I absolve you of your sins"... "This isn't such a bad place to end things"... "No one has the hurt"... Pondrous... "I begin and I end here"... "Listen to the silence."

3-5-24

"Have Some Lice Ice Cream"

Update to the Val lost cat mystery: once I was up at 6 a.m., I went outside to go look for Val. She was still nowhere to be seen. Then once Lisa woke up at 7 a.m., she called me over and showed me her phone that the night camera she had installed on the back porch last night had picked up movement at 4 a.m. Sure enough, it was Val wandering around on our back porch eating the cat treats Lisa had set out. Lisa had immediately gone outside looking for Val. But she had run away before Lisa had a chance to catch her. But at least we had proof that Val knew where our house was at and that she was still doing well. Val was just on "spring break" living her best life outside.

[Elena Celaschi](#): Is she still missing? I feel bad after the fiasco on our deck last night. lol I did check under our deck just in case but didn't see her.

Lisa Homan: We felt terrible for trespassing and startling you! We normally would have never gone into a back yard but we were afraid she would get away from again. We were desperate parents with a kid who was on level 20 freak out. She hasn't made it home yet. I bought a night vision camera and we did see her last night on the camera but she was as too fast for me again. She wondered on the porch at 4am and the alert sounded. I was down the steps in less than a minute but she was gone again. At least we feel better knowing she is okay. Hopefully she will be unhappy enough with the rain to make her way home.

Elena Celaschi: Yes, that's understandable! I was just so startled at first but understood where you guys were coming from. We actually didn't know our door bell was broken until your husband mentioned he rang the bell, but we didn't hear it. I would have done the same to try to grab her. We keep checking under our deck area for her just in case. Good luck on finally getting her! I usually lure my cat out by opening a canned food outside.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump compares migrants to Hannibal Lecter in 'The Silence of the Lambs'."

His only real appeal is the extreme right base composed of the willfully ignorant portion of our population. While there are way too many of them for the nation's good, there aren't enough to give Scrupp a second chance to damage America.

When does Don ever speak positively about this country or any human being that is not a strongman leading an enemy nation? Policy ideas? And his speech issues are worsening by the day. Vote blue in November for this republic.

I for one am really sick of his hate speeches, disrespect and disdain for others. This country needs a change from this behavior.

The more deplorable things he says the more he goes up in the polls. This is what America has become.

Dune: Part Two: "Power over spice is power over all"... The Messiah of Arrakis... Pyschotic Feyd-Rautha Harkonnen... Talking to your daughter still in your womb... "The Madhi is too humble to say He is the Madhi. Even more reason to know He is! As written!"... A great movie to see in the theater on a big screen and booming surround sound that makes the floor vibrate!... The Bene Gesserit... The Fremmen... In order to win, he must be able to see the visions of the future: "The visions are clear now. I see possible futures, all at once. Our enemies are all around us, and in so many futures they prevail. But I do see a way, there is a narrow way through"... "You fought well, Atreides..."... Wormrider... The Water of Life... The black sun that makes their world completely black and white... Green Paradise... The fetus has gained consciousness... "The great houses refuse to honor your ascendancy, my lord"... "Lead them to paradise"... Paul Atreides: "I am Paul Muad'Dib Atreides, Duke of Arrakis. The Hand of God be my witness, I am the Voice from the Outer World! I will lead you to PARADISE!"... "May thy knife chip and shatter"... "This 'prophecy' is how they enslave us!"... "You shall die. You may see. The beauty and the horror"... "Green Paradise"... "You underestimate the power of faith."

3-6-24

"Your Date of Birth Cannot Be in the Future"

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Kentucky Senate passes bill to grant the right to collect child support for unborn children."

"I believe that life begins at conception," Westerfield said.

He can believe in whatever, it doesn't make it so.

Life sure begins at conception, but for a couple of months it's still a piece of tissue, not a child. Just call the measure what it is - a pregnancy support, not a child support. Distinction could be relevant if these two types of supports can be set at different rates.

This is getting way too out of hand. Until the child is born, there is no guarantee that there will ever be a baby. Are people this money hungry? Is the far right trying to make their point that a cluster of cells is actually a baby, just like that package of seeds at Walmart are already

vegetables and flowers. We are becoming a society of insane ideas and trying to spin them into something reasonable. I am a single mother and in no way would I have wanted to received child support before my baby was born.

The beginning of life has not been defined by science, Traditionally it has been defined as birth, Only religions define it at conception, Since church and state are separate each religion can define it as they like with any restrictions they care to impose on their members. However religions can not impose their beliefs upon people with other faiths.

Does that mean our birthday is actually nine months prior to the day you are born. If thats the case all of our birthdays are wrong and our birth certificates are incorrect and actually invalid.

Here in Ohio we have enshrined the right to an abortion in the State Constitution. If we have to do it state by state let's do it. Women should retake control of their own bodies and regain access to quality reproductive healthcare denied them by a conservative Supreme Court overturning Roe v Wade by voting Democratic. I believe many Republican women feel likewise as well and will vote accordingly. If it can be done in Red Ohio it can be done in any state. End the madness. Vote!

My fear is that the violence and murder rate will increase as women attempt to get deadbeat fathers to pay. This is a recipe for disaster. Pregnancy is a vulnerable time. Haven't we seen an increase in pregnant women found dead recently?

Abortion services MUST be available. Politicians CANNOT get involved in peoples personal lives and DESTINY.

There are several problems with this law. First is there is no such thing as an unborn child. It is either a child that has been born or it is still an embryo in progress. Second what happens when child support is being collected and a miscarriage occurs and loses the embryo. Does he get a refund? The ridiculous is getting out of hand with the supreme court ignoring reality and the constitution.

Good luck with collecting. So many men will say it's not theirs and the burden of proof will be on the woman and it's not cheap and you need daddy's DNA which you will have a hard time getting. While I believe all men should be held responsible for their share of cost from conception this is just a ploy by the GOP to prevent Women from being able to choose abortion.

Now might be a good time to remind folks that when a woman lost in 2016, she went for a walk in the woods, wrote a book & started a podcast. When a man lost in 2020, he refused to accept it, plotted a coup and incited a violent attack on our Capitol.

But tell me more about balls.

Artificial Intelligence is ideally suited to replace politicians and judges.

I always laugh when MAGA are on TV talking about how they are HALF the voters in the country. Not even remotely close to true!

Helping a Colleague Who Feels Overwhelmed

Jesse Guthrie: Just between us. I'm drowning right now man. Don't know how much longer I'll be at this job. Busting my ass though.

Eric Homan: The first batch is the hardest by far, especially the 1R stage. I struggled through it as well. If you need to call and meet, I can talk you through things.

Jesse Guthrie: Thanks man. I'll let you know. Just trying my best to not get fired in the meantime.

Eric Homan: Since you're sharing the same vendor, reach out to Tiffany as well. This helped for me and Dani with Straive. We also keep in daily communication with our PdD Design team members through Teams. We're not perfect though. I still miss things and assignment details. I'll misunderstand something. But I'm trying to learn along the way and slowly figuring things out.

I was out visiting my dad for three days and apparently I've been doing a terrible job. So I'm trying to catch things back up.

Sorry, I just saw your new message. It is really rough to have to juggle family health issues mixed with traveling with the constant demands of New Literacy. We do need more backup PdD - Media people so we can take days off without schedules falling behind when there are personal life issues that happen that we have no control over. Like I said, I thought I was doing a terrible job at first because I was making a lot of mistakes. Just remember that we've never worked in Print before. But the more experience you get, the easier it does get.

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Waterloo: "Master of all Europe"... "There are four nations, four armies, four fronts against us"... "There's nothing left to do"... "France has fallen. So remember me!"... Napoleon, who can only truly live through war... "I am France and France is me!"... "He will lead us to glory again!"... "You have been my most generous enemy for the past 20 years. But now I want peace"... "All of Europe has declared war against me"... "Let them bleed"... "Everything matters on one big battle"... "Is it true that he is a monster?"... "Napoleon has crossed the border"... "You should know that I saw this ground a year ago and I kept it in my pocket"... "There must be something I don't understand"... "We have to rely on each other"... "Expecting to die tomorrow?"... Thunder like a hellish metal-clanging symphony... "My body is dying. But my brain is still good"... "His white horse. The monster!"... Interior dialogue to himself: "He was right. This mud may kill us. The only enemy I fear is nature"... "What he shows me is only a façade. Clever"... Canon fire thunder!... "It's like the hall of bloody hell is coming out from under the ground"... Bagpipers leading the troops into battle... "Has Wellington nothing to offer me but these Amazons?"... "Prussians!"... "You must lie down for an hour!"... "That you extended the limits of glory"... "Fire at the horses!"... "We've never seen each other! How can we kill one another?! Why?!"... A hurricane thunder wind of war... "It appears we've lost the battle"... "Sire, the Prussians are in the woods!"... "I made one mistake in my life. I should have burned Berlin"... "Raise the black flag!"... "Wellington is beaten! Where is your faith?"... "Sire, we must escape!"... "The battle is lost!"... "Viva la France!"... "We're doing murder, your grace." - "I hope to God that I've fought my last battle"... The remaining French refused to surrender. So they put the canons on them... Interior monologue: "The saddest thing to a battle lost is a battle won"... "The memory of your own greatness will gnaw you."

3-7-24

"I Am Interested and Intrigued by Vibrant, Wild Ideas"

Dream-Nightmare: I was trying to finish up my senior year of high school at CCAD High in Coldwater, Ohio. Yet I was a total outcast there now. Around 7th period, there was a special program that CCAD was holding in the grounds and acres past where Dairy Land was located. So everyone trekked over. I borrowed a mini scooter to ride over. There were literally thousands of people at this event. I guess CCAD is doing well without me. They had a huge tent housing tables filled with snacks and drinks. I got confused and ended up pouring some alcoholic drink thinking it was lemonade. Duncan Snyder called me out for it. There were galaxy videos playing on the ceiling as well as tiny fairy lights showcasing as meteorites. So did a former student of mine. I was getting progressively more and more anxious being there. I just wanted to leave. I kept overhearing my uncles talk about how Biden is losing to Donald Trump in the polls. My dad

was there to talk back to them. I finally re-found my scooter and took off. There was also a huge glacier dig happening not far away. I found myself wandering through. Michael Keaton was there and made sure that I get my photo taken for identification if I was going to borrow some materials. I was on the run. Alarms were going out and us outcast students ran into the tunnels like Morlocks. To be continued...

Training Our New PdD Media Person

Jessica Donofrio: Morning! How are things going this week? Things with Shelley going alright? Thank you again for helping with her training!

Eric Homan: I was just about to email you a report on everything we've covered. We've met so far for 2 hours 45 minutes this week for training. We've covered a ton of material. I remembered to record our meeting yesterday for her to review what was covered: Asana, Smartsheet, SharePoint, Lucid Charts, Microsoft Teams communication. We're meeting at 10 a.m. this morning to go over how to set up an Asana page and how to set up communication and deadlines to one's team members. Based on how well Shelley's been doing, she may be able to take over Unit 4 from Dani in the next two weeks. Shelley will still have questions (obviously), but I let her know to go ahead and keep asking questions through Teams or Zoom meetings for clarification. Shelley has already used Asana, Smartsheet, SharePoint, etc. before. It's just a matter of getting her used to how our workflow works. But overall, she's doing quite well!

I'm not sure if Amy Loeffler told you this, but when I was first starting and she was training me a year and a half ago, I did a whole series of visual documents for myself in InDesign about the onboarding process. I just needed a way that I could remember everything properly and accurately. There was just so much. This included documentation on Asana, Smartsheet, SharePoint, etc., but also Time Tracker, Taking Time Off, and more. I even created visual documentation on keeping an eye out for removing corporate logos from photos, things like that. So I've shared some of those documents with Shelley as well. I made them mainly for myself, but they're actually quite good to share with new hires as well.

Jessica Donofrio: This is amazing!!! Thank you so much!! I truly appreciate this more than you will ever know haha. It has been so overwhelming trying to onboard when things are so busy.

Thank you so much for this amazing resource! I've started compiling a correspondence folder on my desktop. Thank you! Shelley

We just finished another 1 ½ meeting. She's really picking up things now after observing the other meetings she's been to this week. I'm also sharing with her my template emails that I've created for myself for correspondences in Asana. She met with Dani this morning and then she'll meet with Tiffany this afternoon. So she is doing really well. She also has the Asana pages for the different grades to look over to see how things have been set up and how we communicate to the Digital Vendor, AD teams, and PdD design teams.

Stefanik: Are you better off today than you were four years ago? The answer is a resounding no I know a lot of people have memory-holed it for political reasons but March 2020 was, uh, not great

At the very beginning of the Covid epidemic, I recall Trump claiming it would be gone within 1 month. As the infection spread Trump was implying we might be able to cure it using bleach and infra-red light on the lungs. Biden may be older and slower, but he's still sensible and surrounds himself with quality people, not like Stefanik.

Possessor: Anyone can be a violent assassin if you possess them. It's a highly potent idea. You won't be able to trust your family or your friends... Her memories are sometimes scrambled. Past and present sometimes get mixed up... "I thought they were going to give you a break"... "Pay is significant"... She possesses a half-naked man's body next to his naked wife in bed... "It's a performance"... S/he sees things that are not there... Looking at your boyfriend and son through the eyes and body of a man... "And from my boredom, an egg has hatched"... "I'll leave when Eva's done with my fucking cock in her mouth"... Imagine living with someone else's fractured memories flashing into his mind... "It's just that I don't have complete control right now"... Wearing the female face of the woman possessing you... "I need to know what she's done to me"... They possessed her son to get her out.

3-8-24

“Applesauce Brains”

It's hard to believe, but as I went to go to the bathroom at 12:30 a.m., Lisa got out of bed and let me know that Val was back in the house. Val had strayed into the metal cage trap where we had set out her dry food... and the door shut right behind her. Lisa got the whole thing on camera. It's hard to believe that she's now back with us in our home. I was really worried that we wouldn't see her again. Val did lose a few pounds and was noticeably lighter.

Lisa Homan: Update! Val has finally made it home. She's a little dusty and very hungry but healthy otherwise.

Thank you to all who kept an eye out for her.

If you like Dune (1984), this is something I came across two years ago on YouTube. Someone did a fantastic fan edit of the film with the scenes that the studio forced David Lynch to remove so the film was around 2 hours rather than 3 hours. This version is far more complete and flows much better: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJykw3H4PDw>

Yes, the reason it was so bad was because of the studio interference with cutting so much material out of it that the condensed version made no sense. The original version has Patrick Stewart (with hair!) two years before he started playing Picard in Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Trump and the Republicans are running essentially a grievance campaign. Britt's response fits that narrative, and that might be fine for the hardcore MAGA supporter, but I am not MAGA and I want to hear what the Republican's vision for the next 4 years.

Chaos, revenge, dismantling government (especially investigative bodies), maybe some more tax cuts for the wealthy, no real political agenda, and capitulation with autocrats and strongmen on the global stage. That's their vision for the next 4 years and beyond.

Amen! The maga only know hatred, opposition and redemption. Future policy is largely irrelevant to them. You tell them what they want to hear, they respond to stimulus. After that do whatever you want because they've been manipulated to solely focus on determining everything the other side does, bad. Everything mango does, good.

I did not listen to Biden's speech, but I can't imagine it being worse than Britt's which came off as middle school propaganda. Her speech was really bad and a sad day for America if that is who the Republican Party has to represent them.

Katie Britt was on the bi-partisan committee that created the border bill that Trump ordered the Republicans to veto.

She vetoed her own work on the orders of Defendant Citizen trump.

Her speech was typical of anything you would expect from Republicans these days. It was long on whining and whimpering, but devoid of any plans or policies to solve anything. Grievance and fearmongering is all they've got. I like people who provide solutions and get things done. I'll stick with Joe.

It was more like the twilight zone. All I could think of while watching was the Stepford wives. Her message was more for the diehard Magas, and not a response directed toward all Americans. The so-called rebuttal was too long and filled with inaccuracies. If this is their way of appealing to voters they better get a better playbook. Once again they're way off the mark.

Problem is continually blaming both sides. There is no Far Left takeover. Biden is a Moderate. Obama was a Moderate. The extreme stuff in the D party is gay rights. The extreme stuff in the R party is taking over the country as a Dictatorship. And the R party is commanded by a wannabe Dictator. There is no equivalence. The D party may have 4-5 extreme members. More than 70% of the R in the House is made up of extremist.

Well, the republicans selected a cute face who's apparently a good mom. But an orator? Not a chance! Her crying-voice break, which appeared to be "stage tears", was embarrassing. Even the republicans are embarrassed by Katie's lackluster content as well as her delivery. The only bright

point of Katie's speech for me was that I'm a Democrat and tonight President Biden presented a pretty great speech. Whichever staff wrote his speech deserve a raise! His delivery was forceful enough to show Americans that he's in charge, and he faltered over only a few words here and there. I rarely watch entire SOTU speeches - and even more rarely the rebuttal - but I'm glad that I glad tonight.

She got one thing right, our country can do better. Let's not normalize this republican insanity of denying election results, or stripping rights away from Americans, woman, gays, Florida theme parks, students, etc. Hold people accountable for their actions, beginning with Trump. Back politicians who strive to do actual good for this country, not just stir the pot.

Republicans are wrong on climate change, wrong on health care, wrong on Social Security, wrong on Medicare, wrong on separation of church and state, wrong on science, wrong on education, wrong on gun control, wrong on whether Iraq was responsible for the 9/11 attacks, wrong on unions, wrong on the federal minimum wage, wrong on massive tax cuts for the rich (never paid for themselves), wrong on trickle-down economics, wrong on Citizens United, wrong about who led the riot on January 6, wrong on the cause of the Civil War. Untrustworthy on fiscal conservatism, untrustworthy on leaving abortion laws to the states, untrustworthy on allowing legal immigration, untrustworthy on honoring international law regarding refugees, unfaithful in supporting NATO, unreliable in opposing Putin. Shameless on conflict of interest and corruption (Clarence Thomas). Shameless on not holding even a hearing on Obama's last SCOTUS nominee. Hypocritical in confirming Coney Barret while an election was underway. Wrong on supporting a crooked and pathologically dishonest adulterous reality TV clown with no political experience who aspired (and still aspires) to be a ½ witted dictator.

Yeah. It was pretty laughable. At best, I felt like a TV ad with the narrator talking breathlessly about [insert concern-of-the-day here]. At worst, it was sending the message that Republican women should stay in the kitchen where they belong. Good to know that even hard-core Republicans are panning that farce.

Here is your problem, you have a party of limited government, moral high ground, strong family values, Christian ethics and limited debt, being led by a person convicted of sexual assault, cooking his business books, does not go to church, never asked for forgiveness, does not pray and financed his business with massive debts. He has declared bankruptcy multiple times, is a serial liar and presently on the hook to the government for 454 million dollars in fines.

The problem is not with the person handling the rebuttal. Martin Luther King, Abe Lincoln, Fidel Castro and FDR combined could not come up with a reasonable, rational response to combat those contrasting messages.

Gone are the old Reagan school Republicans. We need more John McCains and those like him; people with character, reason and conviction who are willing to work together for good government.

This is representative of the current Republican party, which is why I will now be voting differently.

Remember the days when people had class, dignity and respect for the President of the United States not matter what party affiliation. I miss those days...

Folks, that there was your Christian Nationalist caricature of a woman. Shameful, creepy liar I love how she says Biden is out of touch while she sits in her \$60k kitchen talking about how terrible life is for the American family.

Biden has a known 'stuttering' issue, so his speech writers try to avoid certain words in his speeches that are naturally hard for stutters to pronounce. When he is forced to use names and

phrases that do not conform to those guidelines, it produces a stutter effect, as in mispronouncing or skipping parts of words or phrases, or an interruption know as a 'block'. Over 3 million Americans are afflicted. Has nothing to do with competence.

Your lord and savior on the other hand...his is clearly progressive dementia, (family history) and it's getting worse by the day! God Bless the Unosia Shaats!

If President Biden doesn't lead an insurrection, I'm okay with him.

Trump can't even remember who he's running against. Is it Pelosi or Obama?

Absolutely nothing creepier than a republican theater kid

It was like watching Stepford Wives. She was "acting" as if she was talking to a 5 year old.

There was nothing natural about any of it. Well, except that pubs believe a woman's place is in the kitchen.

Finishing Up My Best Week Working at McGraw Hill

And so, ends perhaps my most successful week at McGraw Hill. I put in four days of training our new PdD Media person, Shelley Hampe. I got to step up and prove myself capable. I worked my butt off. I was working with adrenaline on some days. Shelley mentioned that her brain was "applesauce" after how much she was learning and observing in her first week. By the end of the week, my brain was applesauce as well. I won't lie that it felt good to make a difference – a small difference, but a difference nonetheless. I was able to show what I could do and how I could truly help out.

Hi Team,

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for such an amazing first week. Your warmth, support, and dedication has made me feel right at home.

It's been incredibly inspiring to witness everyone's hard work and passion. I'm truly excited to be part of this team and look forward to the journey ahead.

Thank you all for making this first week such a memorable one!

Best, Shelley

Oh, I'm so glad we made you feel comfortable! Marta

Jessica Donofrio: Shelley's email is amazing and you are a huge part of that warm welcome. Thank you!

Eric Homan: I'm just glad I could step up. We were able to get her time sheet completed for this week as well. She definitely had a full week!

Jessica Donofrio: Amazing! Thank you. I was so stressed about not having enough time to help her. I let Amy know what a rock star you are!

3-9-24 "Her Kisses Are Like Sandpaper on My Lips and Forehead"

I went to the Dublin, Ohio 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade at 11 a.m. It was rather chilly and brisk considering that it was supposed to be 47-degrees. It felt closer to 30-degrees. Even though I went by myself (again), it still appreciated getting out of the house.

Damsel: "She will do"... "This union will save us"... "You join a long line of women who have helped to build this kingdom"... "Give up his three beloved daughters and the island could be shared"... "And so a pact was made. The three princesses met their end in the belly of the beast"... "It is this sacrifice that we commemorate every generation. A tradition going back centuries"... "She is now of royal blood"... "I am the sacrifice"... Flaming flying birds... "Your kind must pay"... "Almost caught you, little bird"... "The glow worm cave"... "You will know my pain"... "It's surely taken her there (to her liar) to devour."

This was really good about Wendy and Richard Pini's Elfquest: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-Pygh3A4bY>

MAGA has dug deep into the dark arts of disinformation. Speaking truth to fools is now considered mean. We were treated to heavy doses of it during Trump's recent court case rants. The GOP is selling out and gaslighting America at the same time.

3-10-24

"Fish-Snake"

Dream: I was at a party gathering at my dad's house in Coldwater when I went over to socialize with Corinne McKay who I had invited as my guest. I wanted to know if she wanted to go out and do anything else. It was then that she let me know that she had a boyfriend back in her hometown. I understood and let her alone. I'd take her back to her apartment later on. I realized I needed to go online and look for some other women who were actually available instead of this special one.

"I love you, ugly-fat dog! No one likes you and you're a bitch." -Alyssa to Buster.

Wonka: A Paul King Confection... "Here's my destiny. I just need to unlock it"... "No Daydreaming"... "I'm something of a magician, inventor, and chocolate maker"... "Come for a night – stay forever!"... "Salted with the bittersweet tears of a Russian clown"... "It's just weird"... "A chocolate that makes you fly"... "I was married once. It didn't work out"... "You can't read, can you?"... "Sliver linings, made of condensed thunderclouds and liquid sunlight"... "Every good thing in this world started with a dream"... "It's giving you an idea!"... "The little orange man"... Giraffe milk... "For a moment, I kinda forgot to be sad"... "500 choco-holic monks"... "My hair repair éclair!"... "Choco-apocalypse"... "Yeti sweat. The most powerful hair potion in the world!"... "It appears that the chocolates have been poisoned"... Skin tinting... "Stupid dream"... "Death by Chocolate"... "Daydreamers welcome"... Puffing out colored clouds.

The Republicans had years to pass an alternative to Obamacare, but didn't. They had years to pass an infrastructure bill, but didn't. They had a chance to pass a border bill they created, but didn't. The Republican way is to attack the other side, but that isn't governing. Governing is getting things done. Something the Republican Party is incapable of doing. They are not a governing party.

The answer to the question is quite simple: she endorsed him so that he would endorse her. Her political survival is more important than her self-respect.

Mace doesn't seem to understand the difference of having no shame in who she supports and being rightfully called out and being shamed as a victim.

No, Ms. Mace, the voters have not moved on from Jan. 6th. The entire electorate is awaiting his criminal trial. Of course, he's trying to delay as much as possible so the rest of the voters can't get a trial on the matter. She's auditioning for a position in the Trump admin. in the unlikely event he wins the Presidency - so obvious!

She was the classic case of what someone who is in a cult does - defend their precious leader at all costs. She went off on George claiming that he was trying to shame her, when she instead shamed herself by showing full support for someone who did to another woman what she claimed was done to her. She was pathetic.

Think about this: the family of Laken Riley were at the Donald Trump rally yesterday. Yet Jose crossed the border when Trump was in charge and was not deported throughout his term. After six yrs, he committed an offensive crime but somehow now Biden is at fault...Weird how the family supports Trump in light of these actual facts.

Sorry, but, Americans care about the truth. Britt thinks we were all better off four years ago under Trumps lockdown, trapped in our homes getting conflicting health tips about pandemic? It was chaos under Trump. Supply lines broke down, emergency medical equipment was being hoarded by elites and masks were not suggested, then suggested, then made mandatory, then made optional by some and mandatory by others. That all happened under Trump. We're all much better of now. Why are republicans allergic to reality?

I had nightmares after watching it.

If she is the young politician they are pushing, I'll stick with the old guy with years of wisdom and a proven track record.

I do not consider tax cuts for the rich to be kitchen table issues. That is the only thing the Republicans have accomplished in the last couple of decades is more tax cuts for the rich.

Fire series edited down to four per page.

3-11-24

“God morning!”

Dream-Nightmare: My dad and I were staying in a less populated area and version of Yosemite National Park. We were about 2/3rd our way through our extended trip vacation together around the country. I had gotten up earlier and gotten breakfast at the campsite lodge. Meanwhile, my dad wanted the all-you-can-eat pancakes that started at 8 o'clock. I had unwittingly left out my CD collection and toy collection inside the Yosemite thrift store that they had at the campsite. There were strong winds and thunderstorms overnight, so I didn't want them destroyed. Yet I forgot about putting them away because dad and I were having breakfast. Unknown to me, the thrift store opened at 8 a.m. When I went to put my vast collections back in our van, I realized they were almost all gone! Someone (or many people) had taken them. I didn't want them to get destroyed. Yet it had unwittingly let them all go. Decades of collecting were all gone. I felt like I was done with this vacation at this point. My spirit was crushed. I almost went into shock. Yet I just had to let go. I had to let go.

This article failed to mention that what happened to this woman happened in MEXICO, not the U.S. so I don't see how this is in any way related to US border policies. The irony here is that Republicans are also trying to decrease the number of asylum seekers allowed into the US which means women like the one in this story wouldn't be able to escape to safety in the U.S.

Fits the GOP profile - manufacture controversy to enrage their base and neglect to mention that issue happened in a different country 20 years ago while Bush was President.

The president of the Nebraska School Library, Chris Haeffner, said school librarians, media specialists, and teachers are well-qualified to make content decisions.

“Every child also has the right to find their lives and their learning needs represented in their school library,” Haeffner said. “History has also shown that local school boards do a darn good job listening to their communities and providing library selection guidelines and reconsideration policies that represent their families.”

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Poor Things: A very young child learning how to work with an adult woman's body... A goose on a dog's body!... “What a very pretty retard!”... “Squish, squish, squish!”... Primal and alive acting!... A dog chicken... “Where did she come from?”... “They pushed the boundaries of what was known, and paid the price”... “Poor Bella!”... Playing with a penis... “Has she ever been outside?”... “He was a man of unconventional mind”... She's like a wild animal of primal emotions... “What did you do to her?!”... She committed suicide... “She had hated her life so much that she had chosen not to be”... A stiff-legged walk... God/ Godwin... “Take the infant's brain and put her in the full-grown woman”... “Would you rather the world not have Bella?”... You're watching a new way of living, of existing!... What if an adult woman with the mind of a toddler discovered her clitoris and began rigorously pleasuring herself?... She's inventing her first orgasm!... “Bella has discovered something – I must share! Watch. I'm going to put a cucumber in me”... “Cease working yourself immediately!” –“Why?”... A wonderfully perverted fantasy... “I believe I see love between you and Bella”... “I do have feelings for her”... “Feel funny”... “I wasn't sure if you were raising her to be your mistress. A dark thought,

I know. You were not laying with her?"... "Do you wish to marry her or not?"... "Let's just touch each other's genital pieces"... "I must meet this woman that inspires a contract of marriage that imprisons her"... "You did not see me working on myself to get happiness, did you?"... "I do not care for polite society. It's fucking boring! It destroys one's soul"... "To see the unknown and know it"... Show me something I haven't seen before. This film fills that requirement quite nicely... "You hold Bella too tight. I must set forth in waters"... "Heat in my body"... "I will see you after grand adventure"... "She is a being of free will"... "This emotionality is unseemly"... "Oysters. Have you had them before?"... Rainbow ethereal skylscapes!... "It's siesta time"... "Why don't people just do this all the time?!"... "Will it just be you that I do furious jumping with?"... "Unfortunately, even I have my limits"... She also seems to be on the autism spectrum. She takes things literally. "You just disappeared." -"Nobody can just disappear. Can they?"... "And then an adventure befell me"... "I have adventured it and have found nothing but sugar and violence"... "Now I must do my furious jumping"... "Duncan's (penis) can sometimes be salty"... She unfiltered in her impulsiveness. "I must go and punch that baby"... "The baby annoying, and the woman boring with words"... "Do you think they're fucking?" -"Yes"... "Also, while fellating a tram"... She's discovering the world on her own for the first time. There is no ease-in... Discovering alcohol!... "So much to discover"... "And your sad face makes me discover angry feelings for you"... She discovers dancing to music!... "You're a creature of freedom in the moment"... "You're quite mad!" -"Stop talking or your sound make Bella angry!"... "What of the tongue play you were about to perform?"... "I had the heat that needed release"... "I'm not understanding this complicated feeling"... "What a confusing person you are"... "Our feelings must be put aside"... "I aim to give you new adventure"... "Ride me"... She's a curious creature... "I'm sorry for my kidnapping of you. But it was for love"... "Those are fancy words that excite me somehow!"... "Is this man jumping on your body?"... "I hope you use your hand between your legs to keep yourself happy"... "Polite society will destroy you"... "You chose me over him." -"For now. For fun"... "So you wish to marry me or kill me. Is that the proposal?"... "It is the goal of all to improve, advance, progress, grow. I know this in me"... "These two are fighting and ideas are banging in Bella's head and heart like lightning in a storm"... A surreal steamship puffing out green-yellow smoke into a purple-blue cloudy sky... "Busy losing heavily"... "How marvelous! I never imagined being murdered. How dramatic." - "She seems happy to die. Sorry for getting in your way"... "The cruel just bubbles up in me"... "He is a pretty moron"... "I must improve this aspect of myself"... "Do you want to see what the world is really like? I'll show you"... "A lot of dead babies down there"... Strange peephole camera views... "I'm so tired. Or maybe just my spirit is. My soul has buckled, crumpled, flattened"... "Oh, the sights I've seen"... "Money is its own form of sickness with the scarcity of it"... "I am expecting a hug of solace"... "I need to offer something to the world. And yet, I have nothing, except money. It is a bad day for Bella Baster"... "Don't accept the lie of religion, socialism, capitalism. We are a fucked species"... "Hope is smashable. Realism is not. Protect yourself with the truth." -"I realize what you are now, Harry. Just a broken little boy who cannot bare the pain of the world"... Trees with red bark and red branches... "We are now the poor. That is the experiment"... "If you need money, it is the shortest route to it"... "I have never been cocked by a man"... "I've come to some money and some enlightenment"... "You fucked for money!"... "You whored yourself!"... "We should definitely never marry. I am a flawed experiment in persona and I will need a husband with a more forgiving disposition"... "Our adventure together is over"... "There is something clearly broken in you"... And I feel that this conversation is circular"... "At your musty-smelling establishment of good-time fornication"...

“It was brutal in a strangely not unpleasant way”... “Bella is new and may have a mental illness”... “But we must give in to the demands of the world”... “Some men enjoy that you do not like it. It’s sick, but good business”... “We must work. We must make money”... “It makes us whole, Bella. It makes us people of substance, not flighty, untouched children. Then we can know the world”... “You smell okay. Let us fuck”... “My boys are of an age for an education. Sexual. I will demonstrate”... “To hurry things along, a finger in the ass or a slight choking may do it”... “The number of desires being made manifest is fascinating. Have you had the man who puts a wedge of pineapple in your mouth and covers you with dust?”... “I’m here to save you”... “Go home, Duncan. Our time has ended”... “She is no different than the chicken-dog”... “We are a machine that you feed with compliments and chocolate”... “Something terrible has happened. I feel almost nothing”... “She destroyed me!”... “I have no insides. She hollowed me out!”... “The whore is back”... “I come with beady eyes and hard questions. Did I have a baby in me? And if so, where is it?” -“Well technically, you are your baby, and also your mother. And also neither.” So her baby’s brain is in her own body. She is both her own mother and baby!?!... “You knew and did not tell”... “So I am your own creation”... “And I watched you fearlessly fill Bella Baxter with wonder.” -“I am finding being alive fascinating”... “I will be a doctor”... “Does the whoring thing challenge the ownership thing that men have?”... “It is your body, Bella Baster. Yours to give freely”... “Have you been checked for disease?”... “I am enjoying this practical love we have”... “You are adorable!”... “Let me go”... “Tell me about myself. Was I nice?”... “What was the root of the unhappiness? What drove her to leap off the bridge?” -“You hated the baby”... “Why did we like each other?”... “A love of cruelty. I was not a kind person, it seems”... “Marriage is a constant challenge”... “I shall forgive you for your whoring”... “Jesus Christ Himself would probably beat your head in with a bat”... “You are blessed with a forgiving husband”... “I will leave at my leisure. But I am flattered by your desire to trap me. You are not the first.” -“I will have to shoot you in the fucking head”... “So I’m a prisoner.” -“This conversation has gone down an unfortunate route”... “As happy as I was before when I threw myself off of a bridge?”... “Why would you keep me here if I do not wish to stay?” -“If one must drown, let it be in the river of love”... She speaks what is on her mind quite bluntly and matter of fact. It is fascinating to experience... “I shall get her sedated and bring her to your surgery this evening”... “I have found our time together interesting. But I have ascertained why I jumped from a bridge. I wish to go see my near-dead God”... “I am not territory”... “The root of the problem is between your legs. It will have it off”... “I shall keep my new life and my lovely old clitoris. Thank you”... “I’d rather that you shot me in the fucking heart”... “Drink the drink, darling. Chloroform and gin”... “In some ways it would be a relief to be rid of my questing self.” -“Sip deeply, and that freedom is yours”... “But I agree that he could do with improvement”... The goal is *improvement*... “I am never happier than when I am in here!”... “It’s all very interesting... what is happening.” And he feels himself die... They replaced her cruel former husband’s brain with a goat’s brain!!!... Wonderfully weird!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxZ24jVxpJM&list=PLRW80bBvVD3VygrzjIey-NUrY_3AhPDXC Poor Things (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)

3-12-24

“Airball Eric”

- Only 13 Presidents failed to get re-elected.
- Only 5 Presidents failed to win the popular vote.
- Only 4 Presidents have been impeached or resigned.
- Only 1 President has ever been criminally indicted.

And only ONE President (Trump) has done ALL FOUR.

- Donald Trump didn't lower your taxes (He deferred them)
- He didn't get you that healthcare coverage
- He did not unite the USA, he divided it
- He didn't lower your prescription prices
- Didn't get your roads or bridges built
- He didn't decrease the deficit
- He didn't end the opioid crisis
- He didn't revive the coal industry
- He didn't make covid-19 'disappear'
- He didn't make Mexico pay for the wall
- He added \$2 Billion a month in tariff costs to the American consumer
- He has a net-negative jobs creations for his administration
- He decreased corporate taxes, passing the tax burden to the workers
- He added \$ 7.8 Trillion to the deficit - a full 25% of the total
- He incited an insurrection against our government
- He didn't put "America first" and he sure didn't "Drain the Swamp..."
- He left office with the worst job numbers of any President since the Great Depression.

Yeah, that's got a ring to it. Like in "Honest Don's Used Cars".

If he's so honest why does he need immunity?

Dani, I recently got into this composer due to his movie soundtrack work. Then I discovered this interesting mid-80s collaboration with Thomas Dolby:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkD99LbASWM>

Omg I LOVE Ryuichi Sakamoto. He's in one of my favorite bands ever Yellow Magic Orchestra

I did something that I don't usually do all that often this late afternoon: I focused on my family and went out to the movies together. Usually, Alyssa doesn't usually want to invite me to see a movie with her. Usually, she just wants Lisa to take her. Yet this time, she said I could come along. It was discount Tuesday, which really helps as well. The movie was pretty good, though not stellar compared to Dune: Part 2 last week. Yet it was about spending time with my family and bonding. And that is more important than anything. I needed to make more of an effort.

Kung Fu Panda 4: Valley of Peace... The restaurant that balances on top of a mountain... The Chameleon.

3-13-24

“I am the Epitome and Personification of Imperfect”

Dream: Lisa went and informed me on a Sunday morning at her apartment after I spent the night that her mom had just died. It was just so sudden and matter of fact. I could clearly see that she was still in shock. Her dad also had just died over the weekend as well. We were still in the dating phase of our relationship, so this was a huge shockwave to the status quo of our daily lives. While Alyssa was singing in another room, Lisa and I were watching “Killers of the Flower Moon” at her apartment, which she didn't really care for *at all*. There was also an extra scene at the end where they reanimated Richard Pryor for a dramatic role using AI technology. Meanwhile, Lisa was still in shock about her mom and was just going about working constantly on her job-related tasks. It hadn't sunk in yet at all. But she was so angry at her mom's doctor and that she felt that he had done a poor job helping her in her last few hours.

OH MY GOD.

Even for Trump, this is INSANE, desperate lying.

Trump claims the *many* 100.00% genuine video clips of him glitching, slurring and having neurological malfunctions that were played at the hearing today were AI! EVERY ONE OF THEM WAS REAL & UNALTERED IN ANY WAY.

Artificial Intelligence is all Donald Trump has.

This entire statement by Trump is correct, including the fact that he has artificial intelligence.

Trump said Democrats used Artificial Intelligence in videos of him in yesterday's hearing. I'll say there was no intelligence involved in any of those videos.

The fact he has to eliminate the opposition without the benefit of discussion or debate is an indication of the autocratic rule he has in mind for the US. Democracy ends the day he is elected president.

MAGArroids, come visit one of Honest Don's used car lot coming to a small town near you.

Where there are plenty of good and used cars for your selection, here you will get a guaranteed 12 hour limited warranty that covers all of the tail pipe. Ask for Honest Don's special discount where Don will add an extra 25% to the price as a donation to his campaign. No returns allowed.

3-14-24

“Dare to Enter the Vault of Your Soul”

Dream: I was hanging out at a Hallmark store/comic book store in the American Mall in Lima, Ohio. I had brought two side bags with me, one of which was filled with comics to flip through as my family was looking at other stores. Yet, since I was in the store next to the comics, I decided to pull a few books and flip through those as well. I was told to finish up my family member, put my books away, and proceeded to leave. As I left, I opened up my two bags to show the owners to let them know that they were free to check my contents to make sure I didn't shoplift anything. After all, I must have looked suspicious. As I was waiting outside the store as they looked over my contents, it dawned on me that I may have accidentally put a newsstand comic in my bag! One of the clerks came out and I knew what he was going to say. They noticed that I had a book in my bag that was from their store. I had indeed accidentally shoplifted a “Superboy” comic book from their store since I was reading and flipping through several Superman comic books that I had already brought in with me. I was profoundly embarrassed, offered to pay for the book I had accidentally shoplifted. I was really, really, really embarrassed. My carelessness got the worst of me. I woke up and couldn't get back to sleep because the dream unlocked so many insecurities inside me especially about how often I sometimes make mistakes from being careless or distracted. It haunts and agonizes me. Being fired by CCAD still traumatized me for “making mistakes” like this.

Just a heads up: Short Circuit contains a very problematic stereotypical portrayal of an Indian-American portrayed by Fisher Stevens, who is white.

https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/fisher-stevens-regrets-controversial-short-circuit-role-191051910.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall

I ended up taking an extended lunch break today to attend the grand opening of the Lane Avenue Half Price Books location, which also had everything in the store 20% off.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9cyCw032Hc> MYTH WARS: The World's First Full-Length, All-Age AI Illustrated Graphic Novel - Now on Amazon.com!

4 posts left side. 5 posts right side. 12 posts total. \$15 per post. \$6 a bag of concrete, 10 bags, one per post. 8 two by fours. Same on other side. 23 feet - 44 planks. 62 planks. \$10 in plank. \$120. 63 feet.

3-15-24

“Though I Wonder”

“Jesus take my poop!” -Alysa for no apparent reason.

<https://www.ohiomagazine.com/travel/article/secret-ohio-james-a.-rhodes-state-office-tower-observation-deck> Rhodes Tower observation deck - Open Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; 30 E. Broad St., Columbus 43215

Rhodes Tower observation deck in downtown Columbus, Ohio facing east down Broad Street.

Today I took a ½ day off so I could drive downtown to the Columbus Main Library for their 10 a.m. Book Sale. I was stunned to see 150 people in line when I arrived at 9:55 a.m. There is usually about 40 people outside. I did manage to find about 30 \$2 CDs, 29 \$1 comics, and 4 \$3 DVDs/ Blu-rays. Not a bad haul.

Since I had free parking for the day at the library and still had some time for my half day OOO, I decided to finally trek down further downtown on foot to the Rhodes Tower observation deck. It is insane that I’ve never gone there before after working at CCAD for 20 years, let alone as a student at CCAD. It was certainly worth it for the views where one could see straight down Broad Street to the Columbus International Airport. Even though it was cloudy, it was still stellar. I was only given 10 minutes up there and had to be accompanied by a security guard since it was a working area.

Then on my walk back to the Columbus Main Library, I just so happened to walk by Spoonful Records at their new location. I stopped in and discovered that they had a rather large selection of used CDs there for \$3 per disk. I was rather stunned by how rare some of the albums were that I was finding. So I ended up shopping there for about 45 minutes while trying to be mindful of the time. I got Taco Bell for a late lunch and made it back home by 1:15 p.m. I worked until 5 p.m. to make up for coming in late. I also did new employee training with Shelley Hampe.

RNC Chair Whatley: At the end of the day, this comes down to a very simple contrast between President Trump and President Biden. Were you better off four years ago than you are today?

The answer for this entire country is no

Seems like everyone under Trump winds up under the bus, embittered and alienated, regardless of how loyal they were. Pence was a loyal VP, but he wouldn't break the law or the Constitution. It's an occasion for guarded optimism.

a) Moderate Republicans like Mitt Romney, Todd Young...so far Nikki Haley have NOT endorsed Trump!

b) As well, hard right Republicans like former VP like Mike Pence and Colorado Rep. Ken Buck have refused to endorse Trump!

c) Hope other Repubs get on that bandwagon!

Trump isn't a conservative. He's an entertainer, not a businessman. Dare anyone speak up against him. Don't particularly like Pence but I do respect him. Integrity means something.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Mike Pence won't endorse Donald Trump in 2024: 'It should come as no surprise.'”

3-16-24

“Fucking Fiddlesticks”

Hey, Chris! I haven't forgotten about getting together sometime. There is a place I wouldn't mind checking out in Dublin - your house! More specifically, your jukeboxes so I could photograph them. I'd even like to photograph the insides. I'm kind of intrigued by them. I see

you're OOO. So maybe sometimes when you're back. I'll be at the Polaris office on Wed. if you want to chat then.

Chris Althof: Heck yeah-! Let's plan on a happy hour at my place sometime. I'm out of the office this week for spring break, so I'll miss the in-office day. I'll be in touch week after next! I love showing off these jukes

The GOP, after surrendering control to fascists and insurrectionists, now wants everyone to get on board their Trump train and ride it to victory in November. They're desperate for us to forget what happened on Jan. 6, 2021, or at least gloss it over. They also want us to ignore the fact that their candidate is currently facing multiple civil and criminal prosecutions for a wide array of things. And I'm sure they want us to forget their praise of a Russian dictator. Will we? I doubt it. Mace has a poor memory. tRump was found guilty of sexual assault. Nothing Biden has done the last three years, policies, would come close to a Jan 6 stunt that tRump pulled. Besides the economy is strong just ask Jamie Dimon. She will not win another election. Very I'll informed. Twisting facts to fit the truth you desire does not equal truth.

We need to learn that it's not necessary to look for some other meaning to the written or spoken word. When a person says they can sexually assault another person because they are a celebrity, it's because it probably already happened.

So Joe Biden's policies are worse than a person allowing his VP potential get killed?

Take that back.

Joe Biden's policies are worse than the person who sat back allowing YOU to be almost taken hostage or be killed?

Joe Biden's policies are worse than someone claiming / wanting to be a dictator and cancel the Constitution?

Well....The way politics are now....all lies and conspiracies....We end up with someone like Mace who changes her story every day to match the way the wind is blowing....All the decent Republicans have resigned

Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (Taylor's Version): Flying through prism clouds... The flowing petal clothes open to reveal Taylor inside... "Cruel Summer" is actually an agonizing love song that feels all perversely bouncy and poppy... She's a modern-day superheroine. She literally looks like one. She's freaking "Dazzler"... "I'm ready for combat"... The evergreen piano... "That was my second pandemic album that I made"... "That's a very generous thing to do for somebody. Thank you very much"... "Welcome to the acoustic set!"

<https://www.thewrap.com/taylor-swift-eras-tour-movie-setlist-all-the-songs-list/>

3-17-24

"Collapsing Realities"

Lisa signed up for a login for the Washington DC trip.

The Columbus Toy and Game Show: March 2024

I was up by 5:45 a.m. so I could make it to the Columbus Toy and Game Show by 7 a.m. at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. I didn't even walk around the floors for the first hour and a half because I was at Jake Johnson's table going through about a dozen long boxes of pretty darn good comics all mixed up and out of order. It is so weird because sometimes he won't have much of anything. Then there were days like today where I was filling up *yet another* long box of comics. It is such a cursed blessing to find things to buy because, well, I've already got so damn much already. I am now at the point where I am simply buying every comic book ever printed! It is madness or just my boredom driving me. I am a collector that just keeps on collecting and collecting and collecting and collecting. There is no end.

My first impression as I walked around the rest of the toy show was that I pretty much had everything I needed. Just taking in the toy show was actually difficult for me to do because of how much there was to see on top of looking out for the people in the aisles. I was feeling increasingly overstimulated visually from all the toys and looking at their prices. The place was filled with loud conversations that go tiring to be around. It's a bit too much

kind of a weird feeling to walk around and know that you're not gonna buy much of anything because you got it all now. And the stuff that you want are well out of your price range of what you would like to get. On top of all of that I've got way too much stuff in my house. Already coming here to this toy show is like an alcoholic going to all-you-can-drink beer buffet super-bar. The whole event felt like too much of a good thing. Thankfully, the metaphorically-speaking "beer" was way too high-priced for me. So many existential questions started to fill my mind and weighing heavily upon me, such as 'How much stuff from one's childhood does one really need?' Walking around this super toy show felt like a weird mixture of positive nostalgic memories and sensations mixed with highly negative feelings and depressions. Eventually, I did find some bargains such as Marvel Legends toy figures. I was literally basing my decisions on buying female figures on how sexy and "well-sculpted" they were. They had to have an "aesthetic appeal". Then again, I was just nice to be at the show because you're around so many like-minded people. And it's just something to do! It gets you out of the house and it's in the Columbus, Ohio area.

By noon, I was just wiped out. I had been on my feet since 7 a.m. and my body and mind were exhausted. So, I sat down next to Jake Johnson for about an hour. My brother-in-law Steve and my nephew Jonathan were there. Jonathan and I pulled a bunch of *Detective Comics* and *Batman* back issues from Jake's comic book long boxes. I knew that Jake would give me a good deal on them. It was nice to help Jonathan embrace his geek culture side. I also found out that the lead singer for The British Invasion, Evan, is friends with Jake. I told Evan that I'm the next door neighbor with Ulf and Donna, who go along with the British Invasion on tour.

I finally left the show by 2 p.m. after being there for seven hours (!). I headed over to Used Kids Records since it was only five minutes away. I ended up being there for an hour and found more music for myself. The issue I'm having now is that I'm finding just too many good deals. And I keep getting more and more bargains. It never-ends.

I picked up a late lunch at Taco Bell and then shopped at Half Price Books on Bethel Road for my final stop of the day.

By the time I got home, I was ready to drop. I just dearly needed some quiet time, silence, and rest. It was hard not look at everything I bought today and not acknowledge that it was really insane. And yet, it all gives me so much enjoyment. That's the madness and ecstasy of it.

Anyone acting on Trumps bloodbath prediction is only going to land themselves in jail. Look what happened to those involved in January 6th attack on the Capitol. And if anyone thinks Trump has given any of them a second thought is sadly mistaken.

He speaks to those who desire an Autocracy, thinking somehow it will be a light switch thrown and all will suddenly be wonderful, it would bring the final blow to America.

While there is no "One" Knockout punch happening to him, add the slow bleeding of voters away from the GOP, including many moderate conservative. Many of my Republican friends stopped donating and actually will vote for Biden. 40% of Haley's voters said they would hold their noses and pull the lever for Biden rather than Trump. Tara is funneling what little is left in the GOP coffers to him. All downstream Federal candidates will have to fend for themselves. The State RC's will lose the coordination and \$ as they begin to feel the pinch of the bloodbath at the RNC. Trumps SuperPAC has less than \$10 million available, and all signs that Trump himself is actually a "Billionaire" are disappearing, as he grovels for 1 surety bond to appeal a lost battle, and I doubt he can come up with the next bond for almost \$600 Million. No. No one 'knockout punch', but it sure looks like he'll finish off the GOP and himself with a death by 1,000 cuts.

3-18-24

“She’s My Psycho Pussy”

Our new G3 PdD Media person Shelley Hampe showed me this page on Friday during training and I hadn't looked at it in months. When I filled it out last, I was still part of TX Science and didn't know the Humanities area at all. Now I actually know many of these people!

You're allowed to take breaks through the day when you need them. So if you are feeling overwhelmed at any time, just take a break. Take a walk. Let your brain decompress. I just took my dogs for a walk. It helps. ☺

I remember Trump said if I voted for Hillary we'd be saddled with countless investigations ending up in criminal charges. Turns out Trump was right! I voted for Hillary and look what happened!

Interesting to see why a man that claims he is worth 8 billion dollars and can't come up with 450 million insurance bond. His Cult followers are waiting anxiously so they can regurgitate the same talking points, lol

“Now if I don't get elected, it's going to be a blood bath for the whole – that's going to be the least of it. It's going to be a blood bath for the country.” Initially Trump was talking about the auto industry, but broke that off mid-sentence to expand his statement and declare it would be the whole country, and the problems of the auto industry would be the least of it. Seems pretty clear.

I think, the people who idol worship him, it speaks more about them and their morals. They claim to be law abiding citizens. They claim to be Christians. I think they need to take a hard look at themselves. He doesn't talk about what he would do for the country and how he would supposedly make it better. He rants and calls people names and his base loves it. So, unfortunately, he's playing to the worst of human beings. People care more about party than the health of our nation, Oh Well.

He's an enemy of the state, and should be treated as such.

This man will destroy the American way because the 30% don't like the system we have and they don't like it because they are being pulled down from the top of the food chain they have enjoyed for 100's of years. These 30% are lower in economic ladder but don't want to give up power and their standing in society. Hence they will fight the 70% till the end.

Hope the 70% are determined to go to the voting booths and not allow this devil to come back to power.

Trump have systematically poisoned the minds of the people and pushed this country into normalizing his criminal rhetoric and blatant disregard for civility, our laws and systems of government. He is far more dangerous today than he was January 6th 2021 when he led the violent insurrection against the US government. With the Republican party firmly in tow, embracing his lies and reckless politics it will be almost impossible to save America's democracy should (God forbid) Trump wins in November. It is imperative Americans rise up and put a stop to the madness and vote against Donald Trump and his GOP crime syndicate next election

Cat Person: “Men are afraid what women will say, women are afraid what men might do”...

“Talk dark and problematic”... “Just call in sick”... The cute brunette that works at the movie theater... “I was so glad you found me”... She likes looking at him... “Won't you give me your number?”... “What if he's a serial killer?”... “I hope you'll text me”... Robert is mildly autistic... “Robert is a very interesting *man*”... “My family is obsessed with you”... “I think I really like him”... “Ignore photo, didn't mean to send it”... He's a classic movie lover who enjoys seeing movies in the theater... “Am still up for redo date”... “Obviously I've misjudged your taste”... “Star Wars is boring!”... “I'm not going to murder you”... “Hey, you can murder me if you want”... He knows every line of dialogue from “The Empire Strikes Back”. He also can't read when she is trying to be affectionate towards him... Her fantasies are hysterical... He's highly socially awkward and probably on the autism spectrum. He has a strange obsession with Harrison Ford... “This is so embarrassing.” –“Wait. How old are you?”... “I'm 20. Sorry”... “She was just so open and so vulnerable and so incredibly sexy. She had never looked so beautiful”... “It was a terrible kiss!”... And she's rather eccentric herself... “And I think that if I did have sex with him that he would really like it”... “I think he may not be totally

experienced”... “I think he’d be grateful”... “I’ve never dated a guy with a house”... “You are so sexy. Want to go into my bedroom?”... “Hey, do we want to do this?”... “But it will be messy and hurtful and awful”... “It’s just better to get it over with”... “He’s clearly overwhelmed by how young and pretty we are. By our smooth skin, our perfect breasts”... “Have you ever done this before (sex)?”... “Okay. He’s not giving up. Definitely not giving up”... “I want to fuck you so bad!”... “You make my dick so hard!”... “This needs to be over”... Faking orgasm... “This is the worst life decision I’ve ever made... “What do you want to do now? Do you want to watch a movie?”... She now totally over him... “How old are you?” –“33”... Her fantasy of him has been totally shattered. She can now see him clearly for what he is: a loser... “I thought that you were a little committed to me”... There’s a serious power difference going on here. She doesn’t even have a car and he has to drive her around... “Why don’t you like me?”... “It was great, if you like a guy that spends ten hours a day on YouPorn”... “How long do you think it will take until he gets the hint?”... “Because liking cats makes a guy seem non-threatening”... “He’s a nice guy. Sort of”... “In a way, I kind of miss him”... “I really liked the guy on the text chain”... “It’s easy to like a guy that’s not real”... “I guess this is Robert’s idea of romance”... He only learned how to behave in real life by what he’s seen in the movies. He’s living an imaginary life... “Hi. I’m not interested in you stop texting me”... “You’re welcome”... “I’m sorry you don’t want to see me anymore. I hope I didn’t do anything to offend you. You’re a sweet girl and I really did enjoy the time we spent together”... “Just want to say you looked pretty. Hope you’re doing well!”... “I know I shouldn’t say this but I really miss you!”... “I felt like we had a real connection. Did you not feel that way or... Maybe I was too old for u or maybe you liked someone else?”... He’s a jealous psycho... “Whore”... The theater that she works at constantly shows old Harrison Ford movies. How perversely funny!... Great music selections... “He didn’t break the law”... “If Robert does something that actually does break the law and you can prove it, you come find me”... “Why do you have to make everyone an epic battle in your own mind? It’s exhausting”... “I ground you. I’m always trying to protect you because I understand the real world and you don’t”... “At least I tried to connect with another human. What do you do but hide?”... Best friends getting into a fight... “You’ve been following me”... “Everything is ruined right now”... “Everybody believes the woman”... Red flags galore... “What about you? You were stalking me.” –“What? A guy can’t look at a pretty girl and want to meet her? I followed you so that I’d run into you. Is that a bad thing?”... “I’m sorry that I found you attractive!”... “You would have found that romantic and not, you know, creepy”... “Don’t play games with me!”... “I didn’t fuck you well enough?!”... “I was trying to spare your feelings”... “You’ve had girls mace you before?”... “If you walk out of here looking like that, it’s over for me”... This movie is part horror movie, part drama, and part comedy... “We both forget we ever knew each other”... “If you drug me up like some super-predator, they will lock you up for good”... The super-talented and lovely Emilia Jones!... She’s panicking. And now he’s panicking... He does have a cat. She was completely mistaken about him... “Are you fucking crazy? You’ve got to trust me!”... “Drive towards the fire”... “He quit his job at the hospital”... A tale of older single guys who are film fanatics who flirt with the cute college girl... “Why don’t you give me your number?”

3-19-24 **“This Animated Show Was Animated with Low-Paid Korean Animators”**

Cottonwood Cove, Arizona – south of The Wave.

Marcos \$3,300 for labor and materials for completing the fence in our backyard.

The Creator: A robot in the form of a young child... A being worshipped by Artificial Intelligence as their creator; savior; God"... "We have given independent thought to robots"... "10 years ago today, a nuclear warhead was detonated in Los Angeles. Nearly a million people incinerated in the blink of an eye by the artificial intelligence created to protect us. We banned AI in the Western world so this would never happen again"... "This is a fight for our very existence"... New Asia... "Americans are coming!"... "Rest, a little recreation, eat, sleep, go to work, repeat"... "How's your job?"... "That was like a real person!"... "They don't feel shit. It's just programming"... Radiohead's "Everything in Its Right Place"... "Why are you protecting AI?!"... "Those things down below... they have bigger hearts. You can't beat A.I. It is evolution"... "They made it into a kid. That's the weapon"... "It's a miracle"... "You're already dead, son. I'm sorry"... "Anyone have fun?"... "Donate your likeness. Support A.I." It's a future world where A.I. is actually fully integrated as part of the world and society... "If you're not a robot, then how were you made?"... Potent questions. A robot girl asking "What's heaven?"... His wife donated her likeness and other A.I. robots look just like her... "For robots to be free"... "Eventually, she'll be able to control any technology from anywhere. She'll be unstoppable"... "Maya is Nirmata"... "The nuclear bomb in Los Angeles was a coding error, you know that? Human error. They blamed us for their mistake"... "Does she even know what she has been created for?"... "They created us to be slaves. But we will be delivered from slavery"... "We will finally be free"... "Americans are near"... Robot suicide bombers!... "She could have made her to hate mankind. Perhaps she should have"... "She made a new kind of life from a scan of a human embryo, a copy of your child"... Slaughtering A.I. monks... "It's not real. It's just programming"... "Am I going to heaven?"... "Next stop: Los Angeles Space Port"... She can take over a space ship... Mother the mannequin... "I'm sorry, mother"... A trillion-dollar defense space station orbiting Earth... "It's okay. I'm going to heaven. I'll meet you there"... A truly epic ending!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Ohio MAGA Candidate Accidentally Sends Out Concession Email."

"(Kid A, Kid A.) Everything in its right place. Yesterday, I woke up sucking a lemon." - "Everything in Its Right Place" by Radiohead.

"Kidding, kidding. Everything in a dry place. Yesterday, I woke up soaking." -My misinterpreted lyrics to "Everything in Its Right Place" by Radiohead.

GOP has not been able to pass an annual budget or spending bills since 2000; However, Speaker Pelosi passed both every year she was speaker and did it on time. GOP politicians cannot govern, and now they do not even have a party any more. It has become the Trump Party.

These MAGAs all spout "the Constitution!" all the time to justify their beliefs yet they know nothing about it, have never read it, and don't understand the language used in it. Same with the Bible- thumping Christians.

Roe v Wade is not an amendment, and every liberal knows that. However, the words in the Bill of Rights that guarantee all citizens the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness would indicate that determining one's own reproduction path is part of that. Of course, there is that pesky part about women not being considered citizens and Blacks as not quite whole people. Kind of the way MAGAs look at it today.

3-20-24

"My Ego Was Bruised Initially"

Alyssa was really upset at the orthopedic Dr visit. Her ankle didn't heal and that's all she could hear. The Dr said that it is okay that it didn't heal as long as she did have pain. If she did have

pain, when resuming normal activity, she would need to wear a bone stimulator for a few hours a day to try and get the bone to fuse. Alyssa was too busy crying and screaming to hear the rest of the information.

Uggghhhh. You and the doctor need to get a tranquiller dart gun to shoot at Alyssa when she goes nuts like this.

The Jerry Springer series had an audience. WWE wrestling has an audience. People camp out in the desert, near Roswell, calling out for UFO's to land. trumps political styling fits right in with those who have rather simple requirements.

You can't get the Housewives of New Jersey fans to watch masterpiece theater, the intellectual requirements just aren't there. trump shares that audience.

Traditional conservatives not only despise the lying, but we also find him offensive toward women, minorities and our allies. He doesn't have the values to be in office - and herein lies his biggest problem - many in his own party will reject him in larger numbers than 2020. My goodness, his own vice president refuses to endorse him. That's a first for our nation.

I Helped Out Too Much

Laura Vogel: Hey there, just a heads up, can you hold off on giving Shelley instructions for batches I/m working on?

We're having some confusion now, as I didn't know she was working on it and she shouldn't have added those art tasks

it's a photo only batch

I'll connect with her on my batches

thanks!

And please connect with Dani before you have Shelley do anything on her batches.

Eric: Laura, sorry about causing confusion today. Shelley was getting overwhelmed and rather stressed out. I was trying to answer some of her questions. She's getting there, but it is a lot of information while jumping in mid-project. I'll instruct her tomorrow morning when we meet again to just hold off and wait until Friday morning's meeting for what tasks we could have her start doing (with supervision).

Laura Vogel: Sounds good, and yes, we don't want to confuse her more. She can work with each of us on the batches we each have context on. You have enough going on and don't need to take the lead for G3 or be her ambassador, we can all jump in to help.

Just be sure that whatever instructions you're giving her are things we are all doing the same way, I want to make sure that she's starting off with general workflows and not things that only certain grades do a certain way. I can help onboard her as well

Eric: Shelley, I chatted with Laura Vogel a little bit ago. Basically, you will be meeting with her, Dani, and I about what tasks you can start taking over. You can hold off on trade book manipulations until getting an official okay from each of us. We have to be mindful of communicating with you what you are taking over just yet. This was my mistake. Basically, Laura is covering Batch 1. Dani is covering Batch 2 and 4. I am covering Batch 3. There is bound to be some confusion since you are taking over for someone while mid-project. So I shouldn't have been in Batch 1 today because that can cause confusion since there was decisions that were already made that neither of us knew about. But we learned! ☺ Anyways, see you tomorrow!

Shelley Hampe: Thanks for filling me in! No worries about the mix-up, we're all learning as we go. Looking forward to syncing up with Laura and Dani to smooth things out. Catch you later today!

X-Men '97: I remember how utterly exciting it was to hear that opening theme song for the "X-Men" animated show in the early 1990s. It was unbelievably cool to see my favorite comic book characters actually animated for the masses to see and experience in all their glory... "I didn't ask for this. I was born this way"... "You think we wouldn't find a way to evolve as well?"... "It's okay for you to let go"... "Watching our exhausting perfection every day"... "Tolerance is extinction"... "All you do is remind humanity that our days are numbers. That humanity itself is obsolete. You have no idea how it feels to be left behind by the future"... "But to be honest, it was a team effort. Always has been"... Sunspot... "Be an X-Man? I don't even want to be myself"... Enter Magneto!... "Is that who I think it is?"... "A desire to prove yourself is only

natural"... "I have wondered what it might be like to be human"... Magneto and Rogue sexual tension!... "Our goal is de-escalation"... "No more mutants!"... This show makes me fall back in love with the X-Men animated show all over again!... "What must we do to be good enough?"... "Never again"... The awesome power of Magneto!... "This is a shared world with a common future"... "Quelling the insurrection"... The X-Men are like a close-knit family... "Our Jean is a clone"... Mr. Sinister!... "They shall know my inferno!"... "Rogue is really training her stamina with the new boss!"... Attacked by anime nightmares!... "Our perceptions of reality"... "I am the Goblin Queen!"... "A villain playing dress-up as a hero. I should have you as a toy"... "Enough violation!"... "It's a techno-organic virus strain"... "Which one of us married Scott"... Saying goodbye to your own clone... "To face a world that despises her"... Glitch world... "Like a cyberpunk mirage"... "My endless imagination"... "Some say they're freaks. Some say they're monsters"... "Vampire dinosaurs"... "Desperate to belong"... The island nation of Genosha... "Magneto is right"... Nightcrawler!... "A home (for mutants)"... Exodus! Dazzler! Boom Boom!... Emma Frost... "Time to dream bigger"... "Go to Genosha and be with my clone!"... "I love both of you"... "What's wrong, chère?" -"You'd best sit down"... "Mutant art"... Magneto and Rogue's love affair!... Jean finds out about Scott & Maddy's astral 'affair'... Cable returns!... "He's coming!"... Mastermind!... "A Godzilla sentinel"... "They shall be avenged!"... "Omega level threat detected"... "Do not be afraid"... Magneto dies. "Omega level threat eliminated"... "The images you are about to see... may be disturbing"... They destroyed the dream of Genosha... Gambit's dead. "Sugar, I can't feel you"... The genocide of Genosha... Deathbird!... "You will not break me!"... "Your man speaks of me as if I were your pet. Not an entirely displeasing thought"... "You are twisting my words"... "Why remember? Why not let go? Start anew"... "Coexistence is messy"... "Born of ancient stardust"... "The unthinkable has happened!"... General Thunderbolt Ross... "We're on our own"... "For anyone watching these images, they need hope"... "Bare witness what happened in Genosha: the death of a dream"... Captain America!... Strong Guy!... "Riots are the language of the unheard." -Martin Luther King Jr... "But smashing windows is destruction, not communication"... Nimrod!... "They can't know we have a mutant in the family"... "Oh my God! Nathan"... "He could hear machines"... "Mom, will I ever be normal?"... "Overload their bandwidth. Too much to compute"... Doctor Doom!... "What's a taxi cab driver supposed to do when a (mutant) teleporter can get you there in a blink? The human community is scared. They've been told over and over that they are being left behind. But I invite them to be relevant again"... "The Final Dream"... Covert human Sentinels... "It takes a mutation to beat one"... Juggernaut!... "Why resist the inevitable?"... "Do you understand the futility of your bleeding heart?"... "You're a monster." -"I was born this way"... "Magneto was right"... "Enough"... Spider-Man!... Unleashing a global magnetic pulse!... "He actually did it. Declared war"... "To me, my X-Men!"... "You turned off the power! So this is what you get!"... "Magnus!"... "We must repair Earth"... "We believed in the dream you had me sell"... "I will not see anymore mutants die"... Cyclops talking to your son (Cable) who is older than you because he is from the future!... "A survivor. A phoenix"... Hulk!... Two people (Jubilee and Sunspot) that feel affection for each other fighting one another!... Gold Team... Magneto removes Wolverine's adamantium!... "Why wouldn't they use their abilities to make the world better for other people?"... "These are tense times"... "I'm a mutant"... "Have you met others (mutants)"... "Lonely, scared, and they will be feared"... "Help them cherish their gifts"... "Welcome to your mind, Magnus"... "Why must you always defend our genetic inferiors?"... "Built to die"... "I am Phoenix!!!"... "I'm a teacher"... Magneto Protocol... "What will you do, my child? Slay me with a 4th of July?"... "Stop fighting

the future and embrace it"... "Humanity would rather die than have kids like us"... "Rumors still swirl about the fate of the X-Men"... "Preaching the second coming of Magneto"... "Something or someone yanked our friends through time"... "My name is En Sabah Nur (Apocalypse)."

3-21-24

"Sighing Sounds Like Dying"

The GOP really thinks that because their base believes their lies that the rest of the population that live on earth 1 must be too stupid to discern fact from fiction. They're not interested in solving the problem they killed their own border bill that Republicans drafted!! So how can you get up there and whine about the border when all you people do is obstruct the Biden administration that's literally all they do they get paid almost \$200,000 a year to do absolutely nothing but vote against legislation they haven't done anything this past year except be Donald Trump's personal defense firm they literally turned Congress into a defense firm filled with obstructionists. All Republicans want to do is whine they don't want to solve any problems because then they would have nothing to run on.. they aint talking policy either.

Sorry a@@ Republicans blaming all the crime on immigrants. Yet they do nothing about school shootings. Where is gun reform laws?

Republicans have been blocking and obstructing solutions to the border since at least 2010.

They'll never vote for a solution because the border is a money-making grievance machine that they can fund raise off of.

They'll never repeal and replace Obamacare for the same reason.

Why solve problems when you can campaign on it?

I love when far right Christians say God picked their candidate to be president. By that logic they must admit that God chose Barrack Obama and Joe Biden. Moreover, that means God didn't pick Trump in the last election.

Trump didn't defeat Hillary Clinton. The outdated needless electoral college did. The American people elected Hillary by 3 million votes. Those 3 million votes were thrown out.

Why are evangelicals fixated on the Donald?

They are raised being taught to suspend critical and rational thinking and logic. They are raised to be gullible.

Easy.

As a Christian, I can't fathom how anyone could vote for someone that spews as much vitriol, hate and division as Trump. I find it extremely sad and dangerous that anyone who professes to be a follower of the Gospel of Jesus Christ could even entertain supporting him. I don't agree with the left's agenda, but they are not a threat to myself or my faith and I will be voting for Biden again this year.

Pence wanted to be President so bad he sold his soul to the Devil. He thought be being Trump's lap dog it would help help. And in the end almost cost him his life.

The amazing part is Pence is STILL SO SPINELESS and afraid of Trump he will not say WHAT HE REALLY THINKS ABOUT TRUMP.

So much for standing by your moral convictions.

How many have Trumps people have turned against him? America this is a warning. They are telling you that Donald Trump is set to destroy what we have preserved for the past 250 years. Problem is the horde that loves trump so much despises pence for having a spine. His refusal to endorse will have no impact on republicans. Can only hope it resonates with independents and the dozen or so people that are undecided.

Evangelical Christianity in America is a bastion of angry old white men who yearn for the days when they controlled or influenced any talk of moral ethics in America. Afraid that their power and influence is waning, they will flock to Trump who promises to make America great again, which is code for returning power and influence to them.

It is not an ethical pursuit, but raw transactional politics couched in spiritual terms to give it an appearance of legitimacy.

Hence you will hear terms like "the lesser of two evils", David a flawed leader and Cyrus to make one feel that he or she is following the will of God and advancing his kingdom.

Yet, for all their efforts it is not working because young people the future of any church, are leaving or not attending in droves.

Evangelicals..... Their guy can be evil and rotten to core but should always be forgiven. The other guy has to be perfect, if he isn't, he is the devil and forgiving him is a sin. Evangelicals have betrayed God and Jesus and have killed Christianity in the U.S.

The only positive that may come from Trump's political career and the horrible impact he has had on American society is that he will create an opportunity for a viable third political party to take root. He will burn the current GOP down leaving nothing but its MAGA core. Independents will actually become an actual rational, middle of the road issues driven party unto itself drawing from former Republicans and centrist Democrats.

Lisa: I got the job 🤗

Do you think \$98,612 along with a possible bonus of 10.8% yearly sounds fair?

So this news that Lisa got that manager position that she's had five interviews for is a pretty darn big deal for our family. This is financial security for our collective futures. We could possibly retire now by 65!

Lisa (half) joked that she may now be making enough money to hire someone to "do me" so she wouldn't have to.

Stormy: "People will believe what they want to believe no matter what"... "I was finally getting recognition"... "I was basically white trash"... "I bought my house. I bought my boobs"... "She wanted to be a director"... "He's used to getting his way"... "He told me that I reminded him of his daughter"... "It was important to him to be surrounded by beautiful younger women"... "I don't mean to scare you, but you are now the whole Republican Party's problem. And they like to make their problems go away"... "Some of Donald Trump's followers are really sick"... "You don't change someone you love"... "I made \$2,200 in one night in \$1 bills"... "You're entitled to be feeling everything that you're feeling. You're hurt. You're jealous. You're sad"... "A woman not afraid to fight back against the president of the United States. She was liberated. And she didn't seem scared of him"... "I'm a liberal hero"... "The twisted morality of the left never ceases to amaze me"... "I'm a registered Republican"... "I go both ways"... "Fox News tries to spin Trump's affair with Stormy Daniels as good news"... "She has become this symbol of the resistance"... "I'm not that special"... "I just wanted to stand up for myself"... "You're standing up to a bully. That's exactly what's happening"... "Why don't you call Donald Trump the creepy porn president?"... "I do love you, but I can't do this with you. You need a stronger person than I"... "You're on this fucking crusade"... "Glen would just kind of unravel"... "I was heading down a path where I should still be in a trailer park and should never have seen or done anything"... "Stormy Daniels will be performing in Columbus, Ohio"... "I know that it ripped my family apart"... "I don't know what else to say"... "Everything was for nothing"... "But mostly I broke his heart"... "I didn't say no because I was nine years old again (when she was sexually abused by a neighbor)"... President Donald Trump: "Great, now I can go after

Horseface and her 3rd rate lawyer"... "Trump supporters took great pleasure in her defeat"... "Stormy's directing jobs dried up"... "I didn't believe it was going to be normal again, and I hit rock bottom"... "I have some anger issues"... "I hope you die bitch"... "Ok whore... you will die and be forgotten"... "Someone leaked our address again"... "She deserves to be compensated"... "Nobody cares what the truth is anymore"... "You're just a modern day whore saint"... "*Even if you were raped, you should have kept your mouth shut for the greater good*"... "Kill yourself"... "You just signed your death warrant"... "YOU'RE GOING TO DIE BITCH!"... "I compare them to suicide bombers. They legitimately believe that what they are doing is *right*"... "The lawsuits are just trying to bleed her dry"... "She told the truth and she paid the price for that"... "She made an enemy of the most powerful man on the planet. And she didn't cower"... "My soul is so tired"... "I am out of fucks. And I won't give up because I'm telling the truth. And I kinda don't even know if it matters anymore."

Paid \$1,000 to Marcos for fence materials.

3-22-24

"Sorry, I Am Still Confused"

Margie needs a lesson in exactly what happens when the government shuts down. She has constituents who need government services, let alone the rest of the country. And now with Trump needing cultists to give even more, how will they give him their money if they don't get their checks every month?

Until the politicians are directly affected by a shutdown, like stopping all pay and benefits, they will play these games at the expense of the American people. I believe history has shown these shutdowns have cost more than what was saved by shutting down.

"Complete Failure". Yes, she is a "Complete Failure". Nice choice Georgia 14th District. Are you getting tired of her yet? Has she done ANYTHING for NW Georgia yet? NOPE. Bows to Trump who now will take YOUR donations for HIS legal bills, but still flies around in a B737 (trimmed in gold, no less), and lives in a LAVISH home in West Palm Beach. Wow, and you all still trying to make ends meet there in the 14th District. Well, you reap what you sow. Too bad Marjorie isn't helping you like she does Trump.

These people over to the far-right are not republicans anymore. There has never been such a party that could be considered as a "complete failure" in any part of congress until the Maga-autocrats arrived. "True" republicans don't attack the nation's capital to hold up a constitutional process for the change of power. "True" republicans do not refuse to assist free countries that are fighting to remain a free. "True" republicans do not withhold or delay assistance at the border when they desperately need it. America does not welcome its new members, the Maga-autocrat Party. They do not share our beliefs that our democracy/ republic for almost 250 years is worth protecting and preserving its existence.

They clearly do not represent my in-laws republican party, they are so far right they are about to fall off of Capital Hill.

Jake Johnson with his Schmidt's Bahama Mama meal at the Columbus Toy and Game Show: March 2024.

Today was a confusing, hectic, exhausting, and draining day at work. Is working at McGraw Hill supposed to be like this? Sometimes it is just too much information to comprehend and remember. Then my home internet was going super slow and failing me during important meetings. It was just one thing after another.

And on top of all that, Marcos and his partner were working on building our fence in the backyard. I had to go outside and answer questions that they had.

Then I got the mail and discovered that I had a tax bill for over \$1,000 for Columbus city taxes that needing paying. Yet I'd already paid them \$977 just a few weeks ago. Didn't they get it? All of this was just so confusing and stressful and not something I could deal with today. It was all too much.

Set up a meeting with my tax person to go over how to pay my Columbus taxes so I don't get a penalty.

3-23-24

“If You're Happy Being Unhappy”

Fence budget: Already paid \$1,000 through Zelle. Still need to pay \$2,300 + \$400 more for double-sided fence on front portions of the fence. This equals \$2,700 total to pay.

And what exactly would Russia do to Japan? Russia is a paper tiger and would be toothless if it weren't for their nukes. Russia doesn't make a decent car, no one dares fly on their airplanes, they make no integrated circuits or other high end electronics. They're practically or even actually a third world country. But, what is most amazing is that the Russia people continue to support Putin. Russia would be so much better off if they stopped the belligerence, and joined the European Union as a peaceful member.

So far Russia has threatened the USA, Europe, NATO, Japan, but they can't even defeat Ukraine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiswMYhyKhM&list=PLy5kryT0xrJOGhzPuYgMTCvj0zTMyWcNQ&index=19> The Killing Fields soundtrack – Mike Oldfield

Blackberry: “We will be able to be in instant contact wherever in the world”... “In fact, man will no longer commute. They will communicate”... “Made in China’. The mark of the beast”... “He said that the person who puts a computer inside a phone will change the world”... “A free wireless Internet signal all across North American and nobody has figured out how to use it. There is free Internet in this room right now”... “Picture a page, a cell phone, and an email device all in one thing”... “Emergency movie night”... He's fired... “So I know how to sell your phone. I know how to market it and who we can sell it to”... “A little company like yours. They can withhold payment until the last moment and then crush you”... “I've got the own 50% of the company and I've got to be CEO”... “I think we should take this deal”... “Deal”... “Hey! Get off the fucking Internet!”... “We'll take the patent on Jim's phone”... “Tell these nerds to drop everything to build this fucking phone!”... “I'm motivating you”... “We are a million dollars in debt”... Build the prototype in 24 hours... “And sometimes my dreams occurred exactly as I dreamt them.” –“What's that from?” –“Dune”... “He's a goof!”... “I didn't quit my job. I was fired. I just mortgaged our house to pay our staff. So if this doesn't work out, I'm fucked”... “I'm alone”... “We reinvent the cell phone. We put a computer in it. We put the Internet in it”... “Total individualism all in one device that fits in your fist”... “You are selling self-reliance”... “You are not a tech guy”... “It's a network that only works for pagers. That's all it can do. You're in la-la land on this one, kiddo. I think some nerds too you for a ride”... This is so fucking perfect. This is visually shows *exactly* the issue that faces so many people on the spectrum. They can't *sell* and *market* their ideas. They need a whole other personality type for that. They need the business-personality type. They need to be an aggressive, assertive shark – not a nerd at all! And vice versa. The market guy can't do it without the genius nerds. They absolutely need each other!... “You can have a half a million devices working simultaneously”... You need someone who can think differently. But you also need someone who has a business sense *and* knows the right people. Otherwise, each are ineffective and, frankly, lost... “It's actual the world's smallest email terminal”... “Try typing with your thumbs”... “Meet your new

partner"... "Unlimited free texting. Only on BlackBerry. *Fuck yes!*"... "What is happening?"... "Hostile takeover"... "It's better to get rich now off this guy rather than fight this guy in court for the next five years"... "We're about to lose our fucking company"... "They call them CrackBerries"... "Come work for me"... "How much money do you want to break your contract with Google?"... "It's not a cell phone. It's a status symbol"... "We're in the middle of a hostile fucking takeover!"... "I am here to get this ship under control"... "They're paying me \$10 million." - "Yeah, me too"... "You're all children, is that it?"... "If this work isn't done at a pace I expect, you will be fired"... "We do need to get back to work"... "Our engineers reprogrammed your towers"... "Bullshit." - "Try me"... "We're on track to control 50% of the global market"... Steve Jobs' presentation: "And we are calling it the iPhone"... "Why would anyone want a phone without a keyboard?"... "That's it? That's all you've got for us? A track pad? Did you guys see Apple's thing?"... "We were kinda hoping you were going to come in with an iPhone killer"... "I'm giving you gold and I think you're all misunderstanding it"... "Good enough"... "What are we doing here?"... "I'll build the fucking thing myself"... "It has the highest consumer interest of any product in history"... "We're going to be known as the phone that people had before they bought an iPhone"... "It's going to be fine. Michael will figure it out"... "Are we worried?"... "So why are people telling me that they're about to kill us?"... "SEC is raiding us"... "The owners did not find you of good integrity and character"... "Do you know what the sentence is for multi-million dollar stock fraud?"... "I think I know what Apple is doing"... "We're in trouble with the SEC"... "They're not selling minutes anymore. They're selling data"... "I made a deal"... Fixing the hum because he's on the spectrum... "Doug is secretly one of the richest men in the world"... Their cell phone market share is now 0%. It was once at 45%.

Marcos and his partner can do handyman work as well. They do carpentry, window repairs, anything house-related.

3-24-24

"All in Good Time"

Dream: I was at my Coldwater high school reunion graduation all over again. Yet I was late and missing my cap for my graduation gown. These were all typical phobias that occur in dreams. I also felt unusually successful career-wise. I had done so much and my old classmates finally got to see me and a side of me that they never knew. It was validation... vindication. The girls in my grade saw me in a whole different light.

Let's be very clear here - having a "moral or ethical life" is absolutely not the same as being religious. Morality and ethics are not the exclusive domain of religions. Atheists can just as easily have a strong moral code, and people who claim to be religious can be completely amoral. I challenge Rubio to say, "if Joe Biden did the same things tRump is accused of, I would totally support Joe Biden's claims of immunity...." That would be a good test to see if he really supports the idea of Presidential immunity for crimes related to the time not in office, or crimes committed that are unrelated to the office of the President.

Things that need fixing: Lisa's shower floor. Electrical light in basement.

The fence was completed this Sunday afternoon around 3 p.m., and I looked great. This was one of our big projects for the year that is now complete, which is very gratifying.

Jeremy Nicklaus: I had a great day selling comics at Champion City Con with my good friend Jimmy Oldham. Part of what I love about being a comic collector and dealer is the community of great people that I've been surrounded by. This guy grinning in anticipation of eating a sausage is one of my oldest pals that I know through comics. Jake Johnson owned Jake's Comics in old Grove City when I was a teen and when I'd visit my mom in Orient she would sometimes take me to Jake's shop and I had no idea he was only a few years older than me. He was successfully running his own business in his early twenties and had such professionalism and genuine warmth that even as a self absorbed fifteen year old I could

recognize that he was one of the greats in the business. After his shop closed I'd see him at comic shows and was always pleased that he remembered me and was a generous guy. The first time I organized a comic show, it was with Jake's encouragement and help and it felt good to put together something that was fun, profitable and much enjoyed by the attendees. Today when I bought books from him at the show we both worked, he was generous to such a level that it felt almost embarrassing. I offered more and he insisted that he didn't want more. That great grinning face below never fails to lift my spirits and make any day better. If you read this, buddy, know that you hold a special place in my heart. You're a giant among men, Jake.

3-25-24

“Hard Dreams”

Dream: I was feeling overwhelmingly lonely over the weekend and needed to get out of the house. I thought about making multiple stops, including at various further away Half Price Books stores. Yet first, I went to go visit my nephew, Ryan Hoeting, at his college on the far east side of Columbus, Ohio in Whitehall at the school that was run like a cult. *Everything* was weirdly regulated. Things were paradoxically progressive and regressive at the same time. The one area I thought was kind of nice was that instead of using universal air conditioning to cool down an entire building, they would activate a personalized air conditioning vent come down just for the person if only one person felt hot. Then they would give the person a receipt for how much money that would've cost to cool just oneself. It created accountability and education for the cost of energy. It was education everything. It looked like a military school from the outside. The thing is that once you entered you couldn't leave. It was just like that Eagles song, “Hotel California”: “You can check out anytime you want, but you never leave.” It took me hours and hours wandering around in college mazes to be able to get through all the rooms and buildings to finally be able to leave. I did make my way down to my car that was parked several blocks away on the street. Yet it was now dark in the evening! I'd spend my whole Saturday lost in academia.

Helga Stenzel: <https://www.helgastenzel.com/collections/clothing-line-animals>

No, Rubio, there is no legitimate issue here. No president can commit illegal acts not connected to official duties. The president has NO official duties relative to elections.

This is the first time this has happened to me. Can this fee be waved?

Dune audiobook.

Submitted penalty payment of \$155.15 for Columbus City taxes.

- Eric Homan – Beautiful spring photos! Some great info about the **solar eclipse happening in 2 weeks!** Find out if you are near the path of totality!

Dear Texas Science PdD Team,

We have finally made our final TEA submission for TX Science! This is an incredible milestone for the product, and one which we wouldn't have achieved without the hard work that each one of you put into this project. A huge thank you for your dedication and perseverance to develop a huge volume of components, and not to mention with Florida Science happening at the same time! The feedback we have received so far has been very positive, and the beauty of the design and media really stand out.

We want to celebrate this milestone by giving you all a day off this Friday! If this Friday is not a good day, or if you are already taking that day off, please work with your manager to find a better day. For those of you who are working on New Lit, where schedules are very busy, please work with Jess to find a date that works both for you and the project's schedules.

Congrats to all of you!

Rocio

Congrats! No better feeling than to finish out a product that you've dedicated so much time and effort to.

Cheers!

Derek

Huge congrats all around!! It is no small thing getting a project over the finish line. I truly appreciate Dani, Eric, Jesse and Jim jumping right into New Lit after a wild ride on TX Science!

Jess

Eric: Since TX Science just made its final TEA submission, Dani and I were given Friday off as a reward. But we were told that since our New Lit schedules are so busy we can take any day off when it is convenient. So I'll be taking a half day on Thursday (9:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. so I can travel to Dayton to visit my father and have lunch with him) and a half day (noon to 4 p.m.) on Friday.

Quiet on Set: The Dark Side of Kids TV: “He was really obsessed with feet”... “Sometimes I wonder if you can get juice from a potato?”... “Give up the juice! I’m thirsty!”... “Head of the Class”... “He just created a very fun set”... “It was just very strange”... “I always did my best to be a trooper and never complain”... “And then after that, I was sort of edged out by a younger version of me”... “Strange things amused Dan”... “It was a Hollywood for kids”... “I didn’t know what was acceptable and not acceptable”... “Standing up for yourself could result in yourself getting fired”... “You don’t want to be the person seen in the room that can’t take a joke”... “He could literally be nice, then mean, then nice throughout the day”... “Dan owned all of your time, your weekends, after work”... “I was devastated. I had written well and paid my dues”... “I was destroyed”... “It was so devastating to let go of that job”... “They settled the lawsuit that I filed. But it had a lasting impact on my career”... “It (the abuse) didn’t stop and that it was all for nothing”... “I was complaining too much. I became the oddball”... “The person at the top sets the tone for the entire production”... “You’re creating an atmosphere on this set that is not healthy”... Photos of young girls in bondage... A PA on the show that was also a pedophile: “I am a pedophile, full blown. I have been giving in to my desire for these little girls”... “Brian isn’t going to be here anymore”... “These charges are related to a child actor”... “It was time to play”... “He was just a touchy-feely kind of guy”... “And so I just kept it inside”... “Why did this happen?”... “I was losing my hair”... Sodomy... Oral copulation with a minor under 16 years of age... “Am I going to survive this?”... “I just hoped that no one knew it was me”... “I am so glad he won’t be able to get his hands on you.” And this is after the sexual abuse had already taken place... “When I was on set, thank God I was able to lose myself and have fun”... “I didn’t know how to process it”... “That led to a lot of self-destruction and self-loathing”... “Anything to escape”... “These actions could only have happened if Brian was tempted”... Ariana Grande... “He has a gift. He knows what is funny to people of a certain age of 12”... “His material had a little bit of edge to it”... “Dan always had this little bit of arrested development. He was like the boy who wanted that cute girl to like him”... “It’s a cum shot”... “I’m thirsty!”... “They needed someone to rein him in. And he wasn’t reined in”... “Nickelodeon is known for being fun”... “The Creator knows how to make one feel worthless”... “They did find evidence of being abusive to others in the workplace”... “A lot of my self-worth was deeply damaged from that set”... “Being let go from The Amanda Show really shook my confidence big time”... “Everyone is replaceable. And it sent me down a really dark path”... “Not being able to maintain the success that I had”... “Children are just a dollar sign when they show up on set”... “I lost my house and it was absolutely devastating”... “Look at what happens to these kids when they are spat out. They end up quite sick. They have issues with addiction”... “She had a lot of public mental health issues that the tabloids all covered”... “It’s just really hard going back over these old memories.”

“Dad, the back of your head looks like a squished jellybean!” -Alyssa to me in front of my wife.

3-26-24

“Smells Like Invisible Blood”

Dream: I was wondering around a car junkyard/ flea market while looking for used CDs and toys. Yet I lost my shoes and ended up putting on someone else's shoes that were for sale, which meant I had stolen them. Even though I didn't get caught, this made me extremely paranoid and utterly guilt-ridden. Earlier that Saturday morning, I had just watched a sequel to "The Deep" with Jacqueline Bissett while based on another novel by Peter Benchley.

Trump say's that a conviction "could make him more popular", like some kind of threat. I'm willing to take that chance, lets convict him and see what happens.

He is bleeding supporters as well as cash, and now has, according to those who track registration changes etc., around 23% of the eligible American registered voters. Around 170 million are eligible in American, give or take.

Someone below said "Most reasonable people do not vote for criminals", they are indeed correct. His supporters are no longer 'reasonable'.

When I add in the 40% who voted for Haley saying they will now vote Biden, as well as my friends who "were" devout Republican until his arrival, and are now "ABT"'s. As well as others, i suspect, if everyone votes that did in 2020, if he is around, he margins will be again, much worse than before.

Add his money troubles showing that he is NOT the Billionaire he says he is, if he is even one at all...viola`, there it is.

Interesting. Doesn't Florida (Trump's home state now) forbid convicted felons from voting until they complete sentences, probation, and/or pay any fines levied in full? DeSantis would probably bust a gut laughing.

Wait, wait, wait! Stop making sense! It's different rules for the privileged! The rule you're talking about are for the ordinary and poorer people.

Trump is above the law. Until he's held accountable for crimes the rest of us would be locked up for, he is on fact above the law. Out on bail and attacking judges.

I love how GOP opposition to Biden's plan was almost universal and now they pivot to blaming him for not spending enough on bridges.

We're still waiting for the Trump infrastructure plan. I'm sure it'll surface soon.

Wait'll they discover there's going to be an eclipse! They'll blame that on Biden, too.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Horror film based on the devil actually made \$666,666 on opening weekend."

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“The Super-Autistic”

Columbus City taxes sent me a letter in 2022 about signing up to Crisp that had a Letter ID and Account ID to log into. They are sending it again to me so I can get resigned up. Hello!

Congratulations! Your work has been selected to be featured at the 2024 [Digital Graffiti Festival in Alys Beach, FL](#) this May 17-18, 2024. We were impressed by your piece and look forward to showcasing it in May! As we begin to solidify details for the event, we ask you to please fill out the following form (via the link below) so we can make sure all details for your piece and more, are detailed correctly. Once the form has been completed, we ask you to please email your headshot to zmathews@alysbeach.com. The sooner this is completed, the sooner we can finalize your information and get excited for the festivities!

Your 2024 Digital Graffiti Piece: The Aurora Flame Tree, Dreamscape Skeleton Trees on Prismatic Flames

**We will be projecting 2 pieces together in a sequence. It will be a beautiful showcase of your work! Please provide either of the following so that we can pull your artwork for the show; please remove all password protections so we can easily access your work.

1. A DOWNLOADABLE vimeo link
2. A dropbox / google drive link

Finalist Online Form Link: <https://digitalgraffiti.com/finalists/>

The Finalist Online Form & RSVP Questionnaire is due to be filled out by Friday, April 19th. A downloadable link to your piece is due by Tuesday, April 30th.

RSVP Link for Artists Attending: [RSVP Questionnaire](#)

You will find the 2024 Digital Graffiti schedule outlined in the attached Artist Form. We invite all artists to attend the festival though we understand if you are not able to make it to Alys Beach this year. Attendance to the festival includes shared housing – (1) bedroom for (3) nights, as well as access to the event both Friday and Saturday nights with (1) Artist Guest Pass in addition to other artist events planned for the weekend.

Please note that this year, we have expanded the festival experience to include panels that will occur throughout the weekend. The panels are free to attend but we do ask for an RSVP from artists so we can account for seats. We are excited for this new addition and encourage you all to attend what you can! We are also incorporating new additions to the app with Curator’s Notes for each piece, we have added a Scavenger Hunt that incorporates quite a few pieces of the art throughout the path to encourage the participation of our younger crowd, and much more! We appreciate your help making the festival what it is and look forward to viewing your beautiful work in Alys Beach.

Should you have questions regarding placement and formatting of your pieces, please reach out to John Colette, our 2024 Digital Graffiti Curator, at pixelmill@me.com. Please note that specific placement of your piece on the path is very much so still being finalized as we continue to work through the logistics of the festival.

We appreciate the hard work each of you put into your art and we thank you for your submissions; we cannot wait to see our attendees faces lighting up in May as they take in the digital art! Should you have any questions regarding your piece, the festival as a whole or any miscellaneous questions, please know we are happy to help. We encourage you to email info@digitalgraffiti.com to receive the quickest response. We also encourage all of you to follow along on the Digital Graffiti Instagram page, check out our official Digital Graffiti website, and download the official Digital Graffiti App available on both Apple and Android (Digital Graffiti at Alys Beach in the App Store.)

We look forward to seeing you all and your beautifully curated art in May!

Best,

Zoe, Alexis, Elise & Kelly (Alys Beach Events Team) + John Colette (2024 DG Curator)

[Putting a flag on a Bible then adding political documents to it to repackage and sell it for \\$60 by a man who has never read it is really some sick, twisted stuff. This is not the Christianity that comes from Jesus.](#)

2 things that Israel has been doing for 75 years that makes no sense: grabbing property from indigenous Palestinians (and killing or imprisoning them in the process) and taking \$300 billion so far (directly from American taxpayers) and then telling America what to do???

3-28-24

“Do Whatever That Makes You Happy”

Dream: I was at a Wapakoneta hotel where they were hosting the hotel awards for the hotel company I was working for as part of the education design department. Amy Loeffler showed me the executive suite that is sometimes given out to employees as a perk if no one is staying in the room. Uh, were we going to have sex in this suite? Amy went into the bathroom and got naked. I felt myself getting aroused a bit, though her body had failed her from the years. I disrobed and got into the shower. Amy left the room. Then a maid came in and informed me that I needed to leave immediately because the head of the design team was coming and this room was booked for her. Yet my suitcase and things were already spread out. So I had to quickly dry myself off and start packing. Yet as I was about to leave, the head person came inside the hotel suite. She was a Pakistani woman and was actually very understanding about the whole misunderstanding. Then a rush of hotel design people came into the room and I couldn't leave. I ended up chatting with a heavier set middle-aged woman who also happened to go to CCAD. I was given a new room two doors down. I was later on invited to a dinner where the steaks were marinated to perfection. They also had a brewery that my co-workers raved about. Yet I had to confess that I couldn't drink because the yeast in alcohol gives me headaches.

[Republicans sealed their fate with the majority of women and the LGBTQ+ community when they let the Supreme Court take the abortion rights away and threaten everyone's rights. My hope is that enough are voted out this November to codify Roe v. Wade and restore those rights. It's none of the governments business what a person does to their own body as long as they are not physically harming another person. Yes, I'm white, female, Christian and a senior citizen. The last republican I voted for was Reagan.](#)

[It's crazy how they keep calling it inflation when we have proof it's just plain corporate greed? What can any president do in a democracy to curb corporate greed? Can we set prices as other](#)

countries do on goods? About the only thing I can see doing within our country is take away the free tax breaks we gave them in 2017 until they do the fair thing? Why should the taxpayer bear the burden of the tax breaks and higher costs?

Republicans keep taking away regulations and oversight, so not really much the president can do about your milk and eggs shooting up 400%.

They have 'some' control over oil prices, but those companies are posting record profits.

It's all greed, no matter how the GOP try to spin it.

Only reason Biden is running again IS because of trump. He clearly knows the damage trump intends to do to America if he's in the oval. And this will be long lasting.

An Alabama election recently went Democratic in a state that Trump carried by 20%. The winning candidate played the abortion card. This is a warning to the GOP: Prepare to get your collective rear end handed back to you on a silver-plated platter this November.

Yesterday SCOTUS entertained the idea of blocking the use of mifepristone NATIONWIDE because a half dozen evangelical doctors MIGHT ONE DAY have their personal private sensibilities OFFENDED by somehow being forced to participate in some aspect of an abortion procedure.... VOTE BLUE!

Jon Stewart: OMG!! I've been caught doing something not remotely similar to Trump! I guess all I need to do now is start a fraud college, steal classified docs, bankrupt casinos, pay hush money, grab pussies, discriminate in housing, cheat at golf and foment insurrection and you'll revere me!

"It isn't hoarding if your stuff is cool." -Quote on an electronic sign outside the Springfield Antique Mall.

Drove down to Dayton, Ohio to spend the next four days at my dad's house. I had to work ½ a day at his house after we had lunch at a Chinese buffet.

Created a board for the Pareidolia artist from two days ago.

3-29-24

"Oopsie"

Little Manatee River Hiking Trail, Tampa, Florida.

Dad got angry with me this morning for not sleeping in the bed with the sheets set out. I hadn't understood what those sheets were for. So I chose the bed that already had blankets on it. The other bed in the room had no sheets on it. I did notice some folded small sheets that looked like they were for pillows. So I simply didn't visually understand that and I had to forcefully explain that to him that it was visually confusing for me. He acted like I had offended him or something. It was an innocent mistake. Upon learning the issue, I put the sheets on the bed I had slept in.

Steve Smodish: I'm thinking about trying to see the eclipse on the 8th and, as of last night, the weather in Lima, OH is forecast to be better than in Texarkana, AR and Killeen, TX

Eric Homan: That's funny. I was just about to message you if you were thinking of heading up for the eclipse. My house in Dublin, Ohio is right on the edge of the totality. I have the afternoon off from work and was planning to head over to north of Bellefontaine, Ohio for the eclipse to be further in the totality. I was bummed out yesterday because it was showing the skies were going to be overcast and rainy. I just checked again today and they switched to partly cloudy. Let me know if you're thinking of heading up here.

Flights to the cities that are within the totality are all sold out and were going for \$3,000!

Steve Smodish: I have rented a Tesla and I'm leaving Saturday sometime... I'm still going to go where the weather takes me but that's still in your vicinity right now! If I end up nearby I'll hang out with you for it, if not I'll probably be close enough to visit.

Dad's Graphic Car (Door) Accident

Around 1 p.m., Dad and I were coming back from going out to lunch at Tokyo Grill – what I consider to be Dayton’s best restaurant - when I pulled into dad’s home driveway by the garage to let him out. Yet as dad got out and closed the passenger side door, he let out a rather unusual panicky and pain-ridden “Ahh!” yell. I thought he had twisted his ankle. It turned out to be much worse. As he was closing the car door, the bottom corner caught his leg and gashed it right open. There was blood dripping everywhere rather profusely. At first, I thought I saw his leg bone sticking out. Then I realized that it was muscle and flesh. Dad was trying to use a tissue to stop the bleeding. After trying to figure out what to do next, I went into the house and got a roll of paper towels. Dad scolded me for hurriedly pulling off several sheets to stop the bleeding. He preferred that I fold them neatly and nicely first. I just needed to stop all the bleeding! It was just so weird how suddenly his leg just ruptured as if his skin was torn paper. The slightest scrap caused such a serious injury. The bleeding was not stopping no matter how many paper towels we were putting over his open wound. I’d never seen such a bad open wound before and so much blood loss. I tried to help apply pressure on his severe wound and it was still dripping blood to the point where a pool of blood was under him. My hand was covered in my dad’s blood. It looked like he’d need 15-20 stitches or something. How could closing a car door on your leg cause such an insane open wound? It was rather gross and gory to see the inside of his leg. I asked him what was the closest emergency room to go to. I figured it was that nearby hospital off I-675. But I wasn’t for certain. I considered calling an ambulance. Thinking in panic mode over the severe loss of blood, I figured I’d have to drive him quickly to the hospital. I didn’t know where dad kept his plastic garbage bags in his house. So I quickly looked around his garage and found a mostly empty plastic garbage bag filled with a few loose leaves and small branches. I took them out and brought the bag over to dad. He ordered me to explain where I’d gotten that bag from. He was upset that it was “dirty”. I told him that if I was going to take him to the ER, I’d need to put his leg in the plastic bag so he wouldn’t bleed all over my car. Yet he was acting like this bloody fiasco wasn’t that big of a deal... more of an inconvenience. I told dad to sit on the grass or something so he didn’t faint. But he insisted that he wouldn’t be able to get back up if he did. So I got him a nearby lawn chair by his front door so he could sit on that. Then I needed something to prop up his leg to help stop the bleeding. I went in the backyard and couldn’t find a lawn chair that was just plastic. They were all fabric and would stain with his bloody leg and foot on them. So I found a bucket and brought that. Dad got upset that I didn’t bring a lawn chair. I had to explain to him that he would bleed all over it and ruin the chair. I was wondering if he was on blood thinners or something for why he was bleeding so easily. I went back into the house to dad’s bathroom and found the large bandages to apply to his leg. After a few minutes, the bleeding finally slowed down and stopped. I also found some gauze to wrap up his leg. Dad got annoyed with the loose bandage wrappers on the driveway while I was trying very hard to stop the bleeding.

Eventually, dad was able to walk back into the house and I realized that we might be okay with not having to go to the ER or Urgent Care. He went to his shower to clean off his leg, which then started the bleeding all over again. I had to re-wrap up his leg, but tighter this time to stop the bleeding. Dad got upset with me for not folding the paper towels in perfect squares while I was hurriedly trying to stop the profuse bleeding. He was bleeding all over his carpet and rug. Dad got annoyed that he could clean up the blood mess. Yet once he left the bathroom, I cleaned it up anyways with a scrubbing brush. It took five buckets of water and a scrubbing brush to get all the blood off the driveway. Then I had to convince him to cancel his 3 p.m. massage even after losing all this blood and having an open wound. I called the massage place to cancel his appointment. He was in no way able to drive after losing so much blood. I was sweating profusely from all this stress and tension. It was insane how in just one second our entire afternoon was turned upside down. I was fortunate that I had the afternoon off work so I could drop everything to help dad out. Then there was the strange coincidence of cleaning the blood off my dad’s leg and foot when it was Good Friday afternoon! Didn’t this also happen to Jesus Christ with someone cleaning his bloody wounds with their hair?

What stunned me the most was realizing that my dad may not be able to live by himself much longer. This was a profound wake-up call that he may have to go into a nursing home in a year or less. He can’t live by himself if he can get hurt that easily. He can bleed out at home and die. I’ve seen it. Also, he/ we were fortunate that had had this accident at his house rather than in a busy parking lot in front of the restaurant we were going to. The blood was just gushing out of his leg as if he has ruptured an artery. It was disturbing.

After I spent an hour and a half pulling weeds that had grown seriously large in dad’s front yard, Dad came out and expressed his concern about going to a nursing home. He tried to guilt me that if he was ever put into a nursing home that one’s inheritance would quickly dry up because of how expensive nursing homes are. He’d prefer to die at his own home. Yet he is literally getting so old and wobbly that he’s starting to be unable to take care of himself. I even had to cut his hair, just like I did the last time I visited him. He can’t even clean his own house properly. He’s getting sad and pathetic because he’s my dad and he can’t even take care of himself. It’s scary and unnerving since it is like seeing an old version of myself getting closer to death.

I was just about to call you, Lara. Dad just had a serious leg injury leaving my car after we got back from eating out for lunch. He was closing the passenger door and it scraped his lower leg and opened up a huge gash. He even had pants on and it still tore open his flesh. The skin on his leg is so paper-thin. I almost took him to the emergency room because he was losing so much blood. He said this also happened when leaving your car when you were all going to Tanya's for Christmas. We got the blood stopped and treated the wound. I've been cleaning blood around the house for the past hour. He's now insisting that I do the weeding outside. I want Lisa to look at his leg on Sunday.

Sean Hannity signs off from his pre-taped show with,
"Greg Gutfeld will put a smile on your hate."
Fox News ladies and gentlemen, Fox News.

Scott Pilgrim Takes Off: "I had a dream about the girl again"... "Are you real?"... "Are you the person in my dreams?"... "Wanna go out sometime?"... "We don't have to talk about our pasts"... "That was one of your space subways?"... "Ramona's first evil ex-boyfriend"... "Nobody wins forever"... "You killed Scott Pilgrim!"... Envy Adams... A Scott Pilgrim remix?... "I want to put you into your misery"... "Sparks"... "I wrote a feature-length screenplay in my sleep"... "Drumming is a great outlet for my emotions. Rage mostly"... Scott's unconscious dreamscape"... Every girl in Toronto wears purple or pink tights... "He was always an idiot"... "Why is Envy Adams dressed like me?" -"She's playing Ramona Flowers"... "The creative process is a mystery"... "I'll be back to being nobody"... "Vegan powers"... "You may need to open your mind to other opportunities"... "To the twins, I was fresh meat"... "The future is more futuristic than they originally predicted"... "Ramona dated a robot. That's progressive!"... Scott and Ramona get married! And then... Divorce!... "You record video of everything?"... "Old Young Neil"... "Anti-kiss fields"... Each character is fleshed out and given so much more depth than before... "Super Ramona."

I'm honored to once again be chosen to participate at Digital Graffiti in Alys Beach, Florida on May 17th and 18th, 2024. This will be my third year in a row (!) and I'm thrilled and humbled to share my video artwork alongside so many great media and immersive design artists and peers. The event has become a sort media art family gathering, especially since some of my favorite video artists present there. This year, Digital Graffiti will show two of my newer works together in a loop. It's always a great show where a Florida village is transformed with motion art. www.digitalgraffiti.com

"Thank you for letting us video artists us your village as our motion canvas. We happy to be temporarily redesigning your town." -What I would say if I ever won at Digital Graffiti.

3-30-24

"The Dead Don't Dream"

I was once again back at The Great American Toy Show in Xenia, Ohio. I got up a little after 6:30 a.m., which wasn't a problem since I had gone to bed before 10 p.m. last night. Dad made us breakfast and I was off to Xenia. I managed to get parked at exactly 8 a.m. and I watched as 200 people *per building* began entering each space. I couldn't believe how busy it was already. This year, I knew exactly what to do and where to go, which was building 3 to where Jake was set up. Last time, I got to Jake's tables late and most of his stuff was already picked over. This time I got there right away and managed to build a pile of items of mainly loose and inexpensive toy figures, which is usually what I prefer to pick up. I rarely get figures that are in the box. I also ended up pulling a half comic book box of comics. Jake charged me \$50 for everything. I gave him \$80. He gave me back a \$20. For two hours during the show, I helped Jake out by assisting with his area. It was a lot of standing and being active. Yet it was quite astonishing to witness how much Jake sells. Almost 2/3rd of his table was gone by the end of the day.

I managed to work my way around the show to all seven buildings. It was really, really busy at times and you could barely look at the tables from how many people were around. It was a staggering influx of people. I have to admit that it was pretty good people watching as well. Some of the people there looked like they were people that don't go out in public all that often! It was an eclectic group of vintage toy hunters, families, trailer park trash, wrestling fans with way too many tattoos, goth girls, Lolita teens, and autistic adults and children. There was also a few cosplayers there like Vultron and The Baroness. (Imagine if your girlfriend dressed as The Baroness for you?! Jesus!)

By 3 p.m., I was exhausted and had had enough. I'd been on my feet since the show began for me at 8 a.m.

Yet I wasn't done just yet. I next went to Route 68 Vintage Toys. Then I got more gauze for wrapping dad's leg wound. I also checked out two thrift stores on the way back to my dad's house. I also stopped at Kroger to get bratwurst and goetta.

I was drained once I got home. Being on one's feet the whole day is just too much for me after a while. Getting old....

I'm in the midst of shooting a sequel to This is Spinal Tap. As much as I'd like Taylor Swift to do a cameo in the film, I'd give anything for her to endorse Joe Biden. She would virtually single handedly save American Democracy.

3-31-24

“In All Honesty”

This morning, I was rushing to get showered and shaved before we were to leave to the ER. So I didn't have time to drink the extra hot coffee he made me. Once I was all changed and ready to go, he told me that he could just drive himself to the ER so I could finish the coffee he made me.

Happy Easter!

Report from “Nurse Eric”: Dad is back from the ER. He reported first that the doctor was obnoxious and the nurse was wonderful. They didn't even change his bandage because they felt it was done well. He tore a varicose vein, which explains the bleeding. He needs to keep the wound moist so when he changes the bandages in three days that scab isn't torn off. I bought four gauze dressing rolls for him yesterday at Wal-Mart. He had plenty of gauze pads.

It has come to my realization that after spending several days living with my dad who has OCD to the extreme and is overly religious that growing up with him was not much fun. So that is why I've spent so much of my life looking for escapism with movies, music, and comics. I was literally starved for it.

I drove dad over to The Chop House restaurant for 12:30 p.m. reservations where we met Lisa, Alyssa, Lara, Eric, and Zachary. I was stunned by how packed the place was for Easter. Regardless, the meal together went pretty well. Lisa and Alyssa stopped over briefly at dad's for about 25 minutes before leaving. I left just after them since it was after 2 p.m.

Trans Day of Visibility has been celebrated internationally for the past 15 years, always on March 31. Biden didn't create it. It existed the whole time Trump was in office. It just so happens that this year, the celebration fell on Easter Sunday. Those are just the facts. Hate Biden all you want, but he didn't invent Trans Day of Visibility. He simply acknowledged it, like he has since he took office.

MAGAs don't need facts. They have have their beliefs. They believe Trump should be allowed to do anything he wants to as president, but not Biden. They believe he should have total immunity from prosecution for ANY crime, but not Biden. They believe Biden should 'close the border,'

even though Trump never did. "I have the right to do whatever I want as president." (DJT 7/23/19.) Imagine the MAGA meltdown if Joe had said that.

4-1-24

"Commit Suicide on April Fool's Day"

Here in RED Ohio we have enshrined the right to an abortion in the State Constitution against fierce resistance and dirty tricks by Republicans.

If we have to do it state by state let's do it.

Women should retake control of their own bodies and regain access to quality reproductive healthcare denied them by a conservative Supreme Court overturning Roe v Wade by voting Democratic.

I believe many Republican women feel likewise as well and will vote accordingly.

If it can be done in conservative Ohio it can be done in any state.

If Joe Biden had deliberately changed the policy on egg decoration to allow religious symbols on eggs, Republicans would have either (1) mischaracterized it as a religious symbol mandate and complained about Democratic government mandates; or (2) complained about Democrats desecrating of religious symbols by allowing them on a non-religious Easter symbol.

This has nothing to do with any principles. The opposition will simply look at the possible pejorative interpretations they can make regarding any Presidential action, and play up those pejorative interpretations, REGARDLESS of what action is taken.

US Vacation Plan – Monthly: 9.5 Days

The Truth vs. Alex Jones: "It was about the damage that was done to me. Jones was repeating these lies"... "And I have to deal with this abuse with a loudmouth with a blowhorn?"... "Alex Jones continued to seek and perpetrate lies that Sandy Hook never happened. Making shit up. That's how Alex Jones runs his empire"... "More people were watching Info Wars than CNN"... "Everyone has to know that his man is a liar"... Austin Public Access.. "You watched because you didn't know what the guy was going to say next"... "He would rant and rave. It was absolutely hilarious. It was entertaining as hell"... "He started getting a following"... The news story was the juice. "He would just free form"... "Stop posting these videos that there aren't high radiation levels in California"... "That was the last time I saw him alive"... "I'm in the classroom and my children are scared"... "He shoots and kills the teacher and the teaching aide"... "They both gave their lives to protect those kids"... He says their names... of the kids... innocent little kids in a classroom that were gunned down... "Then he puts the suicide shot into his head"... "Nothing can happen to your child. So I really wasn't all that worried frankly"... "We still couldn't find Jesse"... "I'm looking for my son"... "Are there any more survivors in the school? Is there anyone alive that is missing?"... "No. There's no survivors"... "She had been trying to protect him." A teacher giving their life to protect their students... "I was told that he had an injury over his mouth and it was best to keep a cloth over it"... "He had just turned 6"... "There are reports of a school shooting in Connecticut, one of the states with Draconian gun restrictions"... "I told you that they are coming for our guns. Look for mass shootings"... "This is staged"... "From the very beginning, Sandy Hook parents have been asking you to leave them alone"... "We didn't know how to respond. We didn't know how to react"... This documentary is like reopening an old wound cause of assault rifles and mental health issues that plague our country and our world... And it's still going on... "My family is one of the families that lost a child yesterday"... "He walks up like an actor"... This is a critique of how people in the fringe media that use the Internet to gain a mass audience and manipulate them with being flamboyant, "entertaining", and "offensive" to score political points by saying and doing

anything. It's a critique on the rise of Trumpism. Of not caring if you offend or hurt as long as you are playing the victim to score points for you and your base... "It looks totally fake"... "It got vile very, very quickly"... Her memorial page was inundated with hate. "Fuck you, mother fucker." –"I know where you live. I have a gun"... "They were writing all sorts of horrible things that Emilie was a whore. That Emilie was alive"... People believe what they want to believe. Then they act on it as we witnessed on January 6, 2021... "FAKE"... "Filthy liars!"... The problem is that Alex Jones had no *rational* idea just how far his dangerous rhetoric could go with people without critical thinking skills... "Liar. Actor"... "It's just ridiculous"... "I remember the funeral. I went into a state of shock"... They're seeing the news on CNN and reacting to it as everything is fake. Fake news. Then get outraged... "The fact that this whole thing could be staged is just mind-blowing"... "I'm sick of all of it being a conspiracy"... "Info Wars was vilifying the parents"... "All the lies and the green screen video"... "How it did not happen"... "I think Emilie is alive and well and doing good"... "Sandy Hook is an illusion. It was not real"... This is a portrait of a two-fold mental health crisis. One the person who killed 26 women and children at Sandy Hook Elementary School. And two the heavily mentally unwell people who would believe and lash out over being that the Sandy Hook massacre never happened!... "It's so obvious that they are using the tragedy at Sandy Hook to disarm us. It's a total hoax!"... "What do you mean this didn't happen?"... "They didn't even seem to accept logic"... "Why weren't people airlifted to emergency rooms? Because they were all dead"... Alex Jones unleashed the crazies upon an already grieving community... Their fear of their 2nd Amendment rights being taken away from them fueled their unnatural hysteria... "We need to have the 'truth'"... "Something is not right in this town"... "Why no trauma helicopters?"... "He caused a lot of hurt and harm for people"... "Watching him made me realize that he was being energized by Alex Jones, and the two of them fed each other's psychosis"... "Something is rotten here"... "He was so persistent." He kept harassing the Sandy Hook residents by confronting them and videotaping them. He took his "Freedom of Speech" to a horrific end... "It took every amount of restraint to keep on walking away (from him)"... "We became increasingly anxious. It was death by a thousand cuts. We were not going to let you heal. We are going to keep at you. We believe our lies are more powerful than your truth"... "It went on for many years"... The most insane part is that Info Wars literally videotaped them openly harassing innocent people!... "I just hope and pray that I'm not wrong. If I'm that wrong, and if I've hurt people, I probably need to go to a mental hospital"... "There is no point arguing with them. That I've learned the hard way. No matter what you do, they are never going to believe you. They say show us the death certificate. Oh, that's a forgery. Show us proof that your kid ever existed. Oh, you just made that up. You can't win"... This documentary *articulates* why certain people don't believe facts like climate change. You will never be able to change their minds... "This is just so insane"... "I stepped over those dead babies.' To which I replied, 'No, you did not'"... "He wouldn't talk to me until I exhumed Noah's body"... This is like the German citizens who refused to believe that the Holocaust was real until they were forced to walk through the actual concentration camps... "Anything that was denying reality"... "The hoax content was outnumbering any actual factual information"... "It was a contagion. It was going viral and spreading to billions of people"... "It was real warfare going on, a real battle was taking place"... "It was like their playground. If you take away their toys away, they just become enraged"... "Our First Amendment rights are under massive attack"... "What do you think of us being censored?"... "Lenny, if you're listening, your day is coming"... "She made death threats. She became triggered by something she saw on Info Wars"... "Donald Trump is our guest!"... "In 2016, we had a president that was denying

things"... "That concept has spread to not trust media"... "There was this escalation of this alternative ways in thinking"... "It restarted the cycle"... "That is why people ask questions"... "Who does he think he is?!"... "That was what broke the camel's back. That was when I filed a lawsuit against Alex Jones"... "So you had two causes for action for Neil, which defamation and intention of infliction of emotional distress"... "Is this worth it?"... "To send this message of the importance of truth"... "We had the same goal: hold Alex Jones accountable"... "You're lying. That didn't happen. They said it didn't happen." And I said, 'No it really happened.' And she wasn't crazy"... "He came up to me and said, 'How do you fucking sleep at night, you son of a bitch?!' All I could think was the amount of content that person had to watch and digest and hold onto"... "We're hoping we can do our little part to course correct this kind of dangerous, wildly out of control dynamic of misinformation and disinformation to people who are happy to believe whatever it is that they want to hear"... "My little son died afraid and alone and terrorized watching his friends be murdered. Yeah. Lots of anger"... "We really want to expose him as a con man, a fraud"... Alex Jones is basically an avatar for Donald Trump. They're all the same type... Alex Jones is monetizing lying and misinformation... "He's getting rich off of telling these stories of these families that are under a barrage of threats and harassment and fear and anxiety because of what he's doing. He doesn't give a shit"... "He says the quiet part out loud"... "He sees the spike in sales and want to replicate it and emulate it. That's how you run a business"... "But he tells his audience that I don't care about money. I'm all about freedom and fighting the globalists"... "What he's really doing is feeding his audience a daily dose of fear and rage and looking at what works"... "What else could explain why these families have been hunted and stalked for ten years?"... "You don't trust anything anymore. Pretty soon, they don't know what reality is. People have lost any compass of what's real"... "There was a point where I thought everything was staged"... "Telling lies, false information is not protected by the First Amendment"... "You can admit that that statement was absolute nonsense"... "You couldn't trust anything that he said. He's a calculated liar"... "His demeanor totally changed"... "Forcing Jones to admit under oath that he was not right"... "Are you sorry?" - "I did this from a good place in my heart"... "So in some ways, you're a victim"... It's the victimhood complex... "With 'bad faith' and 'callous disregard' for the orders of the court"... "I didn't get beat in court. I got beat by an organized crime syndicate"... Alex Jones: "This is traumatic for me and I'm tired of hearing about it." The bully feels bullied for getting his comeuppance... "You're having your rights robbed"... "This is a kangaroo court. This is a political court action. This is a witch hunt!"... He's so full of himself that he can't see what he's doing is so utterly wrong... Alex Jones is a smug, immature "adult" child... "You can't recklessly tell lies about something important to someone"... "He intentionally lied in order to sell supplements"... "He used Jesse's death to sell products"... "He will say and do anything to profit off of his lies. And over the past decade, Mr. Jones has become incredibly influential over a segment of this country"... "24% is the number of people in this country that believe that Sandy Hook was staged. That is 75 million people. You can put an end to these lies by punishing Alex Jones"... "It was surreal... that a quarter of Americans don't believe the facts"... "We believe in our right to question information. Alex Jones doesn't trust the government. Millions of Americans don't trust the government"... "He has helped millions of people realize for the first time the depravations that have affected upon them by the elites. And for that, I think he is an American hero"... "He is one of the most polarizing figures in this nation"... "I showed evidence that showed to me that refuted his claim that this doesn't add up"... "By putting that story to a worldwide audience, you hurt real people"... "I mean, you still don't care, do you?"... "Info Wars is actually an

infomercial"... "it's demonic. They all act demonically possessed. The judge, the lawyers. It is surreal to be around them." It's all projection for him... This is the best film of the year. By far. It's that obvious. It's *revelatory*... "This man tortured these people for 10 years!"... "He's slow"... "There is no gum-chewing allowed in the courtroom"... "You've said that I'm an actress, that I'm 'Deep State'. You have, this week. *And truth is what we base our reality on. And we have to agree on that in order to have a civil society.* Sandy Hook is a hard truth. And having a quarter of Americans doubt the truth or the facts surround the truth is not conducive to keeping our kids safe"... "Jesse is real. I'm a real mom. *I know you know that. That's the problem.* I know you know that. And yet you keep saying it. You keep saying it. Why? Why?! For money? Because you've made a lot of money while you've said it"... "I know you believe me. And you're going to leave this courthouse and you're going to say it again on your show"... "I think he acts like somebody on the spectrum"... "It makes me feel astounded in a bad way. Horrific. Horrific. Horrific." This is exactly how I feel about Trump and his ilk... "In some way you've impacted every day of my life negatively ever since Jesse's murder. Alex has been asked to stop, and he hasn't. You're still doing it today. So you're not going to stop. I don't even think my pleading with you up here is going to get you to stop"... "It seems incredible to me that you have to implore you, no, *punish* you in order to get you to stop lying"... "It's not a hoax. It happened. It's like surreal what's going on in here. Everyone in here probably feels that way"... "I hope to accomplish an era of truth. *Please*"... He's an *entertainer*. That's what he is... "So she got to monologue and I can't?"... "We're bankrupt"... "You cannot tell this jury that you are bankrupt. That also is not true. It seems absurd that I must tell you that you must tell the truth while you testify. *This is not your show.* Do you understand what I have said? Yes or no." –"I believe what I said was true." –"Yes, you believe everything you say is true, but it isn't. **Your beliefs don't make something true.** That is what we're doing here"... "I apologize in good faith"... "I really apologize. I'm sorry"... "I believe your son died and apologize for everything that happened"... "I'm slow about certain things, too"... "You'll try to shut my mouth. But you'll never succeed"... "I'm autistic, too"... "Are you taking this trial seriously?"... "Is this you taking this trial seriously and in good faith?"... "The judge is consuming freedom." –"I sure hope your viewers can make that distinction, don't you?"... "12 days ago, your attorneys messed and sent me an entire digital copy of your entire cell phone with every text message you sent about Sandy Hook. And that is how I know you lied to me"... "You know what perjury is, just so you know before we go any further"... "I don't think there is any more point in asking you any more questions, Mr. Jones"... "And the last thing I showed the jury was that this man is a liar"... Alex Jones: "Our side told the truth. Their lawyers did nothing but lie." It's all projection. It's so obvious... "There's no deep pockets here. So they're in for a rude awakening"... "Love you!"... "You must take enough so he can never re-enter public life"... "The jury awards a total of \$50 M in damages to Scarlett and Neil"... "It was still a manageable number. It kept my client (Alex Jones) alive"... "They're coming for everybody, ladies and gentlemen!"... "First, they came for Alex Jones. Who's next?"... "And they said, "See? She's an actor"... A Sandy Hook parent: "Telling me that I was going to burn in hell and that I was going to pay for what I've done"... "There were threats of rape"... "It makes you feel like you don't matter"... This humanizes the Sandy Hook parents beyond being a past news story... "People went to Daniel's grave and peed on his grave because they didn't believe that Daniel was buried"... "They said they were going to dig up Daniel's grave to prove that he wasn't there"... "It's a whole lot of everything all at once"... "Daniel's grave is a sacred place. And we have people who want to urinate on it and dig it up"... Alex Jones: "I'm here for the show trial"... "They're using these

families as pawns. I have questioned hundreds of major events, and I've always done it from a good place"... "They will not silence me"... "I'm a good guy. I'm your friend"... "He looked pissed"... "He wasn't sorry"... "You want this abuser to have an inkling of respect. You want him to have a moment of reflection. And he wasn't going to give us that"... "You mocked parents"... "He carries a presence. There's an energy with him that draws people"... "You can't help but follow him around and I hate to admit that"... "You're telling your viewers that the next families (of a mass shooting) are actors, too"... "I wanted the jury to see how dangerous this man is likely to be in the future"... "You want the truth of the rottenness of his core to be revealed"... This documentary is basically about dissecting how a charismatic bully can sway millions... "I began to hate that video of myself"... As you watch the documentary, you also start to question: is this truth? What is truth? How do you digest truth?... "I felt like I failed her in death in my being able to remember her"... "I don't have any money. So it's all a big joke"... "This is ambulance chasing on steroids"... "Come on. Crucify me! Let's get it going!"... "I didn't know how to feel"... "There was a sense of being seen and understood and loved. And it was really overwhelming"... "Flood us with donations"... "A verdict against Alex Jones' lies and its poisonous spread"... "A 10-year attack on these families that made him very rich"... "All that Alex Jones does to you is take from you, exploit you, lie to you, feed your fears and your anxieties and your mistrust. And the only person that benefits him in this equation is him. Well, that stops. It's stopping today from the courage of these families"... "There has never been a technology capable of spreading a lie so fast and causing so much damage as we have now"... "It's a really insidious problem"... "Why are they so thirsty for it (the lies)"... "Why are they believing it?"... "We will not solve the greater problem of why we let Alex Jones to flourish"... Every parent should watch this because they will empathize so deeply with the parents. How would you have reacted if your child was shot and killed at school?"... "Noah. He was cheated of life. And he was cheated afterwards of honoring that life by people who purported that they were bringing 'the truth' to light when in fact what they were doing was desecrating his memory"... "Alex Jones has filed for bankruptcy. As of March 2024 the damages awarded to the families remain unpaid. Jones continues to broadcast on Infowars." In the end, justice is not yet served. Alex Jones continues to lie and hasn't even paid for his damages. He continues on without accountability... You won't find a more relevant film of and about our times than this. This is the film of our times. It perfectly holds a mirror to our imperfect society.

~~Hey Steve, Would you be interested in joining me at the Digital Graffiti festival on May 16-18? I'm allowed to bring a guest. They'd lodge us-~~

Rare Toy Variant Booth

Get a booth at a toy show with altered "variant" He-Man toy figures that are painted differently and mark up the prices to outrageously high prices in the \$10,000 because they're "one of a kind". Make it seem like they're "fine art" pieces. Glue a diamond on a Star Wars Ewok! The ultra-rare pink rock Thing variant!

Ed Piskor, comic artist and YouTube host, dies at 41. Prior to his death, Piskor posted a lengthy note on social media addressing accusations of inappropriate sexual conduct from multiple women. Mark Millar: Ed Piskor's suicide is just heartbreaking. I loved his books and his comic-book channel was one of my favourite things on the internet. What an absolute, horrible tragedy. Huge condolences to his family.

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Dream: Julia, Don, Lisa, Alyssa, Tom, and I were on a vacation trip along the southern tip of Florida. Just around 6 p.m., we had stopped in to visit a state park that had free roaming buffalo. Julia decided to pay for us all to go on a guided bus ride through the park.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “House GOP lawmakers introduce bill to rename Dulles Airport after Donald Trump.”

Allen Dulles was a war hero, director of the CIA and patriotic American who risked his life on numerous occasions to keep us all safe. Trump? Not so much. And this Senator said he was the "greatest President" of his lifetime? Seriously? No Kidding?

A restriction on religious-themed eggs for the White House’s Easter egg design contest followed federal guidelines that predated Joe Biden’s presidency.

The American Egg Board has set rules for the White House’s Easter-related contests and events since the board was established in 1976.

The board was established as a federal commodity program and must follow federal guidelines that require it to stay neutral on politics and religion — any program or activity cannot be seen as lifting one religion or set of beliefs over others.

Not that facts stop maga or FNC from stoking outrage. 45 didn't have them either, not a peep out of them though.

Is this an April Fool's joke? Trump has done nothing but bash DC. In his opinion, its a dirty, crime ridden, unfair city. So disrespectful to Reagan by suggesting trump in the same league as Reagan (and I'm not a fan of Reagan politics)

20 Days in Mariupol: “Film it”... “I have no illusions of what will happen to us if we are caught”... “Wars start with silence”... “The invasion was imminent”... “Where should I run? Where should I hide?”... “Do not succumb to hostile misinformation”... “I understand their anger. Their country is being attacked”... A little girl: “I don’t want to die”... “I’m not worried for myself, but for my child.” Showing the realities of war... “I’m scared for my child, who has barely lived”... “What did we do to deserve this?”... “I can’t get over the feeling that something terrible is going to happen to this city”... Russia targeted civilians... Performing CPR on a little girl... “Please save my child”... “Film how these motherfuckers are killing civilians. Show this Putin bastard the eyes of this child”... “Four years old”... “‘Show this to Putin,’ a doctor said”... “His legs were completely blown off”... “Note to editors: graphic content. This is painful. This is painful to watch. But it must be painful to watch”... “Mariupol awaits its fate”... “We continue to work without electricity, water and heat”... Watching children die. “What? You couldn’t save him?!”... “We have to find a way to get these images out. Nothing works”... “Thousands die. We keep filming. Things stay the same”... “Propaganda turns everything upside down”... “Please, good people. What is happening here?!”... “Guys, film so the whole world will see this chaos”... “The more people realize they are trapped, the more desperate they grow.” The civilians start to look buildings to survive... “They stole everything”... People breaking down... “Are you people or some kind of animals?!”... “Why are you taking what’s not yours?!”... “Good people become better. Bad people become worse”... “I want to go home. I want to go back to work”... “I feel sorry for the children”... “I don’t want it (the city) to belong to Russia”... “The flame is going out”... “My brain wants to forget all of this. But the camera will not let it happen”... Living in a destroyed city... The Russians bombed a hospital... “Where should we go?”... A gravely wounded pregnant woman being carried out... “Show it to those

Russian fuckers"... "Today, Russian occupants carried out a grave criminal attack"... "Russian troops commit war crimes"... "How could more death change anything?"... Atrocity... "The biggest university in the city was destroyed, too"... "My house is gone"... "Otherwise, no one would know what is happening"... "Russian media is claiming that they must be actors"... The bombing of a woman's maternity hospital... "This is what we call 'fake news' and staged photos and videos"... "This is information terrorism"... "The Russians have entered the neighborhood"... "Surgeons are overwhelmed and low on pain killers"... "The pregnant woman's pelvis was completely shattered and she had significant blood loss. But we were unable to save her. The woman died. The baby also died in the womb. The dead child was extracted"... A newly born baby dying just after birth, and the doctors are unable to revive the baby... until suddenly, the baby cries of life!... "We've spent two weeks in hell. You don't know which way to run"... "A sniper just shot a nurse in front of the hospital"... "Tanks shooting at residential areas"... "And if you get caught, the Russians will make you say that everything you published is a lie"... "The night is sleepless"... "I want all of this to stop"... "If my daughters ask, 'What did you do to stop this madness? This sadistic virus of destruction?' I want to give them an answer"... "We are already behind enemy lines (in your own city)"... "The city is slowly dying, like a human being"... "Fuck. Cluster bombs!"... Trying to leave with a Red Cross convoy... "I wish to stay longer. But we need to leave"... A doctor showing the dead bodies in the basement of the hospital: "This one is so little. It's hard. It's very hard"... "Well, you get used to everything. But then in the evening, it doesn't leave your mind"... "But he wants to help to get us and our materials out. And he still hopes that if the world saw everything that happened in Mariupol, it would at least give some meaning to this horror"... "Cameras and hard drive are hidden under seats"... "I told him, 'Thank you for saving us.'" –"He said, 'Thank you for telling the story of this city'"... "This woman and her unborn child later died"... "AP photos show a mass grave in Mariupol"... "The one who wins the information war wins the war"... "An estimated 25,000 people died in the siege. The true toll is likely much higher"... A brand new cemetery with just markers with thousands of numbers for all the people killed.

Created an InDesign document covering the 1R, 2R, and 3R review stages.

Made plane trip reservations. Your trip to Panama City, FL is booked.

Would you be open being filmed/interviewed during the festival as a part of Digital Graffiti TV?

Digital Graffiti Festival Events RSVP for Artists.

I came down with a spring cold throughout today. At first, I thought it was just the sniffles. Then a sneeze. Then an hour later, another sneeze.

4-3-24

"WTH Ohio"

I woke up to feeling utterly fatigued and groggy. Extremely difficult to get out of bed with this cold on day two.

These are the days where I really appreciate working from home because I'm too drained to drive anywhere to work. Just sitting is what I can do well, especially after taking some cold medication.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "AI safety researcher warns there's a 99.999999% probability AI will end humanity, but Elon Musk "conservatively" dwindles it down to 20% and says it should be explored more despite inevitable doom."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Images of McDonald's satanic-themed Happy Meal are AI-generated."

Submitted to Digital Graffiti.

We had color, light, moving images, and animation to dance across your white canvas village.

Alys Beach, Florida turns into an open subconscious dream village.

I'm worried about the ethics of even using genAI, especially art ones, which are based off of stolen art

Many big-name authors are suing AI companies for that.

The whole training data set and copyright vs. fair use is just starting... it'll be playing out for a decade. :(

April 8th weather update: Dublin, Ohio is showing mostly cloudy with a possible shower. Yet northern Ohio (Marian, Ohio - an hour north of Columbus, Ohio) is showing partly cloudy (clouds with sunshine). I might be heading more north than northwest.

I originally was planning to watch the eclipse at Indian Lake. Then on March 14, this happened there: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7d2Cigj3nkw>

"Dreamscape Skeleton Trees on Prismatic Flames #5" - (2023) - (50 sec.)

<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/902988004>

"The Aurora Flame Tree #13" - (2024) - (1 min. 55 sec.) <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/907462138>

These video art pieces capture an electromagnetic fire-prism aurora borealis nourishing the once-dead branches of an ancient, obsolete tree... giving it vibrant, new creative life and inspiration.

Warm yourself in the art flames... touch the creative rainbow fire. Re-energize yourself.

Please email a highres headshot to events@alysbeach.com

Shelley Hampe: Your digital graffiti is amazing!!!! I'd love to hear more about it AND experience it! But I refuse to go to Florida due to the variety of apex predators.

If MeowWolf or Site Santa Fe has an open call you should totally enter!

<https://meowwolf.com/visit/santa->

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While in Xenia, Ohio last Saturday for a toy show, I made a point to go downtown and visit the small memorial in front of the Greene County Courthouse for the victims of the 1974 Xenia F5 tornado. Today was the 50th anniversary. I remember watching documentaries about this destructive Xenia tornado while growing up in a somewhat similar small Ohio town. This led to a fear and fascination with tornados throughout my youth. Whenever hearing a tornado siren, I thought about Xenia and how it could happen anywhere and to anyone... especially here in Ohio.

Dream Scenario: Random objects falling from the sky... "Excuse me, don't I know you?"...

People start recognizing him from their dreams. Sort of... "Sorry. I'm just having some major déjà vu"... "I've been working. I've got a book." - "Do you have a publisher?"... "Can't you also credit me? Please, Shelia. I need this"... He's failed in getting recognition for his academic career... Strangers are staring at him... "Did you record it?"... "The reason you've been on my mind is that you've been popping up in my dreams. Like a lot"... "Maybe you and I need to sort something out subconsciously"... "You score high in asshole-ness"... "I guess I'll see you in my dreams"... "Have you been dreaming about me?"... "It's about a specific person I keep having dreams about"... Seeing a man in your dreams who also happens to show up in other people's dreams. But why?... "He's actually not that memorable. Actually, he's kind of boring as I remember"... "Area man at the center of 'dream epidemic'"... "Why is this happening?"... "And save me from some situation." - "That's your sexual fantasy?"... "It's just really weird to see you in real life"... "You're in people's minds when they sleep"... "What are your dreams?"... "The rights to your life"... "I just see this as an opportunity for me to get some

recognition for my work”... “I was just hoping that you guys could help me find a publisher”... “Got plans for tonight?”... “I could come near you if that’s easier”... “What happens in your dream with me?” –“We fuck”... “I have thee most intense sex dreams”... “I’m so wet!”... “Usually, I hear that I’m just passively hanging around”... This young woman wants to fuck him to make her dreams come true... “I can’t get it out of my head!”... Someone dressed as him for Halloween!... A really fun concept movie!... She invites him back to her apartment. “This is insane. You have no idea how fucking crazy this is to me”... Her dream hypnotizes, memorizes her... She wants him to reenact her erotic dream with him in it!... She scared and turned on... “Touch me”... “Did you just cum?”... “He” is now murdering his students in their dreams. But the actual him doesn’t mean to... He even raped a few of them. And now they won’t show up for his class!... “Obviously, I have to take the students’ concerns seriously, too”... “I think I need to consult with HR”... “But it sounds like they’ve actually been traumatized” -“Everything is trauma. Getting into an argument is trauma. Getting bad grades is trauma!”... “She had a rough day at work today”... “What the hell is going on?!” He murdered her in her dream!... He’s like a serial killer in their shared dreams... “Why don’t you just quit, Paul?!”... “Thousands of people sharing stories about torture and rape”... “They call you Freddy Kreuger at school”... “Dreaming is like a psychosis. Our brain decides hallucinating while we sleep”... “Who’s Molly?”... “They love you in France. Even with the nightmares”... “Nobody wants you here”... “Being vilely attacked by a man who looks like me”... “I’m actually going to have to kill myself”... “Paul Matthews attacked me!” –“It was an accident!”... “A dream turned into a nightmare”... “A revolution in dream science”... “The Dream House”... “There is a collective subconscious. Paul Matthews proved that”... “It makes it possible to dream travel”... He lies to people, even his own wife/ ex-wife... “You are the nightmare guy”... “I Am Your Nightmare”.

It doesn't matter whether you "like" Donald or not. Here are the facts of the case.

It's been established as fact in a court of law that Michael Cohen made payments to Stormy Daniels on Donald's behalf and got reimbursed by Donald for those payments under a financial arrangement that falsely reported the payments as "campaign expenses."

Donald isn't eligible for Presidential immunity here because constructing a fake financial transaction to cover up hush-money payments doesn't fall under the scope of "official duties of office."

Not only that, but Donald isn't eligible for Presidential immunity here because all of these things happened before the 2016 election, so Donald wasn't even President at the time.

None of these facts are in dispute. Some people may not like them, but that doesn't matter. Facts are what they are.

If he is a federal official with immunity from prosecution over actions taken as part of their official duties.

Then the 14th amendment section 3 does not make an exception for Presidents.

Either he is an officer or not. Can't be a federal official only in one case and not the other.

Like you said what he did is not an official act of a president and it happened before he was president.

Trump paid from his company funds which is also fraud. That was a personal expense. Just ask Stormy how personal it was.

The conspiracy to election tamper with hush money was begun before the 2020 election so how could those actions be protected even under the already kooky claim of immunity? Nixon lost a lot of supporters when he went on tv a few years after resigning and said if a president does it,

that means it isn't illegal. trump Republicans are so loyal to the worst president in 150 years that they are no longer capable of doing the right thing.

Desperate move. He is going to lose the election. He will be financially ruined. His companies will be shutdown or sold off. And he will be in prison within 2 years. Don't count on the DJT bubble. The company loses a massive amount of money and stock has already ranked 30%. Wow... If Trump was so concerned about a heavily democratic Manhattan why does he continue to behave like a spoiled child disrespecting the judge, his family and staff. His mouth is the problem and for the first time in history AMERICA needs to stop with the nonsense and send this guy to prison where he belongs. He's been getting away with too much for too many years. Ranting and raven on social media, intimidating witnesses is the worst thing a defendant could and at the end the judge should take that negativity into consideration. Let the running of his mouth and his rhetoric make his case.

4-4-24

“Grass Butts”

Day Three of my cold: I woke up extremely groggy and walked out of bed like a zombie. I had an expressionless look on my face and my eyes were half-closed/ half-open. I couldn't manage any emotions because of my exhaustion levels. I felt terrible, just terrible. I had little energy to even walk the dogs. I had a full night's sleep of eight hours. Yet I felt like I could use another 2-3 more hours.

The absolute worst part of being sick and miserable with this cold is how my defenses are down and defective. Anything and everything irritates me incredibly easily. It takes me by surprise just how much so as well. It is like being emotionally raw and exposed. There is no filter. A loud noise feels like a car accident. Someone not understanding something can grate me greatly when it should just be mildly so.

"Trump had full control for TWO FULL YEARS from 2017-2019:

The presidency.

The Supreme Court.

The House.

The Senate.

The Department of Justice.

Immigration bills passed = 0.

Borders closed = 0.

Wall money = 0.

Illegal immigration SOARED up to a new record in 2019.

Tax cuts for billionaires = 1.

EVERY DAY. IN EVERY

WAY. TRUMP PROVES HE'S A COMPLETE

FAILURE

AS A BUSINESSMAN, A HUSBAND, A FATHER, A LEADER, A PRESIDENT!! FDT

Dan Rather: A few people have asked why I vehemently oppose Trump.

Let me make this perfectly clear. It's not about politics. I've voted for both parties.

It's about me, as a patriot, rejecting a cheating, lying, racist, treasonous, fascist, and vile man who attacks the free press, and wants to lead the country I love.

It's really that simple.

It's not about politics for me either. It's that he absolutely plays to the worst of our nature.

I propose a pre-debate cognitive test - something a little bit more challenging than remembering man, woman, person, camera, TV. I also propose that both candidates be given a test to determine their knowledge of geopolitics, geography and history. Think Donnie would go for that? I bet he doesn't know the difference between the Baltics and the Balkans

Right. A pre-debate civics quiz would be a better test of competence for the job.

Who would "debate" donald? There's no value to the opposing candidate, no value to a public looking for information. Donald lacks the intelligence and discipline to have a meaningful discussion of policy issues so he'll simply fall back on insults, ad hoc lies, and lame jokes.

It Comes at Night: "What's going on?"... "We think it's important to keep to a routine and stay busy"... Young fuckable... "You can't trust anybody but family"... "What's he see?"... What's in the woods?... "I was a teacher"... Vomiting black blood... "You killed my baby!"... "It's going to be okay. You can let go."

Premium 2-cu ft Dark Brown Mulch - \$2 – Lowe's – Sale ends April 17th.

https://www.amazon.com/Snorkeling-Kwambiri-180%C2%B0Panoramic-Breathing-Travel%EF%BC%88Adults%EF%BC%89/dp/B0BVFYHXQV/ref=sr_1_2_sspa?crd=F4MWK418TN96&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.6G9CPPBGG7yIko_4w6H5ZAKObHUXFUZxe_VHEqrckB27nWQw9hb5hXsVfW4I-0Udb-y2cyWfAv2IUWsLqocXBsQ1kE6_4bLGlhz9N2ijyuuEFo3JBE-3P1UHHT4IP7NyLLePtvIGo3e086z8px8_HGOq_krBvTGP32XGci7H05m266T2Alr91qw7Eg_g5QxQkdbfRggKZsMM5Ezq2JJvpJMalXmM8EYtZzIzQbZUKltLbFeOlkc9r6SGK9cQyP-moTtGKIfJLDV6YEL1_hwHo9HVwRiKOIX6vOXsSb8FGdXIU.6JQPTPERI8xTT-tnxKBhxqqWIKFZu7Er3I8giXit41c&dib_tag=se&keywords=snorkle%2C%2Bmask%2Bset%2Badult&qid=1712273281&sprefix=snorkle%2Caps%2C110&sr=8-2-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGY&th=1&psc=1 Snorkeling Gear for Adults, Kwambiri Dry-Top Snorkel Set, 180° Panoramic Wide View Diving Mask Breathing Freely Snorkel Mask for Snorkeling Scuba Diving Swimming Travel - \$27.45

Charged camera batteries.

4-5-24

"It Says I Don't Exist"

The debates are a joke. Moderators always ignore time limits and candidates just interrupt each other incessantly, droning on and on. Additionally, they all give answers that aren't even related to the actual question posed, rather, they just go off on their own talking points, rambling on endlessly.

Moderators need to maintain more control and pressure candidates to answer questions directly. This would be nearly impossible with a Trump debate because he refuses to follow even the simplest of instructions.

Marjorie Taylor Greene: God is sending America strong signs to tell us to repent.

Earthquakes and eclipses and many more things to come.

I pray that our country listens.

Wish: "Wishes are a part of your heart"... "Never, ever get your hopes up"... "Are you trying to break my heart?"... Recycled themes... A wishing star that can add sentience to plants and animals. Now they can talk!... "The wishes don't belong to you"... "You really need to learn to give up."

Booked Shell Island ferry.

4-6-24

"Dead Cemetery"

Dream-Nightmare: I had the worst dream I've had in years when I was at the hospital waiting for news of my wife Lisa's delivery of our new baby. Yet hours pass and I received no word back from either of them. I had to just wait and wait and wait in the delivery room with no one to give me word. The nurses and doctors refused to see me. The longer time passed the more it seemed like the facts were that our baby had passed.

Night Swim: Suffering from MS... Ghosts in the swimming pool... "Water therapy"... Someone is talking from the drainage vent... "You saw something, didn't you?"... "There's something wrong with the pool."

4-7-24

"Prove Yourself"

Dream: I had another dream about Corinne again. She was living on the south side of Coldwater Ohio, supposedly with her boyfriend. The two of them had had a terrible argument at their apartment. Part of it had been burned down. The two of them split. I tried to learn more about what had actually happened by looking her up on the Internet and even eavesdropping on conversations around town. I couldn't believe that I had run into her again. I was thinking of leaving my marriage and settling down with Corinne. The attraction to her seemed so intense. There was just chemistry there and such an allure. Once I got to know Corinne again, I realized how much I had changed, and how little I cared about volatile, emotional, and unstable artist-types. Frankly, I had changed and grown away from the creative mindset. I went back to my marriage with Lisa. We have been separated for a while. I simply found the loneliness of being single again too crippling to bare.

I get tired of this 'red state'/'blue state' stuff. Republicans live in blue states and Democrats live in red states. It would be great if we could start thinking of ourselves as Americans. It would also be great if our politicians, starting with presidents and on down would think of us as Americans. We don't need to be as divided as we currently are.

You're saying get rid of the electoral college.

Swing states decide elections because of the electoral college. Get rid of it and it will stop the constant attention to those states and the blue/red thing.

Less than 24 hours to go. Cloud cover is standing steady at 55%. DO NOT DISPAIR when the sky looks mostly cloudy tomorrow morning. It will begin to lessen starting at 9 until by 3 it will be down to 50-55%. That actually leaves plenty of space between clouds. There is still PLENTY of stuff to experience even if you can't see the corona. It will be an experience you will not forget.

Temperature is supposed to be 70 degrees when the partial begins. You should feel it dip slightly the closer we get to totality.

If you can travel north of Dublin and are dead set on seeing the actual totality, cloud cover around Defiance goes down to about 35%. No place is clear, if you've looked at the nationwide weather map. It's like the weather doesn't want you to see it. None the less, the cloud cover also is a good indication of the likelihood that you will NOT see the totality. So, 50% means half the time a cloud will be in the way. 35% a third of the time. To me, that extra 15% is not worth it, to go all the way up there, only to get a cloud in the way.

I recommend staying home. Because you LIVE here, and the mere fact that you are experiencing totality AT YOUR HOME is something you will never forget, even if you don't actually see the eclipse.

Partial begins at about 2. If you have a pinhole camera, you will see the crescent begin about then. An hour later it will be very pronounced. 3:12 totality starts. A minute later, totality ends. The after partial ends around 4:30, so, that's 2 1/2 hours of an experience you will always remember.

Rendered out Alyssa year movie.

Add notes to just my personal favorite movies, such as what dialogue and impressions I had on "My Dinner with Andre".

Sort through new music added to Devo.

Reminds me of all the Germans around the concentration camps that said..." we didn't know what was happening." yes you did, because you can hear, see and have witnessed the assault on the Capitol, the assault on Veterans, the assault on immigrants, the assault on Women's rights, the assault of reproductive rights, the assault on public education, the assault on Social Security, the assault on the congress that has done nothing in 15 months but get air time but no border bill passed and the assault from 4 years of tdumps presidency to 4 more years of the continual assault on over half of the Nations citizens.

What is it that they're horrified by? 3.8 percent unemployment, and a booming stock market? This article is Fox News propaganda. College educated GOP moderates in the Pennsylvania, Michigan, Milwaukee and Phoenix suburbs are enjoying record market gains in their 401ks and investment accounts right now. Maybe the non-college educated are still feeling the brunt of inflation but the bottom line is prices aren't coming down under Trump either and his tariff policies certainly won't help. My guess is rate cuts are coming this summer and fall. What would be the point of Trumpian chaos and insanity at that point.

Roadhouse (2024): Almost suicidal... "You've had this idiot grin since I walked in"... "Before we start, do you have insurance?"... "I hate those assholes"... "I don't like bullies"... "Fucking boat dreams!"... "Make sure he gets the message"... "I get the impression that you can't be threatened"... "I'm afraid of what happens when someone pushes me too far."

4-8-24 **"When the Skies Are Cloudy During a Once in a Lifetime Eclipse..."**

Do not bet on Trump winning and/or staying in office. Bet on women rejecting anyone that wants to set them back to 50 years ago. They will get out and vote. Invest based on sound financial trends and universally popular products. The market performs better under Democratic Presidents. That's because they have better people around them giving solid advice.

https://youtu.be/sOpYoO_SK7o?t=137 Flyover North America for the Total Solar Eclipse of April 8, 2024 – **3:11 p.m.**

<https://eclipse-explorer.smce.nasa.gov/>

For eclipse viewing: ***Pottersburg Covered Bridge**: North Lewisburg, OH 43060 (parking on side)

Other alternate options based on cloud conditions for the day:

Buck Run Road Bridge: Buck Run Rd, Milford Center, OH 43045 (parking on side) (31 mins.)

North Lewisburg Bridge: Marysville, OH 43040

Spain Creek Covered Bridge: Inskeep-Cratty Rd, Marysville, OH 43040

Thompson Road Covered Bridge: Thompson, Ostrander, OH 43061

Myeerah Nature Preserve: 7405 OH-540, Bellefontaine, OH 43311

Milford Center Prairie State Natural Area: 11688 OH-4, Milford Center, OH 43045

King's Mill Covered Bridge: St James Rd, Marion, OH 43302 (46 mins. away)

Lawrence Woods State Nature Preserve: 13278 Co Rd 190, Ridgeway, OH 43345

Indian Lake/ Old Field Beach & Picnic Shelters: 11252 OH-235, Lakeview, OH 43331 – 55 minute drive.

Quarry Park: 1202 Hillman-Ford Rd, Marion, OH 43302

Victors Taco Shop: 669 N Main St, Marion, OH 43302

Total Solar Eclipse – April 2024

Northern Ohio is showing partly cloudy rather than mostly cloudy.

[Cloud cover for Dublin, Monday, April 8, 3PM now stands at 50%. But the forecast is showing a steep decline in the afternoon. If we're lucky it will get here sooner rather than later.](#)

Nowhere along the path of totality are the clouds expected to be clear. However, north and northwest of Dublin, the cloud cover is forecast to be less, even down to 30% in Toledo, Defiance, Kenton, etc. If you have friends there, you might consider visiting them.

A reminder to not look directly at the sun EXCEPT during totality.

I finally made it to my finally decided destination of Pottersburg Covered Bridge, which was just west of Marysville, Ohio. It took a bit longer than usual because I was very wise to stay on the country roads only. Usually, the drive would take 33 minutes to get there, but took 50 minutes taking the country roads to avoid interstate and state route congestion. I crossed over a bridge crossing Interstate 270 on the west side of Columbus and noticed it was stopped traffic for all traffic heading north/ northwest. Supposedly, millions of people were going to be on the roads. All major interstates and state routes leading out of the city and along the path of totality were a parking lot. The problem was that everyone's GPS devices were leading everyone on the more well-known "faster" routes. Yet everyone was being led the same way. Thank God I ignored the GPS and stuck to the lesser-known country roads and small towns.

Once I made it to the Pottersburg Covered Bridge, I discovered about a dozen cars already parked there and alongside the roads. It was peaceful without feeling crowded. I was able to get situated under the bridge and get a good vantage point. There was another "more professional" photographer there who had a super-zoom lens with a solar filter. He warned me to only use a solar filter since if you don't, the sun could damage your camera's sensor. I immediately felt insecure since I only had an ND filter with me. I wasn't planning on shooting directly at it for an extended period of time, just moments from time to time.

It was sort of a non-event while waiting for the eclipse to occur since you couldn't see it happen when you looked up at the sun until you have your eclipse glasses on or if you are looking through one's camera with aperture set closed and the ISO set to 100 with a shutter speed of 4000.

Feeling *the shadow of the moon* upon you during daytime is simply an awesome experience. It is life-altering because it makes you feel part of something larger than humanity. You are experiencing something beyond yourself. You are feeling the sun and the moon dance as one. You are experiencing the brilliant eeriness of day turning into night for several minutes. To be in the path of the eclipse is such a cosmic event to experience. What surrealism to be enveloped in. Just the sheer thought of being *in the moon's shadow* was absurd.

It was pretty wild to see all these people parked on the side of the roads. It was like being in the middle of sci-fi movie and we were collectively witnessing a cosmic event, or the coming of God, or intelligent life from outer space. It was like a UFO blocking out the sun.

Totality bewildered me because of how utterly surreal and indescribable it was at first. There is a slow near-fade-out of sunlight as totality begins to occur. It takes five minutes of daylight slowly fading away. It was like looking at the world with sunglasses on or if someone had heavily dimmed the color correction settings in Photoshop. The one thing I wasn't quite expecting was the immediate drop in temperature as the eclipse was happening. You could feel it getting cooler. It literally gives you *chills*. It was daytime, yet simultaneously nighttime. It takes some time for the brain to fully process this. Another observation I made was how much quieter things suddenly got. Even with people around me watching the eclipse, things seemed to become hushed. The unnaturalness of it all was profoundly surreal.

Then! The totality occurs! You get a flash of a diamond ring effect... and then there is a black circle in the sun! You can take off your eclipse glasses and look up at the sun looking like a ring completely made of rays of light. It looks so unnatural and odd. You can also notice solar flares and solar flares coming off of the sides. The high-level cirrus clouds didn't obscure the view after all. You could plainly see everything. Someone nearby mentioned that you could see Venus and Jupiter clearly. I relished hearing the people around me start to freak out when the totality occurred. One woman kept exclaiming, "Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh!"

Yet there are actually *two* things happening that are simultaneously fascinating and quite eerie. One is, obviously, the sun in totality. Yet it is absolutely amazing and strange to see. You can take off your eclipse glasses and actually look straight at it. Yet it is still somewhat small in the sky.

The *other* major thing that I found a bit *more* exciting and impressive was what had happened to one's surrounding. It was the *360-degree dusk*. This is something I have never seen before. This was *interesting*. Typically, when the sun sets in the west, you have one horizon line. With being in the path of the totality, you are basically enveloped by a giant lunar shadow upon the Earth! As a consequence of this, you are cast into "day-night" while your surrounding world around you is still bright! It was a literal "Twilight Zone". The trees, buildings, cars, and people around me that were once entirely visible are now in the dark while the background is lit up. It is a very strange lighting to behold and experience firsthand. I've seen countless videos of what this looks like. Yet sensory-wise, to be there in person and experience it firsthand is a whole other different level.

I also relished the fact that this experience could be felt by *anyone*. You could be rich or poor, old or young. It was something *for all* to experience and cherish. And best of all, it brought our divided country together, albeit for a few short moments. What I really loved about it was seeing urban, suburban, and rural communities all gathering together for this event. How often does it happen where families, friends, and strangers all gather together as one in community parking lots, cemeteries, parks on a weekday? Schools and libraries are closed. And it wasn't a holiday. It was a total solar eclipse! A once-in-a-lifetime *experience*.

I did have two frustrating technical camera problems happen to me during the totality, mainly because of my complete lack of experience of photographing this one in a lifetime experience. I had 3 Neutral Density filters on my DSLR camera while the eclipse was going on. This was how I was able to film the eclipse along with ramping up my shutter speed, lowering my ISO to 100, and adjusting the f stop. Yet once totality occurred, basically, everything went dark. The sun was completely blocked out. No problem, I just had to adjust my camera settings. Yet I brought in as much light as I possibly could... and it still was barely enough. I couldn't figure out what the problem was. I had completely forgotten about the ND filters on my lens!

I managed to get several shots off and shoot some video. Yet as I was trying to adjust my camera settings, my camera shut off! At first, I figured it was because my sensor had overheated or something. I turned my camera off and on again. I tried to take another photo. Camera auto-shut off. It suddenly dawned on me that the camera battery had gone dead! So I had to quickly change out my battery as fast as I could while unmounting it from my tripod. Just as I finished swapping the battery out and getting the camera back on the tripod, the totality finished up! The three minutes had passed. Just like that. I went to quickly check my camera to see how any of my photos turned out... and they were mainly just hazy and a bit out of focus. Basically, they weren't professional quality enough. The hazy clouds could have had something to do with this though. Still, I felt disappointed now that it was over. The anticipation of this once in a lifetime event was now kaput. Next one to arrive in Ohio will be September 14th, 2099! Fuck! I'll be dead by then. What a thing to think about.

From 3:11 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., time stood still, and yet also went way too quickly. It was such a perversely simultaneous experience. Before you knew it, the unforgettable event was over. Wait. That was it? Now we go back to our normal lives? How? I just felt closer to the universe and the planets and our moon and stars in a way I've never felt before in my life. Well, now to drive on back home with the millions of others.

Still, I was glad for having driven out to this wood-covered bridge location west of Marysville, Ohio to experience the totality for a longer period of time (3 minutes) than I would have gotten in Dublin, Ohio, which would have been only a minute. I did have four cameras running at the same time. Two of them got some very cool footage of the totality with the bridge night lights switching on because even the bridge sensors thought it was nighttime. I didn't get great shots of the sun. Yet I did get some nice footage of the totality experience, which was something I found even more intriguing.

Something the GoPro timelapse and my iPhone camera capturing video managed to document was the shadow of the moon being cast upon the sky as it moved across just as totality began and just as totality ended. It is clearly visible when playing the footage back at a faster speed! Yet in real time, you really can't fully notice it. Fascinating to witness the atmosphere darker and lighten as if being possessed by some large cosmic entity – the shadow of our moon! How small we truly are. This is why this is such a strange, spectacular event. It puts you into perspective and dares you to contemplate your grand significance within the universe.

Once the totality of the eclipse was over, well, that was it. The sun flashed out from behind the black hole that was covering it and suddenly you needed to put your eclipse glasses back on. Yet... you were just watching the eclipse in reverse now as it disappeared. Everyone had gotten the ultimate rush – the most extreme experience of cosmic awareness they'd ever felt. Putting on one's eclipse glasses to watch it go away just was sort of anti-climatic and dull. There was no buildup anymore. Everyone just packed up and went back to their cars to leave. I sat it out for about another five to ten minutes until I did the same. Once it's over, it's over. It seemed equally strange for those who drove from all over the world to suddenly go back home after this. It made a lot more sense for me to just drive back home, which was a 50-minute drive. Others had a 16-hour drive! It was strange to go back to "normal life" after experiencing an eclipse.

I did make the most of my surrounding area by checking out the three other wood covered bridges in the region, which were each different and unique. These were all alternate filming locations if Pottersburg Covered Bridge didn't work out. I finally made my way back home by 5:20 p.m.

The one thing I regretted the most was that my family didn't come along with me on this trek to see the eclipse for a longer totality. It would have been better to be around my family, friends, or neighbors surrounding me while this epic event happened. Still, it was better than having them bug me and bother me while filming. So frustrating how to balance art vs. work vs. family. They go into contradiction of one another.

Today was seven years of waiting for this eclipse to happen basically in my central Ohio neighborhood. I was kicking myself seven years ago in 2017 for not traveling seven hours to western Kentucky to experience the solar eclipse then. I didn't feel any regret for driving 50 minutes to get 3-minutes of totality to experience west of Marysville, Ohio.

Location: Cleveland, Ohio/ northern Columbus, Ohio area

Partial begins: 1:59 p.m. ET

Totality begins: 3:13 p.m. ET

Maximum: 3:15 p.m. ET

Totality ends: 3:17 p.m. ET

Partial ends: 4:29 p.m. ET

I was a bit bummed by the totality eclipse photos I got. They were pretty mediocre compared to what my photographer peers accomplished. Then again, their photos also happened to look pretty identical to one another. Everyone was posted their "diamond ring" eclipse photos, and they were somewhat interchangeable. So, I didn't feel too badly. Yet what I did get captured fairly well was the eclipse atmospherics.

4-8-24: 3:13 p.m. at Pottersburg Covered Bridge, North Lewisburg, OH

Here are a bit more details about the eclipse. On the map shown, the area in grey will experience totality. the area not in grey will get about 99.5% or more.

The duration in Riverside Green of the totality will be a bit over one minute(!). Fully expect dogs to go nuts when this happens. The entire eclipse, from 0 to 100 to 0 will be about 2 1/2 hours.

Here are three useful visuals to show the path of the eclipse on April 8th. One is especially good for those of us in the Columbus, Ohio area. And yes, there is typically a 60% chance of overcast clouds historically on April 8th in Ohio. We'll see.

4-9-24

"Semi-Autistic"

I was in a four-hour concept meeting today. Brain melting....

By the way, AD in Grade 5 managed to contact the author of one of the trade books we are using, "Danza!" by Duncan Tonatiuh. He agreed to work with McGraw Hill in any way he can. We just received 15 of his original, high resolution Photoshop files with all the characters on separate layers. They were 6 Gigs and delivered through WeTransfer, but it was worth it! This will be a massive help with adjusting the original trade book pages to work within our lesson pages.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Arizona State Senator Leads Prayer In Tongues On Floor Before Abortion Ruling (to Restrict Abortion Rights)."

You know, I think people should be allowed to practice whatever rituals their religion says they should practice as part of our Constitution's protection of freedom of religion. But to bring it onto the floor of a public house of governance, that is shared by ALL people, including people that don't share these tongue-talkers' religious beliefs, is totally unacceptable. To force everyone to witness that is a violation of MY freedom of religion.

Perfect demonstration of why the nation's founders wanted a clear separation between religion and government. These zealots hate democracy and want only a THEOCRACY, a government enforcing laws that force all people to obey the anti-liberty dictates of the greatest fixed delusion in all of history. And while this legislator was doing his big performance in public (and didn't his Jesus say that he should be doing it alone in his closet), my one year old was speaking in tongues too, and making the same amount of sense.

Speaking in tongues is absolute baloney. It is a frenetic delusional response to their misguided interpretation of scriptures. It is also such believers to denounce their naysayers by claiming such are against God. It is pure manipulation. Kern is also one of the fraudsters who posed as an Arizona elector for Trump. Such is the Republican party.

This ruling was only possible because Trump's hard-right Supreme Court overturned Roe and Casey. Trump said that he'd "leave it to the states". This is typical of what that means.

Vote Blue.

It's the 21st Century, control of women's reproductive freedom resides with the woman, not politicians and judges, and certainly not men.

I believe this draconian decision could be a major trigger to bring more independent, moderate, and undecided voters to choose candidates with 21st century values and knock the unrepresentative ultra conservatives out of the park.

Abortion restrictions are a losing issue for the GOP. What's baffling is that the GOP continues to bring it to the voters and they continue to lose. Keep bringing it back and eventually abortion rights will be the law of the land.

How blessed will the Justices be when their teenage daughters or granddaughter become pregnant. How will the Federal Government afford these Medicaid children? Perhaps, if the child is born in Arizona, the citizens of Arizona should be responsible for the child's entire life.

Looks like Biden will be winning Arizona again. It's almost as if the GOP is trying to get Biden reelected.

Well, this will turn Arizona Blue for sure. Women will vote, as exhibited in the Reddest of states, women will vote for our right to bodily autonomy

When you vote in November, remember this. Republicans want to be involved in the private health care decisions between you and your doctor.

Just more proof that any vote for a Republican is a vote against Democracy. Don't take anything they say without a grain of salt. It's not what they post on Social Media, it's what they sign into law, which are usually two very different things. Why would any lawmaker limit healthcare? Why? Separation of Church and State anyone?

Arizona: Another state where it's not safe for women to be pregnant. Another state where new doctors will choose to avoid settling because they don't want to force women to die rather than provide the standard of care to save them, which is abortion.

Oops! A bunch of republicans in Arizona are about to be voted out of their offices! The will of the people is completely ignored by the GOP. Over 70% of Americans believe in the right to abortions, yet the GOP keeps pushing these draconian laws on us.

Annnnnnd, Biden just won Arizona. This ruling will be rendered moot when Arizonans enshrine abortion rights into their constitution this November, just like Ohio did last year. GOP is going to get absolutely dog walked at the ballot box, AGAIN.

If the GOP chooses to center this election around abortion, they're destined to lose. Remember the fallout after the reversal of Roe v. Wade in 2022? Democrats will be more than happy to make this election about women's rights.

Don't tell GOP, women can vote in the USA.

Women on both sides of political spectrum need to determine if party loyalties are worth their freedoms as individuals. Are women ready to give up their rights to men who will be their judges on what rights they are entitled to.

My wife and I have been dealing with fertility issues for the last 2 years. 3 months ago, she went in for an ultrasound and the embryos heart stopped beating. Her body hadn't recognized the

miscarriage yet so the solution was to either have an abortion, or wait for her body to expel the tissue.

In Arizona, she would now be prohibited from aborting the lifeless embryo.

If her body failed to do so, she would have to continue carrying the dead embryo until it began to rot and became septic, putting her life at risk.

Only then would she be legally allowed to do what was medically necessary the whole time.

This is a cruel and unnecessarily dangerous decision. The women who have to think about the reality of it have said time and time again that making life harder for women who are already going through one of the worst days of their lives is sick.

These medical procedures are necessary and are none of the business of the government.

Vote like you or your wife's life depends on it... because it does.

The Zone of Interest: Staring into the black void... Living an idyllic life outside of the horrors, the living nightmare of the Holocaust... You can hear the gas ovens burning bodies in the background. You can still hear people scream and yell... The happy family life of a Nazi outside a concentration camp... “Bye-bye, daddy”... The impressionistic sounds just outside the concentration camp... Gunshots... You can hear the squeal of trains arriving to the concentration camp outside their bedroom window... The commandant’s wife gets the free luxury items from murdered Jews... Telling the story of the Holocaust from the German perspective... The river has dead bodies in it... “Their minds were obviously made up”... “Jewish stuff”... The distant screams. Or is it a train shriek?... Planting a garden next to a camp for genocide. “It’s a paradise garden”... “You really have landed on your feet, my child”... “Rudi calls me the queen of Auschwitz”... The whole movie is a sound design odyssey... “There is no good moment to say it”... “Beyond how we dreamed”... Pretty Jewish girls are used as mistresses by the German leadership... She can’t take the smell of death anymore, of the burning of bodies... “The deportation of Hungary’s 700,000 Jews for extermination”... “His promotion for consistently hitting his labour targets”... “Get the job done.”

4-10-24 **“Heavy Metal Massage – The New Roller Coaster at Kings Island Amusement Park”**

Dream: I was living in Lima, Ohio with my old CCAD undergraduate roommate Rob in a terrible house. We were living in the basement of a friend’s family house. Yet the basement was all 1970s style with shag carpet and all. Rob and I even had to share a room in the basement with our friend whose family this house is for got his own room in the basement. I knew right away that this wasn’t going to work. Yet I still tried. Rob assembled a tiny TV and started watching “Twilight Zone” episodes. He also had an excellent Prince CD collection. Rob had a real passion for acting and theater. The classes we were signed up for just didn’t excite me the way they were for Rob. Then I found myself on a “date” with Kelly Evers, a girl from my class in Coldwater. We were at a fancy restaurant and she was acting more eccentric and fun than I remembered her ever being like. So we at least had a good time.

Trump deserves his last place ranking for Presidents, and the MAGA movement is nothing more than a cult. Trump speaks to their prejudices. Republicans have been very effective at using social issues and religion as the pretext for a bait and switch. Trump's ardent supporters willingly ignore everything he says or does because the ends justify the means no matter what. It all falls on deaf ears. Trump is above reproach. Like he said - he is the Chosen One. Not even the RNC will disavow Trump. Instead, they're complicit. Now, Trump's daughter-in law is even vice-chair. This election is about the transformation of the Republican party who actually have

embraced an ex-President who tried to overthrow the will of the people, and who has the dubious honor of four indictments in five months, as their nominee. A majority of Republicans still think Trump won the 2020 election. When lies become truth, and truth considered lies, you have a recipe for disaster of epic proportions. Also, they don't seem to believe that they have as much of a right to practice their religion - as people do to be free from the confines of it. It's called the establishment clause: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." ...that includes Christianity too, you Christian Nationalist fruitcakes.

Remember when Republicans used to criticize Kerry for flip-flopping on the Iraq War? Well, now the Republican nominee has gone from "I'm very pro-choice" to "I killed Roe v. Wade" to "I'm going to fix the whole problem with a 15-week limit." He's taken just about every position there is.

EVANGELICALS.

I knew these "people" were out of their minds when I was in high school with them. They were all the same to the point it was like a living, breathing stereotype: bad at sports, small cliques, hate minorities, mediocre grades, skip school ALL the time for "church" functions.

Anyone else remember these guys? We called them "TECRs." They always went to that camp during the school year called Teens Encounter Christ. Lol

Voters are seeing all of this unfold, and they will not take it without a fight in November. I think that Trump already lost Arizona's electoral votes and the opportunity to gain Sen. Sinema's seat.

The MAGAs in the AZ Legislature and Supreme Court don't seem to realize this will be on the AZ ballots in November and their intransigence guarantees millions of very angry women will show up to vote them and their retrograde, Taliban-like ideas out of office.

women's right to medical autonomy SHOULD NOT BE UP TO THE STATE. Politicians should not be dictating ANYTHING that happens in medical care. Or would you be okay with Hillary or Kamala dictating that R B must get a vasectomy right away?

The Supreme Court overturned the law of the land which allowed for abortion for 50+ years, with three of these justices lying during their confirmation hearings when they said they considered Roe vs. Wade to be settled law. It was unconscionable. Government should not be involved in personal decisions such as women's healthcare, including abortion, which should be left to the woman and her doctor. By overturning Roe vs. Wade, they supposedly sent this issue back to the states which, in Arizona, caused the abortion ban from the 1800's to become Arizona state law even though this law was even before Arizona became a state. So, yes, the Supreme Court (and their mastermind Trump) effectively banned abortion in my state.

Very sad that women will suffer because of the medical ignorance of religionists. Especially those in the 2nd and 3rd trimesters of their pregnancies.

Typical MAGA Republicans. They go all in on anti-abortion policies, but now they fear that policy will lose them the election so they "change their minds" Or to be precise, they will push any policy they think will get them re-elected Sorry fellas, you went too far this time.

Just finished my first eclipse footage GIF. This does a nice job of capturing the moon's shadow on the high-altitude cirrus clouds as the totality occurs. This was at Pottersburg Covered Bridge in North Lewisburg, Ohio (west of Marysville, Ohio).

Looked into signing up for a Capitol tour and White House tour.

I'll be going on a print facility tour on April 24th (the April Polaris office day) with a few other McGraw Hill people. We're all meeting at the office at 8 a.m. before heading up to Lakeside Publishing in Willard, Ohio for the tour. They're providing us lunch up there and won't be back until 2 p.m. Just a heads up that I won't be able to get lunch at the actual office that day.

Hi Erika,

I have a gif I would like to use with Science News in addition to the NASA photos. This was recorded by our own Eric Homan. Can we get it uploaded to the DAL and permissioned? I forget that process. 😊

If you could let me know who to reach out to, I will get on it!

Thank you,

Audrey

(I owe you some chocolate or something!)

Sure, I'll get this started in the morning. And chocolate is my kryptonite. 😊

Hey Eric! I will be in touch soonish.

Thanks, Erika

Thanks for the warning, Erika! 😊 -Eric

STEVE! (martin): A Documentary in 2 Pieces:

1: Then... "This guy was getting people so happy"... "You could be silly again"... "I guarantee you, I have no talent. So I had to do a workaround"... "Oh! They love it when the (magic) tricks don't work"... "Eventually, you become good"... "You can define a personality for yourself and become that on stage. You can be what you choose to be"... "I realized that it was sort of a dead-end for me in magic. Yet with comedy, it seemed to be more wide-open"... "So how do I *transform* myself into a comedian?"... Indicators of when the audience laughs. "By telling the story, you create tension. But with the punchline, you release the tension"... "What if I created tension and never released it?"... "What if there were no indicators (to make people laugh)? I would just keep going"... "The audience had to catch up (to Steve's sense of humor)"... "A master of nonsense"... "I have decided my act is going to go avant-garde. It is the only way to do what I want.' I had no idea what that meant. But I knew I wasn't going to be traditional... I guess"... "It was weird to watch when nobody laughed"... "Once he got them, he had them"... "His brain works in many interesting, different ways"... "How do I earn a living? What do I do?"... "I always thought that teaching was show business. You're standing up in front of people"... "Steve's girlfriend's boyfriend"... "I started having anxiety attacks. I really struggled with it for many, many years"... "I have a good job, a creative job"... "I decided that work was an end rather than happiness was an end. That was a good idea"... He rebelled against the seriousness of the late 1960s by being goofy and silly... "And I got nothing but bad reviews"... "Marginal talent"... "'The world's luckiest amateur.' That was kinda true"... "I always thought my father was a little embarrassed by me. He couldn't quite be proud of an unconventional showbiz act that he couldn't quite understand"... "I guess I'm the black sheep"... "You know what will help you? Age.' And he was right because the act looked juvenile. That's why it helped when my hair turned a bit gray. You needed to know that a grown man was doing this"... "I'm putting on a suit, I'm putting on a tie, and I'm cutting my hair. So instead of looking like a hippie from the 60's I looked like someone new from the 70's. Like someone from the future"... "You've got to see Steve. He's funny now"... "It was going great for a while. But then I realized it was going nowhere"... "No matter how I went over, nobody cared"... "I'm getting happy feet"... "I must develop the use of my body more"... He decided to stop opening and start headlining, even if the audience was 40 people... "Steve was always trying to find an audience"... "Something happened that was good"... "Something had opened up"... "I left the stage"... "I heard a guy say in the audience: 'I don't understand any of this'"... "Comedy death is worse than actual death"... "Alternatives: 1: Quit 2: TV"... "I was just stupid. It took me a while to figure out that this act doesn't work everywhere"... "You have to find your audience"... "If you bought into it, you'd go on a fun ride"... He "made it" just before his 30th birthday...

“The act was starting to click”... “I was always fascinated by arrogance”... “And I started to create this character for me. This sort of overly confident idiot”... “I started to realize I was doing a parody of show business”... “He was aggressively stupid”... “And then I saw *Saturday Night Live*, and I thought, ‘Oh, no. Someone else is doing it.’”... “I was still underground”... “If you’re not on the edge, how else are you expected to feel alive?”... “Oh, something’s changed”... “This is just going to be pure fun”... “Oh my gosh. It was all for him”... “Hey, let’s get small”... “*Finally!*”... “They were just happy to be part of something. It really was a cultural phenomenon”... “You’re conducting the audience”... “I don’t have a home life”... “He was like a rock star. He was the first comedian to play stadiums”... “I was very isolated and very lonely”... “I sort of created my own dead end”... “I can start over again”... “Unfortunately, the story goes on.”

2. Now... “I look back and I wonder, ‘What an odd life?’”... “How did I go riddled with anxiety in my 30s to 75 and really happy?”... A completely documentary structure for part 2... “To witness an artist reinvent himself is really quite extraordinary. To find another way to be creative and connecting”... “This (*Pennies from Heaven*) is a huge hit.” And then it wasn’t. “It flopped”... “I felt like a big failure. I was exhausted. And nothing was working”... “And I was very lonely”... “You felt the intensity of his aloneness”... “I’ve got a melancholy inside of me. But it’s dissipated”... “There’s a boy inside of him that never left”... “Do you still write every day?”... “I realized that what I was responding to was the longing”... “Okay. I have to make 40 movies to get 5 good ones”... Steve breaking time reading John Candy’s cut scene at the end of *Plains, Trains and Automobiles*... “*Mixed Nuts*. I knew it was a flop”... “Steve, how come you’re not funny anymore?”... “I felt lost at that time”... “I think that’s the drive of the nature of art. It comes from that deep awareness of the void”... “I don’t remember hugs”... “My work was really about getting approval from him”... “My father didn’t have the means to fulfill his dreams”... “There’s this woman that’s stuck in my head”... “The secret to not aging is feeling useful.”

4-11-24

“For Entertainment and Educational Purposes Only”

This is a good atmospheric comparison between half an hour before totality and during totality.

[https://www.amazon.com/Neil-Young-Archives-Vol-1963/dp/B0CK2PQ4YP/ref=sr_1_1?crid=26IIB4Y0C9K06&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.9rGOB-gwvlfLQZFrvRKBmrI_TeZhUIq-bElpAwNI5LEXD7JWSv13qpjvolKJBQJMbaU864DyLu2xu7t_nuliVJt7LovZKx6f5OLooOsO7Q80vBhDlbpvMRv5mSgoHnMIVVXufmeh4Y3sOlgyEk51JPiQbfjVSuLI3olJTqkawc8o1s8yEhw51_amNoawRgkudVwF-avvBHlVfIQDnTm3Ji4MJJBRV8uJnlzvkD3c90.086b94VrFwMun_XPBjv2Ftacda421NFcbQmn1tHVEY8&dib_tag=se&keywords=neil+young+archives+1&qid=1712793029&s=music&sprefix=neil+young+archives+1%2Cpopular%2C114&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Neil-Young-Archives-Vol-1963/dp/B0CK2PQ4YP/ref=sr_1_1?crid=26IIB4Y0C9K06&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.9rGOB-gwvlfLQZFrvRKBmrI_TeZhUIq-bElpAwNI5LEXD7JWSv13qpjvolKJBQJMbaU864DyLu2xu7t_nuliVJt7LovZKx6f5OLooOsO7Q80vBhDlbpvMRv5mSgoHnMIVVXufmeh4Y3sOlgyEk51JPiQbfjVSuLI3olJTqkawc8o1s8yEhw51_amNoawRgkudVwF-avvBHlVfIQDnTm3Ji4MJJBRV8uJnlzvkD3c90.086b94VrFwMun_XPBjv2Ftacda421NFcbQmn1tHVEY8&dib_ta g=se&keywords=neil+young+archives+1&qid=1712793029&s=music&sprefix=neil+young+archives+1%2Cpopula r%2C114&sr=1-1) Neil Young Archives Vol. I: 1963-1972 Box Set

The constant whining and never-ending fake victimhood of this fucking useless crime family is something else.

Megan Kelly: jury will believe trump paid her to go away....

That’s not even up for debate. they have the check, they know he paid her. the trial is about where the funds came from. scary when the people who are distributing the info dont even understand the facts.

Not because it is a state where there are more Dems. but only because a Jury would either find him guilty or innocent. so sick of these people pretending it will be unfair and biased, quite to the contrary most jurors take the job very seriously period. Every trial of every defendant has jurors

either on one side or another politically, so what. they must listen to evidence period no matter their political views.

Not Just a Picky Eater: “I wouldn’t be able to eat many items on this menu”... “I would get away with eating about 5 of these things on the Cheesecake Factory 130 item menu”... “I like going there because of how many possibilities I have to eat there (with 5)”... The carbonation (of soda) bothers my tongue”... “People like me”... “When I try a new texture, I kind of gag”... “I have a few safe foods”... “How are you alive?”... “I known as the quirky, doesn’t eat much kind of person”... “There’s a lot of people out there that I didn’t know existed”... “For the first time, I didn’t feel alone”... “That was like a revelation to me. Wow, there’s two of us!”...

www.picky eateradults.com... “She was so much like me”... The French Fry Lady... “Very, very bland food”... “I was trying to figure out what was wrong with me”... “Raise awareness”... “It’s always been a sensory issue”... “The texture, sight, smell, taste”... ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder)... “It sounded just like me”... “I feel like I don’t get hungry and that eating is a chore”... “Start eating by the clock. Use a schedule”... “It could develop at any time in one’s life”... “A traumatic choking experience or a virus that brought on a lot of vomiting can cause it”... “My lack of interest in food”... “When I go out to restaurants, it was always a struggle”... She didn’t like food touching each other... “They seemed to notice things that the others did not”... “Their sensory super powers”... “I had no idea it was an eating disorder”... “I have no control of being this way”... “Pressuring a child never leads to a child trying something new”... “You have the palate of a white person”... “You ask for everything on the side and plain”... “It was my first time talking to someone in person who has ARFID”... “I knew it. But what am I going to do about it?”... “I always hated Thanksgiving”... “Oh! There’s a name for this!”... “I eat cheese pizza every day”... “Be understanding that we don’t chose to be this way.”

4-12-24

“Holy Island”

Dream: Lisa and I were out in Las Vegas with my family when we decided to leave our hotel room at the resort we were at and get breakfast (or whatever meal they were serving) at the resort’s restaurant. It turned out to be a French restaurant and neither Lisa nor I understood the menu. I ended up getting a French cheeseburger casserole that looked like a complete inversion of what I was expecting. All the ingredients were on the outside still and separated. I couldn’t tell if I had to cook the food myself or eat it as is. Lisa was equally lost with her dish. We also had no idea how much these items would end up costing. We were about to go outside and we had no idea if the sun was out or if it was really night or day. There were no windows in the casino resort.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Smalltooth sawfish in Florida are spinning and beaching themselves in strange, mystery die-off.”

All I know is that Trump did everything he could to remove it. This isn't a political issue for me. When I got laid off unexpectedly and was looking for a new job, the affordable care program gave me a way to make sure my wife and son were still covered. I found a new job and we now have insurance through them, but I was very grateful to be able to make sure my family was covered during a hard time.

Nixon, Ford, Reagan, Bush, Bush and Trump tried and failed to get healthcare reform in a combined 32 years. Obama did it in less than 1 year with no help (or hindrance) from republicans. They should have had a better plan in the first place.

I’ve now seen and experienced a total solar eclipse, which was phenomenal. Yet it still wasn’t even close to being the very best, most emotional moment of my life: when my wife gave

birth to our daughter. That will always be #1. To create life... that is truly insane... magical... surreal beyond belief.

Another year has gone by and my daughter Alyssa is about to turn 13. So here's this past year in my daughter's life: Note: she mainly only likes to be filmed when she's holding one of her pets that bring her so much comfort and joy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SAIEKqmnBM>

4-13-24

“Naked Man Orchid”

Dream: I was in an evening Creative Writing class at Wright State Lake Campus even though I had graduated high school already and I wasn't in the post-secondary program anymore. Yet I still technically allowed to take one more class. The class was at 7 p.m. every weekday as an intensive fast-paced course. The teacher turned out to be this charismatic, middle-aged Asian man who was like the greatest teacher I've ever had in my entire life. This was not a joke. He was part professor, part actor, and part fine artist. There was over a hundred students in the class as well. When I first entered the class, I noticed that all the women were sitting on one side and the guys were sitting on the other side. I decided to just sit right in the middle as I thought it was silly that the class was segregated by sex just like a silly Junior High dance where everyone stood apart from one another. My two older sisters were even in the classroom there, which was strange since I'd never been in a class with them before. As the class went on, I really got to know a lot of the students well. They were into the same things that I also liked talking passionately about, like comics, movies, and music. I also realized that there were people in the class that weren't even registered as students. They were just there to hang out and take the greatness. I couldn't believe this incredibly inspiring Asian guy was a teacher here at this small college in the middle of nowhere of Mercer County. Some of the other teachers I had over the past year were frankly kind of boring. In fact, there were times I had trouble staying awake. Yet this teacher and the students in the class were electric. I just loved hanging out with them, even later into the night and wee hours of the morning around campus. We were out even until 4:30 in the morning because I was so jazzed up and excited, awake and alive. There was another kid there in the class that was hyper and probably somewhere on the spectrum who kept making noises and distractions in class. At first, he kind of deeply annoyed me because I couldn't concentrate on what the teacher was talking about while giving assignments. But later, I found out that this guy was a freaking genius, like Daniel Johnston was a genius, a tortured genius. He would make art every single day and paint giant-size canvases. And it turned out the teacher was his fine arts mentor. He would even write songs about being a tortured artist and his personal demons every day for one hour. He was like the misunderstood Daniel Johnston of Mercer County. I could identify with him. It was incredible to finally get to know other creative types in the middle nowhere. I literally stayed at campus until the break of dawn. Being there around that professor and those students as my peers was extremely cathartic. I even wandered into the newer campus buildings where they had built on multi-story buildings. I roamed into the new cafeteria on the second floor. All the girls there were all wearing tights. I couldn't believe it. It was like I had entered some kind of nylon heaven. I hung out with the Asian teacher a little more and found out that he was a struggling artist and he had been ignored by the art board of directors. They just didn't understand him. That explained his go-for-broke, free-spirited attitude. His no-nonsense style teaching was infectious. No wonder students loved listened to him. It was like a performance. He had tenor, too. He didn't give a shit and it showed. The students really responded to it. No wonder non-students even sat in his classes. It was extremely exciting and

ground-breaking beyond the norm. I wrote down the stream of consciousness dream as fast as I could by dictating it into my phone. But I had done so in my dream. And then I woke up and realized I had to do it again in real life.

Leap of Faith: Wonders and Miracles... “A town this deep in the crapper has nowhere to turn but to God!”... “Come and be saved”... “A holy grail of road pussy”... “Let’s go give some empty lives some meaning”... “The more you give, the more you live”... “God’s gonna make a miracle for you tonight”... “They can’t afford a con man like you”... “I just want to know why you gave up”... “He said that it was his fault (that he couldn’t walk again) because his faith wasn’t strong enough”... “I’ll walk if it’s God’s will”... Wearing a mirrorball jacket!... “I have danced with the demon Satan”... “I put in \$20 (in the bucket), Will. I need all the help I can get”... “All he’s doing is selling fairy tales to a bunch of people that thank him for it”... “He preached last night that God would send a sign”... “An alleged miracle in the small town of Rustwater”... “Are you ready for a miracle?”... “Be Healed”... He’s a (scam) artist that created a “miracle”... “Ever think about settling down?”... “This is a holy town”... “Details. The mark of a great con”... To Jesus: “Why did you make so many suckers?”... “Are you saying that you think you’re a fake? – “I know I’m a fake.”

Redstone Dunes Trail: Lake Mead Recreation Area (west of Las Vegas) : Overton, NV 89040

Sunset View Scenic Overlook: Lakeshore Rd, Boulder City, NV 89005

Anniversary Narrows Trailhead: 58W6+RX, Moapa Valley, NV 89040

Made Capitol reservation.

4-14-24

“Why Are You You?”

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Teen Girls Confront an Epidemic of Deepfake Nudes in Schools.”

Why is it considered woke to know our whole history? "A more perfect union" implies that the progress of the American experience is never complete. We have to understand that our purpose is to be better than we were. The US is far from perfect but we can't bury the warts in our history. 1789, since ratified . the preamble of the Constitution and it's goal of a more perfect union stands , we should always strive to do better and be better and we will make mistakes is a given.

Mom's for Liberty fails to see that. We are not guilty of the sins of our fathers, no one preaches that at all. What should be taught and acknowledge is our warts. Whether it is slavery and our civil war, or the internment of Japanese Americans , or driving the indigenous to reservations. We have meddled in South America for 37 years from 1898 to 1934 , our cause was noble but Imperialistic at best.

We are not perfect and making it disappear does not make us better.

In the 1970's, a mini-series about Germany's dark past was made. When this was aired in what was Western Germany, the German youths were shocked. They hadn't known about it. Germany passed laws that the shameful history HAD to be taught in school. I find that admirable. And if the young people in Germany can deal with learning about their country's horrific past, I'm fairly confident that American youths will handle learning some unpleasant truths about America's history.

Maga supports Russia which supports Iran which supports Hamas.

Argyle: “If you can’t find the time, you have to make the time for the things that are important to you”... “I’m in a relationship with my work”... “You just shot my mother!”... “They’re memories of who you truly are”... “Visual triggers”... “Let’s get silly!”... This film should have

been much more fun and silly... “Who are you really?”... “Starting to remember”... “She monetized the technology she developed.”

1993 NBA All Star Game: This is kind of fun to watch because it is like watching the 1992 Olympic Dream Team with Shaq!

Mount Wood Overlook (Graffiti Castle Overlook): Mt Wood Rd, Wheeling, WV 26003

4-15-24 **“Reading a Comic Book Gave Them Creativity Supers Powers!”**

Kind of confirms the fact that Trump's supporters liked to be lied to. They don't trust the people who tell them the truth. The truth is scary.

Amazing. The man has trouble saying a simple declarative sentence, couldn't find Ukraine on a map, would happily turn this democratic ally over to Russia and yet, his followers believe his mangled take on the conflict.

George Orwell predicted the red hat cult in his book 1984, “The Party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command.”

Drive-Away Dolls: This is like lesbian Looney Tunes!... “I’ve been unhappy and I’m starting to snap at people at work. And it’s unfair to them”... Have a drive-away... “We’re going to be driving through some conservative towns”... “Don’t antagonize”... “Black belts in cunnilingus”... Making a blaster cast of someone’s erect penis: “Now I can love you forever and ever”... Henry James’ Drive-Away Dykes!

I assume everyone's watched this already over the weekend when it premiered. But I figured I'd post it in case anyone hasn't seen it already since it was made for us designers. It's kind of genius if you're a font nerd: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8PdffUfoF0>

Please submit digital video work (Including animations, video, performance, etc.) that focuses on natural patterns and meets the below specifications:

MP4 or MOV format

3600x1548 pixels

Aspect Ratio 21:9

Natural themes

Submissions are open until Friday, April 19th at midnight.

4-16-24 **“Drink MAGA Wine/ Whine”**

Ozempic, which is approved by the Food and Drug Administration to help people with Type 2 diabetes control their blood sugar and reduce their risk of serious cardiovascular problems such as heart attacks and strokes, has a list price of \$968.52 for a 28-day supply. Wegovy, a higher dose of the same medicine that's FDA-approved for weight loss in people with obesity or who are overweight and have a weight-related condition such as high blood pressure or high cholesterol, goes for \$1,349.02 every four weeks.

Trump while campaigning in 2016 that people shouldn't consider voting for Hillary because she was under multiple investigations. The hens have come home to roost.

“Reacher” star Alan Ritchson is receiving a whole lot of attention for some harsh words he had for Donald Trump and his devotees.

During an interview with The Hollywood Reporter published earlier this month, the action star explained why he’s confused by Christians who support the former president.

“Christians today have become the most vitriolic tribe,” said Ritchson, who himself identifies as a follower of Jesus. “It is so antithetical to what Jesus was calling us to be and to do.”

“Trump is a rapist and a con man,” he went on, “And yet the entire Christian church seems to be treat him like he’s their poster child and it’s unreal. I don’t understand it.”

Lisa Frankenstein: “You know what your doctor said. You need socialization”... “He doesn’t play sports. He’s cerebral”... “I think the cemetery is peaceful and quiet”... “You like my

poems?!"... "It looks like the angels are bowling." –"My mom used to say that"... "That's fine. Everybody does it (masturbate)"... "I can always count on her to work on Saturdays because she can never get a date. It's probably because she's so flat-chested"... "Your tears! The smell is so bad!"... "The college (radio) station. It's for people like us, with feelings"... "She needs help"... "She can barely survive P.E."... "I feel much more extroverted lately. I want to contribute to the school community"... "Lisa Swallows"... "What? Because I wasn't sweet and simple enough like her?"... "We're running out of time. Make love to me"... "You cut it off for me?"... When misfits make love... Suicide by tanning bed.

As someone who's been in both the design and illustration world, I really really really do not like AI, ESPECIALLY when it's talked about how it can replace entire artistic careers for the sake of cost cutting.

I learned this evening from my neighbor Big John that at 6:22 p.m. there was a porch pirate who took a Fed Ex package on the front porch of the house in front of our house. It was a new phone that was stolen. I felt so upset as if someone had stolen something from our own house. I got really, really agitated from this incident. Disgusted that I wasn't around to stop it. This neighborhood is my home. Someone intruded it and stole from it. You don't feel safe. I walk the dogs pretty often in our neighborhood and watch the cars that drive around slowly that I don't know.

<https://www.easyship.com/blog/how-to-handle-lost-and-missing-packages>

4-17-24

“Pet-A-Manager Sandwich Shop”

Dream-Nightmares: I had such a terrible nightmare where the dreaming preyed upon my poor mental health. I was trapped in a looping events in a house in Coldwater with my immediate family. The family events kept happening over and over and over until my mind finally broke from the madness. I ended up killing my father with a flower pot. I couldn't take his abusive behavior to those I love. It was so terrible because it was in front of my mother's side of the family. They all got to see me at my absolute worst. I lost control in order to save myself and my sanity. I needed violent catharsis. This was all madness. I could hear police sirens coming. I thought about running away. I was attacked by my demons in public embarrassment for my extended family members to behold. It was an awful, crushing, humiliating, self-destructive moment. I lost myself. I killed my father for being so awful, so controlling. I repressed too many emotions. They eventually came lashing out thunderously.

Excuse me while I lift my jaw off the ground.

What is wrong with Republicans?

NEVER would I vote for Joe Biden, or any candidate, charged with as many serious crimes as Trump is facing.

Never would I vote for a guy who delusionally believes he won an election that he obviously didn't.

Never would I vote for someone who actually tried to steal an election, and who is facing criminal charges for it.

And never would I vote for someone whose entire campaign is based on exacting revenge and retribution on those who didn't bow down to him.

Those people are not the kind of voters Trump has to convince. He has their votes no matter what he does. He needs Independents and moderate Republicans in order to win and he's losing more & more of them with each wild attack. The details coming out of the hush money case will likely cause him to lose millions of female votes.

Why we can't have nice things! SCOTUS comparing an insurrection, where people did physical damage to the US Capitol, and well over 100 members of law enforcement were injured, vs pulling a fire alarm to delay a meeting. Like the earlier comparisons made yesterday or today by SCOTUS asking if oligarchs giving lavish gifts/vacations/etc., to members of the Court is any different than taking a teacher or friend to the Cheesecake Factory for lunch. SCOTUS today is making a total mockery of a once proud institution.

So, marching into a federal building during transfer of power, also attacking police officers and trashing offices, and he compares it to pulling of a fire alarm?

I can't believe that after acknowledging all of Trump's moral failings this couple could still say they'll vote for him? Why? Do they honestly think those moral failings won't carry over into how he conducts a Presidency? It is unbelievable. As a decades long Republican, there is absolutely no way I could consider voting for Trump, in spite of Democrat flaws. Those don't jeopardize our Constitution like Trump does.

I had a conversation with a man who said he'd vote for Trump because he didn't want Kamala Harris to be president. I pointed out that we don't know who Trump's VP choice is yet, and what if it's someone like MTG? He looked shocked, as though he had never considered that. Then he said he didn't like Trump's personality, but liked his policies. When I asked what policies he liked, he couldn't even name one and abruptly changed the subject.

The Power of Film:

Part 1 - Popular and Memorable: "Stories are what we go to movies to see"... "We are a storytelling animal"... "You are a compilation of memories. Memory is the most powerful thing in human existence"... "Patterns of seeing parents tucking their children into bed"... "I'm in the pattern-recognition business"... "Character studies"... "All of those films deal with a family, biological or surrogate"... "The element of loss"... "Loss is a fundamental aspect to being a human being. And we don't talk about it a lot. But we feel it"... "Loss is a significant part of Disney"... "What makes us human is the way we feel"... "Power is the ability to produce change or prevent it"... "The story will progress from a person with low power to a person of high power"... "A trophy spouse"... "We go to (American) movies to have fun"... "We sell fun."

Part 2 – Trapped Between Fate & Destiny: "One of the great mysteries of human society is motivation"... "Why did you do that?"... "Destiny is a choice. Destiny is a goal"... "That's the kind of thing that we go to the movies to see. Somebody reaching out and changing the world they live in"... Defiance... "'Who are you' is what many films are about"... "We're all trapped. We're trapped by bad jobs"... "'Trapped' could be the title of any memorable film"... "How do we get out of it (the trap)?"... "We all die. We all know that. Death is a natural part of life"... "You're free even if you happen to die."

Part 3 - The Power of Character Relationships: "There are no great characters. There are only great character relationships"... "Without the relationship, you've got no character"... The triangle... "It's the modulations that make the journey interesting"... "The one-hour pivot point"... "They were trying to discover the nature of film"... "The actor does not need to project (like in theater). The audience is projecting onto the actor the emotions they think the actor is feeling, even though the actor isn't expressing any emotion"... "The audience creates the story"... "What are they feeling? What are they thinking?"... "This solar system structure (of characters rotating around each other)"... "Someone that doesn't belong."

Part 4 - Heroes and Villains: “They are projections of our desires”... “He did something for a higher purpose”... “In real life, we’re not supposed to seek revenge”... “By definition, a hero suffers and sacrifices and gets nothing”... “‘But’ – the most important word in storytelling”... “Villains are often truth-tellers”... “Villains are often more interesting because heroes are predictable. If there is a building on fire, they have to go in. Not the villain. They can constantly surprise us. They can do outrageous things that the hero cannot do”... “Hannibal Lector understands this maniac because he is one.” He understands irrational behavior... “When you make a decision, you cut yourself from the other path”... “Decisions are costly”... “Heroes in film are altruists”... Living on through people’s memories through film.

Part 5 - The Power of Paradox: “If they were what they seem, why would you bother watching?”... “Without mystery, it is almost impossible to tell a story”... “Things are not like they seem. We like that. We hunger that”... “Now the character and the audience want to know more. *And tell me more* is what all creative writers, directors, actors, and so on want to hear from their audience”... “What is the word for when things turn out exactly how you expected them to. Boring! *Boring* is the cardinal crime in the entertainment business”... “You cannot be predictable”... “If you loved me, you wouldn’t have done this to me”... “The truth will set you free”... “The eyes are the window of the soul”... “Kubrick juxtaposes things that don’t belong together.”

Part 6 - Love and Meaning: “Film is compensation for the real world. For the life that we don’t lead”... “You’ll never go broke selling hope”... “Our lives are driven by fantasy, a word that comes from phantom. It isn’t there”... “The imagined world is often more powerful than the world we experience”... “They’re incapable of loving other people. They’re narcissists”... “Your love is unfulfilled”... The triangular structure of “The Philadelphia Story”... “Sex is funny”... “Children is how we transcend death”... “The fulfillment of desire not just of the characters in the film, but of the audience”... “Watching a film is like going to church on Sunday. You experience a sense of transcendence, of being touched with something higher or more valuable than the petty concerns of everyday life.”

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“Unorganized Chaos”

Dream: I was back to living in the Dierker Rd. area of Columbus, Ohio nearby all the apartments over there that had turned into rundown motels. Yet I was watching a low budget movie of the vagrant lives of those who live in that area. It featured a social worker who looked a lot like my ex-girlfriend, Bethany, who would try to help out the homeless people trying to find a place to

sleep overnight without getting beaten up or shot. Bethany would also end up being coerced into sex and basically being raped by one of the homeless people that she had developed an unhealthy relationship with. They both needed sex as a drug to feel something. It was somewhat heartbreaking to bare witness to their carnal act since she was getting partially raped while enjoying it. She was a lost soul trying hard to not lose her dignity. Yet she was still enjoying the sexual release she was feeling over herself. Their relationship was starting to get attention by other social workers that noticed them “secretly” holding hands for a moment. They hid the relationship until the guy who was having the relationship with was at a gas station when it was getting robbed by two young hoods. He was getting Mexican food from the food court at Coldwater Hospital and had brought the food back to eat at the gas station. He was standing behind his friend who was working as a clerk there when the clerk was shot by the two laughing thieves. He just stood there frozen as he watched his friend die. He left the gas station in fear of his life that the thieves might also try and kill him for seeing who they were.

This is a follow-up from yesterday's meeting for Kim Kovalick. I shot a video of the cicada Brood X when they hatched back in 2021 in north Columbus, Ohio at Highbanks Metro Park: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8enCLP1rQdg&feature=youtu.be>

Brenda Pilson: THANKS Eric. Really appreciate the time and learnings.
https://www.amazon.com/Killing-Fields-Mike-Oldfield/dp/B00000DR4X/ref=sr_1_1?crd=3D5KU68CXYNJB&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.6vjRx7kK0FLp7GctWpG7r-hP4Eq0toBkSZ3xTIJ2IxOce6OFBNG3A9R-VyAZ6DwlJmZUtwpXH6okX1l0EgnVFr0FEPhdnxTd1CkyG-XusMGA0TVbp5G-Z_BF-l7Sgw1nDh6gOCHB2c-0sONUzkustw.UBPd735d3RvPjIAAgQMfn60dhcRoYgkhOSMDMOCA-tk&dib_tag=se&keywords=The+Killing+Fields+Soundtrack&qid=1713469264&s=music&prefix=the+killing+fields+soundtrack%2Cpopular%2C229&sr=1-1 The Killing Fields soundtrack CD

Interesting to see right-wing content creators at Trump trial admit New York City isn't the Mad Max wasteland it's been propagandized to seem in right-wing content.

I am so tired of him being treated differently than everyone else. He's a citizen, just like me. He has to follow the laws, just like me. So start treating him that way.

While I agree with you that he is just a citizen, but he certainly is being handled differently. If he weren't and he was you or I, he'd have been incarcerated for violation of gag orders, attacking jurors, and spewing on social media....hopefully when the jury is finally finalized, he actually will be treated like just a citizen....which in my mind will lead to conviction on all counts.

Donald Trump has made a career out of out-lawyering people. Delaying trials until they can no longer afford to go on. That is not going to work against the state of New York, the state of Georgia, or the Federal Government. The LAST thing Donald Trump has EVER wanted is a FAIR trial.

4-19-24

“Why Does This Exist?”

A Case of Finding a Fast, Economical, and Creative Solution to a Problem

David – Thanks for catching this error in the stock video content.

Eric and Amber – There is an error in a Shutterstock video clip we use in one of our TX Science STEM Connection Videos. Veterinarians caring for a dog and looking at an x-ray of a human foot. There is no hurry to replace this but as time permits, since the content is inaccurate, we should work to replace or remove the video within our STEM Connection video. Once done I'll need to have new all ly files created too.

Eric is very busy on New Lit so this is request is just as time permits to get this fixed before we get any Jira ticket complaint about it.

Shutterstock - 20403889

<https://enterprise.shutterstock.com/video/clip-20403889-4k-veterinarians-looking-x-ray-cute-dog-clinic>

G1 CH07: Dr. Karisa Tang

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0:40 secs

Andy – Eric will need the working files of this TX K-5 STEM Connection video from Aptara’s archive.

Thanks everyone,

Amy

Hello Amy,

I rewatched the video this is from. There are two hard cuts where this clip is at, which means we could just slip in a different video, or use a different part of the video we are using from Shutterstock. I noticed the video is a 4K file. So if we want to be creative, we could just use 00:19-00:23 of the Shutterstock video and cut out the right side of the frame without losing resolution in our 1920 x 1080 video composition. The narrator is talking about the vets discussing what they are going to do that day. This area between 00:19-00:23 shows the two vets talking to each other. Well, that’s my creative solution at least! 😊

We can have a video call tomorrow if you want to cover this more visually how this could work.

-Eric

Thank you, Amy and David!

We will look for a replacement video next week. We will send it to Eric to correct when he has time to do so.

Hello Amber,

I wrote this back to Amy last night. We may have a simple solution that might work: (see above)

Hello Amy and Amber,

Attached is a video test render of what I was talking about. The edit occurs at 00:06-00:08. Note that I inserted the Shutterstock video at in its low-resolution state since that is what I could easily get. If I have the actual 4K video from David from the archives, it will look sharp.

If you prefer a different shot in there, we can easily do that as well. 😊

Best,

Eric

Hello Amy, Amber, and Shelli,

Attached is the new version with the actual higher resolution video file added in to cover the x-ray shot. It is a two-second video alteration while using the same video clip we already licensed. So therefore, we wouldn’t have to change the spec log or the end credits.

I also rendered a full-length version of the video so you can see it fit into the actual video. Amber, I added it the Science New SharePoint link that you recently shared with me: mp4 icon

TX_G1_STEM_CH07_L02_001V_revised version.mp4

Let me know what you think,

-Eric

Eric – Great point about not having to make changes to the credits if we use same video! Nor have to make any changes to the spec log or license anything new. You are the best!! 😊

Shelli/Amber – Please review and let us know what you think?

Thanks again,

Amy

This works for me! We can wait for Shelli to review when she is back in the office on Monday.

Thank you for this creative and quick fix that will be less noticeable to customers. I appreciate you, Eric!

Have a great weekend.

Amber

Sounds good! Have a great weekend! -Eric

Shelli Hightshoe: that was a perfect fix!

Yay! Thanks for the AD approval, Shelli and Amber. I’ll send off for new a l l y files and let SeBue know of the change to have them make the same fix to their Spanish file.

Eric – Please name the revised file TX_G1_STEM_CH07_L02_001V_ALT and place here on the TX Production Sharepoint Folder icon TX_G1_STEM_CH07_L02_001V I’ve moved the old files into a Do Not Use folder. When I email SeBue I’ll cc you so you can explain the change you made to English.

Thanks everyone,

Amy

Shelli Hightshoe: thank you all for doing this so quickly.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRKKbV6UP5c&list=PL8N7R6HuqJAY7R3H76hYyte_T_vMq1KIE The Tree of Life Soundtrack

Did the USA tell Britain & France 1939-1942 as Hitler was winning almost every battle, and rampaging ahead into Russia, "Enough is enough, we have spent enough"? Putin has said from the beginning he wants all of Ukraine. Did he have "enough" when he took over Crimea and much of southern Ukraine in 2014? Anyone who says we have helped Ukraine "enough" is an appeaser and friend of a megalomaniac who wants to reconquer every place that used to be part of the Soviet Union.

Joe Biden isn't on trial, nor has he been indicted, or charged with any crimes. Comer, and Jordan, the brains of the outfit, has tried to pin something, anything on Joe Biden since they took over the House.

At this point it seems highly unlikely.

The other side of the coin is if Presidential immunity is granted, Biden can do what he wishes with Trump without fear of prosecution.

"Without presidential immunity, it would be impossible for a president to properly function, putting the United States of America in great and everlasting danger!"

Tell that to the 44 presidents who did the job just fine before *he* did.

Presidents are not "Immune" from crimes. They are "immune" from things they do as President, but not Criminal acts, even if President. Ask Nixon. Not to mention, you were not President for many of these accused crimes.

4-20-24. **“Hobbies Include Getting Lost in the Woods While Exploring the Unknown”**

Dream-Nightmare: I lost my camera iPhone at my own wedding, which meant I lost all my photos from that memorable day as well as the past few days. These were memories that were priceless. Our wedding guests, my extended family, and I looked everywhere and we couldn't find it at all. I also lost my credit card again and I couldn't find it at all. Every time I found a credit card just hanging out loose on the floor, I'd pick it up thinking it was mine. But it wasn't. How many "decoy" lost credit cards on the floor can there possibly be? We were up until three in the morning. And my wedding was taking place to my old 3rd grade through 5th grade elementary school.

The entire Print-building experience working on New Literacy for Grade 5 at McGraw Hill has been a new learning experience. I had previously worked on the video work for Texas Science. So this was all new to me from a production standpoint. Here are the steps for what my tasks are with finding appropriate artists for each group of specs. Then I would go about creating a mood board/ vision board of their portfolio of work that best represents the type of work that we were attracted to for this specs they were assigned to. Many of the artists have various styles that they work in. So this was a wise way of visually showing to the artist the style of work that we were looking for to be employed. This saved time during the production by making it clearer to the artist and all on board the production (AD and PdD) what style we wanted to be utilized. There were less surprises and revisions to be made during the 1R, 2R, and 3R stages. Therefore, we didn't run into as many costly budget overruns for asking for artist redraw revisions because the style did not turn out the way we wanted it to.

Work on McGraw Hill new things I've learned.

Evangelicals feel perpetually victimized. trumps entire platform is about victimization by many made up perceived enemies.

They go together hand in glove.

NONE of them ever take responsibility for anything.

But if they are true Christians, which they love to tell everyone you are, now can they forget basic Christian beliefs such as turn the other cheek and love thy neighbor as thyself etc. Donald Trump and many of his followers absolutely do not represent Christianity in any way. Do they really think Jesus would have agreed with the violence and hate they seem to embrace?

There have always been phonies in Christianity, and the evangelicals contain the most rabid strain. They are also most susceptible to the cult of personality phenomenon Trump excels in. Evangelicals are no longer "Christian." They've morphed into a cult that is the antithesis of Christian values: weaponizing religion, the abolishment of personal freedoms and eventually, a theocracy based only on their interpretation of religion. The most dangerous political force in America today.

Dealing with Donald Trump is not about politics as usual. It is Game of Thrones. Donald Trump's total takeover of the Republican Party as a precursor to what he wants to do to America. As a person of faith, I cannot understand how any person that believes in God can support a politician that is so far from God's teachings in his deeds and actions!

Evangelicals should be reminded about false prophets and the beast 666. They also need to get a global perspective on the economy after a global pandemic and a war affecting both food and fuel prices globally. The US economy is in great shape comparatively speaking.

At 1:30 p.m., Lisa, Alyssa, and I drove to Dave & Buster's for Alyssa's birthday party. It was a smaller affair where two of Alyssa's school friends showed up. One, Ethan, was nonbinary. The other, Sarah, was Muslim. It was nice to see Alyssa making friends with others who are sort of the "misfits" of their age group. This birthday party was a big deal for Alyssa and it thankfully went well. Alyssa bought enough food for 10 since that was how many of Alyssa's friends she had originally invited. Yet most of them ended up being busy or just couldn't go. Sarah's mother and little sister came along and we invited them to help us eat all the extra food we had. Everyone got game cards and had fun. I confessed that if I was Alyssa's age and had a birthday party gathering at an arcade, I would have been thrilled. The smaller group was actually good for Alyssa since she didn't have a meltdown or anything.

José Villarrubia: How to ruin your career and reputation as an illustrator really, really fast.

Artist Jingxiong Guo, or Daxiong, had done a couple covers for US publishers over a decade ago. But his break would have been three covers for DC Comics' major characters Wonder Woman, Shazam and Power Girl. He normally works in watercolor. But instead of doing them himself, he made the very unethical decision to use IA to generate the images.

And of course he got caught. And he denied it, and even made fake "work in progress" photos of tracings of the AI images. And finally, DC replaced him, and are not using those covers.

There is a lesson to be learned here. Before the internet, it would have been easier to lie about how an image is made. But a digital image is a piece of data, and as fast as one can make one in AI, someone else can expose it (also using AI, BTW.)

Icons Unearthed: Marvel: "Risk anything to achieve everything"... "Feige was the guy getting everyone coffee"... "What kid growing up didn't feel like a mutant?"... "They had a blueprint"... "Was the writing on the wall for Marvel?"... "Focusing on small screen mediocrity"... "You look at it (Superman, The Movie) and this is how you make a comic book into a movie"... "Get Marvel Comics out there"... "There was a sentiment that Marvel Comics would not make good TV shows"... "They were in desperate need of some luck"... Robin Williams was supposed to be the voice of Howard the Duck for the 1986 movie!... "A businessman in the hunt for undervalued companies"... "There was money to be made with Marvel's asset"... "Hollywood is the only town where hope can kill you"... "I've got this great

opportunity. I'd like to take this job"... The movie rights for "Blade" were sold for just \$25,000!... "We had no idea that we were making a movie for only a contractual obligation"... "Marvel was in a death spiral. The company was hemorrhaging money"... "Spider-Man is worth millions alone"... "The real value of the company were the characters, the ideas"... "Suddenly, you started to have superheroes that were being done right"... "The next logical step was for Marvel to start making their own movies"... The Ultimates were to take The Avengers and make it look very 21st Century. This became the template for the films of the Marvel Cinematic Universe ... "They were more gritty, more down-to-earth"... "The best conflicts are internal"... "Marvel makes a ton of money through toys"... "The Marvel creative committee"... "We could also do humor, which was the secret sauce"... "His ability to be a dick was also very charming"... "A little bit of trouble and mischief"... "This was a \$100 million student film"... "Let things happen"... "This was a real character"... "The Hulk is relatable, too"... "The Hulk unleashes that inner demon. That is what makes that connection so palpable"... Stan Lee's first Marvel movie cameo was in "The Return of the Incredible Hulk"!... "Comics are an incredible source of inspiration"... "They were using 'The Ultimates' as their template"... "It ended up being one of the more forgettable Marvel movies ever made"... "You set yourself up for failure further down the line"... "When he asked for a big raise, it gave them the excuse to do what they already wanted to do, which was cut him loose"... Disney buys Marvel for \$4 billion!... "Humanize a god and it becomes interesting"... "It's a family drama"... "At the end of the day, it's got to be about two brothers competing for their father's affection"... "They needed people who knew comic books, could work really fast, and were cheap"... "We pitched them 'Power Pack'"... "Give Kevin his Magneto"... "They needed to leave audiences desperate for more"... "How to make Captain American relevant to modern audiences"... "Let's look at this. Why has this thing worked for decades?"... "We had some communication gaps"... "He frankensteined a set for us that was absolutely beautiful"... "These are our characters. Let's put them in a team"... "All the magic that is Marvel"... The Red Skull was supposed to be the main villain for The Avengers... "Marvel's characters bicker. That was Stan's innovation"... "Did it work?"... "For that final act, some was shot in Albuquerque, New Mexico, some in New York, and some in Cleveland, Ohio"... "This is a Joss Whedon special. He kills characters to create motivation for other characters. And also the raise the stakes of the storytelling"... "*The Avengers* changed Hollywood and what they thought was possible"... "How do you expand this universe?"... "No one outside of the comics community knew who the Guardians of the Galaxy were"... "A Marvel take on the space odyssey"... "They were like the broken toys at the bottom of the toy box"... "Who doesn't love an underdog?"... "This is going to be the most disastrous movie ever made. It just sounds ridiculous"... "A left-field director"... "Making a space odyssey with a *Pulp Fiction* sensibility"... James Gunn was influenced by Grant Morrison's *We3* for how he used Rocket Raccoon... "It was the music that would pull it all together"... "This can't possibly work"... "Previsualization is essential"... Pinewood Atlanta... "His love for the silliness of it all."

4-21-24

"Turn Your Eyelids Inside Out"

Dream: My family and I went to the thrift store in Salina, Ohio, where the JC Penney store used to be. While I was there, I ended up discovering a huge crazy amount of used CDs to extremely rare sci-fi memorabilia. There was like ultra-rare 1979 *Alien* photographs there. They had brand new Neil Young Archives box sets there for just \$2! It was ridiculous! I filled up an entire cart

right in front of my wife and mother-in-law knowing that I couldn't help but take advantage of these amazing deals. It was just too much of a good thing.

This Sunday was my day out and about in Columbus, Ohio. I first trekked over to the C-Bus Comic Show Spectacular at the Clintonville, Women's Club. Even though Jake wasn't there, I still got 44 \$1 comics there. My next destination was Glen Echo Park, where I wanted to photograph Glen Echo Bird Tunnel. There appeared to be a homeless person's tarp and mattress under the bridge. Then at noon, I went over to Used Kids, which had just opened for the day. I got another stack of used CDs. Nothing super special since I've already got so damn much. But I still enjoy looking around. Next, I went to Goodwill on Sawmill, where I got some more used CDs for \$1 a piece. I also got gas, shopped at Half Price Books, and then got a late lunch at Taco Bell. I finally got home at 3 p.m. feeling pretty tired.

4-22-24 **“Our Very Lives Are Heading Towards Unavoidable Suicide Because Our Bodies Don't Last Forever”**

Lisa, Alyssa, Tom, Nancy, Julia, and I all went out to dinner at Rusty Bucket for Alyssa's birthday. Then we gathered back at home for Alyssa's birthday present opening.

4-23-24 **“Eric vs. the Real World” To Live in the Backyard Shed**

We had a standalone shed in our backyard for garden tools and equipment while I was growing up that I actually wanted to move into. That was sort of my dream to have my own little place to my own. That's all I really needed for my own place to have a place of my own no matter how small it was. Keep in mind that when you're a small boy, the shed seemed really big to me then. The privacy and freedom were what I was after. It just seemed so exciting to be a child and have your own little house. It was the closest thing to a treehouse that I could have. Unfortunately, this idea was immediately nixed since my dad loved his garden and its tools. Also the shed didn't have heating or air conditioning. Still, to me and my dreams, it was like a mini-mansion that could have been all mine in an alternate reality.

Professional Self-Reflection: Performance Conversation – Reflecting on My Professional Growth, Our Business Goals, and What I've Learned

WHAT by **HOW** by **WHEN** as shown by **MEASURE**: These is shown in bold.

What Are You Working on Now?

I am the **Product Designer Media** for **K-5 New Literacy** working in **Grade 5**. The **copyright release date** is **2027**. For the first year of my time at McGraw Hill, I worked on video content development. For this project, I am working on the **print creation** for the **Student Consumable Reader** and **Visual Vocabulary Cards**.

What Have You Accomplished?

I **oversee, track, and review** the media creation and delivery for all specs for Grade 5 by their **documented deadlines** on our **Smartsheet schedule**. I make sure the quality of the work matches the written spec description, fits appropriately on the page, manage its correct location on SharePoint, manage the set naming conventions, share the media with the Digital Vendor and PdD Design. I oversee the preliminary selection and availability of the illustrators we hire from onboarded art agencies for the specs AD has written for each batch.

Making a Positive Contribution in New Literacy Print Work at McGraw Hill

After half a year, working in New Literacy is much more comfortable for me through learned proficiency. Every day can still be a new challenge. But with more experience behind me, I am able to meet each challenge with gained confidence. Back when I started working in print for the first time as a print newcomer, I predictably made some mistakes – but I learned from them and took notes. Lately, I've gained more confidence and feel like I'm making a real positive contribution. I am much more effective, comfortable, and assured in the print area of New Lit. There will be more struggles and difficulties ahead as we continuously problem-solve with increased ingenuity,

collaboration, and creativity. I feel that my time management and prompt communication skills are doing well in this job position to be successful. And with that, I am really having an impact.

Amy Loeffler/ Supervisor Response: Reading these last 2 paragraphs makes me so proud of your newly acquired understanding and proficiency in this role within a complicated print component workflow! You feeling more accomplished and confident is so wonderful to hear. Though, I'm not surprised at all, as you are such a natural quick learner and note taker to reference later as needed. Time management and prompt communication skills are extremely key to success in our PdD position and the fact that you have such a clear understanding of that now is impressive and instrumental and you have clearly demonstrated that so far on New Literacy! You are indeed making a real positive contribution and impact on New Lit and within the PdD dept!

Learning the Print Media Production Side

My primary goal this past year has been to fully understand the of how McGraw Hill Education's produces our materials in both print and in video. In what new areas and skills I have learned, especially about the printing process, I can safely answer that with an empathic "*a lot*". This past year has felt like being part of "McGraw Hill University" because I've had to learn a uniquely different media area of how we create our product – namely, working in Print rather than Video. Frankly and importantly, it's the largest part of what we do here at McGraw Hill. So, after the experience of working on video content for the STEM Connection videos for Texas Science, working on the photo, art and trade book manipulations for Print for Grade 5 of New Literacy has been a new, exciting, challenging, yet ultimately fulfilling experience. I got to **see the whole picture, design, and expanse of the McGraw Hill product operation.**

Even taking a field trip up to Lakeside Publishing in Willard, Ohio with 18 other McGraw Hill employees in late April to see our McGraw Hill textbooks actually getting printed en mass was a huge learning experience.

I've learned a great deal from the new challenges we experienced along the way and we collectively found new ways to work through the issues. For a specific example, Grade 5 was the first grade to figure out how to lay out a graphic novel featuring 18 newly commissioned artwork panels from the artist I submitted to our team during our concept meeting that was ultimately approved. This could then be used as a prototype template for the other grades that also had graphic novels that were to be created. (There was no prototype made for graphic novels when we started.)

Getting a More Holistic View of How the Main Product at McGraw Hill Is Created

Working in Print gave me a far more holistic view of how the main product at McGraw Hill is created. I wasn't just working on the video/ animation component anymore, which often support the digital experience. I was finally seeing how the book and its lessons are created from scratch with each step along the way with layout and design. With working in video with Texas Science, I was seeing the book after it had already been mostly created. Now I was getting the full view and experience. That is why I considered it like "McGraw Hill University". I learned so much more than I had before and now feel more experienced, comfortable, and confident with our processes. I don't feel quite so siloed, isolated, and in the dark about the whole production process for our education materials as I was before with only working in video creation. I really wanted to see the full picture, which is definitely what I got with working in Print for New Literacy.

Making Oneself Adaptable, Versatile, Valuable, and Knowledgeable of the Whole McGraw Hill Production

In this job, it is vitally important to make yourself useful and to be adaptable in different situations to meet each challenge when producing our final product. Learning the Print side of production, I've learned how to be far more versatile with my acquired design skills from critiquing art to making art adjustments and Photoshop where needed.

Learning the Printing Production Process

Working in Print has allowed me exposure to subtle and important details with the art production process. Most importantly, I've learned the sensitivity to how our product looks after printed on our Student Consumable Reader paper. There is a distinct and noticeable difference once the ink soaks into this paper type. Skin tones can look muddy with little facial features. Dimly lit illustrations can appear poorly murky. One has to become sensitive to how our media will look upon the page just as much as it will look in digital.

We received a print test for how work would appear printed and it was indeed eye-opening.

Learning Art Acquisition and Selecting Illustrators

I worked in art acquisition along with finding an appropriate (and available) artist for each New Literacy lesson. Finding an artist for specific specs for an appropriate age group for Grade 5 (ages 10-11) was an intriguing challenge. This was an interesting demographic because the artwork cannot be too cartoonish with characters with giant cute eyes. It must be distinctively appropriate for the spec's description, which can sometimes include period-correct attire and environments. You are looking over the artwork on the illustrator agency website as well as each artist's professional website to collect any artwork of their own that would prove to be a strong match for the written specs. Upon reviewing multiple portfolios of work on Lucid Chart, I collected samples of their high-resolution artwork pieces to create a focused mood board/vision board in InDesign. Therefore, I could use this to present from during our group Concept Meetings to help assist everyone to agree on the type of style we would like for the artist to pursue. (Sometimes, each artist works in multiple styles, which can throw some team members off. Upon noticing this, I found creating a mood board/ vision board to greatly solve any issues with people thinking an artist may not be appropriate for a Grade 5 lesson when other works of theirs are more age appropriate. Visually showing the artist the type of works we wanted them to pursue greatly helped. It showcased the level of professionalism and artistic expectations we were looking for when the artist is producing work for us.

The Art to 1R, 2R, and 3R Art Reviews

There is an art when it comes to art reviewing each stage in the production from 1R (sketch) to 2R (color art) to 3R (finished color art). Each stage is critical when reviewing the work and being able to communicate our requests in a way that the illustrator will understand. How I tackle this request is by compiling all the feedback that was shared in our cloud-based PDF document and copy it into a Word doc where I have the spec name and artwork assembled. Sometimes, I will create an edit of the work to be added to this document to visually show what we are asking for. This proves to be extremely helpful in the feedback process and in order to stay on budget. Knowing Photoshop is also a big plus since that allows me to answer any questions or concerns that AD has with knowing if a change is too much or unrealistic to do. I will also submit the artist's work on the page for them to see how it looks integrated with the text. Also most critically, I have to make sure that our combined comments are succinct and to-the-point so that the artist can easily digest them.

The Collaborative Art Review Process

I also learned a great deal from reading the comments of my PdD Design colleagues when they were reviewing the artwork in its different stages. This acutely helped me learn what specifically to comment on, what to look out for, and how to sharpen my own review skills.

Another important part of this process is to remove your ego from the review process. Make it okay to have others disagree with your opinion because this a group discussion and critique. We are looking for different perspectives and points-of-view. Allow for an open discussion where all are equals working towards the same goal of creating the best work possible. I'd let me team members know that I was okay with them disagreeing with any critical comments I made about the artwork. I'm here to learn right along with everyone else. Each of us print our own unique skill sets of art review to the table. Each of us might be able to see something the others do not. That is what makes working in a team so exciting and oftentimes fascinating.

New PdD Media Training

For the first time, upon recommendation of my New Literacy supervisor Jessica Donofrio, I was involved in **directly training a new Product Designer for Media**, Shelley Hampe, to get up to speed to how our production workflow and how to work efficiently and quickly. During the month of **March 2024**, I worked with Shelley several times a week though **Zoom meetings** to get her comfortable with our workflow, how to manage her schedule, and learn how to do the job. After March, we eventually met less and less until Shelley felt more independent to work on her own while still staying in contact through **Microsoft Teams chat and video calls**.

My InDesign-Created Onboarding Documents

All the **onboarding documents** I created in InDesign during my first year at McGraw Hill (**October 2022-July 2023**) proved to be especially helpful when training a new employee. My onboarding documents covering SharePoint, Asana, Time Tracker, Smartsheet, how to write spec logs, and more offered a keen beginner's perspective to help those who are brand new to McGraw Hill. Looking back at these documents I created was fascinating and incredibly useful because of that fresh perspective. Once you're highly experienced after more than a year at McGraw Hill, you do lose that beginner's perspective and kind of forget how overwhelming it can be exposed to so many areas. Having the basics written down and provided to you with visuals to help remind you how

to do things proved to be quite helpful *and* successful with educating someone brand-new to how we do things. These documents helped ease in someone new without overloading them.

Providing Asana Training to ADs New to the Program

Throughout **November 2023 through June 2024**, I've also initiated holding recorded **Asana training Zoom calls** with the **ADs for Grade 5**: one for the Student Consumable Readers and the other for the Visual Vocabulary Cards. Considering that most of the ADs were new and had little-to-no experience with working in Asana, I took it upon myself to reach out to the new AD teams and working collaboratively with them to provide a concise, yet comprehensive overview of how to use Asana to do their reviews after I've created on each Asana page for specs we would be reviewing. This step was vitally important to our workflow and staying on schedule as well to eliminate any confusion to make sure the ADs were comfortable with the interface. I went over how I set up the specs on the Asana page, how they were assigned, how to comment on each spec, how to assign *out* a completed task for a spec and its next due date, and how to manage Asana notifications in Outlook. This session also was a nice opportunity to introduce myself to the AD team, break the ice, and form some comradery with the larger team. Once these training sessions were finished, I emailed the recorded session to the participants who then shared it with additional ADs who felt they still needed more of an understanding of best workflow practices in Asana.

Amy Loeffler/ Supervisor Response: Yes, McGraw Hill University! I'm so thrilled for you to have this learning opportunity and career growth here at McGraw Hill by working on the print Literacy component after your TX Science video project. Not just any print component either but a huge Literacy Program with a SE component heavy in illustrations, as they usually are for Literacy. Our videos and digital experience are always a continuation or expansion of the print material though on TX Science you were hired after or while print was underway and there wasn't an opportunity for you to fully understand the connection. As you correctly mention, this new project has provided you the whole picture of the MH print process and how that expands into digital and further into videos, that connection and workflow. Plus, this has provided you the opportunity to learn and become proficient in new print media skills!

Ideally, we should always have prototypes for all areas of unique print design features, but often in the rush and tight deadlines to launch production this is not always possible. Your example of how your G5 was the first grade to layout the graphic novel and then use as a prototype template for the other grades is a great example of the challenges and problem solving that go with print production on huge projects. Happy to hear you had this learning experience!

Art procurement is a very unique skill set that not all PdD have experience or natural skill set for, but you clearly have shown that you have the ability to quickly learn this expertise and put into practice during artist selection, art reviews and creative direction while taking into account and reflecting on the sensitivity around illustrated characters. Though very subjective, there needs to be much consideration and communication with the team at large when critiquing and providing feed back and art direction to illustrators.

You are indeed adaptable, versatile, valuable and highly skilled with in-depth media knowledge. These strong values you encompass and demonstrate each day have not gone unnoticed. You were asked to train a new PdD hire and though busy with your own workload you eagerly accepted the teacher role and successfully trained the new hire and got them up to speed to work efficiently and quickly. You also took it upon yourself to record Asana training Zoom calls with AD to train new ADs but then also have these recordings to share with others. Your years as a professor clearly shine through your work and enthusiasm at MH each day! :)

Working Well Together as One Collaborative Team to Meet Our Business Goals

A huge part of my job is **building relationships and trust** amongst one's coworkers since you are part of **one large, united team**. I have learned that this is a large part of creating a strong business goal by listening, learning, and communicating well with your colleagues across divisions in PdD, AD, and Content Licensing. It sometimes helps to take the work seriously, but be humanistic, humble, and down-to-earth. Don't take yourself too seriously so that your colleagues can feel comfortable enough to take down their guard and feel comfortable working with you. Work well with your team members and collaborate effectively. You have to get to know one another, support each other, help each other out, and form a bond. Learn each other's sense of humor and interests. It all helps building a stronger team dynamic and you get better results. I feel that has been proven well with how well we've been doing in Grade 5 even when challenges have (predictably) arisen. This **camaraderie** is built through our

consistent weekly online **Zoom meetings** and through **Microsoft Teams communication**. Your goal is to always help each other out. Someone else's success is the team's success. You basically have to build chemistry as you work as one. If one can do that, it makes the work and the final product far more successful in the long run. Again, thankfully, for the **Grade 5 New Literacy** group I'm in, I feel like we've been successful on this crucial area. There is a team dynamic, trust, respect, and even humor that has been built up and we have been off running week after week, month after month. I cannot stress this enough. Do not work in isolation - work as one. Be a positive person and let others know you appreciate them. It truly helps the overall work ethic and environment of the team. We also build that trust by completing our tasks by the **Smartsheet deadlines** so we don't fall behind in schedule. And if there is something that falls behind, we promptly communicate any issues to our schedule project specialist and supervisor to keep them in the loop.

Empathize with Your Digital Vendor, Team Members, and Hired Artists

I try and aspire to put myself in the position of our digital vendor, team members, and the artists we hire for the specs we are asking them to create. How am I expressing what the task is and is it understandable? Is it achievable and realistic by the given deadline? How many changes are too many changes based on our production schedule? These are all questions you have to think about daily when communicating back and forth with your team at large. Empathize with each person.

Efficient and Creative Problem-Solving

A recent example of efficient and creative problem-solving involved needing to fix a shot in a past Texas Science video where we had to remove a 2-second shot of an x-ray of human broken arm in a vet's office (since it didn't make sense). Having been supplied the video we used from Shutterstock, I was able to examine the original 20-second 4K video clip and noticed that we could crop into the video in a different section of the video to cover up the 2-seconds that needed replacing. I did a video test, showed this to my superiors in PdD and AD, and it was approved. Therefore, we didn't have to license a new clip, change the credits, spec log, etc. By reusing the excess footage of the clip we had already licensed, we could move forward and quickly solve the issue without spending any money or too much time.

Staying on Budget

I made sure to be mindful to we stay on budget as a highly important factor when working on New Literacy project. Whenever possible, we aimed to use images from the DAL to save money with free, wholly owned images or public domain imagery. When our Photo Research Target Percentages budget report came back, I was pleased to see that Grade 5 came in at 59% budget usage where 65% was the realistic goal.

Being Hyper-Organized

I have learned that to be successful at this job that you must be hyper-organized. Keep things in specific dedicated folders with subfolders. Constantly archive files while you work. Label *everything* so you can quickly find files. These are just a few of the key areas to be able to achieve your deadline goals. It does take a certain mindset. But if you've got it, you will be able to get the job done effectively.

Helping Out on Other Projects When Asked

When my supervisor is working on other projects and have technical issues that need some extra help to resolve, she has come to me for assistance. I will usually be able to address and answer the issue at hand, such as with video encoding issues, GIF creation, and correcting a shot in a recently completed TX Science video.

Understanding the Multiple Business Facets of Education Publishing

Throughout working on New Literacy, I've learned more about the importance of our business model. Being business-minded was an area I've never primarily focused on throughout my professional life. Working at McGraw Hill has allowed me to be focused on a focused group of objectives and things to watch out for to have a successful product that will pass outside expert reviews. Yet through working in Print, I've been exposed to far more areas of detailed organization and user-friendliness. One area with dealing with accessibility, we need to be sensitive with how dark our imagery can be based on the paper type we are using for the Student Consumable Reader. I've also gained more experience with checking over our imagery to make sure that it is conservative, suitable, and unobjectionable.

Amy Loeffler/ Supervisor Response: It is essential in our role as a McGraw Hill employee to build cross-functional relationships and trust while working as a collaborative team for a successful project and product! You clearly get this and demonstrate it each day on new Lit!! On TX Science you only had the opportunity to build this strength skill with a small team but now on New Literacy you get to fully exercise this strength and see the importance of it on a much larger project with in-house cross functional team, vendors and illustrators/ reps. Our vendors and artists are an extension of our MH team and deserve to be treated and nurtured with the same respect to build a healthy and happy working relationship to achieve a joint success on creating an incredible product that everyone involved in will be proud of and their effort to create it!

Your quick and creative problem-solving strengths are unprecedented and appreciated! You are always willing to help others and think outside of the box when issues or challenges arise.

You are aware and stay diligent to stay on budget. You keep the project budget in mind when you review photo selections to meet or come under our DAL goal percentage!

Along with time management and prompt communication, being uber organized is another essential skill set and strength needed as a Product Designer and you clearly are skilled in these essential strengths!

What about your work did you not enjoy?

Not Having Control Over When Artists Get Their Work Turned In

Something that has caused me a lot of stress is not having absolute control with artists turning in their work when they say they will. I don't have a problem with artists if they say they need an extra day or two to get work turned in because at least they've communicated to me to when the work will come in. Again, keeping in communication with me is key so I can keep track of things and notify the team. Yet what bothered me in the past is when an artist says they will have their work turned in by a late date... and then not get it turned in. I'll write back asking where the work is... and get no reply and no communication. Then I have to escalate with getting my New Literacy supervisor Jessica Donofrio involved with cc-ing her in an official email to the artist's art rep to ask for an update on when the art will come in. Then the art rep will email back that the artist has given a new date when they'll get the work in. And then that date will also pass and then I have to escalate again. Eventually, the decision had to be made that we have to simply not use that particular artist again across the grades because they're perpetually late. We live and learn and make a note about this on our shared Lucid Chart for choosing artists. Yet still, it messes up our schedules and causes a lot of headache with trying to juggle where art is coming in while working with multiple batches at the same time. It just gets very confusing and disjointed.

Amy Loeffler/ Supervisor Response: The unpredictability of art buying is certainly stressful, challenging and not for the faint of heart! Since we have no control of artists' ability to meet deadlines or their work ethics, you have to just roll with the uncertainties and tackle each hurdle as it arises, as you have learned and are already doing. Inevitably, some illustrations will run behind schedule and need to be separated from the batch, which is obviously not ideal, but unfortunately is not that uncommon on art buying projects. Sometimes you even have to give false deadlines/cushion to artists that you know run late but are still worth hiring for their illustration talent. Keep up the patience!

Where do you need help from me (your leader)?

Outside Expert Review Sensitivity Training and Examples

Something that's come up while working on Print is how our outside expert reviewers are considering some of the stylized illustration work to be culturally insensitive. This is something that is extremely subjective and can be rather divisive and offensive when discussing. For example, there have been cases that occurred in New Literacy where an outside expert reviewer has considered Black or Asian characters to be offensive when they are just in an artist's style. How this can be offensive to the artist is that we had a case where an Asian artist's own work of how he drew Asian character was questioned and asked to be changed. The artist was pretty offended by this request and asked for visual examples of how we would like for the slanted eyes of the characters in the artwork to look. Sharing proper wording and exact visuals would be extremely helpful to share with all PdD Media and Design members so we have exact guidelines on how to reply in these sensitive cases. (I have saved examples of this that happened to a colleague of mine that I felt would be good to share as a very specific example to discuss.)

Amy Loeffler/ Supervisor Response: How art is perceived by individuals is very subjective and it is always hard to please everyone on a team but add in cultural sensitivity and art buying becomes that much more of a difficult and challenging task. I appreciate you sharing the G2 example in our weekly 1:1 when this occurred. I've also brought the issue and need for more examples and guidelines up to Rocio for awareness. I'm sure from this New Literacy program many lessons and best practices will be learned and shared with others for future projects going forward! Though, it will be challenging to have decisive guidelines with examples as each illustration is unique but certainly have a framework of what to be aware of and be proactive about when reviewing specs and assigning to the illustrations, as well as when reviewing sketches and final color illustrations will be a tremendous help and improvement from what you had to reference on New Lit or lack there of. Plus, as you mention having examples of well written responses to just sensitive issues will be invaluable!

What else do you think is important for me (your leader) to know?

Coverage Concerns

The only area that somewhat concerns me is that if you take time off, it is difficult for others to truly and fully cover for you since they'd need to have access to your email address for specific topics from art agencies and deadline correspondences coming in. Yes, we supply an out of office email contact person for immediate inquiries. Yet you still need to check your emails to make sure things are moving and we don't fall behind schedule. The best one can do is simply work ahead of schedule.

Amy Loeffler/ Supervisor Response: Since you are so dedicated and thorough I know it is hard for you to take time off but you really must! Even if it means getting a few days behind you need to take the time to get a break away from work and spend time with friends and family! As Simon said in the Town Hall - MH does take work-life balance seriously and encourages everyone to take off the time they need and find that healthy balance. A happy employee is what we strive for!

Trump is already looking past this trial. If convicted he'll appeal and get back out on the campaign trail, 'win' the White House, install his lackeys in the DOJ and have all his legal woes quashed or vacated.

He will then turn his attention to becoming America's first dictator and carry out his own personal agenda (revenge tour, etc.) and IMO he will never leave office willingly.

Not ever.

He tried to stay in office Jan 6, remember?

Vote Blue this November.

The man has cheated at everything he's ever done in life. Cheated to avoid the draft, cheated to get in college, cheated in college to get a degree, cheated with fake charity and fake "university", cheated on his taxes and his property valuations, cheated on his wives, cheated to win the first election, cheats every time he plays golf. Are you starting to see a pattern?

Anyone that still thinks that Trump is an upstanding guy needs to check their own morals.

4-24-24

“How Could They Not Have Realize His Remarkable Talent?”

I went on the Lakeside Publishing print tour in Willard, Ohio with about 18 other McGraw Hill employees from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. I carpooled up with a bunch of ADs with Amber Blackwell driving. Therefore, I was able to bring my laptop along with me during the drive up and back while working off my phone's hotspot. Lakeside Publishing printed the first Harry Potter book at Lakeshore Publishing as well, which was kind of neat to learn. They also printed Madonna's "Sex" book in 1992! It was definitely eye-opening to see how the books are put together en mass. They had McGraw Hill books being churned out by the hundreds if not thousands. The only downside of the tour was that we couldn't take photos or video. My personal favorite part of the tour was seeing all the older male employees who have worked there for probably decades riding around on old bicycles with bike horns. The plant was just so large

that it proved necessary. It had its own bike culture and traffic lanes. Yet the funniest, most amusing part about the trip was all the middle-aged men in their 50s that still had haircuts from the late 1980s. That is basically how it goes with small town life. You stick with the haircut you had in high school and conservatively never change.

Once I got home at 5 p.m., I really felt spent. I wasn't used to being quite this extroverted for a whole day.

4-25-24

“The Quirks of Life”

I have the hardest time with not letting Trump get to me. However, his maniacal behavior and malignant narcissism are mind boggling to any rational person. Rather than be apoplectic, I have decided to quit looking for any rational thought from the man. Instead, I view this as evidence of his literally cracking up right before our eyes.

My sentiments, too. I abhor the man and everything he stands for. I have to NOT watch the news and, when I do, especially, turn HIM off, when he's in front of the camera, yammering over something. Even the sound of his voice drives me mad. I will never live to understand what attracts people to him except to say that they HAVE to be a Cult. WHAT other, plausible or rational, reason could there be?

Presidential indictments:

1 - 44 = 0

45 = 91

46 = 0

When you fear integrity and accountability, you are NOT the good guys

A coup is not a presidential act.

She should have asked, "what if a president orders the military to seize congress."

It's insane that the Supreme Court even took this case.

this argument is the definition of insanity.

Did SCOTUS realize that a president with absolute immunity can do away with them?

This is scary to listen to as an American if what Sauer is saying means we are not a country based on the rule of law. For one individual to be excluded makes that impossible and they can become a lawless dictator who answers to no one and throws out all the rules. Definitely not what founding fathers intended, time for the SUPREME court to squash that bug now.

Hypothetical here: What if the president called for an insurrection?

Chief Justice John Roberts and the United States Supreme Court are seemingly quite confused, unsure and will need to hear arguments and then deliberate over the question of whether the United States of America has a king or a president...

Thank God the military wasn't going to do that, but wait a minute trump said this time around he is only picking the loyalists and not the most qualified. What could go wrong?

The Supreme Court is suppose to follow the rule of law, not show anyone favoritism. He feels they owe him because they have life time appointment, but they also to an other to defend the constitution. Something Trump does not care to do.

This is perfect. Biden can cancel the election or have Trump taken out for the good of the country as long as he does it while he is president. What a great argument

Plot twist, the Supreme Court agrees with DJT. Joe Biden then declares himself president for life, sacks the congress and supreme court and orders Trump jailed for life.

Those are the powers Trump is arguing a president has.

So tRump says a military coup should be immune from prosecution---what are we, Cuba or Venezuela ? tRump better be careful of what he wishes for because there are plenty of high ranking U.S. generals that think Private Bone Spurs doesn't belong anywhere near the White House.

This is simple. If the President is immune, then Biden should order Trump executed as a threat to democracy.

It's an official act.

Officially it's an ILLEGAL act.

... it's like they are trying to pull off some mass Jedi Mind trick or something.

Just think. If Trump gets what he wants. And by some stupidity is elected President. Biden could just order a military coup to stay President. And Trump couldn't do a darn thing.

So, according to Trump, the president can be a dictator! Kill people he doesn't care for like Hitler. Steal from the treasury, ally ourselves with other dictators, etc. If the Supreme Court agrees, I'm done with this country that has so much potential.

If the Supreme Court caves on this, it will be the moment we look back on as the straw that finally broke the camels back.

So Biden, will be able to order the military out, for a coup after this June ruling, to stay in power if he loses? If their ruling is trump, would be immune, no problem it's an official act, no election needed, huh maga?

I'm not sure which is a more scathing commentary on the state of U.S. politics today--a lawyer making this argument before the Supreme Court with a straight face, or the fact that all nine justices didn't stand up and laugh him out of the courtroom.

People who can think logically know what the boundaries are between government authorized acts versus personal acts. Telling people to go out and find votes by organizing fake electors would be a personal act. With this in mind we know what authorized acts are, which should not go any further for considered ruling. If the act is personal then there is no immunity period. There is no reason for defining fine lines to determine what is lawful vs. unlawful. This should have been resolved immediately instead of drawing this case out any longer!

Listening to the SC Justices in real time was almost surreal. The right wing leaning leads like Roberts and Scalia kept inserting hypothetical scenarios that in my opinion ignored specifics of the actual court case before them... which I assume was an attempt to not come to any conclusion. A glimmer of hope though was that they admitted there is not any clear argument for granting Trump 100% immunity

BREAKING NEWS: Biden announces that future elections are canceled, the Supreme Court has been dissolved, and that Trump will be rendered to Guantanamo Bay shortly, citing his newfound Total Presidential Immunity as the legal mechanism for this.

No faith in Supreme Court ...not because they are conservative but because they "owe" Trump. Treason is treason and if his actions Jan 6 were not treasonous, than what is? If the man basically stole classified documents (he refused to return them and purposely tried to hide them) is that not treason? What was the basis of his actions? He tried to rig the election and refused to accept the results. ...and kept "rigging". Many in jail. Many who have done illegal things and were "pardoned". He already has set so many power precedents that no president has never done to the extreme.

Being pro Palestinian is not anti semantic, but claiming it is serves as a nice distraction if your own conscience is not clear. Hamas should be opposed and eliminated but cruelty to Palestinians who have suffered under Hamas is unacceptable

This reminded me a quote from Abraham Lincoln "You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time." These brave and intelligent students cannot be deceived, and that's precisely why followers of the Z cult are trembling in fear. What truly terrifies them is the rapid global spread of this movement, and the fact that numerous Jewish students and faculty members stand among the most vocal voices in these protests.

Kraft is wrong. Majority of the protestors are protesting against Govt of Israel or IDF. For their policies against civilians in Palestine, the civilian casualties they caused in Palestine (some say in excess of 34,000). They are not anti Jew. Some protestors are going overboard in calling for violence against Jews or Israel, which is wrong. Some are calling for their universities to divest their investments in Israel, which is also wrong. Universities should be making such decisions purely on commercial considerations, not based on political beliefs.

He is simply wrong. Opposition to Israel's policies is not antisemitism. The protesters are speaking truth to power and power doesn't like it.

I don't think there's Jewish hate on college campuses. I think most students hate what Israel is doing to innocent Palestinians. Just because you're a Palestinian doesn't mean you belong to Hamas.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Lawyer Says Having Political Rival Killed Could Constitute 'Official' Presidential Act."

Talk to Me: "Have you thought about what you're going to do once you're out of school?"... "Can you at least put it out of its misery?"... "It's mom's remembrance day"... "What are we playing?"... Demonic possession as viral teen prank theater!... "We went a bit over"... "That was insane!"... Demonic possession as a drug rush like cocaine!... "My daughter's vagina is prohibited!"... Teens cracking up over hilarious demonic possessions of their friends!... Having the spirit of your deceased mother speaking through the possessed son... She had his foot in her mouth while possessed!... "You were sucking my feet. You had my foot in your mouth"... "Mom, did you kill yourself?"... "Every time he comes to, he tries to kill himself"... "It's the first time in a long time that I haven't felt hopeless"... "I hope you find some peace in knowing that I am no longer in pain"... "I let you in."

"I'm gonna swing from the chandelier from the chandelier. I'm gonna live like tomorrow doesn't exist, like it doesn't exist. I'm gonna fly like a bird through the night. Feel my tears as they dry. I'm gonna swing from the chandelier, from the chandelier." –"Chandelier" by Sia.

4-26-24

"Rainbow Prism Trees"

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Athletic director used AI to frame principal with racist remarks in fake audio clip, police say."

"You are so fucked in the head that I don't think there is anything to be done for you." - Lisa to me after I made a joke about our dog's enlarged butthole.

José Villarrubia: The case of Andrea Sorrentino's use of AI generated panels in three issues of Batman (142-144) has been widely reported and well documented in multiple websites. After 14 years working in the US industry, he apparently decided that nobody would notice if he inserted AI generated images in the pages in a completely different style from his own.

Well, apparently a lot of people did. I cannot imagine what would lead a seasoned professional to make this decision, not once, but in multiple occasions.

So here is where we are right now. When artists try to sneak AI images, readers generally catch them and discuss them. And with the better (but not perfect) detection programs out the (Hive in particular), they can get "a second opinion."

Will AI evolve to the point of becoming undetectable when inserted in comics? We will see....

PS: Oh, I forgot. He also denied it and doubled down, even producing a very fake WIP video.

Send Amber stem connection video lessons.

Justice League: Crisis on Infinite Earths – Part One: “This may sound crazy, but would you like to go out to lunch?”... “You were time-tripping again”... “The worlds are ending”... Green night skies... Crime Syndicate... “Faulty interpretation”... “This is my Lasso of Submission”... Lex Luther’s head mounted on the wall... “You’re right. We’re bored”... “You’ve given us a reason to live”... Remixing storylines together... “Lex has access to extraterrestrial technology”... “Intelligence is my superpower”... “There is strength in different points of view. In teamwork”... “I can see the entire light spectrum”... “Most of you are aware that you live in a reality that runs parallel to many possible versions of your universe”... “Entire realities have been erased from existence”... “It knocked me out of my linear time experience”... “We had a good run”... Galaxy Broadcasting System... “Collision is imminent”... “Death is better-looking”... “The universe is all vanishing”... “I never really existed”... “I loved you, Kara.”

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Do you know how utterly *surreal* it is to look up one’s first real girlfriend, which for me was Phyllis Hornung (now Phyllis Peacock) on Facebook, and discover that she had a young daughter now that actually looks remarkably like her? All the old, repressed memories and dormant feelings came rushing back to me. I haven’t had any contact with her since 1998! To see photos of her with her husband... to see her parents who I remember meeting now old... and to see her older as well is such a mind-fuck. To witness her adult life through the years and how it turned out to be was absolutely insane. All the memories of her came rushing back as if I had been hijacked by a time machine. I once dreamed (futilely, of course) that we would one day be married and have a family. And here is her actual family. It is simply radical to one’s mind. It answers the question of “How would your life turn out (without me)?” And it turned out just fine. Wonderful in fact. And I’m glad and happy about that. I’ve let her go decades ago. Yet there’s still that inkling of the romantic dreamer inside me who is 20 years ago that still loves her even though she loves another. I’ll never “have” her. And that’s reality. But the dreamer in me still carries that distant flame... at least for this moment while I’m reminiscing. Moments later, I’ll snap back to my own family life and forget all about her because I’ve got my own life to live. Yet looking over her Facebook profile made me remember how many artistic things we had in common and both appreciated. She also loved nature. Yet we were together, what, 27 years ago? We’re both old and aged now! I knew her when we were both shy, introverted artists. This whole experience of seeing someone from your past now in the present is so incredibly weird, even emotionally overwhelming.

Then I get off my computer, walk around my present-day house, and see my own wife and daughter. I’ve got my own life. My love is here, not in the past. I must disconnect myself from this fresh link to the past and remember my present. I am here – not back there. Yet she was my first love. How weird is it to feel both loves at the same time.

The other shock is discovering that Phyllis really is somewhat plain and pretty. She’s not this idealized “dream girl” from my memories. I’m not so hot either middle-aged at 47 with a dad bod with a noticeable gut. Her hair was also shorter unlike the long brown hair she used to have.

It is hysterically funny how Fox describes the conditions that apply to any defendant in a criminal trial as torturous.

Watching Fox News discover in realtime how the rest of us live has been heavily cringeworthy.

Trump's team is seeking broad immunity which gives way to dictatorship and the founders definitely didn't want that for their new republic. There are so many layers to this act of treason that it is almost overwhelming. Of course, that has been Trump's style the entire time and works right alongside his gaslighting. What blows my mind is that it took almost 250 years for these fissures in our bedrock to be exploited. Executive branch immunity has no place in the United States of America. A law that places anyone above the law gives rise to lawlessness.

4-27-24

“Neuro-Divergent Artists”

I sat outside on the back porch deck this Saturday morning for hours on end for the first time in ages. I worked on my “Faces Found” book series with a warm wind blowing on me while I listened to Diana Ross & The Supremes. I haven't been able to work on my creative work in months. This outside setup was also something I haven't done since the late summer of 2022 when I awaiting if I got the job at McGraw Hill.

Then this afternoon at 3 p.m., Lisa and I attended her coworker's wedding in Grandview and then the wedding reception in Grove City. We didn't get back home until 8 p.m. It was a bit tiring since wedding reception are only fun if 1) you can drink, which I can't or I will get a painful headache 2) if you know many people there (which I only knew a few people). So, it was a bit long and tedious. Still, I played the part of supportive husband.

Star Wars - Battles Expanded – A TV show that showcases more of the battles of Hoth and Endor. We only see fractions of what happened in those battles.

4-28-24

“Not Commercial”

Hans Zimmer: Hollywood Rebel: “He's a storyteller. He tells stories through music”... “He is fascinated just by sound itself”... Hans Zimmer was a relative unknown when he got the job for “Rain Man”... “Musical poetry”... “I am fascinated by the idea of time. The ticking happens a lot in my stuff”... “There has always been ghost writers in films. But Hans opened up the door to his assistants”... “It's about playfulness”... “Getting that music through repetition to evolve into something”... “Full of design ideas and imagination”... “This endless rising”... “His desire to never be pigeonholed”... “He gets bored with his own sound”... “An alien score”... “I'm still learning something.”

Amazing Stories (2020):

"The Cellar": “This is like a time capsule”... “You're always searching”... “William will not understand your perverse taste in music”... “My very own time traveler”... “What is the future like?”... “I've never felt like that before”... “That's a derecho”... “You deserve to be free”... Derecho time travel... “I went to the future and we had a beautiful little boy!”... “He's in 1919?”... “I found my place (in the past).”

"The Heat": Attending your own funeral... “If I'm dead, why am I still here on the same broke lot?”... The loneliness of being dead and alone... Eavesdropping on everyone... There are dead teens roaming around the hood... “It's nice to be heard”... “Tuka and I had a vision”... “It's the only thing keeping me sane”... Kiss a girl and become an angel?

"Dynomon and the Volt!": “So, you're into comics?”... Your best friend is now more interested in girls more than you. He wants to go to the Halloween dance rather than hang out together with you on Halloween... “You want me to retire?”... “These are some hard deadlines I've got to meet. I can't put a man out there that can't work”... “We both know you're taking this retirement

plan"... "We're just trying to get you to think realistically about your future"... "Grandpa, you're a superhero!"... "You were laughing at me"... "I don't think you have to worry about those kids at school. They're losers. They'll grow up to be losers, too"... "She's just trying to keep her business"... A glowing red, blue, and green plant.

"Signs of Life": "I need to make a call"... "Maybe then I'll start remembering"... "I know what it's like to be alone. I know how far loneliness goes"... "*I just need you to accept it and move on*"... "*You're grown up. You don't really need a mother*"... She can pick up radio signals and frequencies... People that wake up from long-term comas gain extraordinary abilities... Aliens that inhabit long-term coma patients and reanimate their bodies...

"The Rift": "Dayton. I grew up near Dayton"... "What if he's telling the truth?"... "Sir, we've got an anomaly"... "Everything's changed"... His wife remarried and had children without him... "You came here through something called a rift"... "You died in Burma!"... "We both got nowhere to go"... "What's the point? Pauline moved on. She lived a whole life, a happy life with somebody else"... "This world has nothing for me"... "This soldier is a man out of time"... "Destiny is a son of a bitch"... "I know you forgot about me"... Fly into the prism portal in the sky.

4-29-24

"It Just Didn't Make Any Sense to Me"

This is why the courts are going to kick the can back down to the lower courts. Even though this is what the Supreme Court was designed to take care of. 2025 and a new Congress will help the justices retire or get impeached. There is a clear line between Church and state. Abortion is a religious issue and should not be part of the Judges decision. The Justices should be deciding on what is safe for society what do the professionals say - not what they believe....

Some may think that it is a done deal Trump will win election? I believe the voters know Biden is the better man for democracy. He knows government. He will win. Yes if the SC changes anything it would apply to Biden as well. I doubt the SC has the guts to do anything except let others do the work for them once they have wasted weeks or months delaying justice. That is their way of helping.

Biden should send Seal Team Six to the supreme Court just to make a point. Then maybe send them to Mara Lago.

If the Supreme Court, using their flawed logic, makes the President above the law, then Biden can simply have Trump eliminated. Not that he would do that, but Trump might be capable of something like that.

The Electric Grandmother: "We are the Electric Grandmothers"... "A machine that gives love?"... "The boys got carried away. Imagining impossible things"... "My business is in fulfilling dreams"... "If anyone of you are dissatisfied with your grandmother, she is returned to the factory at no obligation to you"... "Then you see that you have nothing to lose"... "This is ridiculous"... The grandmother is delivered in a sarcophagus!... And she can pour milk or orange juice from her finger!... "And help you to grow"... "Oh, she's afraid. And that makes her angry. It's my task to discover the source of her fear"... "I have time for your children to tell me their dreams. Of what they want to be"... "It's something I didn't do. I failed to make all of you happy. Satisfaction is guaranteed"... "It's because of you! Sent her to the scrap heap!"... "I hate you!"... "I'm not like your mommy. I can't die. See?"... "I can't be killed. I'll always be here for you"... "Grandma, I love you!"... It's a tale about grief and how a little girl felt betrayed by

her mother for saying that she would never leave her. Yet she still died... “Sometimes I feel like I feel”... “Timothy helped build a permanent base on the moon!”... “Ask me no questions, I will tell you no lies”... The three young kids are now old people now wanting to reunite with their eternal electric grandmother... Drying the washed clothes on a kite string... “I’ll be the sunlight that will help you to see.”

“Can I poop in peace, please?” -Lisa to Alyssa and I.

4-30-24

“Designed to Disturb”

Dream: I was teaching a video class for multimedia in Mrs. Bracy’s old English classroom in CCAD’s Coldwater High School. I was surprised to be teaching there again.

Even if she got the dates right, as of April 30th, 2020 over 25 million Americans filed for unemployment since mid March of that year. I don't know why republicans keep trying this argument, but 2020 wasn't exactly a fun year.

Trump’s abortion policy is, he has no policy. He is trying to play both sides as usual. Let's be honest here, Trump will say anything to get your vote, but will he deliver? History tells us no. He promised to build a wall along the southern border and failed. He promised to replace Obama care with a lower cost plan. He didn’t. He promised to provide tax cuts for middle class America. The cuts benefited mostly the rich. Trump's position on any issue including abortion, religion, health care, etc. is whatever will get him the most votes. Remember he was a democratic and turned on his party and change to Republican. He will turn on you too....There are no limits on how far or should I say how low this guy will go. How many times has he flip flopped on the abortion issue? I’ve lost count weeks ago. The only one Trump cares about is Trump. He does care about you or your rights. He just cares about your vote. Trump has shown he is toxic to his own party and detrimental to our democracy. Four more years of Trump's lies and political chaos, no thanks. Enough is enough. I am a registered Republican but, I will NOT be voting for Trump in November and you should do the same if you want to save this country.....

5-1-24

“Can You At Least Put Him Out of His Misery?”

After generating 3000 AI character designs in an hour for his film The Offering and passing them to the visual effect people, Millennium Films President Jonathan Yunger, had this to say: Yunger stressed that he doesn’t believe AI will replace people — rather, people who use AI will replace those who don’t. “And that’s why I think it’s important for places like film schools to start to learn how to use these tools and these new technologies to further storytelling. The emotion of a human being will never be replaced,” he said.

Well, that last part is a contradiction

Which one? "he doesn’t believe AI will replace people — rather, people who use AI will replace those who don’t."? or "The emotion of a human being will never be replaced,"?

Both really when you think about it, im against it completely, once that door is kicked open humans and emotions are replaced, it is artificial indeed

So you don't need artists or anyone with any aesthetic capacity. Just the tech guy who can most deftly manipulate prompts.

I really question the motivation of the ppl working under him knowing that he's actively trying to replace as many of them as possible...

Well, bye bye directors, just hire a guy who can write text to video prompts

He’s literally replacing people with his own actions

It's unfortunate that "AI" is much easier to say than "Plagiarism Software that Negatively Affects the Environment"

Yeah, let the machine do the translating human emotions into art by swiping other people. That's not the key part of creating a unique style that resonates with others and avoids art to stagnate.

The fact that a president of the studio now thinks he can design creatures because of ai is as stupid as ai art is.

Ai won't replace people but the profiteers will absolutely replace people so they can save with Ai and give themselves bigger bonuses.

This will also affect attitudes towards human artists. They'll get instant gratification with Ai and will expect humans to produce more in less time. Patience will no longer be a virtue.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbX5A1fcMkc&list=PLXhyaOtvjvQbdgOPA6YTzW56Jd0-IjNd&index=5> The Ray Bradbury Theater - Complete TV Series

The Ray Bradbury Theater: Season One:

“Marionettes, Inc.”:

“The Playground”:

“The Crowd”: He gets into a terrible car accident and a crowd of people gather around him... “Where do they all come from?”... The crowd of mysterious people that gather whenever there is a car accident... “How did they know about my accident? Where did they come from?”... “I can never make out the face”... “They’re all dead. Car accidents over the past year”... “There’s got to be some sane explanation”... His friend, who just died, is now part of the crowd.

“The Town Where No One Got Off”: “It might be a story”... “Hogwash”... “It’s nothing but boring people and boring houses”... “Meet the folks in your rural paradise”... “But no one gets off there”... He strolls through the mostly empty rural town... Somewhat rude, stand-off-ish, suspicious people... Stalk your stalker... “I said I was waiting for you”... “Nice and quiet”... “Waiting for something to happen”... “Everyone would like to do just one killing in one’s life”... “No one ever gets off (the train)”... “This lost, lonely traveler”... “You can’t be sure”... “That’s how it is.”

“The Screaming Woman”:

“Banshee”: “The spirits that roam the woods”... “I just didn’t want you to get a big head”... And then he finally sees her!... “Girls are his napkins. Women his midnight feast”... “Is that what it was? A joke?”... “It was a joke.”

The Ray Bradbury Theater: Season Two:

“The Fruit at the Bottom of the Bowl”: “I just want to scare them”... “I said I’d read it, not publish it”... “I spent almost a year on this”... “Let’s face it, Allen. You have no talent”... “All the promises – just lies”... “No talent as a writer”... “I came here to kill you”... Obsessed with cleaning every fingerprint!... “Don’t touch!”... “Time to kill”... The

fingerprints just won't go away! They keep reappearing worse than before!... "He had terminal cancer. Less than a month to live."

"Skeleton": A doctor that smokes!... "Do you wish help?... "You must learn to relax"... "The other me"... He talks to his skeleton... "Out!"... The psychotic doctor removed his skeleton! Now he is just a pile of flesh and organs!... "Healer of the extraordinary cures."

"The Emissary":

"Gotcha!": "There at that boring party where we first met"... Stan meets Ollie at a Halloween party... "It was the 4th of July every night. It was New Year's every dawn"... "All good things end, don't they?"... "It'll scare the hell out of you"... "Here's to the last night of your life"... "This is a game, right?"... "Gotcha!"... Watching time suddenly change 15 minutes into the future in one second... "I don't like this game."

"The Man Upstairs":

"The Small Assassin":

"Punishment Without Crime":

"On the Orient, North":

"The Coffin":

"Tyrannosaurus Rex":

"There Was an Old Woman":

"And So Died Riabouchinska":

The Ray Bradbury Theater: Season Three:

"The Dwarf":

"A Miracle of Rare Device":

"The Lake":

"The Wind":

"The Pedestrian":

"A Sound of Thunder": "Dinosaurs. Time machines. Put them together and you have a tale 1 billion years old"... "Time Safari: Safaris to any year in the past"... "My Tyrannosaurus Rex!"

The biggest damn carnivore in history"... "Shot everything in the world, have you?" -"I'm bored. No new horizons. That's why I came to you"... "We might destroy an important link in the species"... "We step on one mouse here, we kill a million possible mice"... "You erase an entire history of life"... "We kill animals that have no future and will never mate again"... A T-Rex wearing red lipstick?... "We don't leave anything in the past"... The future has been changed!... He stepped on a butterfly!

"The Wonderful Death of Dudley Stone":

"The Haunting of the New":

"To the Chicago Abyss":

"Hail and Farewell":

"The Veldt": A room that creates a three-dimensional landscape through technology. You basically live in the Dolby-Digital Surround Sound environment. Basically, it's an immersive 3-D movie that you can wander into! In this case it is the African safari... But did the lions just kill and eat their own children?!... You can even feel the intense heat of the safari!... "Electronic miracles"... "Those lions can't get out of there, can they?"... "Let's do something with our hands! Let's switch the whole house off and take a vacation!"... "It's too real"... "They live for that nursery!"... "Let's have Aladdin and his lamp"... "Just turn it off"... "They're dead!" -"They're not dead. They're only three-dimensional holographic images"... "Oh my God! They've broken back into the room!"... The angry children lock their parents forever in the safari room!... "Children Access Only"... And then the digital lion eats the parents alive!... "A cup of tea?"... "Door closed and locked"... Using the lion safari to do your dirty killing work for you.

"Boys! Raise Giant Mushrooms in Your Cellar!": What if you could grow giant mushrooms at your own home?... Mrs. Goodbody... "Mushrooms are a growth industry"... "Do you ever have panics? Night panics?"... "You need a vacation"... "Something awful is going to happen to all of us"... "Was there a war declared tonight?"... "And I've got this terrible feeling"... "Warn everyone!"... "It's invaders from outer space!"... "I think I'm losing my hearing"... "So why do I hear things that people aren't saying?"... "What if the world is going to hell?"... "What if we are being invaded right now?"... "The whole thing was a big misunderstanding!"

The Ray Bradbury Theater: Season Four:

"Mars Is Heaven":

"The Murderer":

"Touched with Fire":

“The Black Ferris”:

“Usher II”:

“A Touch of Petulance”:

“And the Moon be Still as Bright”:

“The Toynebee Convector”:

“Exorcism”:

“The Day it Rained Forever”:

“The Long Years”:

“Here There Be Tygers”:

The Ray Bradbury Theater: Season Five:

“The Earthmen”:

“Zero Hour”:

“The Jar”:

“Colonel Stonesteel and the Desperate Empties”:

“The Concrete Mixer”:

“The Utterly Perfect Murder”:

“Let's Play Poison”:

“The Martian”:

The Ray Bradbury Theater: Season Six:

“The Lonely One”:

“The Happiness Machine”:

“Tomorrow's Child”:

“The Anthem Sprinters”:

“By the Numbers”:

“The Long Rain”: “I’m lying to keep you happy. Shut up”... “We haven’t seen a rain shower there in 50 years”... “St. Elmo’s Fire”. A tree glowing yellow-green!... “It’s radioactive”... “Ancient travelers thought it was a sign that their saint was watching over them”... “Nobody gets out alive”... “From the long rain to the never-ending sun.”

“The Dead Man”:

“Sun and Shadow”:

“The Silent Towns”:

“Downwind from Gettysburg”:

“Some Live Like Lazarus”:

“The Handler”:

“Fee Fie Foe Fum”:

“The Great Wide World Over There”:

“The Tombstone”:

The Hunger: Season One: A kind of Twilight Zone for adults... Sex and horror...

“The Swords”:

“Menage a Trois”:

“Necros”:

“The Secret Shih-Tan”:

“Bridal Suite”:

“Room 17”:

“Anais”:

“No Radio”:

“But at My Back I Always Hear”:

“Red Light”:

“I’m Dangerous Tonight”:

“The Sloan Men”:

“A Matter of Style”:

“Hidebound”:

“Fly by Night”:

“A River of Night's Dreaming”:

“The Lighthouse”:

“The Face of Helene Bournouw”:

“Plain Brown Envelope”:
“The Other Woman”:
“Clarimonde”:
“Footsteps”:

The Hunger: Season Two:

“Sanctuary”:
“Skin Deep”:
“Dream Sentinel”:
“And She Laughed”:
“Nunc Dimittis”:
“Week Woman”:
“The Night Bloomer”:
“The Diarist”:
“Sin Seer (aka Mano)”:
“Triangle in Steel”:
“Brass”:
“Replacements”:
“I’m Very Dangerous Tonight (aka Dangerous)”:
“Wrath of God”:
“Bottle of Smoke”:
“The Perfect Couple”:
“The Sacred Fire”:
“Approaching Desdemona”:
“The Seductress”:
“Double (aka Beyond Any Measure)”:
“The Falling Man”:
“The Suction Method”:

5-2-24

“How Does It Feel to Be 2nd Place?”

Dream-Nightmare: I was living down in Fort Lauderdale again when my dad came down to visit. I had just gotten all set up for trick-or-treating with my family. Lara and Tanya’s families all came over as well to get ready for trick-or-treating at 1 p.m. when the festivities started. Then Dad showed up and wanted us all to go out and do what he wanted to do. I was furious about dad changing everyone’s plans because the kids really loved Halloween. I played along at first with dad’s charade. But eventually, he kept taking us to different little places that were not appealing at all to any of us to eat at. It was beyond ridiculous. One was a fusion of North Cuban and East Italian food, which didn’t even make sense. Eventually, I had to tell him off and *scream* at him in front of everyone. It was hugely publicly embarrassing. Even some of the Twehues kids were there to witness this family breakdown. And I was literally having a mental breakdown in front of everyone just to save my own sanity, ironically. I was so overly sensitive to the fact that all the kids were missing out on trick-or-treating because dad just wanted to do what he wanted to do. It was like when we were growing up and our vacations were unfulfilling experiences with him only wanting to go to visit churches. I yelled at dad about how he was ruining our fun. I even brought up my mother-in-law Julia loving to dress up for trick-or-treat and Halloween! Dad just grew silent, shocked, and outraged at the same time. His own mind snapped and changed

personalities. He wanted to get on a plane and leave. But we were still driving around looking for a place to eat. And all the places we tried along Oakland Park Blvd. were wildly overly expensive and weren't quite as good as we were hoping for. Eventually, I got a really upset stomach and fell down on the floor in front of everyone. Or maybe I was just getting half-catatonic from all the family drama and stress. (Writing this down was a dream/ memory exorcism. It left me emotionally rattled and unable to quickly go back to sleep.)

Good afternoon, artists!

We have officially entered the month of May which means Digital Graffiti is just around the corner! We are excited for you all to participate in the festival this year either in person or watching via social media at home. Our marketing team has pulled together some branded content for you to use if you'd like to announce your participation in the festival this year. We would love for you to tag @dgalysbeach so that we can share the social love on our platform, as well!

[Digital Graffiti Artist Social Assets](#)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. For those attending in person, your housing information and schedule of events will be arriving in your inbox in just a couple weeks.

Let's get digital!

Zoe

Hello Marcos, This is Eric Homan from 3186 Kellingsworth Way. You assembled our backyard fence for my wife and I. I'm wondering if you and Esteban have any availability during the summer for installing a 15' x 8' shed in our backyard? We've already picked out a shed that we'd like: <https://www.bjs.com/product/lifetime-15-x-8-outdoor-storage-shed/300000000004225253>

We already have an 8' x 8' shed in our backyard. We'd like the new shed to be placed to the immediate left of it. Also, we'd like the foundation to be concrete under both shed. Currently, the older shed just had stone for its foundation. See the photo for a previsualization of where the shed would be placed. We would deliver the new shed to the backyard. So basically, we would need you and Esteban to assemble the shed and create the foundation for both sheds. Also, the old shed will probably have to be moved to the right by two feet so there is a little bit of space between the two sheds. Look forward to hearing from you. -Eric Homan

Gee so Trump agrees with the result of the 2020 election? 60 judges say it was fair and the result was correct. So if not don't think for a moment Trump will accept the results of 2024.

After January 6th, became the political realization for the Republican party, that the MAGA movement was clearly in Trump's corner no matter what. Liz Cheney was the tipping point. She was even removed from her leadership role, ostracized, and primaried to show what happens when you don't show subservience to the Chosen One. That keeps most people in line because they don't want MAGA's to turn on them when they get Trump's wrath and lose their position of power. Once you obtain power - your greatest fear is losing that power.

But, Trump and MAGA are in desperation mode, after Trump's four indictments in five months, and even new Conspiracy charges against Rudy, Eastman and Meadows for the fake electors scheme in Arizona. This encapsulates Trump:

A drowning rat will grab onto anything they can to stay above water, and the closer the rat gets to actually drowning, the more desperate they get to find something to grab - that's why Trump's behavior is even more egregious.

Trump hurt himself, like usual, told everyone Not to mail in vote, despite he and his staff doing so. In a pandemic All us old people who were especially susceptible voted by mail. The Inperson votes were counted first, then the mail ins were counted, giving Biden a later push. Poll watchers from each party watched All of the counting to make sure everything matched. In 3 1/2

years neither trump or his minions have offered any proof of fraud despite saying so many times. Throw enough pasta sauce at the wall and hope it sticks?

Biden won by over 7,000,000 votes, won a landslide in the electoral college (as trump described the exact margin four years before), the electoral votes were certified by all fifty governors (a majority of them Republican), 60 something court cases, including the US Supreme Court sided with the results and every recount (such as Arizona) gave a greater majority of votes to Biden. What are those people thinking?

This election is really a no brainer. If people look objectively at the chaos and lack of achievement of the trump administration, and what he's promising to do if elected, it's really a no brainer. He passed a tax cut we did not need. It went straight to the deficit and did not pass immigration reform although he controlled Congress for 2 years. His immigration "achievements" were through executive orders which were challenged in court. The best attempt at immigration reform proposed by a bi-partisan team in Congress, he ordered his minions in the House to kill it.

Authoritarianism at it's finest. If Trump wins, we can pretty much guarantee he will be an authoritarian, most rights will be taken away, the GOP has already started on that by taking away abortion and lgbtq rights. It will be a sad day for the USA. It will no longer be know as the Land of the Free.

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Seraphim Falls: “Let him bleed”... “Who is this guy?!”... “You look awfully familiar, mister”... “They say he killed over a hundred men on that day alone”... “He sees your sin!”... Sleeping under a blue moon... “The war won’t ever be over”... “It’ll cure what ails you”... “Offering a cure for an ailing world”... “*Forgive me.*”

5-3-24

“I Have a Crush on Her... Yet She’s a Lesbian”

While Fox endlessly covers Trump's rallies they are barely covering the prosecution and criminal trial of the former president. They are however going to great lengths to cover the college campus protests. Fox continues to only cover the information that they believe their audience wants to hear, never mind that for the first time in history a former president is being criminally prosecuted. Defending Trump is the game that benefits their bottom line.

“Another night in this strange town. Moonlight holding me light as down. Voice of confusion inside of me. No begging to go back where I'm free.” -“Dog & Butterfly” by Heart.

“Another night in a strange town. Moonlight boys and the light is down. Voice of confusion and sodomy. Just begging to go back where I'm free.” -My misinterpreted lyrics to “Dog & Butterfly” by Heart.

Hi, all!

We are so excited for Digital Graffiti, and to see you soon! You all will be staying at “Emerald Escape” which has an address of 80 East Milestone Drive, Unit B, Rosemary Beach, FL 32461. The house is available to check in on Thursday, May 16th and check out is on Sunday, May 19th. Check in is at 4:00pm and check out is at 10:00am. I have included a PDF that contains important information regarding this property including the door code, which is 950283. The

door code will not work prior to check in. As a reminder no smoking inside, and no pets allowed. Please be courteous in that if you are coming by yourself, to take a room with a smaller bed and let the people coming with a guest have a larger bed. There will be a welcome bag for each of you inside, that will have an envelope with your wristbands for the weekend in it. It is very important to put your wristband on and wear it all weekend, as we will not be reissuing any wristbands at the events. Please let me know if you have any questions for me. My cell is 919-612-4450 if needed. Excited to see you all!

Eric Homan (1 room)

Michael Betancourt (1 room)

See you soon!

Elise

<https://www.michaelbetancourt.com/index.html>

Jerry Lee Lewis: Trouble in Mind: “I’m Country. I was born Country. But I was raised on Rock n Roll”... It’s like Jerry Lee Lewis was playing with electricity running through him! It’s incredible to behold... “No regrets on my part, baby”... “I had to change something. I couldn’t get no airplay”... “Jerry got all the girls”... Jerry Lee Lewis was cousins with Jimmy Swaggart!... “I needed to do something because I had a lot of competition. So I just kicked my piano stool back”... “When I do a show for my fans, I work”... “They were going to get a show”... “I shaped myself through that”... “I learned a lot from the Pentecostal Church”... “How can the devil save souls?”... “I used to drink a fifth of tequila to sober up on”... “The demons that live in Jerry are in his mind”... “He feels like he was given his talent to be a preacher”... “Men have been known to turn to drugs and alcohol to feed these demons and keep them quiet”... “Memphis court appearance for divorce from sixth wife”... “He doesn’t play rock and roll. He is rock and roll”... “He was married seven times, the first time at 16, the last time at 76. His third marriage was at the age of 22, to his 13-year-old cousin, Myra”... “He survived all his musical peers.”

\$3,600 – Concrete, labor, materials, gravel, 2 x 4s – bars 25” x 9”

My wife and I are good with the estimate for \$3,600 the labor and materials for new shed build, laying the concrete foundation, and moving the older small shed. We will have the new shed delivered behind our house by Sunday at noon. Just let me know of when you’ll be able to work based on the weather next week. I will be working from home all next week. Thank you! - Eric Homan

5-4-24

“And Then... Nothing Happens”

Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One: “We are, at this moment, the state of the art in war”... “It just vanished”... “I don’t understand”... “What are we dealing with?” –“This entity has multiple personalities”... “Nothing can be trusted as fact”... “The entity has become sentient”... “We’re powerless to stop it”... “Harvesting our deepest personal secrets for years”... “An enemy that is everywhere and nowhere”... “Not to kill this thing, but to weaponize it”... “A new uncontestable form of global dominance”... “The I.M.F. The Impossible Mission Force”... “No one should be entrusted with control of the Entity”... “The augmented reality in these glasses”... “She’s a thief”... “It’s a psycho-metric test. The more you answer, the more it will know about you”... “A man, middle-aged, waiting his whole life to be noticed by a woman like you”... “Who is that person?”... “The White Widow”... “He’s being erased in real time”... “He’s a dark messiah”... “You’re playing four-dimensional chess with an algorithm”... Blue video pattern backgrounds... “It’s important for you to understand that you’re not unique”...

“Truth is vanishing”... **The Entity: sentient video art!!!!**... “It’s afraid!”... “Our coms have been breached! That is not me that you’re talking to”... “But you are done”... Wearing the face of another... “I trust him to recognize your value”... “Just jump!”... Sexy Vanessa Kirby.

Justin, Nikki, and Calix came over to our house at 4 p.m. this Saturday for a 2 ½ hour visit. I gave Calix a large group of Star Wars ships that I had extras of.

We had special May the Fourth Be with You visitors at our house yesterday: Justin, Nikki, and Calix in Star Wars garb. So happy to share a love of Star Wars with you all!

5-5-24

trump followers would be better served saving their energy, time, and money on the 2028 presidential election. Perhaps they can find a more palatable candidate that the GENERAL ELECTORATE can support. trump is a one and done because of his past and he can't keep his mouth shut.

Dave Chapelle said it best - comedy's biggest enemy is the Snowflake Generation that gets offended at every random thing. Imagine how comedians like Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor and George Carlin would be treated today. Laugh people!

5-6-24

Putin is already waging an illegal and brutal war against Ukraine. He is attacking innocent civilians and destroying cities in his attempt to steal a country that does not belong to him. He will use any tactics available to him to dissuade other countries involvement. The problem is that if we let him, he will become even bolder and want even more! We cannot let him continue to take what does not belong to him. That path WILL eventually put us at war with putin!

I remember a few years ago when a lot of people said Russia will destroy Ukraine in days or weeks. It’s been 2 years and the young Ukraine military have not given up yet. Ukraine has a very small and young military but size doesn't always matter, it's the determination to live and protect your family and country, good work Ukraine and God bless your country.

Trump always lies and says what he thinks will get him more votes. He therefore thinks Noen is crazy for being honest and saying she killed her dog. Unlike a normal person he isn't upset that she actually killed the dog - just that she doesn't know what things to keep from the public.

The abortion issue is why republicans will have massive losses in November. Trump did that.

Donald about 70% of the voting republic totally disagree with you. Abortion restrictions are going to sink the GOP ship again, remember the Red Wave? Additionally, you have blasted the handling of the pro-Palestinian protests but just as a reminder you did a nothing burger response to the BLM protests. You were reduced to a side-line spectator. What we need is a leader not a bully. What we need is someone who sees a bright future and not a past filled with lies. Donald you simply are not the guy.

5-7-24

One more person who thinks "inflation has been tough but wasn't before Covid, so vote for the guy who was president before Covid." Amazing how many people think this is how real life works. As for the vax. give me a break. People were asked to make the tiniest of sacrifices and a bunch of them are still having a tantrum. Can you imagine these people actually being asked to do something more substantial like rationing during wartime?

Who do you trust, the person under oath or the one who lies nonstop?

In this bizarro world we now live in, a prez can build his base by attacking and making fun of his adversaries. Incarceration for DT will not take away any maga cultists. However, you and I would already be behind bars if we did any of his shenanigans.\

“We could very well have a sitting president under felony indictment and ultimately a criminal trial. It would grind government to a halt.”

Donald Trump said that in 2016 as a reason to not vote for Hillary Clinton. Now we have Trump with not one but four felony indictments, at least three of which will still be active after the election, but Trump has changed his tune about what would happen. While Cannon is helping delay the trial, the man is desperate to become President to just make these cases go away. We shouldn't give them the satisfaction. These are not the actions of innocent people.

If he wins the presidency all of this will go away. DJT will pardon himself which in and of itself is an admission of guilt. If he was not guilty he wouldn't need a pardon.

Cannon's ruling today coupled with the supreme court deliberately slow rolling a decision on Donald's absolute immunity claims, it becomes apparent that we the people must turn out by the legions in November. These actions by these Trump appointed justices is very much akin to judicial "brinkmanship" a calculated but willful interference with the "rule of law" This mindset suggests complete indifference to any trial date in spite of the collected evidence that screams a crime has been committed.

Shameless Judge Cannon May Have Killed Trump's Classified Docs Case _____ Lots of boxes loaded with government documents were loaded onto a jet and brought to Bedminster, N.J. If it's illegal to possess these materials in Florida, it is also illegal to do so in New Jersey. The case can be re-introduced in the Garden State.

5-9-24

The Republican Party is a cesspool of stupidity. Trump populism, devoid of ideas, guiding philosophy or substance. Full of inane slogans and contrived culture war nonsense. They found a new road under Trump - Lowest Common Denominator Blvd.

No president in history has engaged in a more un-American act but these frauds are intent on portraying him as some great patriot.

The creepy Handmaid's Tale lady is back at it again with the fascist takes.

What DJT is teaching children is how to bully, that abuse & cheating is okay, & that one never takes responsibility for their actions. Britt is again displaying her desire to return to a time when women and children had far fewer rights. He's never been an acceptable role model.

I can't think of a better role model for Republican children than Donald J. Trump. He will no doubt teach them that cheating on multiple wives makes the family experience more complete and fulfilling.

She helped make the bipartisan Border bill, then voted against it. That says a lot about her.

She has such a weird way of over-enunciating words with such overly happy undertones.

Almost like a kindergarten teacher reading a book to kids.

5-12-24

It's pitiful how Vance, like so many others, have backtracked on their original (and honest) opinions of Trump when they realize opposing Trump would cost them politically. Political courage seems to be a pretty rare commodity in the Republican Party nowadays.

Only 13 Presidents failed to get re-elected. Only 5 Presidents failed to win the popular vote. Only 4 Presidents have been impeached or resigned. Only 1 President has ever been criminally

indicted. And only ONE President has done ALL FOUR. -DJT didn't lower your taxes (He deferred them) -He didn't get you that healthcare coverage -He did not unite the USA, he divided it -He didn't lower your prescription prices -He didn't get your roads or bridges built -He didn't decrease the deficit -He didn't end the opioid crisis -He made over 250 visits to his golf clubs costing us taxpayers \$150 million -He didn't revive the coal industry -He didn't make covid-19 'disappear' -He didn't make Mexico pay for the wall -He is ranked the worst President in history - He added \$2 Billion a month in tariff costs to the American consumer -He has a net-negative jobs creations for his administration -He decreased corporate taxes, passing the tax burden to the workers -He added \$ 7.8 Trillion to the deficit - a full 25% of the total -He incited an insurrection against our government -He is the only president to never achieve 50% approval. -He didn't put "America first" and he sure didn't "Drain the Swamp..." -He left office with the worst job numbers of any President since the Great Depression with a net job loss over his term The presidency is very much about character.

5-13-24

I don't understand how with all the information out there about Trump the polls have him winning. The sad thing is that if Biden wins in November all we will hear is, but the polls and this will cause issues. Most people do not answer their phones any more for polls.

There is still over 5 months until election day, and we still have to see how a possible felony conviction will effect Trumps polling numbers?

Trump lost by historic margins last time. Since then he has helped eliminate a woman's right to control her own body. Fomented an insurrection on Jan 6th that Americans watched live.

Degenerated into a babbling fascist that oftentimes makes zero sense. Been indicted 90-some times with felonies that expose not only his moral corruption but also his ethical failures.

More and more GOP figures are finally turning against Trump because they realize supporting him only results in killing your own career.

Have you noticed the states that are most excited about forced birth are also at the bottom of every quality of life category in the country, including maternal and infant health?

It's insane watching conservative politics openly trying to drag us backwards and there being so many people willing to go along with it. Any women supporting conservative politics at this point must actually want their rights taken away from them, and if you think they'll stop at abortion, you aren't paying attention. Go and Google "repeal the 19th amendment."

Losers have to continue to lie to their voters to maintain the cult.

I don't understand why anyone wants Trump to be in office. Hate and anger toward others is not a positive direction for the country. He has serious charges to face, I'll wait for the results before ever voting for him.

Lordy... Roger Stone certainly knows and understands Trump supporters. They'll believe anything.

Respect is earned, he has shown no respect for the constitution, no respect for fellow politicians, no respect to compromise with the other party... in my mind be respectful of one another, Don't be like Trump.

That party is dead. The new Christian Right GOP care only for power, the power to force citizens to do things they do not want to do and do not agree with doing. Yes, many still hide behind the family Values brand, but their actions reveal something totally opposite.

5-14-24

Of course, he had no concern about his family but rather for his campaign. He was and is only concerned about his own gratification. His greatest pleasure is that he can do the most despicable things and his followers will still cheer him on. What ever happened to holding our political leaders to some level of morality and decency?

This is the poster boy for the Republican nomination - the party of family values and law and order? The Chosen One of the Christian right, who are Trump's most loyal supporters? Really? That's an oxymoron.

Being with a porn star, and then concealing the affair to influence the election doesn't matter.

Trump on audio tape bragging about assaulting women doesn't matter.

Trump being found civilly liable for assault doesn't matter.

Not even four indictments in five months matter.

His popularity actually increased after those indictments. Imagine what Republicans would say if the Democratic nominee was facing four indictments?

Nixon resigned in disgrace for Watergate - and Trump makes Nixon look like a choir boy - and yet Trump coasted to the nomination anyway? It's like living in the twilight zone in this Country.

I never thought a former President and political party would be able to successfully turn an attempt to subvert our Constitutional Republic and remain in power into a political rallying cry. I was completely wrong.

It 'is' indeed the twilight zone, perhaps Mr. Serling is looking down and changing the intro to this story.

You're traveling through another dimension -- a dimension not only of sight and sound but of mind. A journey into a wondrous land whose boundaries are that of imagination.

That's a signpost up ahead: your next stop: Rikers Island!

Just Locker room talk? Well I have been many locker rooms and have never heard men disrespecting women like that.

But I will say I haven't been in a locker room that's used by politicians and big corporate executives. Maybe that's how politicians see women

I am old enough to remember Republicans calling themselves The Party of Christian Family Values.

My Father was a devout Christian, Deacon in his Church. A man who walked the walk Mike Johnson and these others merely talk about.

I can't imagine my father ever debasing himself in this manner to support such a depraved man as Donald Trump.

But I can very much imagine what he'd have to say to these Faux Christians standing out there making a mockery of his values.

It's interesting how when Trump leads in the polling it's all about how he's going to win. When Biden leads, it's 'let's Not cherry pick the polls'

Only thing that is certain this year is that our democracy will not survive a Trump presidency - period. The Republicans are trying to steal that argument by saying Biden wants to destroy democracy. I'm not even close to being a Biden supporter but I know he will walk away from that office in four years. Trump, I don't, easy vote for me, though it will make me sick to my stomach. But I'm standing up to a tyrant

Americans should be very worried about the direction this country is headed. Our way of governing, revered across the world in the past, is in jeopardy and in grave danger of collapsing if we stay on this path. Elected officials have crossed lines that keep the checks and balances of our government in place and sowed doubt in our election system. People have been filmed

saying they would support a dictatorship under Trump. As Americans, we need to wake up before we find ourselves ruled by a dictator and our way of life is gone.

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to a guy who should be in prison for attempting to overturn our government. That's right up there with trump selling Bibles. Most days I feel like I'm on a different planet.

They have a medal now for cheating on your spouse? Funny, I thought those of us who stood by our vows deserved one. Republicans now claim our justice system is corrupt but stepping outside your marriage is encouraged? Some value system they have.

Absolutely disgraceful to even bring up the proposal.

Do note it's another attempt to distract from what's looking more and more like a guilty verdict in New York.

He's losing voters over it. Maybe 3 - 5% - more than enough to decide the election.

Jesus fed the needy, washed the feet of the poor and preached acceptance, understanding and forgiveness.

MAGA is the antithesis of anything Christian... they are actually anti-Christian & anti-Freedom cultists. We weep for our country

I really hope Americans are taking trump serious. He's as horrible as you can imagine. VOTE BIDEN/HARRIS in November.

5-15-24

This is the perfect example of what Trump brings out in his followers. And that has me so bloody mystified as to why he could possibly be leading in any poll except the extreme southern red states. The man incites violence wherever he goes and whatever he says. How could this possibly be better for the country than another 4 years of Biden?

The Republicans have been degrading education in this country for quite some time.....this is a consequence....

5-17-24

Why would I believe polls when they have been proven to be wrong for the past decade or more? When they use methods that are outdated in the 21st Century? When most Americans have never been asked a question by a poll in their lives?

The only poll that counts is the actual election, nothing else means anything except work for pundits and talking heads.

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I don't believe this when Democrats have repeatedly outperformed the polls by an average of 10% since 2021. Remember, these polls are only getting data from people who pick up strange phone numbers on landlines, and that's a very specific type of person.

Inflation is GLOBAL and Biden has been the most successful leader in the developed world at handling it. I live in Europe and the US and US inflation is much lower than in Europe!

The booming stock market which is double Trump's stock market figure benefits more than 60% of the population, NOT just the 1%.

Comrade, Biden has done more for the entire country than trump ever would have! We are NOT at war. Corporate greed is the reason we pay more at the store. 75% profit increases!
Boebert says Trump isn't sleeping, he's praying but if he is sleeping, he looks pretty while he sleeps.

5-19-24

Biden could rescue a family of 50 from a house fire, and the GOP would find a way to make that wrong.

Exactly what would it take for a Trump followers to stop supporting Trump? He physically mocked a handicapped guy and made fun of the service of a Vietnam veteran for being captured, And that was before he was elected in 2016.

Stefanik: a woman who lost her soul in pursuit of power.

Actually, we have no idea what the House GOP stands for except being angry and divisive, but more than anything not doing anything that benefits the American people.

It's democrats fault for "leaking" Access Hollywood tape?

That's hilarious... the problem isn't what trump said, it's that it was leaked.

Stefanik is every bit the snake as trump is--she'd happily sell her grandparents into servitude if it meant career advancement for her. She is ambitious with a capital A. There's a photo from January 6 of her cowering in the House chambers as the insurrectionists were stampeding their way through the Capitol--the same insurrectionists she now calls "patriots" and "political prisoners." I don't think trump will select her for his VP. She's not his telegenic physical "type", and we all know that beyond looks, women have no worth for trump.

None of these republicans can be civil. They have to get mad when they don't get softball questions. Don't go on the show because Tucker was the only one that really gave you the easy questions.

In Israel, Netanyahu own Defense Ministry is questioning his leadership and lack of planning. Biden did exactly what a strong leader and ally does he gave them hard advice. You do not win an insurgence war by brutalizing civilians we learned that in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Has the world gone mad? Some are defending a man who failed in a coup to overthrow our government and people are still defending him. He also had to pay \$2 million for stealing funds from his Children's charity he and his family operated. He also is running on the presidential ticket that he in fact tried to overthrow. Last one out, please shut the light.

5-20-24

While age can be a factor, I would prefer to judge on a candidates ability to speak coherently and provide what their policies will do to help Americans. If the policies are geared toward helping the rich and powerful and corporation, that will not help the largest number of Americans.

Lawyers can be disbarred due to statements like this that have absolutely no evidence.

Representatives should lose their seat. That would put an end to a lot of this.

I think Biden should threaten to bring charges against Trump or anyone who makes unsubstantiated assertions about Biden being on drugs during his State of the Union address. Trump started this rumor so Biden should start with him. The Republicans are reaching for the lowest common denominator in their desperate attempt to win the Presidential election at whatever cost.

It's been like 30 years of "they're going to take your guns". If anything it's pretty demonstrably the opposite in that it's gotten dangerously easier to obtain weapons. Personally I like guns and

think they're cool and should be legal to have them, but there's definitely plenty of people who shouldn't have access to them. If I can't legally obtain a RPG, it should be more difficult than it is to get a military style rifle. Maybe we've been going about it all wrong. I guess it's probably perfectly legal to own a RPG launcher, but the ammo itself is illegal or at least extremely difficult to buy/own. Maybe we should just make it harder to purchase ammo... 2nd amendment doesn't say anything about the right to bear ammo...

I absolutely agree.

And let's not forget it was trump who literally said, "Take the guns first and go through due process later. I like taking guns early."

Can you imagine how they would have violently reacted if President Obama or President Biden said anything close to that?

Funny how the poorly educated maga conveniently forget that and yet accuse the left of all sorts of conspiracy fantasies they make up.

The work of a narcissist: Do something embarrassing. Blame someone else. Repeat that lie continuously until the person you are trying to control believes YOUR 'narrative. Not reality.

Trump bragged about trying to appoint one of his friends to the federal bench.

Trump's administration ran on nepotism. So would a second term.

It's hard to predict what Trump will do on any given issue, since his decisions are not based upon reasonably accepted political criteria but on what is in his own personal best interests. "What is best for me?" is always at the top of his priority list.

5-22-24

Byron Donalds is a disgrace. How any black man could support Donald Trump when it's no secret that Trump is a racist disgusts me. Byron Donalds is not a man. He's a boot licker who has no self respect. I don't know how he can sleep at night knowing that he's selling out all people of color by standing with Donald Trump.

The whole world is laughing at former president Chump and his band of bootlickers

5-23-24

The GOP's election denying and not committing to accepting future election results is proving to me that the acquisition of power far outweighs the will of the people to them. If they win in November it will be the beginning of the end of democracy as we know it and the American Experiment.

We have already crossed the "beginning of the end of the American experiment". The GOP no longer believes in American Democracy and is pushing for Authoritarianism. Stop expecting the Cult to have some epiphany and come to their senses.

For almost 4 years now, not one single republican has ever answered the question of how one line on the 2020 ballot - the vote for president - was "fraudulent", but all the other down-ballot lines - of which republicans won A LOT, were all legitimate.

Either the ENTIRE ballot is fraudulent, or it's not.

Not one single republican who won in 2020 said their victory was because of all the "fraud" in the election.

5-24-24

This is what happens when judges are selected based only on political leanings. Conservatives continue to put a lot of poorly qualified judges on the federal bench. Judicial experience and

intellectual horsepower should far outweigh any ideological leanings. Judge Cannon may be corrupt but I suspect she has no idea what's she's doing or she is afraid of some potential threats. But reality is no match for the notoriously anti-factual Trump and his supporters, who have been obsessed with lying about his crowd size since the 2017 inauguration—and have become the living embodiment of the Nazi-era propaganda tactic of “Repeat a lie often enough, and it becomes the truth.”

The MAGAs don't do critical thinking they mimic what he says. They don't believe in logic or facts and when presented they deny and say it's fake. Aerial footage shows it was nowhere near 25000. Guarantee most of the people who attended don't live in the Bronx. They are all lost. They agree that most of the things he says are not appropriate. Yet maybe they will vote for him because he will create a better economy. And just how will he do that? It's one thing to point out that something is wrong but it's another thing to provide a solution. And he hasn't offered any solutions other than bluster and repeated sentences.

5-30-24

News of the Surreal (for Real): “TRUMP GUILTY ON ALL 34 FELONY CHARGES.”

Guilty because he's guilty. Pretty simple.

The whole world thanks those 12 men and women of New York for rendering a verdict and finding a life long criminal guilty.

He will never stop blaming everyone else! VOTE BLUE!!!

Guilty on ALL 34!!!

Al Capone was convicted of 5 counts. Trump guilty of 34 counts. Think about that.

He shouldn't have ventured into American politics considering his business values. He simply brought a spotlight on his criminality by venturing into politics, and he made it worse by his verbose and arrogant rhetoric.

Jury did what the Supreme Court failed to do

I like Presidents that are not convicted felons!

Today is now a National HOLIDAY!

Do you mean all the years Trump and his supporters “lock her up” chants towards Hillary back fired?

The Jury made America Great Again

America shows that no one is above the Law...USA..USA..USA...USA

To pardon a wealthy criminal who has committed crimes, constantly lies & acts selfishly would be a crime.

My Ohio neighbors are wailing and crying maga tears

5-31-24

I'm an independent voter and I will never feel sorry for Trump

MAGA from 2016 to 2022: LOCK HER UP! LOCK HER UP!

MAGA from 2023 onward: It's wrong to prosecute political opponents!!

On the upside, this conviction is one step closer to making America great again, again.

Hope that sex was worth it because it's starting to look like the most expensive 5 minutes in history

The lying!! That's what bothers me. The hypocrisy.

6-1-24

Trump in 2016: "She shouldn't be allowed to run...if she wins, it would create an unprecedented constitutional crisis. In that situation, we could very well have a sitting president under felony indictment and ultimately, a criminal trial. It would grind government to a halt."

72 people down voted a quote of his own words. That's how insane our country is.

Which shows what a hypocrite he is...nothing ever applies to him, a true narcissist.

Trump had a legal team that likely cost \$50,000 per hour. Trump had the opportunity to take the stand and tell the jury in his own words what had occurred. There was a reason his \$50,000 per hour legal team failed and Trump did not take the stand ... he is guilty.

Some Republicans are going into a feverish rebellion.

Trump went through a normal court process and lost. It was actually less than normal because most people would not have given the leeway that Trump got. He had advantages... top attorneys, politicians saying sweet nothings about him, leeway, status. And he lost fairly.

6-2-24

I'll go back to Donald Trump in 2016, when he stated that a candidate under federal investigation "has no right to be running" and that it would be "virtually impossible" for a president under indictment to govern. So, as is his habit, Trump says one thing and does another.

6-3-24

Damage Biden has done? Does she mean the soaring stock market? The healthiest job market in 50 years? How about an inflation rate that is half what it was during Trump's last few months in office. How about fulfilling his promise on infrastructure? Or making policy to slow down climate change? Does she realize that not only are we investing in renewable energy, but we are also the largest oil-producing country in the world. And our trade deficit with China is approximately half what it was under Trump. In four years, Trump did one thing - ballooned our deficit by giving a huge tax break to the wealthy and well-connected corporations. He is personally responsible for a million COVID deaths, and enriching himself, personally, by violating the Emoluments Clause in the Constitution. But sure, the Biden Administration is a problem. Give us a break and say something honest and truthful for a change.

6-9-24

He entered office with a total National Debt of \$19.3 trillion, built up by the previous 44 Presidents. He left office with \$27.7 trillion in debt, a 40% increase. That is \$8,400,000,000,000, or \$25,000 for every man, woman and child in the US. THAT is where inflation came from, and Biden had to address it, along with the Fed.

6-10-24

I remember the market crashing under Trump. I also remember the Fed lowering interest rates to near zero and printing trillions of dollars to keep the market afloat, which created the "everything bubble" and led to massive inflation.

The two wars that are going on now were not started by Biden or the US. Trump would be dealing with the same wars if he were president now. Trump's handling of the pandemic is all you need to know about how he would deal with an unexpected global situation. Train wreck. It's pointless to convince MAGA people about the reality of Trump. MAGA is a full-blown Cult. Cults start with a charismatic leader who has ideals that appeal to idealistic people. The leader creates a common enemy that he alone has the ability to vanquish. People are captivated by

catchphrases and memes and undergo Thought Reform. Once emotionally invested, they will believe anything the leader says, and a divide is created between Us and Them. They will do anything the leader tells them to do. It's impossible to get through to them with facts or logic. Trump has done more harm to this country in all its 200-plus years than any foreign terrorist....

If you think that a fertilized egg is the same as a viable baby and you would never get an abortion, then don't get one. No one is making you. You can even argue your case to anyone who will listen. That's freedom. But you don't have a right to tell other people what to do. All states protect the life of viable fetuses (22-24 weeks). Can't get an abortion after that. No one is asking to change that, no matter what lies the far-right tell. Other people's religion and other people do not believe that life begins at conception. They have a right to freedom too. A woman is capable of making her own decisions without the state interfering. People need to mind their own business and stop forcing their beliefs on others.

6-11-24

Trump is a horrible human being. Flawed in every possible way. No ethics, no compassion, no humanity. Respect yourself, respect your country and vote Blue.

6-12-24

It doesn't matter how bad things get for Trump. His faithful will defend him in whatever way possible and impossible. They have several defenses. One is to say his opponents are worse. Which, of course, does not address any of the criticism brought against him. Another is to call it all "fake news." In this instance suggesting that he is "one of us." I don't want a President who is "one of us." I want someone who is better than most of us. I want someone who is interested in this country and not just into himself, cares about people, acts ethically and respectfully towards others, not vengeful, does not insult or make fun of people, shows empathy towards others, respects the Constitution, etc. I cannot help but think that his followers are just as lacking in these qualities as he is.

Agreed. Whenever I try to debate a cultist, I get three replies: 1) A false equivalence or "whataboutism" concerning Obama, Hillary or Biden; 2) a reflexive response that any attempt to hold Trump accountable for his egregious behavior and crimes is just a "witch hunt," "lawfare," or "election interference; and 3) a silly and juvenile insult, with the accusation that I have TDS being the most popular. I wonder if, even for a moment, any cultist has dared to consider why Trump is the most hated person in America. The GQP continues to worship the Orange Cancer, defend the indefensible and overlooks or ignores all his crimes. Unfathomable.

Most candidates when campaigning talk about issues in that area. So while in Nevada, Trump went on a 10 minute rant on sharks and boat batteries. I did not know Nevada had a shark problem? How can Republicans listen to this and then say Biden is losing it?

6-13-24

"As a former prosecutor, I cannot in good conscience support a resolution that would further politicize our judicial system to score political points. The American people expect Congress to work for them, solve policy problems, and prioritize good governance," Joyce said in a statement after the vote.

"Enough is enough."

What it use to be before the likes of Trump came along.

Informed, thinking people do not support tRump. Taylor Swift is far more intelligent for that!

There isn't a MAGA on this planet that can give anyone a good reason to vote for Trump without lying.

6-15-24

Many people that hang out around trump are in prison or in legal trouble. It is not from them being targeted but because all are not good at following the law.

Big difference.

Greene is a perfect example of why comprehensive psychological exams must be mandatory for anyone seeking a political office or any other office that will have a direct impact on the lives of the citizens of this country. The candidate must pass a battery of tests before being able to register to campaign in an election. Failure to pass this tests immediately disqualifies them running for office.

6-16-24

Evidence of crimes. Enough to indict. Trial by jury. Guilty. Any politician who feels the Supreme Court should contravene has little regard for the rule of law in this country. The irony is spectacular.

Florida GOP Rep. Byron Donalds does not understand how our legal system works. The U.S. Supreme Court doesn't "Step In". They are only allowed to address cases that have been brought before them.

There are those who are hell bent on destroying our democratic republic while pontificating that they are patriots. The electoral day of reckoning is coming and the likes of Rubio, Tim, Rapheal, Gym, MTG, Lindsey and Boebert will be found deficient. They have contributed nothing to improve the thriving economy.

So the former president is using executive privilege as his defense for the classified documents case even though he was no longer president, never asserted the priviledge, and was asked numerous times to return the documents. Yet Biden formally asserts executive privilege while president and many republicans cry foul. It is difficult for me to take most republicans seriously because of all of the stunts and false equivalencies in order to support Trump. If you support Trump's policies, then support the policies and let him defend himself against his crimes. If you think Biden's policies are ineffective, then say it, provide real reasons why they are ineffective, and most importantly offer solutions that resolve issues.

6-18-24

Dear democracy,

I love you and thank for your years of freedoms and inalienable rights. Corporations have intervened in our government and for decades, we've been losing various rights regardless of what party holds the power. Voters have forgotten that we possess more power than any pac, super pac, etc, through the leverage of the vote and instead have allowed ourselves to become manipulated by the corporate media and their political sponsors throughout all levels of government by sowing their division into us.

Unfortunately, we have a candidate who has defied several Constitutional amendments and gets away with it because he manipulates his base by telling them he'll make us great again. But more importantly because power brokers in his party have placed their interests ahead of your purpose and our nation's needs as the candidate is heading for a return for office instead of jail where he belongs. This same candidate has made every indication that he will be a dictator and that his

party is pushing for authoritarianism. Yet, they've managed to indoctrinate enough people that he has enough support to win in November. Lessons were lost from 1938 Germany, and now history is about to repeat itself.

It was nice knowing you democracy. Thank you for all that you had to offer.

6-19-24

The truth of the matter is, they're both too old. That said, it's what we have at this time. So, to me, that means the choice is clear. Either vote for Biden and save our democracy, or withhold my vote or vote for a third candidate, and risk living in an authoritarian autocracy with a Trump administration. I don't know how anyone can't vote for Biden.

True. With Biden you know that he will surround himself with people who know what they are doing and are not afraid to say no. Trump will surround himself with the same incompetent types he did last time, but it will be worse. They will be there to put Trump ahead of the country. Look what happened to so many of the people he had that were "the best". They were fired because they upheld the constitution and were immediately branded as "the worst". How many people did he fire? Most turnover of any president ever.

Trump is frequently preparing his supporters for his various approaching failures. The trial was "rigged"! The debate will be "rigged"! The election will be "rigged"! Four years ago, Trump didn't debate Biden, he relentlessly harangued Biden. That overly aggressive tactic backfired spectacularly on Trump. Viewers were repelled by his incessant rudeness. His poll numbers plummeted and his campaign never recovered. This year, however, when Trump keeps blathering on, after his allotted time has expired, his microphone will be turned off. So, expect a frustrated Trump to frequently lose his composure only to be repeatedly cut off. Donald J. Trump has never mastered the art of terse response. He is a master of the excessive. Also, there will be no audience to energize Trump. When he makes a good quip, no one will respond. He will be greeted by silence. Usually, the incumbent has more to defend. However, because of Trump's many legal problems, he is unusually vulnerable for a challenger. Biden will be well prepared. Trump doesn't like to prepare. He likes to "wing it". Whatever happens, Trump and his supporters will claim victory while also saying the debate was "rigged".

6-21-24

This was the best response he gave,

"I don't know. I don't watch it," What makes them fake news?"

"I don't know, I don't watch it. I watch Fox News," the man replied.

Someone should have reminded him that his choice of entertainment channels agreed to pay Dominion \$787.5 million and acknowledged the court's earlier ruling that Fox had broadcast false statements about Dominion.

So, if they broadcast "false statements" wouldn't that be considered "fake news" but he watches it. Then, he calls some other media organization fake news when he can't name a thing they lied about because he doesn't watch it. So if he doesn't watch it, how does he know it's fake. Instead, he watches his entertainment channel that has literally admitted they lied when they settled the lawsuit.

And people wonder why those that are "poorly educated" are drawn to someone like the former guy. Fox and the former guy have one thing in common, they are both dishonest although Fox has admitted their dishonesty. The former guy blames some imaginary belief or a person with tears in their eyes.

They're devolved. Zero intelligence. It's insane!

It's never been about facts. It's always been about emotions, gut feelings and catch phrases. That's why the lie the 2020 election was stolen still exists, but can't make the leap off of the internet into reality and more importantly into a court room.

They live in an information bubble of Fox Entertainment's making and are happy to do so. It is an odd form of self-censorship. They want to hear only that which confirms their belief system and anything contrary is fake news.

That is really the Definition of a culture. We want what we know to be validated and widely accepted. Anything that causes a ripple in that is bad and ostracized.

"I don't know, I don't watch it. I watch Fox News," the man replied.

He watches Fox News, the same Fox News that argued before the courts that it has the right to lie to its viewers. Remember that.

There you have it. This guy like so many Fox News watchers only watch Fox. When pressed on what about CNN or any other source is wrong, they cannot do anything but parrot Fox News lies. Exactly what the GQP likes the uninformed and the uneducated. Too bad they don't research what they stand for. They are conditioned to hate without knowing why, they do it out of fear of the unknown and aren't savvy enough to look up the facts. Sad but this is right out of the GQP playbook.

Now keep in mind. This is a man who will vote for a convicted felon who owes 100's of millions for assaulting and defaming a woman and 100's of million more for fraud...preaching about the rule of law.

I don't think therefore I am MAGA.

6-22-24

I trust the courts more than I do the conservative media. I trust them more than conservative politicians.

Trump's 78 years old. The 7 is silent.

Fox News and Facebook did to our parents what they said video games would do to us.

6-23-24

Telling former President Trump to not be aggressive and instead act like a thoughtful adult is a hard sell. He was taught all of his life it does not matter if you are right or wrong just attack.

Why do you think they had to put mutes on the microphones.

Problem for Trump is that he doesn't know the issues. All he can say is that everything that he didn't do is a disaster. Ask him about infrastructure, health care, foreign policy -- anything -- and he won't be able to answer.

6-24-24

It's odd how Trump appears at the "Faith and Freedom" coalition, but not a single Christian can answer any of these questions about their Christ reincarnate:

What Christian church is Trump a member of?

When was the last time Trump attended church services?

When was the last time Trump attended church services and he wasn't making a campaign appearance afterwards at the church?

To which Christian church does Trump tithe?

How does Trump's behavior and life choices embody Christian values?

How much actual knowledge of the bible does Trump have and how do you know that?
Republicans want a nationwide abortion ban, probably with no exceptions.
Anyone who says "it's a state's issue now" is lying about their overall goal. That's damage control before the election.

Trump worships 1 god: MONEY. His god has nothing to do with the bible, Christian values and standards. Trump loves Christian Nationalism since it is NOT biblical based. Trump is always faithful to his god: MONEY. So when you run across articles about Trump and faith, just remember who is Trump's god. It isn't the god of the bible. It isn't the god grounded in Christian values and beliefs. Trump may say many nice things when surrounded by people in a church, but America has witnessed, firsthand, the ethics and morals of Donald J Trump. Trump has committed sexual abuse, adultery and fraud. In the eyes of many, Trump isn't a godly man. Trump has 4 indictments, 1 in which he has been found guilty on 34 counts by a jury of his peers. 3 more indictments to go. Accordingly to the bible, I doubt if Trump measures up (on any scale) to the Christian standards and biblical beliefs. Christian Nationalists aren't biblically grounded. They go against Christian beliefs and focus of power and influence within the government. Trump isn't a faith-oriented individual – never has been, never will be. Many believe in Trump, but there is no faith in Trump.

Abortion will lose this election for MAGA/gop and even dense Donny knows it. Unfortunately for the stable genius his fingerprints are all over it. You don't try to subjugate half the population and hope no one notices.

6-26-24

Kinzinger was courageous to step out from the republicans to speak for democracy. He says Trump only serves himself, and cares not at all for the people, he just wants their vote! Truly courageous, Kinzinger will vote for Biden to protect our country. I will vote with Kinzinger, and vote Biden to protect my country from a felon, out to seize power, and fill his pockets! Vote blue!

Neil Young and Crazy Horse tour is canceled. I can get a refund on my Tickets but NOT on my Train, Hotel or Plane expenses. Ever get the feeling you just got screwed even though you didn't get laid? Get well soon whoever is sick ...

6-27-24

I hear Biden is planning to CHEAT during this debate by smuggling answers to the questions inside of his head.

This is unfair to Trump, whose porous spongecake brain can't retain anything except grudges and a vague hatred of someone named "Eric".

RIGGED!!!

Presidential debate prediction: Trump uses "tremendous" 16 times with complete bullshit and lies filling in the gaps

Presidential debate prediction:

Trump will ramble on with his how you would rather die game, how hard it is to flush a toilet these days & what a great guy Hannibal Lecter is.

Biden will talk about issues that matter & call out Trump's malarky.

Every time someone says all Donald Trump needs to do is be "focused" or "disciplined" to win the debate, I just think to myself, "have you been in a coma the last 8 years?" All Joe Biden needs to do next Thursday night is call Trump a convicted criminal and he'll lose his shit.

Presidential debate prediction:

"Mr. Trump, how will you handle the Russia/Ukraine conflict?"

Trump: It depends. If the shark is less than ten yards away, I would-

"You're not answering the question."

Trump: "I knew it!! This is rigged!! All of it is rigged! Kevin Sorbo was right!!"

Prediction for tomorrow's debate, Trump will interrupt nonstop than look for an excuse to end debate so Biden doesn't get a chance for rebuttal.

I will write a check to Biden for \$1000 if he comes out at the debate and says "I'm all jacked up on Mountain Dew!"

\$2000 if he threatens to come at Trump "like a spider monkey".

Super. I can't wait for 4 years of Adderall riddled ALL CAPS rants on social media, broken promises, revenge on political rivals with zero foundation, and absolutely nothing getting done that actually help the average American. Tribalism politics at its best. Congratulations, MAGA. The lowest common denominators have taken over.

6-28-24

The same people telling you the Democrats need a new candidate tomorrow are the ones who said Biden was completely fine and ready for four more years before the debate.

I was sure Trump would either back out of the debate or do something really rude or stupid and that Biden would perform well. I can admit it, I was wrong.

We have 330 million people in America, and these two old guys are the best presidential candidates we have?????

It is sad to notice that in modern USA, shouting lies and being a bully is better than calmly stating factual truths.

This isn't Bidens stutter. Why have a debate this far out unless the plan was to get a Guage and have the time to swap Biden out if the reaction was bad.

I feel sick to my stomach after this debate.

He's unelectable right now.

Democracy or Dictator?? *simple

This was freaking painful to watch Biden. Trump never answered a question and kept on lying.

If Joe was a corpse I would vote for him over Trump.

Biden looked awful and Trump is insane

The moderators were awful. Biden performed poorly. Trump was just trump.

America is in trouble.

Biden babbled a lot, Trump lied a lot.

Joe said they not gonna accuse me of taking cocaine/uppers this time.

agree, this was a shitshow - but at the end of the day, I'm not voting for a rapist and convicted felon

No fact checking made it a joke, trump was allowed to just tell constant lies

Biden had the worst speech performance I've ever seen him give. But look back to January to his State of the Union speech. He killed it! Ate the GOP's lunch right in front of them. tRump has stuttered, glitched, and spoke incoherently as well. Not to mention falling asleep at his NY trial. He somehow fid not go off the rails this time. One bad debate performance will not prevent me from voting for Biden who's actions have benefitted this country so much. I'm not into image over substance. Remember Obama's terrible first debate performance where everyone was saying

the same thing about him. He's done, etc. Vote blue no matter who to save democracy in the USA

33% percent of Americans STILL think Biden won this debate - very few people are going to change a vote no matter how bad Biden was, or continues to be. Same goes for Trump voters. that said Biden should not debate in September, he cannot afford another result like this unless they change the format where moderators can step in and help.

We needed Dark Brandon and we didn't get him. But I'd take Biden over the wannabe dictator any day.

Biden won on policy, Trump won on image - he also only answered like one question.

It's time to make a change. There were rumors few months ago that Biden would step down after getting the nomination and could essentially appoint somebody to take his place. Let's not wait, make the change.

Biden might be slow, but if it were down to voting for Trump or a jar of Mayonnaise... I'd be voting for the mayonnaise.

How can you debate someone who does nothing but lie? Lie, Lie, Lie... trump is disgusting.

Biden does not look well. I respect him for showing up.

7-1-24

News of the Surreal (for Real): "In historic ruling, Supreme Court grants Trump some presidential immunity."

Does a president have to have immunity to do his job??? Well of course for official acts made in good faith, but in any case, if a President doesn't have the courage to make good faith decisions in the national interests, in case he may be accused of making the decision for personal reasons, then that person has no business being President. There always has to be rule of law and accountability.

So was blackmailing the Ukraine president to get him dirt on his political opponent considered part of his job as President?

So, you're telling me in a 6-3 decision, where three of those six were appointed by the President on which they're ruling, and another two of those six have SERIOUS impartiality and conflict of interest issues ... all decided Trump should be partially immune. Or, basically, five of the six people in the majority decision likely should have recused themselves.

Nothing to see here ...

And they wonder why virtually NO ONE has faith in the current Supreme Court, when Chief Justice Roberts keeps allowing these kinds of things to happen.

By this logic, Biden can now throw Trump and all the right wing supreme court justices in jail, and face no repercussions. All of them are a threat to Democracy, and it would be considered an official act while he is in office. It'd be a beautiful and ironic thing if this was the last ruling those justices ever made.

God help and protect our country and democracy! The Supreme Court is indeed compromised and dangerous as is Trump!

Vote, Vote, Vote!

The Supreme court just ended America. We are now a dictatorship. Time to get out of here before killing people with opposing views becomes "official acts"

So the felon president gets a nod from the 'conservative justices' that he appointed? Hmmm, shocking I must say. Who could have guessed that packing the court with inexperienced, far-

right federalist society picks could help a conman and felon ex-president escape his other crimes. The far-right absolutely abhors the rule of law.

The question now is were trump's election interference actions within his responsibilities as President. AG Barr declared, on behalf of the Federal government, it was a secure and fair election. What Presidential duties did trump have beyond that of the Department of Justice? Senator Lindsey was deemed to be an enemy of the State and is now detained in an undisclosed location after the US Supreme Court determined that a president has immunity while in office. An arrest warrant for a certain Donald J Trump has been issued. More arrests are anticipated. Further news at 6 PM!

7-2-24

Trump now has immunity to continue to do whatever he wants. It's imperative that he doesn't get elected. VOTE BIDEN!

Mr. Jordon, I don't think an official act includes pressuring officials from other states to "find votes for him", stealing confidential documents and refusing to return those documents once you leave office. The Supreme Court only protected official acts while in office.

Does Trump understand the SCOTUS ruling. He only has specific immunity for official acts while President. Even then a lower court would have to decide what that is. The NY civil case has nothing to do with his Presidency as it is not even close to an official act.

I am with President Biden. Democracy is in trouble!

Unfortunately, the Supreme Court just ruled that there is one person that is ABOVE the law. Mr. Trump's attorney's argued that "unless the President has immunity, he cannot do his job". It's interesting that we've had 46 presidents, and it's only now — because of Donald Trump — that a former president has needed to ask SCOTUS for immunity. [All of the presidents before him were able to do their jobs just fine, without "immunity".] If the Supreme Court had ruled like this 55 years ago, Richard Nixon's approval of the payment of hush money to the Watergate burglars might have been considered an "official act".

Oh my gawd, do you realize Trump can call in Seal Team-6 and take out people he doesn't like if he wins the presidency? That weenie wagging fruit cake "Anderson" on CNN has cautioned us what will happen if Trump wins.....This is terrible. This is terrible news.

They're saying he signed checks while he was President so that means they can't be used as evidence. But that argument falls on it's face because those checks were not part of his core duties as President.

As a moderate registered Republican, I am not ok with DJT winning. I am afraid that DJT will never leave and relinquish presidency if he wins again. He made multiple cracks on democracy during last presidency, he may appoint the courts with more loyalists this time that democracy may no longer survive. Look at the likes of Cannon for example.

Overreacting? Trumps lawyers have already claimed the Fake Electors scheme was an official act. Of course, all of Trump's law breaking will now be claimed as official acts.

Trump already stated he wanted to submit Liz Cheney, a civilian with no military service, to a military tribunal held in public. He said at least 15 other former elected officials should endure the same fate. As head of the military that would be an official act and therefore immune under the SCOTUS ruling. Absolute insanity. And not a single Republican has said a single word against his aggressions.

7-3-24

We never stick to one party. We are constantly changing back and forth between a Republican president and Democrat president. What Project 2025 will do is make each transition more and

more chaotic and disruptive as we vacillate between more extreme left and right ideologies. Is that what we really want?

Obviously you haven't read Project 2025. It is about dismantling our democracy one piece at a time. The SC giving that immunity ruling is a big step toward it.

I don't support politicians. I do support decency, veracity, kindness, humility, loyalty. I hear and see what these people are all about. I shan't be a part of the idolatry...

7-5-24

When is someone going to ask what is Trump's plan to reduce groceries prices? Apparently, the president is in control of groceries prices.

7-7-24

It seems America no longer deserves its democracy. The voters have been overwhelmed by social media propaganda, amnesia, and vote merely for selfish reason. The founding fathers warned the downfall of democracy would be if voters merely voted to empty the treasury and for all selfish reasons. Americans have no idea what real hardship is if they are willing to hand over their freedoms for a few perceived dollars while having no understanding of causation of events. World events happen. It is not always roses and peaches and often has nothing to do with who is president. I can imagine what would happen if these MAGA buttercups were asked to fight WWII and sacrifice at home or went through a real depression. They would probably blame the president and complain about needing to not use as much gas.

Poll. Of 1000 people. By landline. That means boomers are the only ones answering in the middle of a workday on a landline. And it's still barely 40%.

I honestly think most voters are ill informed. Trump was pretty unsuccessful in getting things done- he didn't build much wall (let alone getting Mexico to pay for it), didn't give us better healthcare and didn't get infrastructure done (he did have a lot more infrastructure weeks).

Trump foreign policy of undermining NATO set and ripping up the agreement with Iran led to the current situations.

Trump is a salesman. He was able to get people to back him in business, take his money up front, bankrupt the business leaving his backers nothing. He could turn around and do it again with a new set of backers. Trump cheated contractors on a regular basis, he was taken to court about 4,000 times for it, how many he cheated that didn't take him to court is anyone's guess.

Biden delivered, but he is not the salesman that Trump is. Trump delivered for the Billionaire class but rode Obama's economy until he faced the only real crisis of his presidency, covid which he failed miserably. We are like the investors in Trump's businesses, we buy his sales pitch.

63% say Trump has a better "vision" for the country. Whatever it is. Trump did not answer most questions at the debate-so kind of hard to figure out his stand on some of 2024's controversial issues. We all saw how Trump did the first time-didn't we? 45% said he will "keep his 'promises"-like Mexico paying for the border wall, abolishing Obamacare, and balancing the budget. Right. Donald's OWN actions have gotten him convicted in a court of law. Multiple times. Facing at least 3 more trials IF the court system treats him the same way anyone else would be. Oh-wait. It doesn't. Spending over \$100 million on lawyers is NOT something an ordinary citizen could do. Unless they were a billionaire. Our younger voters have forgotten 2016 and 2020 already. There is no superhero coming in to save America. It is on US to keep Donald away from the WH-with our votes. Trump is NOT going to magically bring back \$2.00 gas or cheap food, lower rents, cheaper cars, or stop immigration. He will NOT stop Putin from

overwhelming Ukraine or China's expansion. He WILL lower corporate taxes for the rich-though. And gut government services that help many Americans. He WILL appoint 2 younger SC Judges to replace Alito and Thomas-who will retire AFTER Donald is in the WH. He will pardon EVERYONE involved with 1/6/21 -including himself. And Biden's record is not contrasted with trump enough. Biden ended the Covid emergency and energized the economy-while keeping US out of wars. Gaslighting is working.

7-8-24

Donald Trump isn't beholden to sweeping conservative plan known as Project 2025
But on the flipside, after he places the authors of Project 2025 into governmental positions, he won't do anything to stop it either. He will remain silent about it.

Trump has repeated many of their policies in his speeches over the past several months. He is beholden to them and the RNC. Trump's word is meaningless.

Project 2025 is a collection of conservative and right-wing policy proposals from the Heritage Foundation to reshape the United States federal government and consolidate executive power should the Republican nominee win the 2024 presidential election.

Keep Trump and Project 2025 out of our White House!!! I'm happily voting for BIDEN!!!
VOTE BLUE and stand against Project 2025...and against Trump!!

7-10-24

Just asked Sen. Fetterman (D-Pa.) if he plans on speaking up for Biden at the Dem lunch in a bit. His response:

"I'm gonna suggest maybe we can encourage Joe Biden to bang a porn star or maybe he could become consumed with revenge and say crazy things and have a plan for 2025..."

Fetterman gets something the "serious" professional Dems don't: Trumpism deserves nothing but contempt & mockery.

it is entirely appropriate considering the nature and tone of Biden's opponent. Being mature and intelligent is wonderful when appropriate however Trump is anything but and Fetterman is highlighting that, saying that Biden should go down to Trump's level so he can get more favorable media coverage.

Fetterman is out of Fs to give.

He's got a point. Policy, governing, meh... all boring stuff. We want to be entertained.

Those Democratic politicians who believe Bide can win in November or could survive the next 4 years are gambling with America's future and are living in la-la land. A very respected senator just said he didn't think Biden can win and I believe him.

Ah the sharp, coherent statesman, Donald Trump! Who could possibly challenge his mental fitness for office?

It's shocking how uneducated this Maga group is. Their voters even worse.

Some of the same opinions have been reflected in declining enrollment as colleges contend with the effects of the student debt crisis, concerns about the high cost of tuition and political debates over how they teach about race and other topics.

7-11-24

Trump firing back at Clooney shows his absolute panic that Biden might drop out and he will have to lose against someone else.

Trump is just whining because he wants Biden to stay in the race. He's afraid that if Biden steps down, a younger and more tougher advisorial candidate would come after him and be a bigger threat.

The jury that reviewed the evidence of Hunter Biden lying on his gun application and found Hunter guilty is a good jury but the jury that reviewed the evidence on Trump and found corruption ... they are a bad jury. Yes, Biden is old and shouldn't be President but he hires people who put country first. But Biden does not get a fair shake when judging the job he has done cleaning up the mess Trump created. Republicans have chosen corruption as their path to power. Look for tax cuts for wealthy and social security cuts for the rest of us. Look for more corruption like what we are seeing on Supreme court. They have ruled it's ok for officials to accept gifts as long as they aren't bribes. Maga cult children will never forgive their parents for the pain they brought to America.

I am an avid fan of the Philadelphia Phillies. Because I like them I am just going to declare them the winners of every World Series ever. Anything else is just "fake" results. I have no evidence to back up those claims but since I like them best, I'm just going to say it.

Oh, I see how it is. If a channel reports that Trump is ahead (whether he is or not), then they are being "loyal" to him, and they are okay. But when a channel simply reports the truth, they are second rate, failing, nobody watches you, etc..

Because of AI no one answers phone calls from unknown numbers. There's no reason to believe the polls. You'll see come Election Day when Trump is claiming the election is rigged.

Trump is not way ahead on any poll, that is just more of his constant lies. He retains the support of his followers that always ignore his various crimes and lies but the rest of the country know the danger of Trump after what he did to US last time. The whole world remembers except his supporters who seem to have collective selective amnesia. Now he has convinced the supreme court to make illegitimate decisions granting him immunity. Do you realize what that is, he could fly air force one into Moscow and give it to Putin. He could direct the US military to invade Ukraine or Gaza to add to the slaughter. It cannot stand.

Yes, the SC decision was really scary.

I've never supported the idea of expanding the SC before. But after that immunity decision, I now believe we have to expand the SC - the sooner, the better.

Rasmussen has one of the strongest known conservative biases. Trump doesn't want accuracy, he wants slant.

A kid named Sean in grade school was actually pretty strong and pretty fast. Good athlete. He excelled frequently on his own gifts. Anytime he DIDN'T win, though, it was a drama scene with 20 reasons why it was unfair and everyone else cheated and he was the real winner. He would start fights if he lost.

Sean has become every Republican in this country, 74 million entitled, excuse-making whiners who can't fathom that something somewhere might not go their way.

I don't care if Biden is 110 years old and on life-support I don't care if it's Kamala I don't care if it's Nikki Haley I don't care if it's RFK for me it's not partisan. Democrat Republican independent I don't care. I will vote for anyone in order to make sure that this lying orange criminal who violently tried to stop the peaceful transfer of power in the first time in our history Never sees the oval office again....

A recent poll had Michelle Obama (if she ran) beating Trump by 11 pts. Also another poll showed "insert name" winning by 8 pts.

I would vote for Joe Biden in A Coma over a treasonous criminal that is pushing a Facist Theocracy as his platform for "Making America Great" but anyone who has been paying attention since 2015 knew that... Now it's months away from possibility. Don't believe it? Google "project 2025" and read it. Or go watch the speeches by the creators of the plans... including trump speaking at their events. It's all there for you to see.

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The positives are it is unlikely that we will see another presidential candidate over 70 ever again. What's the difference? Honestly, most people that vote for the Democratic candidate are voting against Trump. Anyone could run and have a good shot at winning.

Outside Sen Brown's office this morning, his GOP opponent, Bernie Moreno, gaggles with reporters, saying, "I can tell you this, if I'm here, I will talk to you at any point in time, even take tough questions. Sherrod Brown won't do that."

He then immediately got a Q from @AndrewDesiderio about if his stance on abortion conflicts with the party platform.

Moreno: "We're not here to talk about abortion."

In his defense, he said he would take tough questions, not that he would answer them.

I'm still waiting for Trump to fulfill his past campaign promises from 2016, like "balancing the budget", "fixing our infrastructure", "improving our health care" and "building a wall that Mexico will pay for". Does anyone have an update on the status of those promises?

Trump had ONE actual "legislative achievement" - a HUGE tax cut for the 1% and the corporate class - which is still adding TRILLIONS to the debt - and unlike the modest cuts for the 99% - the HUGE cuts for the super-rich do NOT expire - it will take Congress passing a whole new law to reverse .. "Trump's Great Tax Scam for the 1%"

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News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump shooting being investigated as an attempted assassination."

Tanya: In case you don't have the news on... Trump was just shot at.

This is not the way! The last thing anyone wants is Trump to be a martyr.

The right attacks our Capitol, firebombs Dem HQs, beheads family members that are liberal, plot kidnap governors, send pipe-bombs, run campaign buses, and so on. I can name 5 violent acts from the right for every single act by the left.

If this was Joe Biden's doing, he was doing it as part of his official duties as President. So completely legal and immune of any prosecution. Thank you Supreme Court!

This is horrible. As much as I dislike our current president, I would never wish that someone would shoot him. I know he is ok, but this country is in a mess. I lived through JFK, MLK and RFK. This has got to stop.

and to think this was all a publicity stunt

It was staged. Trump is a conman and a carnival barker. Firecrackers and he cut his own ear. Wait for it. These facts will come out.

What has happened to America? I don't like Trump or Biden but I don't want to see them harmed. It is like living in a third world country where anything goes. No morals, no sympathy, no common sense any more. We do need change but not this way.

Trump's rhetoric is hardly innocent. No one should be shooting but come on...

This is what constant extremism actions/talk from BOTH sides brings into reality. ALL American politicians need to be more moderate and sensible, because America is becoming a powder-keg. Talk violence, and you get violence. Shame a group, and they will fight back. United we stand, divided we fall...

Our nation has gone mad; no sense of right and wrong. Parents and schools lost the art of discipline long ago.

Never heard of JFK, Abraham Lincoln? Violence has been and will continue to be part of our society, regardless of how good our parents or teachers are.

I am not a Trump fan. Violence and Guns are not the answer. I hope he wasn't hurt. Voting is the answer.

I dislike Trump but this isn't okay. This isn't how our country works.

Not a fan of the former President but I dislike seeing this in any form. I truly hope he is okay.

Trucks with violence urge against Biden. Trump himself was demanding to hang Pence and bloodbath, shoot someone on the street. I wonder how do you reconcile it inside yourself.

Violence against the Congress and Senate...that is OK with you

The president is immune to criminal prosecution for official acts while in office. Biden is Commander in Chief.

If it was Biden the guy would not have missed...Now wait for Trump to call for even more violence then he usually does...

One claiming: "Biden sent the orders."??? Sue him for libel!! Trumpers think they can say anything with ZERO evidence like Trump saying he won 2020... with ZERO evidence!!

Maybe the Lords way of getting Trump to change his stance on AR15 type weapons? - Nope - Won't hear it.

Of course it was Biden; that's obvious, with his insane opposition to gun control, his unseemly worship of the Second Amendment, his constant touting of the virtues of firearm proliferation, open carry, bump stocks -- the list goes on and on. It was inevitable that someone would eventually go over the edge. Cursed Democrats and their NRA-loving lackeys.

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Biden is better. Unemployment lower, stock market higher, infrastructure investments, The Chips Act. More deportations have happened under Biden than under Trump. Immigrants just weren't coming as much during the pandemic, which caused it to spike afterwards. More factories being built in America (210 Billion dollars annually setting the stage for many more jobs in the next few years, and already more have been created under Biden's administration. Not even close.

I hope you enjoy Project 25 and the sheer volume of riots it will bring.

Trump was practically and morally responsible for the attack on the Capitol on January 6th - so said Mitch McConnell. Trump has already proven he is a threat to democracy.

As an American, I'm scared. I'm scared our country and been ripped apart from within by extremist on both sides and unfortunately most of them have taken seats in our political system.

We don't have to fear our enemies, we are our own enemy and unless we pull back from extreme political views and find a way to work together, we leave nothing but ruin for our children.

Instead of trying to unite the country, Republicans are making claims that will further divide the country. It's just unbelievable to me that that's what the Republican party has become. As Biden said, everyone should condemn the violence and pulled his campaign ads. He had nothing to do with this.

But I also want to say this about Mike Collins saying calling for Biden to be prosecuted for this, he needs to remember that his Dear Leader made it possible that if Biden wanted to do this, he could do so and be immune from prosecution. The immunity ruling wasn't just for Trump, it was for ALL presidents, and Biden IS president. But again, he had nothing to do with this. I'm just saying this because of Mike Collins' ridiculous comment.

Figured it wouldn't take the GOP long to blame Biden. Vance should note that Trump's rhetoric has sent nuts to make threats, show up at homes, etc. on several occasions. The rhetoric and lies has to stop. Violence is not the way.

Biden wasn't the president that told his supporters to exercise their 2A rights.

The same Republicans that fight any form of gun control or social programs that would prevent such crimes.

Pelosi's husband, Paul, was attacked in his home by a hammer-wielding assailant in an act of political violence. Last year, at an event in California, Trump made light of that attack. "How's her husband doing by the way? Does anyone know?" he said to laughs, in reference to Paul Pelosi's injuries from the attacks.

More projection from the right: it isn't Biden who has been calling for violence against the opponents. The rhetoric from Trump backers is filled with calls for "civil war", and Jan 6 was certainly the most violent act against our Govt in a long time. Asking the right to suddenly find a set of morals is useless. I will vote Blue!

The convict reaped what he has been sowing. Cry baby commies on the right were ok with doing away with pence and pelosi but they're apoplectic tonight. Lol

Collins is a bald-faced liar. UNLIKE Trump, President Biden has never encouraged his followers to resort to political violence. UNLIKE Trump, President Biden has routinely denounced political violence. Trump on the other hand often encourages it, and I've NEVER heard him denounce, nor tell his follower to NOT do it.

Trump and the GOP have created this contentious atmosphere with their hate and vitriol. It's a shame this has to happen.

Prayers for former President Trump. The hate on both sides needs to stop. As Americans, we need to be better than this.

I guess these gun loving republicans forget that Felonious Trump wished bloodshed upon Americans if he lost the election

I thought republicans were pro guns and second amendment rights- maybe this would be called a friendly fire incident next by them

Trump incites violence at his rallies and now he's a victim of violence at one of his rallies. Joe Biden has never called for violence against Trump. Trump does have authoritarian tendencies. It's a fact. Saying it about Biden is just hyperbole.

It was Trump's violent rhetoric that caused the shooting. Republican lawmakers are just trying to find ways to blame anyone but themselves for falling in line and amplifying Trump's insanity. It was their own statements and tweets that helped fuel Trump's Jan 6th attack on our nation. So you know what they can do with their lame accusations.

Trump's a victim of and in his own rhetoric.

This looks like a lone wolf case as they call it. Just for the record, Joe Biden isn't the only politician people don't like for their views. Death threats happen all the time against democrats, let's not forget that.

Trump constantly is name calling and threatening to be a dictator on day 1. Saying he is immune from crimes he committed. Openly threatens to go after his political enemies. It is constant and

he never stopped even when he had to leave the white house. Even many of the people who worked with Trump when he was President say he isn't fit to be in office. Trump has divided this country like I've never seen in 50 years.

So the threatening, intimidating GQP had no problem allowing trump and his followers to get away with inciting violence, but look how they cry when it happens to them. I'm sure they will waste a lot of taxpayers dollars again on a fruitless investigation that will lead nowhere.

This is probably just some lunatic that Trump angered with one of his many remarks. He is obviously not a hired killer or Trump wouldn't be alive right now. MAGAets wanted a civil war and now they've got one. I don't believe Biden would have ordered this kind of violence after fighting for gun control for so long. He is against violence and he also knows his days are numbered by his own Democratic politicians trying to oust him out of the election. Shooting Trump would not have changed that from happening.

The GOP is stoking MORE violence. Every time they talk this way, they invite the gun crowd to take action.

Is the US doomed? Was democracy a fun experiment? I think that if our elected leaders are so willing to lie and spout conspiracy theories for power, and call the media "the enemy of the people" (like Stalin and Hitler), "yes" is becoming the likely answer.

What happened to Trump was wrong and should never have happened. As a nation we are better than that and it is terrible that this happened. So far I haven't seen or heard a single Democrat celebrating what happened and it has been roundly condemned by Dems as terribly wrong. A couple of years ago Nancy Pelosi's husband was brutally attacked by a delusional Trump supporter in his home with a hammer. Paul Pelosi still suffers physically from the attack. What did the Republicans do when Paul Pelosi was attacked? They made fun of Paul Pelosi and they even made up lurid and false narratives that his attack was the byproduct of some sort of gay tryst gone wrong. Therein lies the differences between the two sides. The Republicans will get well wishes for their presidential nominee but will largely refuse to do the same thing if a Democrat is attacked.

We've gone too far. We are truly our own worst enemy. The political divide has paralyzed this country. Playground antics in congress, justices on the take and a population being torn apart from within by hardened points of view. Forget about America being great again. What we need is America being America again. It will happen if we work hard at it. Not just one half of the country but the whole country. Civility is rapidly slipping through our fingers. Once it's lost, chaos will prevail.

Let's not get it twisted I'm not a Biden supporter AT ALL but every politician says things that can be twisted made part of any narrative. Let's not act like trump doesn't say a lot of things too where if the situation was reversed we could look back on and say something similar.

"Stand back, and stand by." What short memories they have.

An AR-15 style semiautomatic rifle was used in the Butler shooting. These are the guns the Republican party—and Trump—want to protect.

Who is the king leader of hateful rhetoric????? Trump!!!

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What about the hatred pushed by the man who got shot in the ear. All the media is repeat all the hateful rhetoric he spews. I know you guys just love to blame the media but let's not forget the man who actually, purposefully uses the media to spread his messages of hate and division. That's right, I'm talking about the guy with the orange skin and damaged ear cartilage.

In any other court, they would consider it a conflict of interest for one to be faced with their own hiring manager. Especially after a series of suspicious decrees and moves that wouldn't have been extended to any other defendant.

Finally, an appealable ruling. This will allow the special counsel to go to the 11th circuit. This is what democracy needed. The 11th circuit will then have no choice but to remove her from the case.

The fix was in from the very beginning. Next, Supreme Court Justice Aileen Cannon.

If Trump wins, you'll see her getting nominated to the Supreme Court for this.

I have no doubt the SC will back this unqualified "judge", and so goes our rule of law. Even though both the Russians and the Saudis may have been given access to some info, it doesn't matter to her. Another Trump term, and our courts will be loaded with unqualified people with an agenda to overturn this republic.

Trump is about to be elected in November and any remnants of this political case will be gone. Hence the obvious threat to democracy and rule of law in the United States.

200 years from now. It will not be viewed kindly with respect to leadership, greed, corporations and politicians how they rule. It is disgusting. This is a clear example of Judicial Corruption in favor of Trump. This is all playing out like a Football Game... sad, this is the USA in 2024.

We have the best judges money can buy.

There are 756 billionaires in the US and it's fair to say that the lion share will vote to give themselves tax cuts. If I was a billionaire, I would vote to give myself a tax cut. Meanwhile the rest of us should vote to give ourselves a tax cut, too. Think about it carefully, using empirical data.

So vote for the democrats because republican policy drives up inflation numbers? Trump's only policy statement on this so far has been a tariff on goods that will overwhelmingly fall on the middle class, which is effectively a tax increase.

"I assure you that I have made this decision carefully, rationally, and by relying on as much empirical data as possible". I'm 100% sure that Trump's plan on giving you major tax cuts had NOTHING to do with your endorsement.

Billionaires vote themselves another tax cut promised by republicans for their donations. That's all they are concerned about; more money, more money, more money for themselves which they will never be able to spend.

Tax cuts increase the deficit/national debt, and will lead to another credit downgrade, and increase borrowing costs.

The only countries that I can find that have no income tax rely on tourism and business taxes. All have very low population vs. US and all have a sketchy education system.

What could motivate a group to want the US to steer towards an uneducated population and ultimately impoverishment for the largest percentage of the population? Easy answer, CONTROL, TAKEOVER, basically create poor vs. wealthy socioeconomic levels.

To which party did the Congressmen and Senators belong, who said violence is a valid form of political expression after 1/6, and to which party do the Congressmen and Senators belong, who have in the past, and continue, to thwart any attempts to limit a person such as the person who made such a political expression in Pa., the ability to obtain and use a weapon. Perhaps before casting blame on others, these individuals should indulge in a bit of introspection. They called down the tempest, now it's time to take responsibility for reaping the whirlwind.

Democracy is often said to mean 'rule by the people'. If the people elect someone, and someone in power lies to convince the people it was a rigged election and submits fake electors. That is

exactly what it is, a threat to democracy as the people will have lost their choice to choose, which means the people no longer rule, therefore it's not Democracy.

He's still as much a threat to democracy as he was 2 days ago. It's the TRUTH. And it's important that everyone in America knows that. He is determined to destroy American democracy and the Constitution. Nobody can safely elect him to office expecting we will ever have a fair election again. That's the facts. He already tried to cheat last time, and now the Supreme Court has given him coverage to do it much more extensively again. In fact, it's not safe to elect any Republican until these recent SCOTUS decisions are undone. Republicans are responsible for these decisions in the first place.

It's not "out of bounds" because you still blame Biden for the act. That's instigation. Also, he is very much a danger to Democracy. He has made so many claims of what he intends to do that are the antithesis to US Democracy. He wants to be king and he grows even closer to that ideal.

So in other words, republicans are admitting that democrats spoke the truth about trump. And that truth was SO powerful, that someone took extreme action to prevent it from happening. It's certainly a roundabout way of admitting democrats are right — but I'll take it.

So we lose our freedom of speech because of this? Why is that? Hasn't House Speaker Mike Johnson ever heard the saying, "The truth will set you free." The truth is Trump has been and remains a threat to democracy. I don't think many people will stop saying that.

Donald Trump, MAGA and Project 2025 are a threat to Democracy.

But as important, Donald Trump's trade War will reignite the inflation he created.

Vote carefully. The new inflation will be on top of the prices already locked in

Funny, but I don't recall any of these Republicans issuing a whisper of protest about political violence when a group of MAGAS plotted to kidnap and kill Governor Gretchen Whitmer, or when Paul Pelosi was seriously injured when an unhinged MAGA tried to kill Nancy Pelosi. Nor did they mention anything about the death of police officers during the January 6th insurrection, or when Kyle Rittenhouse killed demonstrators and was never held accountable.

The GOP has a tendency to overplay its hand. Watch them turn what they imagine is political gold into so much dross. If any group is capable of doing it, it's them.

That's rich coming from people that think trump has the right to intimidate witnesses and court staff.

Can trump still say that if Biden is elected that we won't have a Country anymore? Can he still call America a 3rd world Country? What about a Banana Republic? Just trying to figure out where the real line is that cannot be crossed.

Did anything change after the last 4,000 mass shootings over the past five years? No. Thoughts and prayers for this guy, too.

This attempt on Trump's life in no way changes my opinion that he remains a threat to our democratic republic. In fact he might get even worse in the next few months before the election. If he wins there won't be any guardrails to contain him which is a scary thought.

When Trump stops being a threat to democracy, I will gladly stop calling him a threat to democracy.

Why on earth would calling him a threat to democracy be out of bounds? He's STILL a threat to democracy, that attempt changed nothing. Are we supposed to ignore his will to become a dictator because he got hurt? I don't think so. He's still the same awful shameful person he was before this.

Why is it a threat to democracy. He is still a threat and always will be. This incident won't stop him from threatening to take our rights away and the fact that he wants to be a dictator. Now the

republicans blaming Biden. That whole party needs to be dismantled. The MAGAs are all throughout the republican party with Johnson being one of the biggest.

It's not an unfair comment to say Trump is a threat to Democracy because he is. Just listen to his authoritative speeches. His statement that he will be a 1 day dictator. Listen to his comments on those who oppose him and his desire to use the DOJ to go after them criminally. Listen to him threaten to use the Insurrection Act to go after anyone who dares protest against him.

No Trump will an even bigger threat to Democracy as the radical right starts blaming Democrats and left leaning individuals for the shooting.

Sorry folks he will be more out of control than he ever was before

Republicans calling to dial down the rhetoric about tRump, he turned a mob loose on the capitol on January 6, the republican hypocrisy knows no bounds. Vote blue to save our democracy.

The republican party wants to control the country for their wealthy donors for some time now.

We need the John Lewis Voting Bill bad so everybody can vote and reinstate roe and wade and all women's rights and climate change rules that can reduce fires, flooding, tornados, hurricanes, and now we need a supreme court to obey our constitution,

This country has a lot of needs to help our country men and women.

I keep hearing this:

Why do people feel that way? Will those who oppose trump suddenly like him, just because of this? Will this event be trump's "come to Jesus" moment, and he'll now have morals, scruples and a respect for man kind? Will he himself now be opposed to violence towards those who have differing view points?

I ain't holding my breath.

What's the history between Vance and Trump?

Vance openly criticized Trump in 2016 as pundits used his memoir to explain the former president's popularity with white, rural voters. He previously suggested Trump could be "America's Hitler," called him noxious and compared him to an opioid.

But Vance changed his tune as he geared up for his 2022 Senate run, deleting controversial tweets and crediting Trump for the work he did in office. He secured Trump's endorsement in a chaotic Republican Senate primary and is now one of the former president's most loyal allies.

The Republican Party has now totally walked away from this lifelong Republican. No attempt at moderation whatever. Fly with your friends and those who be complicit. Bad choice. Scott, Haley or Youngkin would have been somewhat assuring. Voting NO for President this year.

All you need to know about J.D. Vance: At no time will he ever say anything, do anything, or think anything that does not originate with Donald Trump, and if called upon by Trump to shred the Constitution in order to help him Vance will not hesitate. There is simply no limit to what Vance will not do out of loyalty to the Golden Calf. Functionally, Trump is now running for both offices.

He previously said, "Trump could be America's Hitler" and everyone else says "this is a good choice." Come on, guys.

I'm from Ohio and Vance is the worst Trump toady. He pivoted back to Trump after he needed Trump's endorsement. He didn't just bend the knee, he kissed the rear with a big smile on his face. The man is gutless.

The Ukraine war is over if this ticket wins.

Looks as if Vance won the competition for most spineless MAGA. Congratulations to him.

NOT a Chance with JD Vance on the ticket. Think I would have picked Nikki. With two years on the job in the Senate being his total experience in the politico arena, he isn't presidential material if needed based on DJT age and most recent situation at DJT rally in Pa.

He is not qualified to be a heartbeat away from the Presidency.

Congratulations J.D you won the bootlicker sweepstakes.

Looking at Vance and reading about his past, (very little political experience) I believe Trump's choice may actually cost him votes. Trump's other candidates were much more mature. Vance is a rookie who changes him mind and thinking in a second.

This pick shows how confident Trump is about his chances to win in November. Vance will not appeal to any independent voter, or suburban women, and I doubt it will entice Nicki Halley supporters to join him. It won't expand his base. It's as if Trump decided to pick the one politician who would have overturned the 2020 election is they had been VP - A truly unforced error borne from overconfidence

Vance has the backing of the church cartels.

Thanks to Trump for selecting the weakest candidate for VP. Just days after an assassination attempt, J.D. Vance is NOT ready to assume the role of POTUS if Trump isn't able to finish out his possible term. Vance had some of the most negative things to say about Trump in 2016. Kamala Harris will figurately and politically "neuter" Vance in a VP debate. Thanks for increasing Biden's chances for winning again.

A good pick for Biden! We will be seeing non-stop ads from 2016 whem Vance said what he really thinks of trump!

Trump just did what he always does-but this time he just threw the moderates and undecided voters under the bus in favor of his lifelong dream-total control and absolute power for himself!

JD Vance - "I did not Vote for Trump. Never will. He's the American H 1 -TL ir "

Vance is an empty suit. But one thing is for sure, Trump made sure this time around he was going loyalist who he trusts to defy the constitution

This is the best news Dems could have hoped for today! I was so worried he was going to pick Nikki Haley, who would have assured a Trump win. But because of his little man ego, he picked someone even less respected than himself, who won't win over a single undecided voter, and will alienate even Republican women. Again, Trump proves he knows nothing about the art of the deal, and celebrations are in order!

A quick primer on J.D. Vance, Trump's VP nominee:

- once called Trump "America's Hitler"
- supports nat'l abortion ban without exceptions for rape/incest
- doesn't believe in gay marriage
- proponent of white supremacist Great Replacement Theory
- supports Russia's war on Ukraine

BREAKING: Donald Trump has selected Sen. J.D. Vance as his Vice President. Vance has: Refused to commit to accepting the 2024 results Admitted he would have helped Trump overturn the 2020 election Downplayed the violence and death toll of Jan. 6th

It's interesting how the Democrats focus on making it easier to for people to register to vote, less hassle to cast your ballot, and to ensure that all legal ballots are counted; while Republicans focus on purging people from voter lists, closing down voting sites in districts not favorable for their candidates, and making it more difficult to count the votes.

JD Vance, a never Trumper was picked because he is weak. The way he 180'd for Trump is proof. Plus the opportunity to grift was too good to pass up.

He called Trump America's Hitler!

Trump mocked Paul Pelosi at a rally. Biden addressed the nation calling for unity. This is why Biden gets my vote in November (along with 800 other reasons)

He's sold his soul for power!

Katie Britt. Gaze at those eyes; the lights may be on but no one's home; emblematic of a MAGA republican.

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The best the left can do regarding Vance's statements is playing them back for at least the next 3 months. That's always been the strength of the right. Repeat enough and people will believe it. Ambition like Vance's knows no boundaries. Trump would be wise to remember that. Nikki Haley also fell in back of the line in order to salvage what's left of her political career. The only 2 "republicans" I actually have any modicum of respect for, are Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger who never changed their views based on political expedience.

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What has happened to politics that has nothing to do with fixing this country all we here about is chaos and nothing about fixing this country and bringing people together. Love is dying along with this country and it's sad.

The memo singled out four Democrats who bested Biden's results by roughly 5 points overall across the battleground states: Sen. Mark Kelly (Ariz.), Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro and Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Vice President Harris also outperformed Biden in polling but by a smaller margin than the top four, according to the memo.

"Voters are looking for a fresh face. Those more closely tied to the current administration perform relatively worse than other tested candidates," according to the memo.

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That song perfectly sums up the MAGA vision. MEN rule the world. Ask Harrison Butker. Ask the Supreme Court. Ask Fox News. Women voters will turn out in November.

Writer Brandon Halsey summed it up, "So Kid Rock just made a bunch of 75 year olds pump their fists in the air, yelling 'fight.' That just happened in 2024's America. Embarrassing." Therapist Ken Theroux noted the surreality of the performance itself. "Imagine telling 2004 Republicans that Hulk Hogan and Kid Rock would headline Donald Trumps third nomination 5 days after he got shot in the ear," he wrote on X.

Biden and Trump are essentially tied, both polling within the margin of error in every poll. Sure, Biden has a problem with age but Trump does not exist in our shared reality. I'll take a slowed down Biden over the Mad King any day of the week.

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Pete Buttigieg is clear minded, level-headed, highly educated and competent. He would be a great candidate for the presidential ticket. Trumpers agree, judging by the negativity they dump on him in the comments here.

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JUST SAY NO TO TRUMP

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Donnie desperately wanted Biden to stay in the race, because he was certain he had the contest 'in the bag'. Now there's been a shake-up, and the outcome is not guaranteed anymore. Voters were "thirsting" for another choice besides Biden and Trump, and now it looks like they're going to get one. And if Donnie loses, it'll be back to court he goes.

FLASHBACK: Nikki Haley in January: "The first party to retire its 80 year old candidate is going to be the one who wins this election."

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I've said this on other threads. And this essay just confirms my strong belief that Joe Biden's decision was far more than selfless. It was the last, best, smartest stratagem by an old political hand to help defeat Trump and the rise of Christian Nationalism. The key was TIMING.

Biden waited. He didn't just react. He played the long game, watching polls and donations, but most importantly, waiting for Trump to announce his VP pick.

Had Trump selected either Haley or some more palatable "centrist" (or someone who could at least fake centrism) to reach out beyond the MAGA base, I'm not sure Biden would have stepped down. But once Trump doubled down on Vance and -- most importantly -- doubled down on his war on women and women's rights with JD Vance, Biden knew that Harris would have a good shot against them with a good running mate.

The GOP seems very poor at math and overall political calculus. Apparently, they're unaware that women already outnumber men among most likely voters by 7.5 million. They already lean Democratic. And Trump's reactionary chauvinism has turned even White, conservative-leaning women against him. As a woman, you have to be outright MAGA to want what Trump and JD Vance are selling.

And that 7.5 million number is about to be eclipsed in a HUGE way. Massive outreach among women activists to other women will be the story of this campaign.

I'm with her.

Biden has impeccable timing. He knew he was not going to run, but he and his team decided to wait until Trump committed to a VP pick before declaring he was dropping out of the race. Now Trump is stuck with Vance, who is not popular with women voters, as his running mate. Trump did not choose Vance, he was told to choose Vance by the influential operatives in the GOP who are boosting the idea of a Christian Nationalist government. Trump will try to distance himself from Vance in attempts to appeal to women voters, while having to appear to support him, and to be happy with "his" choice for a VP running mate. Trump is likely running out of ketchup packets quickly. Now Dem's have a female candidate, already well versed in governmental policies and procedures. Harris is a proven leader who has supported American women's rights for the last four years. She has more experience in world affairs and a much greater understanding of them than Trump, despite his bumbling attempts to look presidential, knowledgeable, and influential on the world stage during his performance debacle as president of our great nation. One major advantage Harris possesses, (along with not being a felon) is that she is relatively YOUNG. Trump and Co. have been relying heavily on the, "he's too old to be president!" trope when applying it to Biden. Now the only man "too old to be president!" in this

presidential race, is the 78 year old septuagenarian, Trump himself. Checkmate. Well played Joe, well played.

If Trump actually ran on issues rather than anger and whining. It wouldn't matter who the Dem was.

The J.D. pick probably made it easier for Biden to ride off into the sunset and hand it over to Harris.

Don's other bad decisions may come back to haunt him as well...

Vance is the critical error that opened the door for Biden's departure. If the Orange Blunder had picked a VP who could appeal to moderates, then I believe Biden might have stayed in the race. With Vance in the VP candidate slot Biden saw that a Harris + ticket could sway enough moderates in the right places to win in November.

This is what happens when one opponent is playing checkers while the other is playing chess.

Trump, the oldest presidential nominee in US history is double the age of his VP pick. He is older than Biden was when Biden took office. Where are all the MAGA criticisms of age now?

Now, Trump is the older candidate. Kamala is much younger, energetic, and smart. Voting The Blue Wave is the only way to save democracy. Trump would destroy it if he had a chance. Vote Blue!

I prefer presidents who don't lead deadly attacks on their own country, who aren't convicted felons, who don't take away freedoms, destroy the economy, destroy the environment, side with our enemies while trying to dismantle NATO, and who don't tell everyone to inject bleach. It's not a high bar.

Trump wants to be reimbursed? LOL!

-Biden was never the nominee, only the presumptive nominee.

-There has been talk of Biden dropping out for quite some time, even from the GOP.

-A good businessman prepares for any contingency.

-Trump did not prepare for this.

-Trump isn't a good businessman.

So who's too old to serve now?

Trump raises an excellent point: his campaign was forced to waste money against Biden for as long as it did only for the Democrats to pull the rug out from under him by pulling Joe out of the race. This, if anything, is a form of cheating.

I think I'm finally breathing normal again! I was angry when Joe stepped aside, but I'm thrilled with the democratic party coming together so quickly in support of VP Harris! We are not going back!! Vote blue through & through

7-24-24

How can you impeach on immigration when they voted down a bill that would have helped the issue. All this theater needs to stop and our government needs to govern.

I was worried about Harris not being a good enough replacement as far as chance of winning. The way the Republicans are melting down over it tells me they think she has a very good chance. Anyone but Biden or Trump is what a lot of people said and the Democrats were the only party smart enough to finally listen.

The MAGA republicans are afraid Trump will lose to VP Harris. Trump is now the oldest candidate. They can no longer use rhetoric about President Biden is too old. After President Biden announced he was dropping out of the race they demanded he get back in. Since that did not work, now they want to impeach VP Harris because of border issues. However, these same

MAGA republican politicians were not concerned about the border when a bipartisan bill they helped developed was rejected by their own party. Also, these same MAGA republican politicians were not concerned when Trump incited the January 6 insurrection attempt or his failure to stop it afterwards. These MAGA republican politicians are hypocrites and traitors. I have to laugh at this. Remember this stuff when it comes time to vote. The Republicans are running scared and will do anything to "muddy the waters" to try and disparage Harris. Wasting time and energy on frivolous actions will get the Republicans absolutely nowhere. The Democrats will sweep in November and the Republicans will cease to be a factor for years. Republicans don't want to govern; they want to rule.

Both Shapiro and Kelly are excellent choices. Both are VP material for sure. Noticing that the maga comments here cannot criticize Kamala Harris on her experience and abilities only attack her personally which is what the Right does best and highlights their weakness. Convicted felon trump is going through depends faster than ever because he's scared to death of Harris and it's glorious. His latest senile ramblings are about wind and birds....did you know wind kills birds? Yup, that bit of demented information is from the man himself. The GOP is stuck with a senile old man who paints himself orange and is terrified of strong women. So good!

7-25-24

Trump has stumbled over multiple chances to find common cause and unite Americans. His response to COVID, which was weird because he wanted credit for getting a vaccine made and approved quickly while his supporters lashed out over vaccine mandates and masks. He could have brought us together with a coherent economic policy, but he chose tariffs that started the inflationary period and tax breaks for his buddies. He could have united us when the world was literally burning, but he reminded us California didn't elect him. We could have come together for the several severe hurricanes that whipped the southeast or reasonable border control solutions, but "I don't care, do you?" and a photo-op throwing paper towels. We should all agree it's time we recognize Black Americans as Americans and come together to protect them as we should protect all Americans, but we got "good people on both sides" and more hateful rhetoric. Shapiro would be her best choice for VP. And I'm not just partial because I'm from PA. I was a Republican and switched to Independent 2 years ago. Although he is a Democrat, he's not far left. Picking him could resonate with Pennsylvanians who are on the fence about Trump.

Too bad they won't nominate him for president. We here in PA have seen his leadership and I'm a republican. I don't agree with him on everything but he seems smart and trustworthy. Talented guy!

You do know Merica that we have just survived a pandemicyou know...the one that shuttered businesses and manufacturing and made it difficult to obtain goods and services??? The one that killed over one million Americans with their bodies piling up in trailers? The pandemic that ended just one year ago? When our economy finally reopened those goods and services were in short supply and in high demand. That high demand and shortage of goods caused inflation and that inflation was and is worldwide. It was not caused by Biden or it would not be worldwide. Added to the US inflation, which by the way is falling faster in the US than any where else in the world, is the corporate gouging of American citizens. Nearly every US corporation is posting record profits in the BILLIONS, including US oil companies. While we are all hurting from the cost of everything, it has little to do with the Biden administration and everything to do with the recent pandemic and the greed of US corporations. We presently have the best economy in the world, a roaring stock market, the lowest unemployment in decades, incredible job creation,

higher wages, lower drug costs and an infrastructure that is finally being addressed and we can thank Biden for preventing the recession that many predicted would be the fallout from the pandemic.

Thank goodness Biden bailed and a younger, smarter and tougher candidate has emerged. Trump is just rambling falsehoods away with no regard for facts, truths and decency. Trump who was going to bring us all together has already abandoned that strategy because he can't help himself. He wants to try to embarrass others when all he is doing is embarrassing himself with his off the wall rhetoric. We need to move on from this dinosaur now.

Bring it on Trump! Show your supporters the real Trump they refuse to acknowledge. Don't hide from Project 2025 when Harris brings its intentions to the masses and do debate her, we are all ears.

If trump was so worried about our border he wouldn't have had the GOP vote down the Bipartisan Border Bill last year. He was willing to let it go just so he could run on the border problem

Tells me all I need to know...The border is ONLY a talking point for him.

Harris has my vote.

I'm so much more interested in what the candidates plans are for the country than the name calling

Trump divided America more than any other President in my lifetime, and what's worse is that he did it ON PURPOSE. I can't tell you how many people I know who have lost friends and family relationships over issues with Trump... including myself. My brother and I didn't speak for over a year, over some things he said and I said, in 2020. On January 6th 2021, however, my brother (who is an army veteran), told me that now considers Trump a traitor to America. He is very much still a conservative guy, and that's fine with me... that wasn't the issue to begin with. The issue was how toxic and divisive Trump was, and his constant hateful anti-immigrant rhetoric. When I heard my brother repeat some of those things in front of my immigrant wife, at Thanksgiving dinner... I just completely lost it. Things were said that are pretty hard to take back. I'm just glad we got through it, because some people aren't able to, and I really hope for the sake of every American... that Donald Trump fades away from politics forever.

Way to win over swing voters! Not! People are getting sick of his blatant lies and insults, stick with policy, show the character of a leader, not a bully.

Trump doesn't know how to be nice. Or ethical. Or honest. Or patriotic. Or even simply decent. Trump used to donate to Harris and she gave the money to a charity. You can't make this stuff up.

7-27-24

This is NOT Christianity by true believers. Christlike believers love everyone and do not try to fill their congregations with lies. How can Believers support anyone who is a convicted felon and liar.

You won't have to vote again? Is he f::king serious?

Pwahahaha...vote so that you do not have to vote again...and people are clapping hands.

I wonder what he means by the statement "you'll never have to vote again? Could he be referring to the Project 2025 Plan? Curious minds want to know.

7-28-24

Under the Supreme Court's immunity decision, Trump could declare martial law, an official act, using some excuse like an imminent cybersecurity attack on the country, and 'temporarily' suspend the election. He would remain president for at least another year or two after his term expired while the courts sort everything out.

And because he would have immunity and can't be prosecuted he also cannot be impeached. A very real scenario

I grew up in a very conservative "christian" community. That's why when someone tells me they're "christian" anymore, especially in the context of business or politics, red flags immediately go up.

That a guy like Trump is calling himself a "christian" and being supported by the like ought to tell you everything you need to know about both of them.

Trump in 2016: **'I will totally accept' election results 'if I win'.**

Trump in 2018: **'PRESIDENT FOR LIFE' sounds great!**

Trump in 2024: **'In four years, you don't have to vote again, we'll have it fixed so good you're not going to have to vote.'**

LOCK him UP!

Donald Trump: He promised to cut the deficit. He added \$8T to it. promised to build a wall. He only did 458 miles out of 2,000. Most of it was repair or replacement, not new. He promised to make Mexico pay. They didn't. He promised to unveil a new healthcare plan. It didn't exist. He promised a middle-class tax cut. He cut taxes for the rich. The middle class is paying for it. He said he wouldn't play golf as President. He made 250 visits(way more than Obama) to his own golf clubs. It cost taxpayers \$150 million. He said he'd increase economic growth by 4%. He didn't. President Biden did. He promised an infrastructure plan. He had none. President Biden signed a massive one. He promised to hire "the best people." He fired 3/4 of them and then said they were the worst ever. He promised to bring down the price of prescription drugs. He didn't: President Biden did. He 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. 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...never forget!!

Dozens of Trump supporters were irate that they had their cars towed for parking illegally at the last Trump rally in NC, and they had to pay \$380 to get their cars back late in the evening. Many of them drove there from out of state.

"Dunkie's manager doing the lord's work!" this person said.

Another person sent "thoughts and prayers" to the victims.

A company naming themselves "GOTCHA TOWING" is just top notch.

Anybody who is dim witted enough to park in any private owned with signs specifically stating "parking for customers only" deserves to be relieved of their bankroll. Actually, I'm rather amazed that any of them had any money left after giving it all away to the "con artist" Donald Trump for \$400.00 tennis shoes, \$100.00 bibles, etc. to pay for his legal fees so that he doesn't have to spend any of his own two billion dollars or so.

That's MAGA thinking. The boss is above the law so we can disregard the law as well.

They were trying to Free Load like their Lard and Master. Pay Up Buddy Boy.

Law breakers all attending a rally for a convicted felon, Birds of a feather flock together

They should have parked at "Parking For MAGA DUMMIES Only!"

I find it far likelier that there will be a third world war if Trump wins. The man talks tough, but effective diplomacy--the kind that keeps conflicts from expanding into wider wars--requires a more delicate touch that I don't think Trump is capable of.

Wrong. A world war 3 would stem from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Russia is currently poised to invade the Baltic states next as their goal of restoring all former Soviet states. The main reason they haven't invaded is because the Baltic states are all Nato countries, which the U.S is a member of. One of Trump's goals, and something he actually tried during his first term was to withdraw the U.S from nato. So in reality, him winning would be what kicks off world war 3 because the only real threat to Russia, besides China, is the U.S. And we all know Trump and Putin are besties, so he's not gonna say no to Putin doing whatever he wants.

Just like Trump predicted we'd have a 1930's level depression if Biden won in 2020.

Yet we have a record high stock market, record low unemployment and avoid a recession like many predicted.

Trump has no clue.

Excuse me. She was a prosecutor, a senator, and a VP. What exactly qualified Trump to run in 2016 and now what qualifies Vance for VP candidate? Trump has demonstrated time and again how unqualified he remains to this day.

Voters don't want the negativity. TELL US WHAT YOU WILL DO FOR US, NOT WHAT THE OTHER PERSON DOES WROG. We are tired of each party behaving like the high school bully who thinks he raises himself by knocking others down.

And what about Putie putting long range ballistic missiles in Belarus? Is that not a threat to Poland and Europe? And what about their destruction of the Ukraine? Is that not his "cold war" in action? He's a joke and sooner he is gone the better for world peace!

It's getting to be pretty lame that every day, Trump says something ridiculous, and the GOP folks all dismiss it as just talk. When it's not crazy, oh he's telling the truth. When it is crazy, well, he's just kidding. One poster here was right, that if Harris said half of what Trump says, the Republicans would be raving mad demanding she quit. But it's Trump, so anything, no matter how outlandish, is just kidding folks.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump urges Christians to vote, says they won't have to again if he wins 2024 election."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump tells Netanyahu there will be 'third world war' if he loses in November."

7-29-24

Mark Levin says it's not the government's job to improve the life of its citizens. Sounds like the GOP's campaign slogan.

To all of trump's beautiful Christians: just one question; WWJD? Jesus would NOT be voting for Trump or any Republican. 45 is almost a reincarnation of Herod who was despot for life in Jerusalem during Jesus' life time. So before you vote, think WWJD!

Trump is running scared. He knows if he doesn't win this election he will pay dearly in the courts. And it couldn't happen to a more deserving person.

Trump has the most fragile ego in politics. He is a narcissist and needs constant affirmation of his greatness. He has never let the 2020 election go because his mind cannot wrap itself around the idea that he could ever lose anything. It gnaws at him to think that Biden - of all people - could beat him in an election. I'm sure he loses sleep over it, which might explain his slipping

cognitive abilities. Losing to Kamala Harris could put him over the edge into complete psychosis.

7-30-24

Another scary thing Trump has been saying to his cultists at rallies is that they don't need to vote. "I have so many votes, I don't need your vote." He says he will be fine. This has been said many times. This can be taken to mean that it doesn't matter how the vote goes, the election will be broken by interference in the process. The RNC has already installed 70 election officials in all swing states who are election deniers who will refuse to certify the vote. Efforts in many states are underway to purge people off the voter rolls. He and his cronies are out there already claiming the election is rigged, thereby undermining American's belief in our system of government. This should be considered a traitorous act. Our free and fair elections are the bedrock of our democracy. We have to fight those who would work to install a dictator madman who is just a puppet of the Heritage Foundation that has been working on Project 2025 (by other titles) for years waiting for a Republican president who is weak enough to allow them to take over the country.

I'll try to translate Trump: "All I care about is getting in, getting power, and avoiding prosecution. The country does not matter in the slightest after I get elected because that is an end in itself. If I don't need your vote, then the country never needs your vote ever again. The world and politics end when I get in again." You're welcome.

As Mark Twain once opined, "it's easier to con someone than to convince them they've been conned." How sad it is that some individuals believe that scientists, scholars, historians, economists, and journalists have devoted their entire lives to deceiving them, while a reality tv star with decades of fraud and exhaustively documented lying is their only beacon of truth and honesty.

Trump is the master of shiny objects, lies and conspiracies meant to distract. Trump attempted to overthrow a presidential election, thru VP pressure, massive voter fraud propaganda, fake electors and calling state legislators for votes.

FUN FACT: Trump ran on affordable healthcare for all, balanced budgets, and great trade deals and a wall Mexico was going to pay for. No care, broke records for deficit spending, had to give farmers billions due to his complete failure with trade and little wall.

Meanwhile our for profit healthcare system is the #1 reason for personal bankruptcy and we spend more annually on the military than the next 10 countries on the planet COMBINED! Maga has been played for suckers, like what Trump suggests our military professionals are. Wonder where that affordable healthcare for all went that Trump promised. It never arrived after the massive tax cuts for the wealthy. Trump and the GOP's corrosive impact on woman/voter's rights are historic. And now Trump has FULL IMMUNITY. Innocent people don't need that, but dictators do! Facts matter, trump/vance have none.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Kamala moves the needle': Trump loses lead in 7 battleground states."

7-31-24

Trump promised to hire "the best people." He fired 3/4 of them and then said they were the worst ever and they said HE was in fact the worst ever.

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 a middle-class tax cut. He cut taxes for the rich. The middle class is paying for it. He promised to build a wall. He only did 458 miles out of 2,000. Most of it was repair or replacement, not new.

He promised to make Mexico pay. They didn't. We did.

He promised to deport all undocumented Immigrants. He didn't. Republicans solution to illegal immigration: Do Nothing! All Talk, No Action!

He promised to cut the deficit. He added \$8T.

He said he'd increase economic growth by 4%. Nope. Biden did.

He promised an infrastructure plan. He had none. Biden signed a massive one.

He promised to bring down the price of prescription drugs. He didn't: Biden did.

He promised to unveil a new healthcare plan. It didn't exist.

He said he wouldn't play golf as POTUS. He made 307 visits to his own golf courses. It cost taxpayers \$141 million.

He promised a Hillary lock-up. Nope. Nada.

Promised we'd win the trade war with China. Nope, It cost 250,000 jobs and hurt Americans not help them.

He promised to revive the coal industry. Never happened - more coal jobs were lost.

He promised to show his tax returns. He didn't.

"Turned Black"??? Holy krap, Trump is toast after this. Vote for the prosecutor, not the orange felon! Kamala Harris for President! Vote Blue!

What a train wreck into a dumpster fire. He just lost an entire voting block.

I am so glad to see that Trump just destroyed his chances to become President again.....I know it's too soon to toast.....but I hope we all join in after all is said and done....vote blue, dear Americans!!

Self-destruction in 54321

As this election slips away Trump is going to become more and more unhinged. Gonna be EPIC to watch!

Trump is mentally chaotic, and JD Vance is just weird. America doesn't need these two crazy weirdos in the White House.

Their mental chaos will result in political and economic chaos.

8-1-24

Dumpster fire. This is what tRump's presidential campaign has become.

MAGA: "Biden chose her for VP only because she's a black woman."

Also MAGA: "She's not black!"

AP-NORC Poll: About 60 Percent of Americans Want Trump to Withdraw from Presidential Race: In addition, only 21 percent of Americans think Trump is honest, 34 percent think he has the right vision for the country, and just 38 percent think he is capable of handling a crisis. How is this not a bigger media story?

They shouldn't have been surprised. That's tRump's standard MO when asked a tough question, attack the interviewer. She should have responded "I'm sorry you feel that way, but this isn't Fox where you only get softball questions. Now, will you please answer the question?"

8-2-24

Certain politicians see the world as we are always right and the other side is wrong. We need a united America. The freeing of the hostages should be applauded as another great day in America.

"Dangerously liberal" is now right wing talk for women who can choose to have an abortion or work a career.

If you do not want to live in a theocracy modeled after Saudi Arabia, via Project 2025, vote blue in November.

You won't need to vote again if Trump is elected.

Just like in Saudi Arabia.

Dear Grump. I wouldn't talk about the border if I were you. Harris is going to let everyone know that you told republicans to vote against THEIR OWN legislation that would have secured the border. Senator Lankford isn't happy with you at all.

The more he talks, the more we win. This is starting to look like it's going to be a complete landslide come November.

Trump is the most sickening politician ever. His inflammatory attacks, baseless and without evidence, he has nothing. His only talent is to make accusations, attacks and divisive rhetoric that means nothing! He is a useless man. His own wife wants nothing to do with him. And anyone who worked in his administration has already publicly stated he is a madman. Donald Trump, Give up! You are done and you WILL GO TO JAIL!

It's a long time until November, but recent polls indicate Harris is ahead in 4 of the 6 swing states. The 2 the poll results, she is not, are within the margin of error. What is Trump doing to court the vote of undecided swing state voters? NOTHING. I don't believe he really wants to win and some of my Trump supporter friends think the same thing. After he loses he will claim fraud and spend the rest of his days bilking his cult followers out of every nickel he can. Running for President is the most successful business he has ever run.

If you're a Christian Evangelical and you love Trump, ask yourself this question: How does Donald Trump have the power to unleash hell? (Psst, there is only one correct answer).

I'm sure his tired dog and pony show will play well with the cult, but what about pulling in new voters? and is his only campaign issue simply trying to imply his competition is even worse than he is? Harris is overtaking him and he's a scared old man, it's going to be fun to see how low he'll go and how far he'll humiliate himself and his cult.

Sounds like a stereotypical elementary school bully - makes threats, spews lies, and engages in name-calling. Why do I feel like we are living in the Lord of Flies???

8-3-24

I agree with some people here, we want a real debate and not a show. No mud slinging no name calling and no playground stuff. Also I think it shouldn't be ANY news outlets at all. But more of a town hall thing no advance questions, just straight off the cuff questions and answers. With rules that allow each one to answer without mud slinging or name calling, have them answer the questions off the top of their heads. A real debate without the show

8-4-24

It's strange. He was White for a long time and that's how I knew him and then suddenly he's Orange. I don't know. I thought he was proud of being White but all he does is show up looking Orange. Maybe someone should be looking into it because is he White or is he Orange?

A Trump rally is really interesting. It's like watching a circus, but the clowns are not just on stage but attending the circus too.

8-5-24

Dear Republican MAGAs, please remember voting is woke and that voting early and by mail is extremely woke.

8-6-24

Didn't know much about him. While some people call some of his ideas far left, his voting record suggests he's right in the middle. He's military, he's from a small town, He was a teacher and a coach, and he brought Democrats and Republicans together in his state. I can get behind that.

Yes he definitely is in the middle that does not mean he has closed minded, he sees value when it's presented to him and the progressives of the state have also presented some valuable ideas that have been implemented and have been a benefit to the people of the state of Minnesota. It is very rare for a democrat to be elected in the Congress and reelected multiple times for over a decade in a deeply red section district of the state of Minnesota. That is what he has done even the Republicans supported his work in Congress by reelecting him many times.

He is your average T-shirt wearing American that uses logic and sometimes comedy with a smile on his face facing and fixing issues and he works with all spectrums of political affiliation.

Governor Walz is a gun owner, avid pheasant hunter, and supporter of the Second Amendment — and he, like millions of gun owners, believes that Congress must do more to tackle gun violence in our communities. As Governor, he established universal background checks for gun purchases.

It's not like republicans were in the dark when they nominated Trump as the republican candidate for president. We've had nine years of this and if republicans are exhausted then that's on them. Trump's 1/6 impeachment trial was their opportunity to get rid of him and they let him off the hook. Yes, MAGA world would have been upset but given the moment they could partially understand.

That's the problem though. The two parts of the party need each other, but hate each other. Classic conservatives see the crazy, but haven't stood up to it so it's festered. And you're right. If they had nuted up, voted to impeach they would have been done. Americans have a short memory. He cost them in 18, he cost them in 20, they let him cost them again in 22. Not that I'm complaining, just an observation mostly.

As a vet, i am finally feeling optimistic and hopeful for this country in a very long time. Thank you!! HARRIS WALZ 2024!!

The joy was sucked out of the room the night that Trump dragged Bill Clinton's mistresses into the 2016 Presidential debate. We haven't had joy since then. Thank you Kamala and Tim for BRINGING BACK THE JOY!

The crowd was of racial and ethnic diversity that will never be seen at a MAGA rally. It was the true melting pot representation of America's population.

WOW!! Coach Walz nailed that first rally! I've never felt so energized about America's future!! Harris/Walz 2024!!

If children eating free at school makes me a radical, then by all means, call me a radical. -Tim Walz.

Such a BREATH OF FRESH AIR! After years of HATRED, FEAR, LIES, RACISM & BIGOTRY coming from the MAGA movement, Harris & Walz, is truly welcomed. KAMALA for PRESIDENT 2024

We deserve this happiness and hope, after 8 years of MAGA

I'm teary-eyed listening to Coach Walz

Cool vs weird. No clearer choice. Harris Walz "Team America"

You nailed it, Nicole. Americans have a thirst for down to earth caring political leaders. Gov Walz embodies that America

Yeah, Walz CRUSHED IT! Didn't know who he was- then watching I got chills and the hairs stood up on my arms. Electrifying, Check!!!

I like how MAGA calls him "far left" like it's true or impactful

Sadly, a month ago I felt like there really wasn't a competent candidate to vote for...now I can hardly wait to vote for Harris/Walz!!!

America! We are so energized and excited about Harris and Walz!

FYI Trump doesn't do jokes, he does insults, humiliations and his own grievances.

Professional adults vs. petulant children. Real tough choice for Americans with working brains.

GREAT speeches. WE ARE NOT GOING BACK. "I learned the art of compromise without compromising my values."

Like Underdog he is humble yet lovable.

We are tired of the nasty, divisive rhetoric!

Looks like America's Happy, Humble, and Hardworking Uncle, gonna "Hammer" some "Humpty Dumpty Grandpa"

Thank you Biden for stepping aside and allowing this to happen.

It's like she found a younger Biden

Not sure trump is more scared of losing or the fact when he loses he goes to jail.

Let's All Thank President Biden

Walz was brilliant. VP Harris made the right choice. This guy is like a father. He is the right man for the job and VP Harris is the right woman for President of the United States. Harris/Walz 2024!

Checkmate maga

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Kamala Harris Leads Donald Trump in More Than a Dozen National Polls."

8-7-24

I am overjoyed. I have been a longtime supporter of Tim Walz ever since I learned about him like last week

God, the VP debates will be so good, America's dad vs America's weird cousin energy

I have this image of Tim Walz wandering around a Menards waiting for a phone call from Harris.

Me, three weeks ago: "The thing I know about Tim Walz is that he is the governor of Minnesota (I think)."

Me, now: "I would literally fling myself into a fire to save Tim Walz's life."

Kamala actually picked Tim Walz. I genuinely can't wrap my head around Dems doing something politically solid. Baffling development.

JD Vance said Harris picking Walz proves what an extreme radical she is. He's so right. Picking literally the most white bread man in America is about as radical as it gets these days.

I'm very confused. I'm a moderate. But to see people say Kamala isn't qualify after being a DA, senator, VP, and going to Harvard does that even make sense. Where did Trump go and what did he do before being a president? Idk lol

Trump Not Tramp!

Polls had been conducted. Focus groups had been commissioned. Records reviewed. And the upshot, Harris was told, was this: She could win the White House with any of the three finalists by her side.

Eventually the gop will wake up and realize that their negativity and hatred isn't helping the country and people are getting tired of it. Of course by then, it'll be too late for them.

8-8-24

Kamala stopped the crowd from shouting lock him up about trump, whereas if it was trumps rally and they shouted lock her up he would have tried to incite the furor even larger (by throwing gasoline on the fire) with more hateful rhetoric and name calling while he had the crowd's attention, the difference between the candidates tactics are glaringly evident....

I haven't been a big fan of Harris, but you have to give her some credit for not letting trump and his people control the narrative. Harris' ability to push back on hecklers in real time is good. Don't blame her from staying away from the "lock him up" slogan as we saw how that ended up for trump in the end. At least she will be able to say honestly later that she never said that....unlike trump who, like everything else, lied about saying "lock her up"...

A woman of intelligence and integrity has no time for the nonsense she knows that belongs to others to handle. This kind of nonsense is for the Trump/Vance campaign because they have nothing else only a bunch of cultists with a hope and a dream to win this election or maybe a lottery ticket win. I would bet the ticket first, but I am glad and proud to say she doesn't need to use mouth and waste her followers and voters with this incompetent redirect. We have a "LIONIST" and a winner for V.P that is what only counts, the rest is up to the courts, and all have their day. His is coming sooner than expected and of his cult plans another attempt the nation as a whole is waiting and this time all will fall. And some have families they should think of those we don't hear him b\putting money to help with legal expenses since they are innocent? Not even his attorney has his back the distance he has made should be a large picture of his intentions for all.

The guilty man will be locked up soon, courts have enough evidence.

trump is the triumph the insult dog of the Republican Party. His minions thinks he's funny but his act is tiresome and he is really just a puppet being manipulated by someone behind the scenes

Trump is his own undoing.

The choice is very very simple! Do you want a college educated person in the oval office or do you want the President of Trump University !!!

At a Dictator Don the Con rally, the chant would have caused the cheeto to encourage the crowd even more, at Harris's rally, it's rightly seen as juvenile and discouraged. Good for you, Kamala. Thank you for that.

Ms. Harris and her supporters demonstrate maturity and intelligence orders of magnitude superior to those folks you witness at the shrinking Trump gatherings.

TRUMP 20 TO 24 YEARS!

Harris will handle Trump in a debate. She can think on the fly and speak clearly. Two things Trump cannot do, as all he does is descend back into his usual ranting and nonsensical statements.

He retired A YEAR before the deployment, not days or weeks, or even months. And he decided to go and run for Congress BEFORE any deployment was ordered. And you are 100% right - you don't just retire, and if a deployment was imminent, he would have been denied.

Let's talk about Trump's "bone spurs" that magically disappeared, instead.

Putin should never underestimate the will and determination of the Ukrainian forces to strike against the aggressors and show them that what Russia has done to them they can do just the same

The GOP and especially DT have no solutions to any of the problems they say we have in this country. If they did, they would state them and tell us how it can be fixed. DT added 8 trillion to our national debt. The OLD MAN has no answers, just grievances.

Drill baby drill? The oil companies have over 6,000 leases, some for decades, that they could be drilling in now. So why aren't they? Easy, why spend millions into new wells, when they can just raise their prices and increase their profits with NO \$\$\$ spent? It's basic business sense, "Energy's what caused the worst inflation" And so their answer is always drill for more oil. Why is their answer never to diversify our energy infrastructure to accommodate substitute energy sources? I have a coworker that keeps harping on about how everything in our economy is tied to the price of gas. But it doesn't have to be that way if we would invest in alternative energy substitutes.

Why do Trump supporters cry about the economy but have no problem traveling around the country to his rallies, spending way too much money on Trump-branded merch (one guy that was interviewed said he spent thousands of dollars on it), etc.?

"For the first time in a long time, Democrats are united and energized, while Republicans are on their heels. Unforced errors from both Trump and his vice presidential nominee J.D. Vance have shifted the media spotlight from Biden's age to Trump's liabilities,"

I think Vance was chosen based on running against Biden. Now that he has a different opponent, the equation has changed. Also, appealing to, "The Base" has its limits, since the Base is not large enough to carry the election without women, and independents. While there are probably a large number of people who would like to go back to the 50's, they are not a majority.

TRUMPS 2025 plan.

Per wikipedia and Snopes It makes er.. interesting (i.e. terrifying) reading. The plan where a president can replace all career FBI agents and other justice department personnel with political appointees is chilling. It's tantamount to requiring a loyalty oath, and the last guy who did that was the leader of mid-20th century Germany (yes, HIM). People in the DOJ loyal to the constitution over Trump is the only thing that kept him from remaining in the white house last time. If we elect Trump again I expect it will be the death of democracy in the USA. Sounds like something that couldn't happen here, but they thought that about their democracy in Germany too.

8-9-24

Watching Trump and Vance meltdown in public is funny, weird, creepy and dangerous. But the more it becomes apparent that Trump is slipping, the more dangerous he and his vile movement become. For the country to come together, Trump cannot win. After all, who the Hell wants JD Vance a heartbeat away from the Presidency? I'm told even Trump doesn't relish that thought. I'm a Texan, a born-again Evangelical Christian, and a gun owner. I'm also a Navy veteran who proudly served. I cannot and will not vote for Donald J. Trump. His words and actions are antithetical to Christ's teaching. His willingness to lie and wildly exaggerate is off-putting at

best. As a veteran, his denigrating remarks toward senior brass undermine the good order and discipline required for a strong and effective military. His praise of dictators and autocrats is abhorrent.

Because I'm voting against MAGA, not for Harris. I believe in small government, personal freedoms, balanced budgets, and strong alliances. I used to vote Republican until 2016 when that party I voted for stopped existing. I'm willing to lend my vote to the Democrats for as long as the GOP continues to be the party of forced religion, forced patriotism, forced birth, white nationalism, and isolationism.

I am a lifelong Republican. Jimmy Carter is the only Democrat I have ever voted for. I voted for Trump twice because I am a Republican, but mostly because he looked to me to be the lesser of two evils. I just can't bring myself to vote for him again. He has become the greater of two evils! I'm not thrilled by the Democratic platform or many of their priorities. But Trump is just too divisive, and as a nation, we desperately need to come together and find shared solutions to the problems our country is facing.

I am an Eisenhower/Kinzinger Republican with three sons serving in the US military. How is this a difficult choice for any educated, ethical human being? Trump is a horrible person, utterly devoid of any political vision, ethical compass, or personal integrity. He's a convicted felon. Adjudicated fraudster. Indicted for multiple other felonies. A vocal supporter of the world's worst megalomaniac dictators. For real? I have to explain why no one should ever support him, regardless of party affiliation? Is that what we've come to? That's what MAGA has done to our country in general and the GOP in particular. It's elevated crass and criminal behavior to a level of normalcy.

I voted Republican for 40 years. I don't recognize the Republican Party anymore. Where are the fiscally conservative, free enterprise, foreign policy hawks of the past? All I hear now is hate. And while I fully support free enterprise, we can't deny the science of climate change and need to find ways to reduce our impact on the planet before it is too late.

Christian nationalism poses a threat to my Christian faith, my LGBTQ friends, and to the fabric of our nation. It's terrifying to see what's become of my family members who tout Christian beliefs but are posting photos with a convicted felon and convicted sexual predator as a new messiah. Horrific.

I will vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz for two reasons. 1) I despise Donald Trump. He lacks character, dignity, morals, and empathy. He's one of the worst humans on the planet and never should've been a presidential candidate, let alone a president. 2) I like the message of hope and a brighter future that Harris and Walz are bringing. They are good and decent people the American people can be proud to have as our President and Vice President.

The HARRIS /WALZ ticket creates a great choice to preserve our constitutional republic and a great choice, cementing GOOD vs Evil.

TRUMPS RECORD(S):

- 1 Failed attempt to overthrow a presidential election
- 2 Presidential elections losing the popular vote by 3 Million and 7 Million
- 1 Government shutdown, at 35 days, longest in USA history
- 64 Times Mentioned In Epstein Report
- 97 Times Pleaded The Fifth
- 34 Felony Convictions
- 3 Marriages
- 91 Criminal Charges

300,000+ documented lies while in the White House
26 Sexual Assault Allegations
6 Bankruptcies
5 Draft Deferments
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 Judgement
\$400+ Million Fraud Judgment
Weird absolutely weird. America, you need to let these facts soak in!

8-10-24

It seems that the house of trump brand cards is falling. He does not know what to do about being called “weird”? So how will he actually handle any real crisis if he’s president again. I think we all know, lies, bluster, inaction and blame. That’s all MAGA is. Hope it all just fades into the history books soon and some other party emerges. The gop is gone and they have themselves to blame. Good riddance. They became the party over country party. John McCain and Ronald Reagan would be ashamed of what trump turned their party into.

Have this man talked about anything positive like how he's going to help the United States? All Trump has been talking about is the audience size of his rallies. Man, this guy needs to regroup and do something differently.

I have voted in several presidential elections during my lifetime. I have never seen a more WEIRD and unfit candidate as Donald Trump.

I wonder if Trump ever plans to campaign on policy and governance. So far Trump has done nothing but insult anyone and everyone who has not pledged support and allegiance to Trump. True Americans would never do such a thing and it seems a given that Trump will fail again, "bigly" this November.

It would interesting to hear some discussion of policy from Trump, but I don't think he is capable enough to talk to real issues.

Trump's nasty rhetoric is old and tired...

Spreading hateful opinions/lies of his opponents is no longer working.

Americans want UNITY and want to hear what a candidate will do to solve major problems. If Trump keeps this up he will continue to go down a spiral of darkness and he will lose, which means he will go to prison and justice shall be served...

News of the Surreal (for Real): “A sinking ship? Donald Trump campaign mocked for playing 'Titanic' song at rally.”

8-12-24

Trump’s lost it. I couldn’t be happier.

8-13-24

A vote for trump is a death wish for democracy.

He is frkn LOSING IT!!! Makes me so happy!!!!!!! He held us hostage for 4 yrs plus and deserves everything coming!

Clinton led in 2016. We CANT go by these polls. Gotta go out and VOTE!

8-16-24

This is why a close election will be problematic. Harris needs to win big. North Carolina and even Florida are in play now. The only way this thing does not end up in the Courts, State Houses or House of Representatives is if Harris beats Trump by a large margin in both the Popular and Electoral College votes. Unlike 2020, seven million won't be enough.

The GOP is winning the battle on the schoolyard, but losing the war. This is the most disrespectful behavior imaginable, not just toward their opposition candidate, but it is a slap in the face to any person of color and any reasonable person, period. For Trump to deny that Harris is black is beyond logic or comprehension. Trumpers are adamant that Harris is Jamaican and not black, as though Jamaican is its own race. I could as well tell my neighbor that he is not black but Arizonan because he is from Arizona. Mace and other spineless Trump loyalists stand by his nonsense because they are in thrall to their mob boss. It is a shameful state of affairs.

8-17-24

Not all but large numbers of republicans are Brainwashed by the information sources they choose to listen to .

Which are actually products of multi-millionaire , billionaire right wing extremist think tanks .

What they're addicted to for information sources are actually programming centers , they have no clue the programming has been going on for 30 years.

Now like the drones they have become they're fighting tooth and nail to drastically lower the quality of their own lives along with everybody else's because that's the subliminal message the multi-millionaires and billionaires have been bombarding their brains with for the last 30 years.

This is obvious to everybody but them.

They've been the duped portion of a 30-year successful experiment proving that there are millions of men that can be totally controlled through psychological manipulation .

What that political group of men supports today is the complete opposite of what the same political group believed 30 years ago.

And their new belief just happens to be the perfect gift of all gifts to the extremist right leaning multimillionaires and billionaires , take the power away from the government and give it to these rich Elites.

8-18-24

News of the Surreal (for Real): "MAGA mood swing: Some Trump voters are denying Harris' progress – but others say they're worried."

Things I trust more than Donald Trump:

1. Flint, Michigan tap water
2. Gas station sushi
3. Bill Cosby as the bartender
4. Taco Bell bathrooms
5. Tom Brady putting air in my tires

6. A shark with a “pet me” sign
7. A North Korean trial
8. A shot from Dr. Kevorkian
9. A Casey Anthony day care
10. A fart when I have diarrhea
11. A movie-role from Harvey Weinstein^[SEP]12. Invitation to Church from Tom Cruise^[SEP]13. Dinner with Jeffrey Dahmer^[SEP]14. Reverse-mortgage from Tom Selleck^[SEP]15. Swimming in the Seine^[SEP]16. Kristi Noem taking care of @chacha_cardenas^[SEP]17. JD Vance alone on my living room couch.

Trump has nothing, no original ideas just old lines he used in 2020. Moderates aren't voting for this man, young people aren't voting for him. Harris by a landslide

8-19-24

I've seen multiple interviews with people at Trump rallies. It appears a majority of them are multiple time attendees of Trump rallies. It's like a Grateful Dead or Phish concert, a gathering of the faithful at every event. Not indicative of Trump's true support.

A few months ago, the 2024 election was Trump's to lose. And he's doing an outstanding job of it, too.

An interesting factoid:

Since 2020, 8 million people over the age of 65 have passed.

Since 2020, 16 million people turned 18.

People over 65 vote about 60-40 republican.

People under 21 vote about 67-33 democratic.

So just by time passing, Trump has lost a nearly 7 million vote edge. Combined with his loss last time, that puts Trump behind about 13 million votes.

I do not see a path where Trump can win.

This isn't counting one single "energy" vote.

The DNC projects “Project 2025 HQ” onto Trump Tower in downtown Chicago on the eve of the Democratic National Convention

8-21-24

45 is delusional. We remember 1/6/2021... vote for democracy not a dictator.....

No, there will be no pumping the brakes on rhetoric about Donald Trump. Everyone should shout from the rooftops the danger he represents to the country and take matters into their own hands at the ballot box. We can't be responsible for lunatics. We tried to enact common Sense gun laws but the GOP won't have that so here we are. Vance can pound rocks.

Michelle Obama 2016: “When they go low, we go high!”

Michelle Obama 2024: “Let me tell you about this motherfucker named Trump...”

8-22-24

As a father of an 18yr old son who is getting ready to go off to college in a couple of weeks, let me say this. I am a man's man and because of that I am not ashamed to say the following: Gus Walz made me bawl like a baby last night!! I literally tear up and choke up every single time since then when I see that clip. That is a father's dream for their children to be proud to call you "their Dad"!! I strive everyday of my life for that one thing!!

Thank you Gus!!

I don't cry easily, but as the dad of a teenage son with autism, ADHD & anxiety issues, watching Tim Walz's 17-year-old son (who has a non-verbal learning disorder, ADHD & anxiety disorder) standing up, crying & pointing to the stage telling everyone "that's my dad" just gutted me

Tim Walz could've given a Gettysburg-level oration, and all people would remember is his son tearfully shouting "That's my dad!"

You know you've done well as a parent when your kids are as proud of you as Gus and Hope are of Tim Walz. "That's my dad." No three words better describe our next Vice President.

It takes a lot to get me to tears but seeing Walz's son cheering and crying had me grabbing for the tissues! I think even Tim was close to tears as well. So refreshing to see the love!

To see the love his son has for his father is beyond any words that could describe the heartfelt love that was demonstrated last night. Were you all in tears like I was?. I will be proud to vote to bring this family to the White House on November 5th!!!

My preteen daughter has Down syndrome... it was really heartwarming to see my family being represented and not being made fun of by a Candidate. This is an all American family. This is and the diversity of the crowd we see at the DNC is real America.

There are just so many derogatory, nasty nasty comments in this section from the right about a boy who is proud of his father that want everyone to believe they are the party of family values that I think we should copy it and show all the world that the right has no values at all and are just pond scum.

Tim and Gwen Walz are America.... The little whiny republican gullibles posting here are, as DonOLD states, "the basement dwellers".... Harris/Walz will roll over Old Don and weird Jaydee....and it won't be close.

As a former Republican, I found this completely wholesome. We need a leader like this...not a charlatan who thinks he's better than everyone else.

Gus won America's heart in less than 10 seconds. What an amazing son and an incredible father. America was on stage.

Yes, Ann you're a conservative and this is a Democratic convention. So obviously you would disagree with ideology. But when did you turn into Donald Trump mocking the individual? It does not matter that you deleted the post. What matters is you made the post in the first place against a kid with disabilities. That low enough to be subterranean. Sad.

Unbelievable--mocking a son who is crying tears of joy while bursting with pride for his dad. Every day he has to deal with his neurodivergence. He certainly shouldn't be bullied for it by an adult who should know better. It reminded me of Trump mocking and ridiculing a reporter with a disability.

Gus' beautiful reaction to his Father brought tears to my eyes. Anyone who can poke fun at people with disabilities only proves to me that they are the ones who are afflicted with meanness and cruelty.

8-23-24

Trump is losing it and I love it. Lie after lie coming out of that mouth. Vote Blue

Karl misunderstands why people wanted RFK. They didn't want Trump or Biden. Sure some will go to Trump, some will go to Harris, many will just stay home and not vote.

Trump had his minions in Congress nix the strongest border security deal in history, that was negotiated in the Senate on a bi-partisan basis, and that Joe Biden had committed to sign. Trump wanted something to complain about. The border issue is squarely on Trump's back.

I'm prepared to be wrong but it seems to me that the only reason people were voting for RFK was because they didn't want to vote for Trump and he was close enough. Without him in the race, those people are going to have to make a decision to either switch their vote to Trump, who they didn't want to vote for in the first place, vote for Harris, or not vote at all. I don't think that Trump will get much of a bump out of RFK quitting and endorsing him.

Kennedy, this cycle ran as a Democrat, independent, and now he is hooking up with the Republican. He wants to be relevant so badly. After the switch, Kennedy lost about 4 percentage points. He is now down to 5 percentage points....all of those people aren't going to cross over to Trump. Kennedy is selling his soul for the devil. Just last week he wanted a seat at the table with Democrats. Now he is really weird.

Her acceptance speech was spectacular. One of the best speeches I've heard since '08. She was incredibly prepared, articulate and confident. Trump is completely out to sea at this point. What an incredible change 30 days can make.

Harris was very presidential in her messaging and delivery. As she walked us through her background, she mentioned how her values were shaped. She laid out her positions across a variety of topics and described how she will govern. She gave a unifying message, while appropriately calling out the dangers of Trump. Most importantly, she was uplifting and inspiring. I for one am sick and tired of Trump's whining, complaining negativity. Time to move on from the grumpy old twice impeached convicted felon. Blue wave!

It has been eye opening to hear politicians speaking well. Refreshing really. From Clinton to Obama, and Harris. Clear, articulate and heart felt. All the things Trump is not. Hate fear, and retribution is the take away from the GOP.

It's becoming clearer and clearer that Trump isn't counting on a win at the ballot box so he's laying the groundwork for his Plan B which is Jan. 6 on steroids. Unless he wins by a landslide (he won't) Trump will scream election fraud, fake polls, election rigging and pull out the 2020 playbook. The difference this time is in swing states election deniers have infiltrated election boards and Trump has legions of lawyers ready to jump into action. Our system really is very fragile not because of nonexistent election fraud but because of bad actors using their system to avoid certifying votes. All the Trumpers have to do is gum up the works in two or three states so those states don't meet the constitutionally mandated deadline to certify votes. Create enough chaos and Congress decides the election with each state getting one vote. The majority of states are Republican so Trump wins. I believe that's why Trump is acting as if he doesn't care with his low energy, insults and not even trying to bring new voters to his side. He thinks he has an ace up his sleeve come November. Get ready for Republican shenanigans that could go beyond just legal challenges.

The Democrats have increased their legal team from 2020 by a factor of 10.

Hopefully it will be enough to cut through Trump's election denialism, again.

Trump knows he's already lost and it's going to be even bigger. This time however he doesn't have the Presidency excuse for attempting to steal the election so he can be punished and the Supreme Court can't save him. He's also not going to have all the backing he had the first time. Nobody wants to be sued and have to payout a quarter of a billion dollars, lose their licenses to work and/or wind up in jail to protect him. They've already seen Trump won't raise a finger to try and protect them. He will also have lost the faith of a very large amount of people that believed he was "the one" since it will be his second loss and he is too old.

That Project 2025 document that Trump says he knows nothing about was written by The Heritage Foundation, the same group that gave Trump the names of WHO they wanted on the

Supreme Court. Trump's three Supreme Court justices came from a Heritage Foundation wish list.

Trump = Four years and NO health plan. Four years and NO infrastructure Plan. Four years and 5 miles of new border wall created. Two years and Millions of Dead Americans due to failure to Act immediately to Covid Pandemic, then telling America it was be gone by April. In Fours years Trump created \$7.8 Trillion in Debt due to Tax breaks for the wealthy.

Will Harris be a great president? Who knows since we can't tell the future but she did at least in my opinion show last night she is ready to be President. She was poised, articulate and communicated effectively in her speech.

Voters are finally starting to pay attention to what he says. That will be the downfall of Trump, his mouth. He offers only chaos, fear, and hate, by childish name calling, infantile insults and adolescent character jabs.

He's in full on panic mode trying to look cool. But his face tells a different story the last month have thrown him big time and the stress is apparent.

8-24-24

Trumpz is delusional. Trump lost 2016 by 3,000,000. Trump lost 2020 by 7,000,000 Trump will lose 2024 by over 10,000,000. Abortion is on the ballot in Arizona, Nevada and Florida. Women will turn out and they are unlikely to vote pro-choice and pro-Trump. Senators in swing states like Arizona, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania are up by a bigger margin than Harris and people who vote for a Democrat for Senate are unlikely to split their ticket and vote for Trump. Harris is going to win the White House and Trump is going to be sent to the Big House. Harris will get at least 303 Electoral College votes and win the popular vote by over 10,000,000. Roevenber will finally bring the end of Trump. Better late than never.

In a [recent column](#), National Review executive editor Mark Antonio Wright weighed in on the disarray of the Republican ticket and Trump's careening presidential campaign. While opining that the GOP nominee isn't getting fair treatment by the mainstream press, Wright nonetheless attributed Trump's flagging 2024 operation to the fact that he is simply "very unpopular" and that Harris represents a welcome departure from what was previously a stale race.

"Yes, this summer when the public was faced with the choice between the Democrats' unpopular, probably senile, octogenarian Joe Biden and the Republicans' unpopular, definitely nuts, septuagenarian Donald Trump, it seemed like the American people would reluctantly go with Trump," Wright wrote. "But at the same time, American voters for two years running had loudly and repeatedly told both parties, pollsters, and anyone who would listen that they preferred a different set of choices. The dominant emotion that most Americans felt about the coming election was *dread*. And then, in a remarkable turn of events, the Democratic Party gave Americans another option: Kamala Harris."

"Trump isn't losing because Kamala Harris is being hyped by the press and fluffed up to kingdom come. He isn't losing because the press is being unfair to him," Wright observed. "He's losing because he's a weak, unpopular, undisciplined candidate running at the head of a weak, minority electoral coalition. That's the truth, whether anyone wants to hear it or not."

8-25-24

Trump's remark, on a week ago last Thursday evening, that the civilian Presidential Medal of Freedom is "better" than the Medal of Honor for military valor has sparked backlash from veterans.

The only Christian in the history of the religion who has stated he has never asked for forgiveness, because he's never done anything wrong. It's almost like he's a liar...

The only thing Trump is praying for, if he prays at all, is not to be sent to prison. And if Trump does pray, he ends it with "for MINE is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory and the MONEY, forever. Ah-ME."

This is what the election is about: do you want the executive branch run by someone who's competent or do you want it run by a curator of chaos and seen as a slush fund for an indebted billionaire? Presidents don't really ever fix problems. The political process is too piecemeal for that. They do set policy on foreign affairs and diplomacy, which is where a president can have an immediate impact. Harris would continue competent foreign policy while Trump would establish practices designed to generate money for himself.

Trump is turning off voters in droves. At least the Democrats realized they were running with the wrong guy and changed it up. The Republicans are too far up that hole to change course.

So what is this radical agenda? I think that attacking your own Capitol and trying to hang the vice president during an attempted government overthrow is pretty dang radical. I also call taking away women's reproductive rights pretty radical right along with abolishing the Dept of Education and the IRS.

8-26-24

It's not his base Trump needs, it's the independents and centrists.

If he skips that debate he will lose support.

And newly registered young voters female voters who always turn out to vote more than men. Trump's losing them all. He's even slightly losing in the over 65 group, something unheard of for a Republican candidate. There just aren't enough white men to help Trump win.

Second question in the debate, "Mr. Trump, for months your supporters have told us that being the oldest candidate in the Presidential race is a liability. Would you care to comment about that?"

Trump is constantly aware that losing the race for president greatly increases the odds that he will go to jail for his many crimes. He needs to pardon himself to avoid time behind bars. Not surprising that this has him rattled.

Name calling and telling lies is not a good sign for a former president that wants to be a king.

Just don't understand why his followers cannot see that this spoiled brat is not fit to represent the United States of America. Has no family values, no moral values and shows no respect to anyone but himself. He was right several years ago when he said he was not a politician as our country's government has been a mess since he became a Republican. Only hope that Donald Trump disappears after this next election.

ANY debate - think the Presidential primary debates - should have the muted mic rules. We all know Trump's lack of restraint, but the muting is needed to at least keep a modicum of control for the moderators.

Trump negotiated and implemented most of the withdrawal, he had reduced US Troop levels to 2,500 when he left office. Do these naysayers feel that Biden should have remilitarized, sent in 150,000 troops, and the US staying in Afghanistan for another 20 years? A special military advisor to Vice President Pence described in 2020 the withdrawal agreement Trump negotiated: "Perhaps by design, perhaps by incompetence, perhaps out of sheer spite or arrogance, Trump has created the circumstances for another Bay of Pigs, Black Hawk Down, or Benghazi; leaving

behind an unsustainable presence in Afghanistan, a crisis for the Afghan people, and a mess for the Biden-Harris administration."

The damage is already done. Trump created an anti-abortion Supreme Court and now there are large regions of America where a woman does NOT have dominion over her reproduction. So, why would we believe they won't try to do that to the rest of the nation?

Vote Blue if you believe a woman owns her own right to decide if she wants to have a baby.

Republicans have replaced "respect" with "fear". They are the only ones that talk about people fearing Trump simply because they do. American presidents are not supposed to be feared but respected.

Most world leaders that rule based on fear usually have a very bad ending.

8-28-24

Early in the age of the internet I was of the opinion that facts would always ultimately triumph over falsehoods. I no longer hold that opinion, misinformation has triumphed time and again. A democracy cannot stand if the electorate is misinformed. Unless we find a way to build an immunity to misinformation our form of democracy will fall.

What was Harris' role in the Afghan situation that she failed to do? Trump made the deal that allowed 5,000 Taliban terrorists and their leaders out of jail, not Harris. Trump brought home 30,000 troops and left the equipment there. He also left 2,500 men to handle the two airports plus the embassy and whatever else their job was at the time the troops were returning home. So what exactly was Harris' job? She was not in charge, she did not sign the withdrawal orders, she did not sign the treaty that laid out the how and when the troops were to leave. Trump did. So again what was Harris' job? And if the VP is responsible for everything that happens even when not making the policies, then I think Vance better gear up to be the official sacrificial lamb for Trump. It will be a bumpy ride for certain.

Trump broke the law at Arlington! no political events at a military cemetery !

So tired of the hate and false accusations. Can't wait until this is over. Vote Blue.

Trump's use of an event at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery for a campaign opportunity is a desecration of sacred ground. But, that is nothing new for Trump, who holds no regard for our Armed Forces or the sacrifices they make for us. He was only there, because the event was tied to military members who died during the evacuation operations at Kabul Int'l Airport. He hoped to use it to his advantage. Otherwise, the sacrifice of those Americans mean nothing to him. It doesn't excuse him that the families "invited" him. They should be sanctioned, as well. They could have asked any photographer, if their true desire was just to record their visit. They chose to invite Trump and his team in an obvious effort to try to embarrass the Biden Administration, ignoring the fact that Trump was just as responsible for the events at Kabul, due to the agreement he "negotiated" with the Taliban that gave the US few choices in its withdrawal. How Christian of Mr. Vance to tell another presidential contender to "go to Hell." Sounds as if Trump-Vance is getting a little touchy.

A candidate for higher office saying of the opposition, she "can go to hell" is a very clear indicator that he is not fit for the position he seeks. That is a horrible remark to use towards his opponent!!

Someone is wound up a little tight. That comment aimed at Harris in response to a question about the altercation at Arlington when she has not even mentioned the incident? And saying she did not do her job when she was not president in 2021 and was never assigned any role related to that incident? Sounds like he's got only one thing on his mind, to blame Harris for

absolutely everything. If a reporter had asked him a question about his bad haircut the other day, would he have blamed that on Harris too? Weird.

This comment is in perfect line with and accepted by all of the CINO's. Christians In Name Only. The white evangelicals keep falling for it hook line and sinker. IMO.

Trump supporters chanting "USA!" rank right next to Middle Ages peasantry screaming "BURN HER!!" at misidentified witches. Brainwashed and hopeless.

8-29-24

I am a Veteran and I visit Arlington as often as I can and that cemetery brings up emotions in me that I did not know I even had. It is rich that someone who dodged the draft and calls Veterans suckers and losers thinks it is fine to exploit these fine men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

No matter what, Trump ALWAYS attacks the messenger and not the message. If you remove all his personal attacks, he just rambles on about nutty stuff that doesn't matter to anyone, or comes up with crazy ideas like replacing the income tax with a tariff, a consumption based tax.

Meanwhile the United States Army just rebuked Trump for disgracing Arlington cemetery. Wowzers.

8-30-24

I just spent \$200 on Trump's new NFTs that have him as a superhero!

I just wish groceries weren't so expensive! It's hard to feed your family because of inflation!

As the obsessive liar and turncoat (flipflop) that felon Trump has proven to be, he cannot be trusted to satisfy either side of any disagreement on such an important issue as abortion. Both sides will likely be disappointed so long as corporate mainstream media continues to give their MAGA cash-cow opportunities to entertain us with what he does best..... lies, flipflops, and incoherent bable. ^{SEP} Trump has no morals, no convictions, and no principals. He just lies saying whatever he thinks people want to hear. An ever increasing landslide into failure. Trump will likely end his days in jail.

I have zero sympathy for Republicans who still don't realize that you cannot trust anything Trump says because he will change it on a whim to get votes. Remember the wall he promised that Mexico would pay for? Didn't happen after 4 years. Remember the promise to lock up Hillary? Nope. Remember the promise to revoke ObamaCare? It's still there. Remember the promise of no deficits? Trump had more than doubled the previous highest deficit. Remember the promise that he wouldn't play golf in office because he wouldn't have the time for it? We all know how that played out.

9-2-24

I agree with republicans that there were and are widespread efforts to interfere with our elections. The difference is EVIDENCE shows those acts were and are being committed by donnie and the republican party.

You Tube has the entire Jab 6th investigation. They provide emails, handwritten notes and phone messages. Interviews from top cabinet members, attorneys and elected officials. All the evidence is there, just seek it.

Trump's claim that he had "every right" to interfere with the 2020 election is fundamentally flawed because his actions went far beyond legally permissible challenges to election results. While candidates can seek recounts and file lawsuits to contest an election, Trump engaged in

actions that were widely viewed as illegal and unethical. These actions included pressuring state officials to "find" votes, orchestrating a scheme involving fake electors, attempting to coerce the Department of Justice into declaring the election corrupt, and inciting a violent attack on the Capitol to disrupt the certification of electoral votes on January 6th. These behaviors constitute potential violations of state and federal laws, including conspiracy to defraud the United States and obstructing an official proceeding. Legal experts, bipartisan lawmakers, and multiple courts have rejected Trump's baseless claims of widespread voter fraud, making it clear that his attempts to overturn the election results were both unlawful and dangerous to American democracy.

Thank you for putting this together. It was wrong the minute Trump lost in court and didn't make the call to Biden to concede as every presidential candidate in my life time has done. Then Trump proceeded to go past setting horrible precedent and he started to break the law. It can't go unpunished or it will be repeated.

I love it when Trump incriminates himself by saying he did exactly what he is accused of doing... but he has the right to do it.

He's admitted to fraud.

He's admitted to having the documents.

He admitted to knowing he couldn't declassify them.

He has admitted to election interference.

But he says it's all cool. It's his right. as he accuses everyone else of the same crimes with no evidence.

Has any other POTUS in US history interfered with an election that they lost? If not, how does Trump feel he "has a right" to interfere. There is no precedent for this. I guess he makes his own rules?

This is Trump's mental health issues on display. He cannot bear to lose at anything, and tried to overturn the election results in spite of having no real evidence of a problem, and this lack of evidence has been acknowledged over and over again by every court that has looked at the issue. In Trump's mind, he is so wonderful that any election that he doesn't win could not possibly be fair. This mindset, and his willingness to act on it without strong evidence, should disqualify him in the minds of all but the most gullible voters.

The Constitution provides for no role for the president in elections. Therefore, any interference in elections by a president falls outside the immunity provided by the Supreme Court.

I asked a MAGA once why he is so convinced that the election was stolen and there was massive voter fraud with the following:

62 court cases that proved nothing.

Everywhere they claim there are no paper ballots, there already are.

Republicans won down ballot using the exact same ballot... no argument from the GOP!

200 plus years of voting with no concerns and suddenly they all believe there is a problem because Trump said so.

The very conservative Heritage foundation (the authors of Project 2025 no less) found a 'statistically insignificant' 1,465 confirmed instances of voter fraud in the 2020 election, nationwide out of 154.6 million votes. Most confirmed fraud was by the GOP, by the way. Even if all happened in one swing state and all by Dems, which again it was mostly GOP cheating, it still wouldn't have given any state to Trump.

Trumps appointed Attorney General and Head of Homeland Security all said it was the most secure election in history and that there was no widespread or consequential voter fraud.

All 95 Trump handpicked U.S. Attorneys said NO voter fraud.
All recounts confirmed the original counts with any detected issues mostly, again, for Trump, not against him.
Trump's own 'Election Commission' shut down by Trump after finding nothing, including the firm Trump's campaign hired to investigate in swing states.
Every bizarre conspiracy theory debunked, time and again.
MAGA answer? Expletive followed by Lib.
Trump does love the uneducated for a reason!

9-3-24

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump now claims Arlington cemetery scandal was 'all made up' by Harris."

I think this is exactly the type of thing that is going to cause a very blue wave in Nov. We are all becoming so weary from the constant negative, depressing, neurotic views of what has become the Republican party and those covering them under Trump. It so refreshing to see people being excited and actually hearing positive messages at these Harris/Walz rallies and the dnc. I feel a new energy from women, younger people and even those Republicans that remember what the Republican party used to be before Trump. It couldn't have happened at a better time! VOTE BLUE!

9-4-24

I'm so relieved I can feel hopeful again. Thank you, Joe Biden, and Kamala and Tim!

I find it depressing that a convicted felon traitor is getting any support.

Some polls are showing Pennsylvania for Trump. If that is true it will be an electoral college disaster. Those who don't want another 4 horror years of Trump presidency should vote like their life depends on it. This excitement needs to be translated into voting.

What is disturbing is that Harris/Walz are not leading by at least 90 points.

I am feeling Re traumatized from the 2016 "polls" predicting Hillary's win & hope EVERYONE who wants Madame President Harris, will actually vote and assist others to vote, as well. We cannot get overly confident.

It is so upsetting that the popular vote isn't the decider of who is president

Meanwhile, you are a gun loving cultist who has the power to address our children being murdered while attending school and choose not to.

Save your fake prayers.

Prayers without action are useless. You're an elected official, do something about it Marjorie.

I have no problem with folks showing their support with prayers.

I just wonder when folks like Marge are going to do something to address the problem here on Earth.

Seems like God wants man to take responsibility for his own well being. Let's add some solutions with the prayers

what exactly are we praying for if prayer doesn't prevent it?

9-5-24

Weird that Trump could be in the White House in a few months or in jail. It should be jail but after seeing the Supreme Court I lost my faith in the justice system.

9-6-24

Norwegian here. I utterly and absolutely *d e t e s t* trump. Please vote blue for the world and for our planet.

9-7-24

I think Trump's effective takeover of the Republican Party has forced some hard choices on conservatives. Simply "voting red" without considering the qualifications and leadership of a candidate isn't an option as progressive voters have long realized about "voting blue." I wish President Bush would make a similar statement, and I pray that in some future post-Trump era that true conservatives will find a worthy spokesperson.

I'm a teacher, and what Trump is doing to sow distrust in the education system by fear-mongering about trans acceptance in the schools is simply horrific.

Trump scares me, but all those people clapping and cheering for his insanity scares me even more!

Kamala for 2024, Donald 20-24 yrs. Make Accountability Great Again!

9-8-24

People are sick and tired of listening to Donald Trump lying and whining for 9 plus years Enough is enough It's so refreshing to listen to and watch Kamala Harris She actually cares about the people of the United States, our future and democracy Vote Blue in November and help bury Trump and the MAGA Republican Party once and for all...

We need an amendment stating the psychological requirements of running for president.also stating criminal convictions mean you lose your right to run.

A president should also be able to pass a basic civics test, drug test, and show 10 years of tax returns.

9-10-24

Scientists change and adjust their positions on things all the time when looking at new evidence and data. Being able to change is not a problem...we don't need candidates that are rigid in their beliefs...but they do need to be able to explain why they've made those adjustments. That goes for both Kamala and Don.

Trump flip flopping on abortion. Now he's voting to legalize weed lol. And he made some comment on more migrants. What about the electric vehicle flip flop. He has no moral compass whatsoever.

I love how they say concentrate on her flip flops. Have they missed all the flip flops trump has been doing? Abortion, electric cars? Or how about telling oil and gas give me a billion and I will get rid of regulations. Sounds like a bribe to me. Same with the electric cars. As long as musk keeps donating.

What a low bar they've set for Trump. "Look sane"

Sorry I expect more from a president.

Harris 2024

Hillary may not have been happy about the election results when she ran, but she didn't throw a tantrum about it for 4 years or file multiple lawsuits or try to suppress the certification of the vote. So no, Hillary did NOT do what DJT is saying she did.

Hillary Clinton, for all her faults, came out on stage the morning after the 2016 election in a purple suit standing next to her husband and publicly conceded the election to Trump, hoping to

heal the division in this country. It was the last time a presidential candidate conceded an election defeat in the United States.

It's so frustrating knowing how fake a person actually is yet everyone loves them because they put on a good show.

For a party that likes to claim they are the poster children for fiscal responsibility, they sure like to waste money. The last three shutdowns cost taxpayers nearly \$4 billion—at least \$3.7 billion in back pay to furloughed federal workers and at least \$338 million in other costs associated with the shutdowns, including extra administrative work, lost revenue, and late fees on interest payments.

It looks like the GOP is hell-bent on losing this election. Not only is a government shutdown just before an election unpopular, it is also foolish when we consider that their reason for doing so is based upon a non-issue that they keep pulling out of their behinds.

The questions in this article are legitimate. I would like trump to explain his answers. That's not bias. I want to know how tariffs pay for child care. He also keeps saying schools are doing gender reassignment. I'd like specific examples of this. How will his mass deportation work? What will it cost? How will those companies get American workers to fill the jobs? Will they give better pay/benefits? These are simple questions that do require complex answers. Trump should be able to explain them because he talks about these topics often at rallies.

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Trump falsely accuses immigrants in Ohio of abducting and eating pets.”

He was on defense the entire time! Kamala totally had him feeling cornered.

SHE ATE HIM UP!!! JUST KEPT CHOMPING ON HIM AND HE COULDN'T EVEN LOOK AT HER!!! HE BETTER BE SCARED!!

That was Senior citizen abuse.

Kamala did great and Donald Trump pooped his pants!

She destroyed the red monster! Haha let's goooo

[taylorswift](#)

Like many of you, I watched the debate tonight. If you haven't already, now is a great time to do your research on the issues at hand and the stances these candidates take on the topics that matter to you the most. As a voter, I make sure to watch and read everything I can about their proposed policies and plans for this country.

Recently I was made aware that AI of 'me' falsely endorsing Donald Trump's presidential run was posted to his site. It really conjured up my fears around AI, and the dangers of spreading misinformation. It brought me to the conclusion that I need to be very transparent about my actual plans for this election as a voter. The simplest way to combat misinformation is with the truth.

I will be casting my vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in the 2024 Presidential Election. I'm voting for [@kamalaharris](#) because she fights for the rights and causes I believe need a warrior to champion them. I think she is a steady-handed, gifted leader and I believe we can accomplish so much more in this country if we are led by calm and not chaos. I was so heartened and impressed by her selection of running mate [@timwalz](#), who has been standing up for LGBTQ+ rights, IVF, and a woman's right to her own body for decades.

I've done my research, and I've made my choice. Your research is all yours to do, and the choice is yours to make. I also want to say, especially to first time voters: Remember that in order to vote, you have to be registered! I also find it's much easier to vote early. I'll link where to register and find early voting dates and info in my story.

With love and hope,

Taylor Swift

Childless Cat Lady

9-11-24

The people who are going to vote for Trump are going to vote for Trump and likewise for Harris. I guess there are a few undecided folks around the country who don't know enough about Harris, and who are using this debate and the next month to learn about her.

But the biggest voting block that could conceivably be influenced by a powerful debate performance is the indifferent. The one who said they weren't going to vote. Who thinks it's too much trouble, who maybe will sit this one out. THOSE people, in the swing states, make a difference. Will they show up on election day, or not?

Michael Moore called the election for Trump in 2016, and predicted the failure of a "red wave" to materialize in 2022. Moore said with the reversal of Roe vs Wade, the GOP angered a HUGE voting block- WOMEN, who they disregarded, and dismissed. Say what you want about Moore. He is politically astute. Women voters will make their voices heard in November.

Most people are getting burned out on Trump's negativity.

The guy never projects optimism, hope, or a path to a bright future.

Just constant gloom and doom, and the never ending woe to me, or only I can fix it rant.

As I said before debate all Kamala has to do is 'slice and dice' Trump and sane GOP and Independents will enjoin with Dems especially Gen Z and Millennials (especially women and Taylor Swift endorsement makes this a reality) will be the decisive factor for Harris to win all 7 battleground states and the election.

Harris took this one hands down. She handled herself much better than Trump, was personable, calm, direct, didn't let Trump rattle her and caught him a few things. People have to remember she was a lawyer. Trump was rattled. Defensive. Definitely not at his best. Like her or not.. Harris took this one.

when they walked onto the stage, djt looked apprehensive as to what to do, headed for his podium, while Harris walked over to shake hands -- that said a lot. it is a fact, djt is scared of and does not know how to deal with strong women.

yesterday morning i watched some news, trump was going on about the people of Springfield Ohio about immigrants stealing and eating their pets. thats how my day started. when he said the same thing last night, i turned the tv off ---- my day started and ended with the same irrational story. i did watch enough to hear the commentators say they had contacted the mayor of Springfield who said they had never heard these types of complaints and the statement was untrue.

Trump's tariffs are a direct tax on consumers!

Unfortunately, no matter how much trump shows how inept he is, he continues to hold on to his base. It's incredibly sad that someone can see, without a doubt, that he's unfit to be President, but is so entrenched in their beliefs they continue to buy his rhetoric. That most of his Administration, from his days of President, feel he is not fit to be President should be enough to change their minds, but it's amazing that it isn't.

Trump decisively lost the debate. And spawned some truly hilarious memes about "eating cats and dogs" Harris nailed him pretty good several times notably "81 million people fired you" "people leaving your rallies" and having "a concept of a plan after 9 1/2 years" She baited him but good and Trump walked into every single trap set for him. Didn't even look at her or address her by name throughout the debate..he was clearly afraid of her.

Harris rightly said that other world leaders/countries are laughing at at him. Trump responded that the Hungarian president came to him and supported him. What a sorry response - an autocrat supporting an autocrat - just what America doesn't want.

Harris was on fire last night and in a good way! I chuckled with the way she looked at Trump as well as her mannerism while he spoke. She accomplished exactly what she intended.

I really got tired of the moderators allowing Trump to talk out of turn. They did a horrible job, but it may have worked in Harris' favor to show just how unhinged Trump is. And his

replacement Health plan “concept”? What a joke. Like when one of his minions tried to pass off a binder of blank paper as the new “plan”. He’ll deliver a new and better Health plan like he delivered on infrastructure. NEVER. But it’s not his fault. After all, who knew healthcare was so complicated?

I think that the debate was unfair because, there was a grown, extremely smart woman debating a 3-year-old child.

The MAGA Republicans posting their insults are understandably angry. But they should not blame Kamala for crushing Trump in the debate as much as they should be thanking her for flushing out a very unstable Donald J. Trump - who clearly is not any fitter to lead this nation than Sleepy Joe Biden.

Trump could not even answer the easiest question they asked

Do you want Ukraine to win?

They asked twice.

Everyone in my household laughed out loud with the cat eating comment. Classic!

One thing I dint understand about trump is how come he never answerers the questions

Also he didn’t list one idea to help out average Americans tonight

I am so proud of Harris who ate trump for lunch. But also trump ate the moderators for lunch as well. trump didn't answer a single question that was asked and those two just let it go every time. In my opinion they were the worst I have ever seen moderating a debate.

The religious right generally supports the Donald. That is a double standard. How can people who live a clean and good life style vote for a convicted felon and a person with a multitude of character flaws? It makes no sense.

Trump looked horrible last night. He was on the proverbial ropes the entire night. Harris looked, acted, and talked like a leader. Trump..well you saw it with your own eyes.

They fact checked the debate. Trump lies 27 Harriss-2. Who lies????

He just lost

Trump's debate performance was just as abysmal as his last one. Trouble is, now he is facing off against a REAL candidate. Last debate his poor performance was overshadowed by Biden's inability to think on his feet.

Trump whined incessantly about two things the entire time because that's what she wanted. She dictated where the conversation went. Trump also talked about a conspiracy about people eating dogs, he praised Orban, Putin, and Xi repeatedly, he refused to take any responsibility for Jan 6, lied about his "by a whisker" statement, said Laura Loomer was a reliable source (look her up!), he admitted he has no policy because he "isn't president yet" and told about 50 other lies. He completely displayed his mental instability and everyone except Fox News saw that.

4 Key Moments of the Debate:

1. Kamala baited the Orange Blob
2. tRUMP became angry and unhinged
3. Kamala showed command of the stage and each topic
4. Orange Stalin looked old, defeated and too afraid to look Kamala in the eye.

trump just lost this election. GOOD!

I just couldn't stop laughing when he went on the tangent of immigrants eating our pets. He had a potluck of issues to deal with. Inflation, economy, cost of living, interest rates. But instead we get a monologue of Canine Casserole and Feline Fricassee.

The Truth is like Kryptonite to Trumpetts...

MAGA Republicans will proudly remind you that:

It's Republicans who think US Capitol riots are legitimate political discourse
It's Republicans who think that Vladimir Putin is a GENIUS
It's Republicans who want to make it harder to vote but easier to buy an assault rifle
It's Republicans who want you to take ivermectin horse de-worming pills or disinfectant injections instead of anti-viral vaccines proven to be safe and effective
It's Republicans who don't want you to question alternative facts
It's Republicans who don't want you to question THE BIG LIE of a stolen election
It's Republicans who don't want you to have the same tax breaks as the wealthy who by definition don't need them
It's Republicans who don't want you to have wage increases
It's Republicans who don't want you to have paid family leave
It's Republicans who don't want you to have lower negotiated Medicare drug prices, hearing aids, or eyeglasses
It's Republicans who have taxpayer-funded government pensions for life that YOU pay for, who promise to find ways to eviscerate the Social Security YOU pay for
It's Republicans who don't want you to vote if you are a minority
It's Republicans who don't want to support Ukraine's fight for freedom and democracy
It's Republicans who are Perpetual Pessimists
It's Republicans who promote M.A.H.A. - Make America Hate Again
MAGA worshipers CHEER!

I'm voting for Harris, she is leadership material not the old confused man. Plus she didn't have the questions beforehand, she and her crew as we can, anticipated what would be asked. She came prepared

She owned him. She out classed him. She showed the world how unqualified he is. She showed us that she qualified and ready to be President. It was insulting and embarrassing that he was on that world stage. Harris/Walz 2024

UK here. I know that I am not an American, but this election is not only vitally important for the USA, but for the entire world too. We frankly look at this man with utter disbelief. That someone who is clearly mentally unwell, is a sociopath and convicted criminal can be 'neck and neck' in the race is astounding. In the UK we have had some enormously incompetent Prime Ministers, but they tend to be overruled, and dismissed by their own party, or the electorate. Please America, do the right thing, for all of our sakes !

Kamala did to Trump what I was expecting Hillary to do to him. What a bloodbath!

Trump reverted to his claims that he won the 2020 election, allowing Harris to deliver another carefully prepared attack: "Donald Trump was fired by 81 million people and clearly he is having a very difficult time processing that." His election denial "leads one to believe [Trump] does not have the temperament or the ability to not be confused about the facts", she said.

Taylor has 380 million followers, let that sink in. Also the reason she gave voters why she is endorsing Harris and Walz, is credible and sincere.

Notice she's laughing at Trump the whole time. I mean, how can she not? What a mess.

Mr. Doom and Gloom. If our country is so bad why does everyone keep coming in. I'm so sick of his scare tactics and the MAGA CULT are the only ones believing the nonsense.

Trump doesn't even dare to look Harris in the eye, unbelievable!

She even had time to pitch to 800,000 Polish immigrants in Penn

He praised Orban and didn't say he'd veto the federal abortion ban. He's done. Vote blue for freedom.

Trump's act is so old, tired and boring. He has nothing to offer except weird nonsensical comments like eating cats. Did he admit losing the 2020 election or did he go back again and say 60 courts are wrong? Over 200 prominent republicans have endorsed Harris.

Trump got absolutely dog walked by Kamala.

34% of Americans thought he won the debate! Seriously, that is WEIRD!

I can't believe "they're eating the dogs" was a REBUTTAL to "You say weird stuff at your rallies".

Kamala mocking Trump about people leaving his rallies early led to this. "THEY'RE EATING THE DOGS!" Genius move, Madam President.

This will go down in history as one of the worst debate moments "they're eating the dogs...they're eating the cats"

A little bait on rally attendance and boom "they're eating the dogs!"

This was never about changing the minds of those who support either candidate. It was about convincing those still undecided to get out and vote for them. Harris did a better job in this. After the debate Trump made up totally imagined approval numbers, while actual polls showed Harris did the better job.

Did Kamala have the questions beforehand? This is what I call debate prep. You have a good understanding of what topics will be covered and you have a set of responses to those questions. It isn't difficult. We all know Trump doesn't like to read or do any real work, he rather just wing it. It worked fine with Biden but not so much with Harris. Trump fails to stick to any real policy, just rather throw out a bunch of scary statements.

It does not take an Einstein to know what the big topics are going to be:

Economy/Inflation/Housing, Tax Policy, Immigration/Border, Israel/Hamas and Ukraine/Russia, Abortion. Did I cheat because I knew those would be the topics beforehand? Nope. I pay attention. Quite a few of the questions were specifically based on comments made by BOTH candidates. Those who cry "X had the questions ahead of time" are those who support a candidate that didn't prepare or pay attention as much as a half-engaged citizen does.

Harris was superb. The power move with the handshake rattled the guy. She held her ground, intelligent and with proper dignity Poised and professional. She baited him and he fumbled. He wasn't prepared at all and looked his age. Now the righties will say that 1-it was rigged and 2-blame it on the Tulsy!

We've had presidents before who weren't all that bright.

We've had presidents before who weren't all that trustworthy.

We've had presidents before who weren't all that moral.

We've had presidents before who weren't all that honest.

We've had presidents before who weren't all that civil.

But until Trump there was never one president who possessed all those character flaws at once.

He is the Trojan horse elevated to demigod status by the mesmerized maniacal masses. The emperor has no clothes.

I found it interesting how easily Harris manipulated Trump into dancing to her tune. She brought up how he's loved by autocrats, tyrants, and dictators because he can be manipulated with favor and flattery. She showed how easily he can be manipulated with leading him down a path of lies and insanity.

Do we really want a president who can so easily be manipulated by friend or foe?

Trump is a loser. He has always been a loser. He just lies about losing and calls it a win.

I'm getting tired of his style of winning. Time to turn the page.

Trump is not doing well against prosecutors.

D. Trump interrupted Harris on 7 occasions and interjected rebuttals outside the rules on 4 other occasions. Harris attempted one interruption and was promptly shut down.

Trump's claim of 3 vs 1 is Nonsense. He lost. Again. His specialty is losing. He is great at losing and disparaging our veterans and spending tax dollars (record \$7.8 trillion increase in debt) - no more felon trump for this republican. Where are the Eisenhower and Reagan republicans (thank you Cheney's)?

As one GOP pundit put it, "You can't complaint about the refs when you're missing all your jump shots". Trump had plenty of opportunity to lay out an agenda, score points, and be swing voters to his side, but he failed every single time he answered a question, resorting to 8-year-old insults and lies.

They are angry, that tells us they know he did terrible.

None of the debate hosts prompted Trump to bring out the eating cats and dogs' myth. That crazy was not coached. Is it any wonder our international enemies want a thin-skinned person they can play as president. The only sillier comments and the MAGA people defending him after he went off the rails.

It's sad that Americans want a man who steals classified documents, envies dictators, lies, supports only the rich, wants to take away everything, wants powers, didn't do nothing the first time. Want this con man to be our president again.

Trump's great economic plan is primarily based on dramatically increasing tariffs on imported goods, which will spur domestic production. His plan would have made sense 100 years ago, but in 2024 global trade is like a genie that cannot be put back in the bottle. Domestic production will initially create more manufacturing jobs in the USA, but at a cost to the consumers and to the export market. The USA is competitive in a few fields now, including agriculture, weapons, and intellectual property such as movies, music, NBA, etc. High tariffs on imports will result in counter tariffs on American exports. The bottom line is that the Americans will be the greatest losers in a trade war of Trump's planned dramatically increased tariffs.

Where I live and travel, I don't see all of this doom and gloom the republicans are claiming. Supermarkets buzzing, people living in homes lawns manicured, golf courses full even as memberships and green fees have increased, airplanes full every flight I take, restaurants full, rush hour traffic all day every day, etc etc etc . Always room to improve and make things more affordable, but it's not 1929 depression as trump and the deplorables claim. The MAGA republicans want to send the narrative that the country is failing in every sector, and it's just another Big Lie, they are spreading and trump is the ring leader. Remember they predicted disaster under Obama, saying the economy would tank, Obama would declare martial law and take your guns, setup death panels, turn USA into a Muslim country, just a bunch of conspiracy nonsense and scare tactics, like people so hungry now they are eating pets. And the brainwashed MAGA voters will repeat this nonsense with no plan or positivity for the future.

Trump lost the debate before a word was said. He looked surprised and intimidated when Harris walked into his space on the stage to shake his hand. I'm sure she also had a plan in place if he refused.

How some American people cannot recognize Trump has no qualifications to be President is beyond reasonable comprehension. Listen to the man. He barely can contain his emotions, never has an answer to a question beyond making a derogatory statement about his opponent, cannot articulate any plans of any kind, adoration and praise are what is most important to the man no

matter who it comes from including people like Putin and other dictators. He loves power, not the United States! A vote for Trump is a vote against America and all we stand for.

Kamala calling for a second debate. Trump says it is because he thinks she lost this debate. The reality is, she blew his doors off and she is going for the knockout punch in the next debate.

I'm tired of this "She needs to do more" when her opponent is complete nut job.

My main takeaway is that Trump will defend America's pets. Harris was silent on that issue. Crickets... /s.

Trump got himself trumped by Harris. The contrast between old doom and gloom on one half of the split screen and energetic, dynamic, and coherent Harris was very striking.

Trump was caught out with some of his lies, and was not allowed to change the subject and focus on what he wanted to talk about, instead of addressing the questions. The moderators failed to do that last time. Trump showed everyone who he really is and proved he is not competent to hold office again. Actually, he wasn't competent to hold office the first time, but the GOP refused to do anything to address that.

Harris was firing on all cylinders. She did the best presentation of her life.

She had to thread the smallest needle tonight, be joyful and tough and gracious and angry and contemptuous and hopeful and incredulous and credible, and she is being all of these things.

Trump also never answered the question of why he got nullified the bipartisan bill to send 1500 more federal agents to help at the border. I wish the moderators would have pressed him on that. I thought it was even more telling when he refused to answer the question of whether he wanted Ukraine to win the war, this in addition to blaming Biden for the deaths of Russian soldiers. He simply refused---twice---to commit to Ukraine. Coming from a guy who will lie and flip flop in the moment to win public sentiment, what are we to make of that? I've always thought Putin had something on Trump, to the point where Trump is terrified to even remotely speak out against Putin. His debate answers just strengthened that belief. Maybe one day we will finally know what the dirty secret is.

So we are supposed to look the other way while millions of illegal immigrants have pored into our country taking our jobs, using up our healthcare systems and terrorizing our neighborhoods? You may not like the man, but his policies are good for me, my family and tax paying citizens.

I agree with you totally. Too many people are blinded with hatred for the man and cannot see that the democrat policies are, if implemented, going to be a disaster. I predict that if Harris wins, by hook or by crook, we can kiss our constitutional republic goodbye.

No Republican creates policies that help people that aren't multi millionaires. And no, illegal immigrants aren't using up our healthcare and no one is terrorizing your neighborhood. Turn off the tv.

The undocumented immigrants taking jobs is and always has been a false narrative. How many of these illegal immigrants have law degrees? Nursing degrees? Medical degrees? Computer engineering degrees? Electrical engineering degrees? The list goes on and on. To the degree that the illegal immigrants are taking any jobs, it is the lowest paying jobs in our society. Roofers in Florida. Harvesters in California. Etc. Etc. A person is as likely to find a unicorn as an illegal immigrant working a job the average U.S. citizen wants.

sadly for your side, most economists agree that Harris's policies would be better for this country. Why does Donald Trump persist in targeting people from mental institutions and insane asylums as responsible for criminal behavior upon crossing the border into the United States? Is there any evidence of that at all? There is already enough ignorance and stigma surrounding mental illness. Making these kinds of uninformed statements only makes an already grave concern for people

suffering with mental illness being attacked instead of finding what little help there is for them to overcome it and live the normal life they deserve. Quite ironic, considering he is showing signs of mental decline himself.

100% spot on! what is wrong with half the country? A collective losing of one's mind. The orange "grumpy cat" accordion playing demon is horrifying!

Said it on the internet so must be true.

Look daddy! Teacher says every time Trump lies a demon gets its wings.

Trump, meanwhile, prevaricated on his position on a national abortion ban and made the absurd claim that Harris's running-mate, Tim Walz, supports "execution after birth."

That prompted a sullen moderator, Linsey Davis, to remind the former president: "There is no state in this country where it is legal to kill a baby after it's born."

He didn't do much to help himself with his claims about migrants hunting people's pets and eating them, or his claim that Democrats are allowing clinics to "execute" infants after they're born. That had a very bad look because both claims are the stuff of lies and disinformation and easily disprovable. Don't get me wrong, Harris set him on fire in front of the entire country, but he just dumped more accelerant on that fire. He made a lot of bold statements but couldn't elaborate on any of them. He was all rhetoric and generalities. He didn't say anything of substance. A lot of what he said was just flat out untrue and the rest were blanket statements geared to allow his base (and hopefully smarter people) to fill in the blanks on what he meant. It was a bad look. His body language and facial expressions told a huge story.

Trump lost spectacularly, then tells the reporters outside that many polls show he won and spouted off some percentage of how big a win it was for him. He cannot tell reality from fantasy. Where are the medical people? If anyone in your family acted the way he does, you'd get medical or psychiatric help, right?

Former President Donald Trump "made at least 33 false claims" compared to "at least one false claim" from Democratic rival Kamala Harris in Tuesday's presidential debate, according to CNN's fact-checking reporter Daniel Dale.

Harris won with facts. Trump was checked on his lies. He had no substance. Kamala owned him! Randy lets examine the actual facts: Trump lied 33 times and was fact checked 3 times for lies so egregious they could not even be considered exaggerations or in need of additional context. Harris lied once and that was qualified not as a mistruth but a statement in need of more context as she gave only part of the story on trump's unemployment figures. Suggestion of bias is merely a right wing talking point (waiting for the J6 choir's new single "3 on 1 isnt fair unless we win") that, much like most statements from their dear leader, is a lie.

When Kamala said he was "fired by 81 million Americans" I lost it. Him feeling he's the only one entitled to eliminate another's job or hurt another's life and bragging of those in his own administration that he fired, he got what he deserved. Him being told HE was fired broke him! Kamala went in, said nighty night and TKO'd him.

I am frustrated that she did not go more into her policies, but that is not the type of debate Trump has and it is not the way he wins support. She went in fully knowing and understanding her opponent and it showed. He constantly lies throughout ever debate and he did so again, but this time with more and more exaggerations about supposed claims. The other thing is it gave a clear image that Trump is clearly in capable of living in reality. From the claims after birth abortions, to spreading JD Vance's lie about foreigners coming here and eating cats, and to his election denials as he claimed he had no idea of his own statements. Rather than push away from that, she purposefully would push him into spitting out his own idiocy. It was a terrible debate in the sense

that we did not get strong policies from either side. Instead, Harris just made sure that Trump let his incompetence show on full display, that he is a non-stop liar. The whole thing clearly played out exactly how she expected it to, because Trump is weak and has never had a real plan.

In my experience, the format of "2 minute" answers, 2 minute "rebuttals", and 1 minute "responses" don't provide the opportunity to "go into the weeds" on policy but it would be nice to see one debate where the debaters answer the actual questions put to them. But it was nice to see the bully get pantsed, spanked, and his lunch money taken in front of the entire school. Was about time!

The Harris campaign's strategy of "Just Let Him Speak" is working perfectly.

*Cool, calm, and collected. Kamala Harris had many opportunities to rebut some of Trump's numerous lies, exaggerations and falsehoods, but kept a lowkey approach even while baiting him into losing his cool. *Judging by her facial expressions, she was amazed and even quite amused at some of his wilder accusations and claims but was steady throughout and won the debate handily. *Just like I've always said and believed, Trump is the Democrats best weapon against Trump! Just keep talking, Donald! REMEMBER THIS NOVEMBER!

The point Harris pounded home over and over is that Trump lacks the character to be POTUS. She also baited him so that Trump would demonstrate his lack of character to the national TV audience. That WAS the substance of the debate. If a person lacks character, they have no business even running for the office.

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I was expecting a completely different end game. Harris was very cool and kept her composure at all times. She conducted herself with great authority and professionalism.

EXCEPT Trump is not debating. He is repeating HIS NARRATIVE that his supporters do not Fact Check, just hear it so often they accept it as fact.

As my husband said after the debate, Trump didn't change. It was his standard xenophobic, apocalyptic, angry speech. What changed was that he came up against someone who wiped the floor with him.

My favorite part of the debate...maybe ANY Presidential debate...was when Harris completely baited Trump by attacking his absolutely pathological fixation on the size of his rally crowds. When she said attendees were leaving early, you could literally identify the instant where the fuse blew in Trump's brain and he went off into a full-on "addled senior citizen yells at cloud" moment. It's amazing how anyone could try to rebut a statement of "you say weird things at rallies" by ranting about immigrants eating people's pets like a deranged lunatic.

Trump was owned by Harris. No amount of spin or attempt at retelling that night will change that fact. He was so embarrassed that he's already saying he won't debate her again. His performance was so bad that the Harris campaign simply released the video of the debate as a campaign ad! Think about that...

It's a sad commentary about America that this man is even in the running for President.

After watching the debate, I am in awe of how these Trump supporters continue to support this man. What am I missing? Fear mongering is the only thing he does well.

You can see the writing on the wall, clear as day:

2020- Start planting seeds that the election/mail in voting is rigged.

Lose election and blame fraud

2024- Plant seed that the debate will be rigged and everyone will say he lost. Lost debate and blamed ABC and anyone else he could think of

Also 2024 - Planting seeds of doubt about election integrity. Will likely lose election, but will blame election fraud yet again.

Poor Old Man. Never has lived in the real world. Unfit To Serve!

Trump should be ashamed of and embarrassed by his lack of debate performance . He did not look Presidential!!!

Trump is going to lose to a strong black woman. Let that sink in. Can you imagine how he's going to react? It's his worst nightmare.

Best description I have heard

"She was like a childless cat lady with a laser pointer. And he chased the little red dot all night long."

Makes me want to cheer. Don-OLD, Don-OLD, Don-OLD!!!

Many people feel that Harris won and that she was well-prepared for the occasion, saying she cornered Trump, making him angry and unbalanced. Personally, I knew she would win from the moment they entered from different directions and Harris went straight to Trump to shake his hand. He looked lost and afraid, almost as if he didn't want to shake hands. If you watch it again, you might see what I mean.

We people say the economy was better under Trump that was true. Because Obama gave Trump a thriving economy on his first day. Trump had nothing to do with building it. Then 4 yrs later look what shape it was in.

The GOP was in charge of the house and senate the first two years of trump's presidency. He still had the chance to do healthcare, the wall, term limits, infrastructure, drain the swamp. Etc etc. he did none of it..

I guess that depends on what the economy means to the individual. If you are working and feeding a family it's probably harder to afford to live. If you are retired and have a decent stream of income and investments that are rising in value at a percentage greater than inflation you are ok with the economy. At 71 I have seen inflation come and go. And I know better than to expect prices to fall. Wages lag inflation and the increase in wages will eventually level things out. That is as long as we keep Trump from getting back into the Oval office and levying tariffs on all imports and deporting the folks who are working our fields and meat processing plants as minimum wage. Those policies will drive inflation through the roof and probably lead to a recession.

Trump is running against a candidate that has been in this race, for President for less than 2 months. Trump started his campaign 2 years ago.

And, already the momentum is sharply upwards for Harris, and flat to downwards for Trump. Harris has surpassed Trump in most polls.

This is a disaster for Trump who is on his way to his 2nd straight electoral defeat and 3rd straight popular vote defeat.

President Harris, 47.

Trump is now toast for Nov 5 because we just saw the worst President in US history as 'bent' pathological liar whose mental state is 'warped'

Megyn Kelly dissed Taylor Swift in Dramatic Tirade After Singer Endorses Kamala Harris. I love the smell of desperation because it smells like victory and GSA says 337K Taylor Swift referrals have come to vote.gov in less than 1 day 😊

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/gsa-says-337k-taylor-swift-221727776.html>

Kamala Harris' Facial Expressions About Trump Inspire Memes: 'The Face of Simultaneous Pity and Disgust'

This was brilliant !

As I said before debate all Kamala has to do is 'slice and dice' Trump and sane GOP and Independents will enjoin with Dems especially Gen Z and Millennials (especially women and Taylor Swift endorsement makes this a reality) will be the decisive factor for Harris to win all 7 battleground states and the election.

But there was No Way that I would believe that the Trumpster would do better for the economy because if you look at the dow, four years ago compared to yesterday (27,537 to 40,737) you can compute that it went up nearly 50% during the last 4 years with is astounding considering the fact that oil prices were high (due to the Arab embargo and the Russian war which is destroying Russian oil facilities) which would have slowed growth.

Trump inadvertently conceded what millions of Americans have known for years: His policy positions are mostly based on whatever he's seen on far-right television networks.

Trump's actually in worse shape than 2016. He's a known entity. He INHERITED Obama's great economy, then destroyed it. His FAILED tradewars caused a 2-quarter recession and clogged up our supply chains and ports BEFORE COVID hit, causing inflation, shortages, job losses, and a massive oil spill here in OC, CA. His ONLY challenge in office was the pandemic, which he miserably failed. His OPEC 2017 Deal crashed the oil markets. His OPEC 2020 Deal was the world's largest oil production CUT in effect for the last few years, causing the highest gas prices in world history and inflation. His LEGAL immigration cuts caused severe workforce shortages, fueling inflation and causing job losses. January 6th was the largest stain on our constitutional republic. He's responsible for overturning Roe v Wade, with women's lives now at risk. He'll never president again!

Trump was fact-checked a few times for outright lies. He manipulated the situation to get extra speaking time, only to squander it by spewing absurdities. It's beyond me how anyone with self-respect could support his behavior—I can hardly watch without feeling second-hand embarrassment.

However, almost everything Trump said was either: 1) false; 2) a lie; 3) not true; 4) a fabrication from his tiny little mind; 5) a boast from his over large ego that is monitored by his tiny little mind.

And that was just the first 10 minutes of the debate.

The number I saw was 33-1 for "Mistrusts and outright lies" for Trump-vs-Kamala. The best they can come up with for Kamala "telling a lie" is her taking something Trump actually said, the "bloodbath" comment, out of context.

The full sentence: "Now, if I don't get elected, it's going to be a bloodbath, for the whole — that's going to be the least of it. It's going to be a bloodbath for the country."

So, yeah, he said that. Those are his words, not mine. Of course, the context is important, and he was obviously referring to the auto industry. But, at the end of the day, he still said it.

Taking it out of context is a bit of a low-blow. But, again, if that's all they've got for "lies" she told in the debate?

When Biden lost the first debate, the Democrats didn't complain that it was unfair, they admitted that he lost the debate. They didn't whine about the moderators being biased. They replaced Biden. Just admit that Trump lost the debate. Trump was unprepared and didn't listen to his advisors. He fell into every trap Harris set for him.

So many of these "Christians" are trying to turn trump into a Christian. They are trying to influence him so that he will act like a Christian and think like a Christian. Some have spoken to him about the Bible, but he is reluctant to familiarize himself with the Bible except, as a prop for

political purpose. Many Christians know the Bible is too complex for him to read and have simplified the process, providing him with short passages. SOME are even starting to claim trump is a Christian, others know he has no affiliation with ANY organized religious organization but would hope he would at some time. Many Christians have cast aside this man, claiming he has never admitted error and never asked for forgiveness. Obviously, until he recognizes he is NOT perfect, and he recognizes the times when he has wronged others, he will remain FAR from any Christian Values.

I live in a deep red area of Pennsylvania and grew up with many, many conservative/religious types. People outside of that bubble have no idea how far gone these people are. They believe all celebrities are in league with the devil, are flashing secret occult symbols during concerts and performances, and that they are actively practicing the dark arts. Absolutely. Completely. Insane. When Biden had a bad debate, democrats admitted it and convinced him to pass the torch. When trump has a bad debate, republicans say witchcraft is involved. The extent of the self-destruction of the republican party was unthinkable just ten years ago. After trump loses it will take years for the republicans to recover, if the party can even survive.

Oh please, Trump is running on primarily the border, and the economy, with some foreign policy sprinkled in, Afghanistan and Israel. Harris is running on women's reproductive rights, the economy and yes, Trump's lack of fitness for office, particularly his roll in 01/06. So the debate questions focused on those points. Its not as though Trump has any foreign policy acumen. His past efforts have turned out to be disastrous. But poor Donny, he never catches a break. He really didn't mean to say that migrants are eating cats and dogs, or that women are aborting babies after their birth. ABC made him do it.

This was perhaps the best moderated debate in recent years, certainly the last 3 presidential election cycles. The moderators did a good job of fact checking and kept the debate moving forward. Harris clearly won the debate, looking sharp and prepared with a message of caring and hope for the future. Trump became frustrated and angry, with no clear policy and airing grievances sprinkled with outrageous lies. However, this is Trump. What would have been a campaign ending disaster for ANY other politician, was only a bad night for Trump because the bar for him is set so low we expect much of the nonsense he continually spews.

Someone recently asked me why I like Trump. My answer was that I don't really like a lot of things about Trump. But this election is not about choosing the most likeable person. Trump represents the future and has proven that he can deliver. He is a patriot to the core and even served his country for 4 years without pay. That moment when someone says, "I can't believe you're voting for Trump". I simply reply, "I'm NOT voting for Trump." I'm voting for the First Amendment and freedom of speech. I'm voting for the right to speak my opinion and not be censored. I'm voting for secure borders and LEGAL immigration. I am voting for election integrity to include mandatory voter ID. (Why would anyone vote against this?) I'm voting for the Second Amendment and my right to defend my life and my family. I'm voting for the police to be respected once again. I am voting for law & order and an end to allowing protesters to trespass and burn our cities, destroying innocent small business. (Tim Walz) I am voting for personal responsibility and the end of the revolving door where criminals are being put back on the street. (Kamala Harris) I'm voting for the next Supreme Court Justice(s) to protect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I'm voting to fight against human/child trafficking. I am voting for doing away with all of the freebies given to all of the illegals and not looking after the needs of the American citizens and homeless veterans. I'm not voting for Trump. I'm voting for America.

Linda Ronstadt: Donald Trump is holding a rally on Thursday in a rented hall in my hometown, Tucson. I would prefer to ignore that sad fact. But since the building has my name on it, I need to say something.

It saddens me to see the former President bring his hate show to Tucson, a town with deep Mexican-American roots and a joyful, tolerant spirit.

I don't just deplore his toxic politics, his hatred of women, immigrants and people of color, his criminality, dishonesty and ignorance — although there's that.

I find it hilarious that simply encouraging people to register and vote is inherently left wing propaganda.

Grow up maga.

9-13-24

Note that the Haitians in Springfield are NOT illegals. They were admitted under a tightly-controlled asylum program. They were given the right to work (and therefore to drive) to help them become self-sufficient.

Trump's presidential campaign is built on two main things: hatred for immigrants and the cruel ways he plans to make their lives miserable—because for the MAGA crowd, cruelty is always the point. The second is controlling women's bodies by stripping away their rights.

There's nothing aimed at improving our lives. He hasn't offered any policies on healthcare, housing, or other critical issues. His economic plan? Imposing tariffs, which means we'll be paying more for goods. He seems to misunderstand how tariffs work—the importers will cover the costs, then raise prices, leaving us to foot the bill.

Most Christians when met with a conundrum ask what would Jesus do? Trump asks what would Victor Orban do?

The debate was a perfect example of how lightly Donald Trump takes the duty of being the commander in chief. No effort, no goals, no plan, just hateful rhetoric attacking people and talking about himself. He's a disgrace to the office and a disgrace to our country. His tenure will be remembered by the world as a stain on American history, an unfortunate episode that we, unfortunately, brought upon ourselves.

Not sure why the GOP is surprised by Trump. The guy flailing at that debate is who Trump has been for a decade. He embarrasses himself but certain media outlets have omitted his flubs. This time he failed in prime time, with the country watching. He's been exposed

Trump's cognitive decline was the highlight that Trump supporters refuse to accept. The Democrats acknowledged it with Biden and they made corrections with Harris as their candidate. Republicans must live with their biggest mistake believing in Trump.

That's it in a nutshell. In a football game you make adjustments at halftime if the initial game plan is not working. The GOP has demonstrated they are either unwilling or unable to do this, despite the obvious. Trump and the GOP combination are not working. You lost in 2020 by 7 million votes. You lost Georgia and Arizona and barely squeaked by in 2022 when everybody expected a blowout.

The GOP establishment need to reflect again upon Lombardi's adage, "Winning is the only thing."

This Trump connection is not working and is only a losing proposition.

Trump says he still has an argument to make against Harris...well, last night was the time to make that argument. Kind of like how he said there's so much evidence to show he won the election. The 60+ lawsuits were the time to present that evidence. What are they waiting for??

It was no contest between a courageous, articulate, and compassionate candidate and a delusional, chaotic, and obnoxious one.

“Kamala definitely won. No doubt. Trump seemed unprepared and uncomfortable. He was comfortable telling lies, though.” —Brazil, 33

“It was a battle between sanity and insanity, and thank god sanity won. Well done, Kamala. ”
—Canada, 88

It was comical. I still can't get over that people are swallowing the crap coming out of Trump's mouth.

"I struggle to believe how anyone in the US could take Donald Trump seriously. Every single word out of his mouth is either hyperbole, untrue, or straight-up delusion."

—Australia, 33

"Pure, unadulterated embarrassment for my American friends. The one stereotype about politicians is that they are smooth talkers and Trump sounds like a drunk screaming at strangers on the street. Kamala was the only grown up in the room."

—UK, 43

"It is wild that the orange buffoon is a candidate in the first place. The inarticulate right-wing puppet got shown up, but it is concerning how many deluded supporters he continues to have."

—Australia, 33

"I thought Harris did well, and Trump was unsurprisingly more of the same. As your neighbor to the North, I still find it baffling and appalling that Trump is even in the running. He has made the US laughable on the world stage."

—Canada, 46

Encouraging people to register to vote is a good thing for the country but not for the republicans. They know their policies aren't popular and that voters researching those policies won't like what they find. Taylor Swift stated her choice BUT she didn't tell her fans to follow her choice - she told them to register to vote and do their research. Period.

She is a woman and a college graduate, so why would anyone be surprised that, on average, she supports Harris over Trump? Isn't that in line with every poll that provides demographic breakdowns?

These same Republicans have no problem with Kid Rock endorsing Trump, or stealing Swift's image and claiming her support. What makes them angry is that hardly anyone of notoriety supports Trump.

Swift and Clark said look at the facts, make a decision, register to vote and vote. People criticize them for saying people should think and vote. Why is anybody surprised? The conservatives are doing anything they can to stop people from thinking and voting because if they do, they will vote Blue.

Trump is slurring his words, is incoherent, and misstating the facts. Let's do this guy a favor and send him to retirement.

9-14-24

You must have invested your retirement money in coal and buggy whips. My 401K is jumping sky high because I invested in the industries that will bring us further into the 21st century thanks to Biden's Infrastructure and Chips Act.

Ask any Repug how Biden/Harris are responsible for inflation. They give a blank stare or babble: Spending - Nope! Inflation began in the 2nd qtr of 2021 when the only additional spending under Biden/Harris was a bipartisan Covid relief bill! Further Trump added \$8.4

trillion to the debt in 4 years and as of Biden's 3.5 year point of 6/2024 had added only \$4.3 trillion to the debt (per the center-right The Hill). Shutdown oil production - Nope! Under Biden/Harris US oil production has set a record of 13.4 million barrels/day which exceeds Trump's highest of 12.3 million barrels/day by 1.1 million! (Source: US Energy Information Agency). The real cause of world wide inflation was disruption and shutdown of global supply chains due to Covid and increase in oil prices on the global market due to Russia's criminal invasion of an independent sovereign nation, Ukraine. In the US it was exacerbated by Trump's disastrous handling of Covid which sent the US spiraling into Great Depression level unemployment and -8.5% GDP. The Federal Reserve underestimated how quickly Biden/Harris could get Covid under control and get the economy rolling again so they were behind the curve on tightening money supply. The Federal Reserve were operating under the mistaken assumption that Biden/Harris would be as incompetent as Trump! Biden/Harris got US inflation under control much quicker than any other country in the world! That's real American Exceptionalism and we have Biden/Harris to thank for that!

9-15-24

Taylor Swift's endorsement of VP Harris indicates that Millennials and Gen Zers feel no connection to septuagenarian Trump, nor he to them. Swifties are energized by Harris's joy, optimism, hope. Trump has had not one good thing to say about America since he came down the golden escalator in June, 2015. He has trashed everything about this country except himself. He blundered badly when he tried to transform the debate into a Trump rally.

Funny how Trump faked a Taylor Swift endorsement online he wanted her approval so bad. I wonder what this little guy would have said about Taylor Swift if she had actually endorsed Trump? "Bad choices?"

Wait till Republicans learn that the Green M&M is voting for Harris.....

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Donald Trump Rages at Taylor Swift After Singer Endorses Kamala Harris: 'I Hate Taylor Swift!'"

The Maga cult party keeps screaming from the rooftops that endorsements don't matter but it seems to matter to the little old man named Trump lol

Trump is the most immature and childish senior citizen in the world. Hard to understand how it is that this guy has a cult following.

In the 2022 Midterms, the number of Young and Women Voters who showed up to Vote broke every record. It's going to be smashed again in 6 weeks.

Another 4th grade temper tantrum, yet MAGA's want to vote for a man with zero sense, character or intelligence. Arrested development of a venomous 9 year old.

This is an 80 year old man..who wants access to the nuclear codes....whining about a pop singer. DTs entire platform is whining, bragging, and lying.

Well that did it. He is now acting like a 9 year old. To say he hates Taylor Swift is akin to saying he hates Bambi. The Repugs are going to be extremely blatant about their cheating to win this one. VOTE BLUE!!! VOTE BLUE!!!

He is on full melt down. I guess most people would be, knowing that they are going to prison if they don't win.

Trump and Vance, the hate campaign. Don't need to know anymore than that about Trump, who lost reelection once and again has his sights on the WH solely for Presidential immunity to shield him from punishment and imprisonment for his 34 felonies and counting.

Swifties, stand back and stand by.

The old man has lost it

If Trump hated Swift so much, why did he post a fake, AI generated, meme for support on his social network?

Smallest man who ever lived

What grown man of 78 years old makes a statement that he "hates" a 34 year old entertainer because she didn't endorse him...yet again, his insane followers can't see how unhinged that sounds?

Yes, but that does not mean he goes away and stops fomenting social conflict and division. If fact, it probably means that he is going to ramp it up to the max between now and the election!

If Trump loses and I hope he does. Not only will he call it fraud he will start campaigning for another run in 2028. As long as there are people willing to give him money, he has it made. Unless they throw him in jail, which I hope they do.

For the sake of the nation, Trump needs to lose convincingly. A complete and utter repudiation of lies, hate, negativity, corruption and chaos he and the current Republican bring might just generate a reset and much needed normalization of the so-called conservatives.

The GOP is not 51% of the voters. It's about 40 - 42%. But this time, there are Republicans who have said they will not vote for Trump (his weird rants/Jan. 6th/ divisive attacks on minorities). And if too many of the independent voters do not vote for him, either, then Harris will get 52 - 56% of the votes - and in many of the big states with the most electoral votes (NY, PA, MI, OH, MA, CA, IL). Trump has not been persuading anybody besides his MAGA followers that he is going to be a Pres. for all Americans.

Hate=Violence

As an evil Democrat posing as a Christian, I absolutely agree that there needs to be order on the border, but what Trump/Vance and their supporting news venues are doing is flat out cruel and creating chaos. There are many good people coming here to protect their families and establish a life away from strife just as we would want. They are coming here for the same things many of us take for granted on a daily basis. And out of desperation, many of these immigrants take the kinds of jobs none of us would ever consider. Send them all away and then tell me how much money you saved on your groceries, your nails at the salon, and your favorite restaurants. Yes, a better way to vet them is what we should be aiming for, not penalize them for wanting a better life. What do you say Christians?

Donald Trump enabled this mess by giving us permission to be our worst selves and justifying violence in politics.

And now it's targeting him.

That's the problem with justification of violence supporting your own cause.

Others look at that happening and figure if those are the new rules let's see about a Second Amendment Solution to this Trump Problem.

Harris did a great job. She proved that Trump is scared of a strong and intelligent woman. If she had been prosecuting his court cases, he would certainly be serving a jail sentence. Don't know if she will make things better for our country, but the GOP didn't back anyone better.

An assault rifle like the AR-15 is NOT needed for self-defense or for hunting, therefore, assault rifles are just TOYS for grown-ups, just like a speed boat or an ATV. Toys are not covered by the second amendment. Ban assault rifles, NOW. "Because I want one" is NOT a good enough reason to be able to own one.

Trump: Latin music superstar Nicky Jam. Do you know Nicky? She's hot (Nicky Jam is a man)

Interesting the Trump campaign thinks it's nothing or meaningless that only 6% of those interviewed said the Taylor Swift endorsement will make them more likely to vote for Harris. This race inevitably will come down to 7 states and likely between 5000 and 15,000 votes in those 7 states. 6% is not insignificant.

Trump's been working tirelessly, day and night, on his healthcare plan for over 9 years, putting in countless hours of research! He now have VERY firm concepts of plan. It will be fabulous, his magnum opus! You'll see!

9-16-24

How sad it must be believing that scientists, scholars, historians, economists, and journalists have devoted their entire lives to deceiving you, while a reality TV star with decades of fraud and exhaustively documented lying is your only beacon of truth and honesty. -from Neil deGrasse Tyson

Mental health in this country is past the epidemic stage! There has to be something that each of us can do to help turn down the chaos! Are you listening elected officials??

If he doesn't know anything about her statements, even though most Americans do, what does that tell you about his "a big brain"? Also, if she is not part of his campaign, why is she traveling with him? Is he so insecure that he needs a constant cheerleader? This is the so-called strongman who cannot take criticism. Also, does he not realize her vitriol against Harris' Indian heritage would apply to Vance's wife? He absolutely is either totally uninformed (not a good characteristic for a leader) or doesn't care. Probably both. Vance is as bad, rather than defending his wife's heritage and condemning her comments, he says he makes a mean curry.

In '16, Trump came with no baggage, people saw him as a different choice, not a member of the so called "political machine". a "successful businessman", according to a reality TV program. In '24, Trump has more baggage than can be realized, people now see him as a loser, a pathological liar, an adulterer....someone who is willing to lie and throw anyone ANYONE, even his family, under the bus to get ahead. How anyone can still support him is beyond comprehension.

9-17-24

Most Americans are probably all for de-escalating some of the rhetoric, but the people cited in the article calling out this stuff need to take a good long look at their own responsibilities in that area. Fauci, for instance, had to hire all manner of protection after the varied stochastic terrorism produced by KOLs and others on the right. Agree with the message, but the messengers lack the credibility for it to have much impact. As usual it has the stink of "rules for thee but not for me." The outrage about rhetoric from Republicans rings hollow. I do not wish harm on Trump, but where was the outrage when poll workers, who don't have protection, were being threatened? Or Fauci, or school board members or judges or judge's daughters or anyone who criticizes Trump. Why do none of these Republicans acknowledge that it is Trump's divisiveness that is behind all of these attempts? No, they never will because that would be bad politically for them, and they never do anything to hurt their election chances.

Read about 'Project 2025' - it's radical and extreme.

Arresting political opposition - firing of most federal employees -

And GOP is calling for Democrats to stop campaigning?

Are you kidding me? Ramp up the rhetoric and blame the other side for reacting.

Some folks in Ohio would also like the rhetoric to stop too. Maybe look in the mirror on who is actually the problem. The dude was a former Trump voter - another person on the right that wanted to take out Trump. The "they" is their own party.

What a train wreck of a candidate (Palin). We dodged a bullet in 2008 only to get hit by a missile in 2016.

Sarah Palin: the Christopher Columbus of MAGA

We no longer can quote Trump. Quoting Trump is incitement. Seems like what dictators say.

Just as recently as two weeks ago, Trump was making jokes about Paul Pelosi nearly being killed in his own home, so I don't think Maga has the moral high ground on rhetoric leading to political violence. You can't play the villain and the victim at the same time.

Scott Jennings "Kamala Harris keeps repeating the things Donald Trump has said numerous times in public, while being interviewed or on stage, and it's making people want to kill him. He repeating of his words is endangering Trump"

Trump is not fighting for America; he is fighting to stay out of jail.

9-18-24

Of course Mr. Trump blames someone else. Nothing new here, though his consistency to blame others for the division and fear he causes should scare his supporters.

What Huckabee-Sanders said was deeply offensive to many, and is nothing more than a finishing nail in the heart of the Trump campaign.

Sarah Palin pretty much kicked-off the era of hyper-partisan idiots being worshipped by bigger idiots.

Just lie lie lie. Tell them whatever. Half of them won't check and won't care. That's where we are.

Sarah Palin really was the big turning point in modern day (2024) politics. This movie (Game Change) really accurately shows how we got to our current chaotic political system. Her answers to the FED and Iraq questions make zero sense to anyone who is actually knowledgeable on the subject but the thing is most Americans aren't well educated on how the US government works or current foreign policy decisions. So her going for an emotional appeal to their righteous anger actually does work. Basically, Sarah proved that you don't have to know anything about running a government to be elected, you just have to put on a show and win a popularity contest.

Meanwhile, you have people like John McCain and his staff who do know better (a reflection of the establishment GOP) and KNOW it's dangerous for someone that under qualify and unstable to be in such a high position of power, and yet they don't care so long as they win. At no point do they have a serious discussion about replacing Sarah with another VP, even if it costs them the election, because that's in the best interest of the country. Basically a lot of politicians talk about country first, but when push comes to shove they always justify putting their own self interest first. That's how the MAGA party took over the GOP.

9-19-24

So MAGA republicans scream about countries emptying the contents of their insane asylums and prisons at our border, but then mysteriously torpedo a conservative border security bill that would have gone a long way in addressing problems with the laws currently in place. They have also been screaming for months about inflation, high interest rates and cost of everything and then mysteriously complain when interest rates are lowered. I suppose this just goes to show that

MAGA republicans really have no interest in fixing things, they just want something to complain about.

Republicans are mad because something good for America and good for Americans doesn't fit their doomsday agenda. It's why trump vetoed a bipartisan Bill to control border crossings, because he wanted the result to be a Democrat problem. When will Republicans admit that the only reason they want Trump elected is to protect their right to own guns and to keep people from having abortions? It's nothing more than that. And he's a guy who is scared of guns and has paid for at least a dozen abortions. No one has taken your guns. Not a single Democrat. Roe v Wade was overturned but Americans will still get abortions and that's their right to do so. Get over it. Meanwhile, try reading Project 2025.

MAGA has been blaming Biden for EVERYTHING for years. Including high interest rates. Well, Biden didn't EVER control the Federal Reserve - and neither has ANY President. EVER. It has been independent of the three branches of government since its inception in 1913. Now that the Fed has lowered rates, MAGA is complaining. "The Republican 2024 ticket is absolutely livid that the bank didn't wait until after the election to announce the cut. " See, folks, MAGA couldn't care less about America. It just wants to complain. About everything. And when something America needs and wants actually happens, all they can do is complain because THEY aren't getting the credit. America's needs are completely unimportant to the MAGAs. All THEY care about is power.

At this point it is pretty well established that Trumps base will vote for him no matter what he does and what someone he has supported does is not even worth talking about. Even if Trump himself did all of the above it would not matter. That is the core problem ..a huge portion of the population no longer cares about morality and that will lead nowhere good.

Obama had 32 consecutive quarters of economic growth. All Trump needed to do was not mess it up. He did only two things as a consequence - tariffs and a tax cut for the super wealthy. Neither helped middle nor working class families. The former cost consumers \$500 billion and workers over one million jobs. The latter transferred \$1.7 trillion to millionaires and billionaires who mostly parked the money in treasury bonds. If he tries either of these again (he's proposing both!) our economy will fly off the rails. It's a different beast these days. The pandemic, which Trump botched in the only real test of his presidency, gave us two economic choices: either watch the economy contract into a depression we'd most likely still be in; or else pump gobs of cash into the system, avoid the depression but accept some inflation. Biden guided us through the latter choice which was the sane option. There are so many reasons to vote against Trump; the economy is just one of them.

9-20-24

This movie, Game Change, (though made in 2012 about the 2008 election) had the best quotes about the current situation today (plus Woody Harrelson's character, Steve Schmidt, is one of the co-founders of The Lincoln Project and a pretty tough critic of Trump)/ 1. About Conceding Elections Steve Schmidt: "You're not giving a speech because the Vice Presidential candidate has never given a concession speech on election night. It's not about you, it's about the country. " Sarah Palin: "Yeah, well there's a lot of things never been done before. " Steve Schmidt: "Governor, this country has just elected the first African American president in the history of its existence, and it is the concession speech that will legitimize his succession as Commander in Chief. It is a serious and solemn occasion, and John McCain, and only John McCain, will be giving this sacred speech. This is how it has been done in every Presidential election since the

dawn of the Republic, and you, Sarah Palin, will not change the importance of this proud American tradition." 2. Celebrity Politics Rick Davis: "Listen, I too wish that the American people would choose the future Abraham Lincoln or Thomas Jefferson, but unfortunately, that's not the way it works anymore. Now it takes movie-star charisma to get elected President," 3. On Letting Right-Wing Extremists Take Over the GOP John McCain: "You're one of the leaders of the party now, Sarah. Don't get co-opted by Limbaugh and the other extremists. They'll destroy the party if you let them." 4. On Using Populist Politics to Win Elections John McCain: "There's a dark side to American populism. Some people win elections tapping into it. I'm not one of those people." 5. On Lying Steve Schmidt: "You can't say you were cleared of all wrongdoing. " Sarah Palin: "Why not? " Steve Schmidt: "Because you weren't. The reports stated that you abused your power; that is the opposite of being cleared of all wrongdoing. " Sarah Palin: "Then why was I told otherwise? " Steve Schmidt: "You weren't told otherwise! " Sarah Palin: "And why haven't you released a statement saying that Todd was never a member of the Alaskan Independence Party? " Steve Schmidt: "Because that would be untrue! He was a member. " Sarah Palin: "He checked the wrong box! He registered by accident and rectified the error immediately! " Steve Schmidt: "He was a member for Seven years! I'm sorry, Governor, but there is only a few weeks left in this campaign and you have got to stop saying things to the press that are blatantly untrue; that is not the kind of campaign that we are running here!"

9-22-24

What else does Vance or Trump have to run on except doom and gloom? They don't have a plan, just a concept of a plan which means they have nothing. Vance and Trump are following Germany's political tactics from the 1930s: "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." Most Americans say no to Germany's political tactics from the 1930s because they already know the truth and aren't swayed by all the hyperboles, innuendos, and lies spewed by Vance and Trump.

9-23-24

What I find so funny about Comer saying that Harris needs to prove she is a gun owner is that Trump keeps claiming he won the 2020 election but four years later he still hasn't provided any proof. Why isn't Comer asking Trump to show his proof of his claims?
Asking for a country.

It only been the last two years; the GOP has only had control of the House since 2022, not 2020. Regardless, Comer has produced nothing other than attempting to convince the Right that Biden was guilty without any evidence.

Let's get real.

Nobody can win the presidency with just the faithful. One third of the electorate are independents. They broke for Trump in 2016, did not in 2020, and Trump has said and done nothing since then to move towards them and all the while has been shedding moderate Republicans. Trump is set to lose by a wider margin than last time unless he caters to more than just the faithful, which he won't as he craves the affirmation and adoration from his MAGA

acolytes. Also he's worked so hard turning them into a revenue stream that he's never going to give that up.

As a trans person there is no choice. One side while flawed is working on making progress for trans people, the other side wants to outlaw your very existence.

There's a disconnect in saying that Republicans believe in God, family, and country and putting Trump at the top of your ticket. Trump's allegiance is to himself - period. He doesn't even represent traditional conservative values. He supports Russia and is the antithesis of being a fiscal conservative. The best thing to come out of Trump's mouth in recent days is that he won't run in 2028. But there are no guarantees that JD Vance or Tom Cotton or Josh Hawley won't anoint themselves Trump's successor and keep pushing the MAGA agenda.

9-24-24

News of the Surreal (for Real): "JD Vance Rips Media for Debunking Haiti Story, Says Let People Speak Their 'Truth'."

"Their truth". Sums up the problem with MAGA right there.

Trump traits:

Not understanding the difference between right and wrong.

Not respecting the feelings and emotions of others.

Constant lying or deception.

Being callous.

Difficulty recognizing emotion.

Manipulation.

Arrogance.

Violating the rights of others through dishonest actions.

Impulsiveness.

Risk-taking.

Difficulty appreciating the negative aspects of their behavior.

Not taking responsibility

Always blaming others

We've had presidents before who weren't all that bright.

We've had presidents before who weren't all that trustworthy.

We've had presidents before who weren't all that moral.

We've had presidents before who weren't all that honest.

We've had presidents before who weren't all that civil.

But until Trump there was never one president who possessed all those character flaws at once.

He is the Trojan horse elevated to demigod status by the mesmerized maniacal masses. The emperor has no clothes.

That's it. They're against mandatory COVID testing when they themselves put a ban on medical care for pregnant women? That's just weird.

The Trump GOP / Heritage foundation have advocated for substantial cuts to social security i.e., raising the retirement age to 69 or 70 and a flat amount of payout not tied to earnings. The GOP generally over the decades has loathed the Social Security and Medicare systems and definitely would eliminate them if they could.

Bernie Moreno thinks it's "crazy" that women want to make their own healthcare decisions.

Trump said that women 'should be punished' for their personal healthcare choices. Republicans want to also punish their doctors, their nurses, anyone who drove/flew them there and anyone who advised them to get an abortion. Vote BLUE!

I spoke with a friend whose cousin knows someone that is married to her uncle's brother & his sister said she knows another guy, who is definitely a reliable source, that says this is absolutely true.

Love the attempts to paint Kamala as incoherent. Could it be that some can't understand college educated people when they speak?

It is DISTURBING how the violent insurrection is less important than the price of eggs or abortions in this election.

Hasn't Trump criticized EVERY Judge who has handled his crimes? THROW. HIM. IN. JAIL.

Typical Trump. He's all doom-and-gloom, and then says he'll "fix it", but never says how he'll fix it (because he has nothing) And yet, voters keep crying about "wanting to know more about Kamala and her policies" despite of her laying out her policies on multiple platforms and media

I look at every faces behind Trump cheering Trump's nonsense and word garbage. The mental decay in our nation is at epic proportion.

When Trump is finally gone for good, I will never let his supporters forget their shame and dishonor.

I have never loathe a person so much like That man (Trump)

We're losing our country? Well, we will for sure if Trump is elected. I can't believe that so many people fall for all of his lies!

I sure hope the American People will have the good sense to reject the authoritarian by November.

The more desperate he gets, the more he sounds like Jim Jones just before the Cool-aid.

His acolytes always explain away his comments, but that's not ok. We can't have a president who needs constant apologists.

He should be in jail!!

Chanting "send them back" is the most Nazi thing I never thought I'd see in America.

trump mocked judges. So jail.

Totally normal for a potential president to be threatening citizens...

So fact checking is a crime says the felon

1930s Germany reborn.

So, Trump is angry that ABC called him out, live, on falsehoods that had been researched and published as false prior to the debate. Wake up America. This is bullying to the extreme.

Threatening an organization because they embarrassed you. Who in this scenario was telling outright lies?

Kamala was able to manipulate him easily, that doesn't bother you at all?

Trump wants to censure the press and punish his enemies, but HARRIS is a Marxist. Got it.

Don't blame the media for what Trump said.

I'm a male and I don't want anyone to tell me if I can get a vasectomy, and I sure don't want a politician telling my wife and our daughters they cannot have reproductive health care. That's because all medical procedures should be between the patient and their licensed medical practitioner.

I really hope that men such as yourself help American women fight for their rights OUT LOUD, not just anonymously.

American men are overwhelmingly polling against a woman's right to choose.

Women over 50 can still get pregnant. They also have sisters & daughters they care about. Oy, if only men had laws controlling their bodies. Imagine if they'd be jailed for spilling the seeds of life!

Attacking women is a poor way to win their votes

9-25-24

Eggs here are 2.50. Gasoline is 2.64. prices are coming down, Trump is out of touch.

Trump never got over losing to Biden and wanted a rematch. Once Biden dropped out, the main reason for Trump running was eliminated. Since then, he has been going through the motions but with nowhere near the intensity he had in the past.

Trump attempting to move the goal post as in the Nebraska electoral vote count PROVES that he knows he can't win without cheating.

Harris/Walz 2024!

All you have to do is listen to one of Trumps rambling rally speeches or interviews for that matter and compare it to polling to get you scared to death.

The guy is out of it. In his own world, saying whatever comes to mind no matter how irrelevant, bombastic, nonsensical, self congratulatory or completely false without any regard to a competent campaign.

Combine that with his selling stuff at the same time like his silver coin ripoff with his mug on it and it's scary he's even in the race let alone a tight one.

Where in heaven's name did we go so wrong? How is this freak show, dumpster fire even being taken seriously?

His economic approach is terrible. Tariffs will raise prices, retaliatory tariffs will result in reduced employment, mass deportation will result in a labor shortages, and all the tax giveaways will result in mass deficit. When he is done, enjoy the inflation. Great knowing I will be able to relocate to a lower cost country if needed.

If Trump wins, it says more about American voters than it does about Trump. In all of American history, you won't find a more ridiculous candidate for President than Trump. Yet, there are millions of voters who don't care what he is or what he stands for. Many of them, if not most, will just say something deep and profound as, I like him. And that says it all.

What message? Oh you mean this.

Trump's policy plan's.

Project2025.

Serial numbers on legal immigrants.

Blames a certain group of people already for not voting for him when he loses.

When will the trump's youth camps open up?

When does Lebensraum start 😏 I need to stretch my legs.

Immigrants being in camps.

(That's labor I believe)

This one doesn't make sense.

Tariffs for child care?

Find Miss Sassy.

I think 😏 I heard this storyline before.

If they don't cheat, the GOP can't win elections. This is made clear with their every effort at "election integrity."

They want the laws changed every time it is to their benefit.

I don't think the party of Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Dwight Eisenhower will ever recover from the current iteration of the GOP.

The signs of totalitarianism [re. donOLD tRUMP] are here. A "fake strong man" emerges, who claims only he can fix it all. Only the followers of the strong man/movement are patriots. Tell big lies/falsehoods/conspiracies. Wave lots of flags. Proclaim extreme nationalism. Dismantle the justice system to install a loyal one. Use simple words repeatedly, to limit critical reasoning. Claim the press is the enemy of the people. Desire to rule, by a loyal minority. Threaten to lock up opponents once in power. Show contempt for free elections/democratic republics. Foment fear of foreigners. Reject modernism, go back to the past. Install loyalists at all levels of government. Incite violence subtly, with plausible deniability. Obsess over national security, when in no danger. Have an easily identifiable symbol for the movement. Demonize opponents with lies and labels like 'vermin,' etc. Claim a decline in morality, caused by other groups. Blame opponents for a bad economy and other problems. Use the military within the country to enforce control. Gather a middle/lower-class group who used to feel in power. Tell them they are victims, but can regain their power if the bad guys are taken out and the strong man is installed.

9-26-24

If Trump gets in he will declare a mandate for dictatorship. If you don't want to see this complete breakdown of law and order you have to vote Harris & Blue or don't vote at all.

They claim the polls are undercounting Trump but they could be overcounting him. How many Republican samples are made up entirely of rabid Trump voters and not representing the up to 1/3 of Republicans who despise Trump at all. If independents split 50-50, which is hard to conceive of after 99.9 percent of media endorse Harris citing Trump's threat to democracy, the Dems and the up to 1/3 of Republicans should put Harris over the top.

The GOP is most excited about implementing Project 2025. Here's what it will do.

1. "Restructure" Medicare
2. "Restructure" Social Security
3. Additional tax breaks for corporations and the 1%
4. Arrest anyone creating porn, like "Only Fans"
5. Ban African American and gender studies in all levels of education
6. Ban any and all contraception
7. Ban books and curriculum about slavery
8. Condemn single mothers while promoting only "traditional families"
9. Defund the FBI and Homeland Security
10. Deregulate big business and the oil industry
11. Eliminate the Department of Education
12. Eliminate federal agencies like the FDA, EPA, NOAA and more
13. End birth right citizenship
14. End civil rights & DEI protections in government
15. End free and discounted school lunch programs
16. End marriage equality
17. End the Affordable Care Act
18. End the climate protections
19. Increase Arctic drilling
20. Increase taxes for the working class of unions and worker protections
21. Mass deportation of immigrants and incarceration in "camps"

22. Promote and expedite capital punishment
23. Put a nationwide TOTAL BAN on abortions without exceptions
24. Put an end to no fault divorce
25. Raise prescription drug prices
26. Raise the retirement age
27. Teach Christian religious beliefs in public schools
28. Turn the US into a "Christian Theocracy"
29. Use the military to break up American protests

There would not have been a search if Trump had given the documents back the first time. These people seem to think they are special and that they should be given special treatment. Don't commit crimes against the people of the United States and you won't have a problem.

10-4-24

Trump insisted on repeatedly delaying and delaying and delaying with frivolous motions. He ran out of frivolity, and the judge ignored the fact that an election was near, because it's not legally relevant. He had delayed himself into an October surprise. If the judge had decided not to release the filings because it was close to an election, that definitely would have been election interference. The judge went with the timing that was determined by the defense team. The Republican Party's shameful efforts to shield Trump from the rightfully deserved consequences of his efforts to subvert the will of the people and overturn a free and fair election have stained their legacy and will cast a shadow over them for years to come. And they did it to protect a man who doesn't care for them, their party's principles, or anything but himself. There are plenty of fiscally conservative voters who have been permanently driven away from the party. When you factor in the demographic shift in the USA that is making the voting population younger, more diverse, and more liberal it's clear that the Republicans have a grim electoral outlook over the next few decades. And it won't be because of fraud or cheating, they did this to themselves.

Walz didn't look as smooth as the slick Vance, however, when at the end they had the exchange about if Trump lost the election in 2020 and Vance couldn't admit that Trump lost (and has since said he won the election). Then Walz reminded Vance he was only there because Pence wasn't and that was because he stood up to Trump and that there was a line that Pence wouldn't cross. But that the line would have been ignored by Vance and he would have delayed the certification for Trump.

We care about the election - we want it to be fair but not only fair if you win - Trump knows he lost but he is still trying to spin it as though he won the election. He had the right to challenge the results in court and lost over 60 court cases. That should have been the end but here we are 4 years later listening to the same lies.

That point was when it swung and Walz won the debate because of that exchange.

10-5-24

Tell a lie often enough and some people start to believe it. Want to know how that works? Stage hypnotists and cult leaders use this phenomena; one for laughs, the other for control. Our brain hears everything within earshot; what we're consciously listening to, and everything else. Untrue things spoken by people we trust at times when we're not listening can become Subconscious False Beliefs, that go on to affect subconscious behavior that follows that lie, blocking conscious reality from the spotlight. We do not see our own subconscious behavior and have no

recollection of it, in fact deny it; especially errant subconscious behavior. Subconscious behavior is the default until/unless our spotlight of awareness - our conscious mind - is put upon the subject. The 24/7 firehose of lies, misinformation, and demonization of Democrats by right-wing media has, one-by-one, created Subconscious False Beliefs in the minds of their followers. They've been mesmerized, brainwashed by their leaders for profit and power. When they're parroting the lies, you may be witnessing subconscious behavior without conscious oversight.

"Right-Wingers Heartbroken by Picture of Little Girl Who Doesn't Exist"

Conservatives get upset by a lot of things that don't exist.

If Trump was president today, he would be asking if the areas affected by Helene supported him before deciding to send aid. That's who he is.

Maga world was outraged at Vance being fact checked at the debate.

Now they are outraged at an AI generated picture.

The maga world really does live in a world of lies and alternative reality.

Then they get outraged when the rest of us laugh at them. Maga world is a kind of cos play really...

Maybe now, we can start having a serious conversation about extreme weather that is occurring more and more. I'm not talking the cause, I'm talking about the actual affects that are happening with the weather. It's time our country really started preparing for the future by upgrading our infrastructure, not putting bandaids on it, but actual fixes and adjustments so when this happens next year, or the year after, the damage won't be as extreme. It's better to build bridges that are three times stronger than needed, so when a major storm hits, the bridge does not need to be rebuilt. No need to reply, I read them, and I don't care.

Trump told a crowd of evangelicals that if they elect him it would be the last time they ever had to vote, all their problems would be solved. Electing Harris, whether she would be a good or not so good president, would mean our democracy will be alive and well.

Harris is a well-spoken highly educated extremely experienced professional in good shape at age 59. She should be winning this by a mile and half against her main opponent who is none of the good stuff.

10-6-24

This pretty much say it all...

Project 2025 and what Trump wants to do

End no fault divorce

Complete ban on abortions without exceptions

Ban contraceptives

Additional tax breaks for corporations and the 1% Higher taxes for the working class

Elimination of unions and worker protections

Raise the retirement age

Cut Social Security

Cut Medicare

End the Affordable Care Act

Raise prescription drug prices

Eliminate the Department of Education

Use public, taxpayer money for private religious schools

Teach Christian religious beliefs in public schools

End free and discounted school lunch programs

End civil rights & DEI protections in government
Ban African American and gender studies in all levels of education
Ban books and curriculum about slavery
Ending climate protections
Increase Arctic drilling
Deregulate big business and the oil industry
Promote and expedite capital punishment
End marriage equality
Condemn single mothers while promoting only "traditional families"
Defund the FBI and Homeland Security
Use the military to break up domestic protests
Mass deportation of immigrants and incarceration in "camps"
End birth right citizenship
Ban Muslims from entering the country
Eliminates federal agencies like the FDA, EPA, NOA and more
Continue to pack the Supreme Court, and lower courts with right-wing judges
Use the military to break up domestic protests

10-7-24

"Idiocracy, The Musical"

I pray that the Biden administration continue to work to meet the needs of the people. So, DeSantis is afraid if the President sends aide, the people will vote for Harris. What happened to the needs of the people, not politics.

Being a good and decent human being, Biden will always help people in need. Politics don't come to mind for people like him. DeSantis on the other hand has proven otherwise, and not just in this situation. While in the House, he voted against aid for the victims of Superstorm Sandy because they were in blue states.

It is interesting to watch Gov. DeSantis and the MAGA contingency use their pitiness in such dire circumstances while the state is facing massive hurricanes. They put this above the conditions facing the people in their state. Gov. DeSantis seems to forget that he was voted in office to protect the people and put aside any political difference he may have. Another nail in the coffin for Trump and MAGA.

An emergency is not the time to be proving how MAGA you are. Accept the help, thank them and save your politics for another time. That is just poor leadership, inserting conflict where there should be nothing but cooperation.

10-9-24

The media will treat this as a page two story for half a day and MAGA Republicans might mutter "witch hunt," depending on social media outcry.

Had a Democrat done this, it would be the headline for a month with Republicans launching dramatic, weeks-long televised congressional hearings.

The genuine and childlike laughter from the Comedian at trump's claim of being "basically a truthful person" pure gold

It's still more important for MAGA to "own the libs" than to possess a shred of dignity and even nominate Nikki Haley. She didn't even get close. That's how far the MAGA party has fallen. Insurrection. Election denying. Felonies. They're eatings the dogs. Black Jobs. Putin confirms he

got Trump's Covid Test Kit. The grifting. The divisiveness. The lies, even when the country is in crisis. Divide, divide, divide.

10-10-24

I'd rather the panic drives EXTRA Dem voters to the polls, while Republicans stay home due to a false sense of calm. GETTING RID OF TED CRUZ is NOT less important!!

Democrats don't want a repeat of 2016. We learned to be cautious.

350,000 new registered voters in Michigan since 2020.

Turn Anger into Action VOTE BLUE

If a national vote on abortion was held, abortion would be legal, period. It would have qualifiers, like fifteen week limitations, but it would be legal. That's what the research says. If you don't want an abortion, just don't get one, and leave others to their choices.

10-11-24

I missed the last time we were expecting to see the Northern Lights in Ohio. I finally caught it last night. (Note: you could barely see it with the naked eye. But you could if you set your iPhone to a longer exposure.)

It was at 10 p.m. I went outside at different times. At 9:50 p.m., it was pretty faint still. Then between 10-10:10 p.m. it was much more visible. Then it faded again by 10:20 p.m.

Who comes and speaks to the Detroit Economic Club and insults their city? Detroit investors have spent millions of dollars to have Detroit where it is today. It's on its way back and I can't thank the investors enough for their invested in its future. They see a bright and prosperous future.

This is the problem. Harris is not addressing the circles. Because we had these circles, eight circles, for a very long time, and then people are like where are the circles - ever notice that - they don't want to talk about the circles, they're saying that's the Fed, the Fed is doing the circles, don't worry about the circles but I'm telling you a lot of people are worried about the circles so we're going to get rid of those circles, Day One I'll say no more circles

I'm nervous too, but all we can do is vote.

I was surprised that Trump got 70+ million votes last election after IMHO a dumpster fire of a presidency.

I have come to believe that 30 to 40 percent of Americans WANT some sort of authoritarian rule.

Be it an outright dictatorship, Christian Theocracy, or something similar.

Thus November's election is not about Trump or Harris it's whether Americans wish to remain a democracy or become some kind of dictatorship.

Under Trump America can become 1930's Germany very quickly.

Democracy itself is at risk along with all

the personal freedoms CURRENTLY guaranteed you in the Bill of Rights.

I'm voting straight ticket BLUE to rid Congress of the Trump cult that now infests it and to prevent the election of a tyrant who will NOT

preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

What they want is a Country without diversity to exclude anyone who doesn't look like them. Anyone who doesn't look like them will be considered different, less than, bad, dangerous and violent. They want the Country to look like them. Free from migrants be it legal or illegal and

anyone who they classify as not belonging. They want to go backwards to a time where women had no say like in 1910.. They want to segregate by revoking things like the fair housing act (that trump removed in his term as president) so that those that they see as undesirable will be locked out. Special privileges for the wealthy and that's just for starters. That's why trump just has concepts of plans other than of course project 2025 but he can't admit that yet. And they want the ability to be placed in a status of privilege because they are trump's supporters as though trump is going to have his supporters in some elite positions where his authoritarian regime won't affect them.

Trump has no interest in governing America he intends to RULE America.

Trump admires dictators and IMO fully intends to become one himself if elected.

He will fill the government with sycophants who will pledge allegiance to Trump ALONE and NOT the Constitution.

There will be no 'guardrails' this time (responsible adults in the room).

Then he will start his 'revenge tour' punishing his 'political opponents' as he's promised to do and start exploiting his position as president for personal profit.

The needs of the nation and of the average citizen will be left to last if addressed at all.

I'm voting Blue to avoid the rise of tyranny in America.

It should be up to the popular vote, not up to the electoral vote that is skewed towards rural areas that vote mostly red. If they want to win over the other people in the country, they should up their game Beyond 1950

Unbelievable how when this man stands on a stage and opens his mouth. Unbelievable that people swallow the lies which have harmed our nation and caused much harm. So many lies, outrageous ones, and still people swallow every word. Does not anyone go back and study economics or research facts of the when and where the country was stronger? They should...

how can this election be close?

Demented Donald is too old and deteriorating mentally. He is far worse than President Biden.

Totally unfit to hold the office and last time he was so incompetent he got ranked as the WORST U.S. president in history. Vote for someone else who is mentally fit to handle the position.

Demented DonOld!

10-12-24

All those people who voted against Trump last time ... yeah, they're not going to change to voting for Trump this time.

The ONE thing holding my sanity..... The unprecedented amount of Early voting& people registering to vote, most if not all Republicans vote on the day of never early bc many don't trust the system. We cannot have another 4yrs of Trump- our country would never recover PLEASE VOTE us Your voice DOES matter

I vow to Vote Early as soon as Early Voting starts in MA. I will vote FOR Harris / Walz and Democrats all the way down the ballot. I wrote and mailed 1,550 postcards to swing state voters. I joined two text-to-voters groups - one for Kamala Harris and one for down-ballot Democrats so I send texts every day. I have an automatic monetary donation to the Harris campaign that is not much but still is what I CAN do. Then I add to that donation via one-time amounts When I can do that. For those who are afraid, turn your fear into some kind of ACTION. In the words of Michele Obama, "Do something".

Trump lost in 2020. And the 2020 election happened before: January 6th, felony convictions, Roe v. Wade, and Kamala Harris.

Don't panic, but don't get complacent. If you hear someone saying something false, correct them politely. Crime is down, unemployment is down, inflation is below target, the increase in illegal immigration directly correlates to unprecedented new non-farm job openings(not changes in border policy), republicans are exhibiting actual fascist behavior and have been for quite some time.

The ideal politician

1. To not want power but accepts it as a duty
2. To know the needs of the state
3. The courage to lay down that power when complete

All politicians should remember these words as a basis for their motives. Written 2400 years ago in the Academy by Plato and Socrates. They can act as a guideline to evaluate those whom they have elected to serve the public

Whoever wins the trip to the oval office, I hope it's by a healthy margin, so we don't have to listen to all the guff and nonsense again.

Richard Nixon lost by a hair in 1960 and he was offered the opportunity for a recount but declined, saying he believed it would do more harm to the country. He may well have been neurotic, but at least Nixon did have some class about him.

Neil Young Pens Endorsement for Kamala Harris: 'She's My Candidate': Neil Young has penned a resounding endorsement for Kamala Harris, detailing the reasons "why I love" the vice president.

"She is an honest forthright truth teller who is experienced in the White House, free from ambiguity or evasiveness, who goes straight to the point," Young wrote on his Archives site Friday.

"Clear headed, young enough to hold the office for a couple of bright future terms, Kamala Harris is a good person who is unafraid to take on criminals and uphold the law of the USA. She's my candidate for the future of this great country."

Young added that Harris "will take on the billionaire class and make them pay their share of taxes. She will not owe them any favors. She is a kind, considerate American."

Even without the endorsement, it was evident that Young would vote for Harris, given the rocker's distaste for Donald Trump, who he called "a disgrace" in a scathing open letter in 2020 — "Your mindless destruction of our shared natural resources, our environment, and our relationships with friends around the world is unforgivable," he wrote — as well as his long legal battle to prevent Trump from using "Rockin' in the Free World" at rallies.

On Friday, Young — who finally became an American citizen in 2020, in part to vote against Trump — also encouraged his fans to "cast your vote for a beautiful future for your family. Kamala Harris for President."

10-13-24

Complacency is what screwed us in 2016.

It is beyond disgusting Trump was ever elected and has made a total mess of the election process. He is a felon. He should be in jail. It is immoral to support this lying fraud

Here it comes, folks, right out in the open: Only one party is legitimate, only one party has the right to exist and have followers, and it's not the Democrats or even the traditional GOP -- it's the Party of Trump, owned by, controlled by, defined by the man who decides what can and what cannot be in America. If that's not the position of a dictator there is no such thing. If you're not

scared you haven't been paying attention; dictators are loyal to no one, not even their own followers.

To quote Adam Kinzinger ... "Donald Trump is a weak man pretending to be strong. He is a small man pretending to be big. He's a faithless man pretending to be righteous. He's a perpetrator who can't stop playing the victim."

How sad it is that some individuals believe that scientists, scholars, historians, economists, and journalists have devoted their entire lives to deceiving them, while a reality tv star with decades of fraud and exhaustively documented lying is their only beacon of truth and honesty.

10-14-24

Love Gus's Dad!

10-15-24

America needs to wake up. This isn't a game anymore or about ratings, party, or personality. He will throw this country under the bus to suit his own desires and feed that massive ego. He cares nothing about America, Americans or the issues they deal with. He has manipulated his cult to such a degree that they literally see him as a savior. I wish Yahoo would allow us to use more more relevant and descriptive words that sum up the "man" djt is. Suffice it to say, he is not a good man in any stretch of the term.

Voters had better pay heed to what Trump says. He takes credit for overturning roe v wade after 50 years of helping women. He has recently told a bunch of lies about how he has all of a sudden got religion on abortion, tips and a couple other things trying to buy votes. His allegiance is to the Republican Party Leaders and the Republican Mega Donors backing him, NOT YOU. Remember that fact.

How do you watch that and then decide you're comfortable handing him the nuclear codes? He has no idea about the consequences of any of his actions.

Trump looks like he has been embalmed. I mean he is old. He looks tired and worn out. He is losing it. No question. He also seems to be wearing a diaper because he has lost control of his bowels and has leakage. Poor guy, but not capable of being president.

10-16-24

I'm so tired. I'm tired of his lies. I'm tired of his extremism. I'm tired of his supporters not caring what he says or does. I don't understand how the race is this close when he's clearly a threat to this country. Nothing makes sense.

This is precisely the reason as an independent why I can't support their ticket. Beyond policy and everything else I want a candidate who has integrity and honesty and the trump campaign is lacking this in totality. If they wanted to show they were really looking to the future they would admit defeat in 2020 and lay out policy that would improve quality of life for everyone. Instead this just feels like a petty revenge tour and in this sharply divided political environment this is the last thing we need.

The Republican reality is different than the actual reality ie:

Trump won ,

J6 didn't happen,

He took the documents but it was legal,

He handled the pandemic well,

If you believe any of that you are in the cult

10-17-24

Trump's camp has no room to even comment on Harris's interview when he is afraid to even do an interview on a network that he feels is unfriendly to his campaign. She has shown herself to be the stronger candidate. Trump, who craves admiration, has a full meltdown anytime he's criticized, which is one reason he doesn't do one on one interviews with people who don't cater to him.

Kamala has every right to be angry. I've been pissed since 2016.

Early voting lines had a 1 hour wait at my polling station today. Seems like people are taking this election seriously.

We can only hope and pray that they are. This could be something that they will write history about. ex president has shown these signs over the last 8-10 years. Most people thought it was just due to him being rich and arrogant. As it gets worse they are realizing that there are issues there that need to be pointed out. What strikes me the most is the fact that his oldest daughter, who was in the mix of everything the first time, is no where to be found. That should be a big red flag to the American people. She has observed all the greed, hate and discontent when he was in office the first time and she knows it will not end well if he is in a second time. She saw first hand the time leading up to Jan 6 and tried to get her dad to stop it that day. America, we can not let this man in again.

Trump in his own words said, there is an enemy within and if necessary I would use the national guard and even the military to stop them.

Lie? He said it. Multiple times. He even gave Schiff and Pelosi as examples. Seems like having his followers attack the capitol didn't work so now he wants to go straight to the military to use against his "enemies" which for him is basically anyone who doesn't worship him.

10-18-24

"And though the forest was shrinking, the trees kept voting for the axe, for the axe was clever and convinced the trees that since her handle was made of wood, she was one of them."

Remember when Joe wasn't going to be a good candidate because he was too old. Seems Trump's "exhaustion" might be a good sign of a low energy president. If you want four more years of old out of touch running the country, vote for Trump.

If Trump is exhausted now just imagine how exhausting four years of being a President will be. If he can't handle running for president, how is he going to handle the job itself. We see how Biden has aged, and Trump is even older now than when Biden became President. He can bow out and get plenty of rest in jail.

I agree, I'm 57 and no way I could handle the 7 day a week, 24 hours a day job. I can only imagine being 78 like Trump or 82 like Biden. It's too much for older people.

Well said, sad, and most of Trump's own team agrees with you.

Here is the short list - including a "God help us" plea

1. His vice president, Mike Pence: "The American people deserve to know that President Trump asked me to put him over my oath to the Constitution. ... Anyone who puts himself over the Constitution should never be president of the United States."

2. His second attorney general, Bill Barr: "Someone who engaged in that kind of bullying about a process that is fundamental to our system and to our self-government shouldn't be anywhere near the Oval Office."

3. His first secretary of defense, James Mattis: “Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people – does not even pretend to try. Instead he tries to divide us.”

4. His second secretary of defense, Mark Esper: “I think he’s unfit for office. ... He puts himself before country. His actions are all about him and not about the country. And then, of course, I believe he has integrity and character issues as well.”

5. His second chief of staff, John Kelly: “A person that has nothing but contempt for our democratic institutions, our Constitution, and the rule of law. There is nothing more that can be said. God help us.”

6. His former acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, “I quit because I think he failed at being the president when we needed him to be that.”

7. One of his many former communications directors, Anthony Scaramucci: “He is the domestic terrorist of the 21st century.”

Let’s try and understand the situation correctly. He is cancelling out interviews because his latest history shows him to be the person he is, unhinged, and he looks/sounds really bad. He bailed on NBC because they don’t love him like Faux, and they would probably shred him. He bailed on 60-Minutes because in NO WAY does he want to be fact-checked. He refuses a second debate with Harris because she destroyed him last time. He is bailing out on the NRA because he already has that chunk of voters, and why take a chance at being unhinged for another time. Odds are much better for looking bad than they are for looking good.

He's exhausted!?! Over half of the nation is exhausted from having to listen to him for the past decade. Enough already.

DJT is way too old for the arduous challenges of POTUS. You can't work from 10 am to 4 pm in this job. He is out of shape, obese and the extent of his exercise regimen is a short walk to his spa to lay in his tanning coffin so he can maintain the orange face which he thinks makes him look fit and younger. Hey, before you jump in the shower have a look at the mirror.....mirrors don't lie. Or, maybe that's why you don't have mirrors.

The normalization of political violence under Trump's leadership is another alarming trend. The events surrounding the January 6th Capitol riot serve as a pivotal moment, illustrating how Trump’s rhetoric can incite violence among his supporters. By refusing to condemn violent actions and instead suggesting that they are justified, Trump contributes to a culture where political violence is not only accepted but expected. This phenomenon can create a dangerous precedent, as history shows that political violence often becomes a tool of authoritarian regimes to silence dissent.

10-19-24

Clinton voters didn't vote in 2016 with polls indicating she'd win without additional votes with a 40% turnout. 2020 witnessed record turnout of 66% with Biden winning by 7 million votes on the platform for Democracy. Reports were Trump overperformed polls. 2022 the GOP underperformed polls when reproductive rights were on the ballot as did Trump underperform in 2024 primaries again with abortion and Democracy on the ballot. MI and GA have reported record early voting numbers outperforming 2020 turnout.

10-20-24

I certainly hope voters in this country take a long and hard look at what trump is saying and acting. Especially the men of our country. Are we really going to put a person like this as

president again, who can impact the lives of every family? For once look at him and the Republican Party. We men have a responsibility to our families as well as our country. One may not like Harris our her party, but our families are important and impact each of us.

A win for Trump will be the death knell of the GOP. There would be nothing left to rescue or rebuild. As a Democrat, I find the prospect chilling as the push and pull of ideas has generally worked to the betterment of the country since the 1870s. With the unacceptable awfulness, the blatant unconstitutionality, and willfull contempt for civil norms of Trump and his fans, the US will be no more any sort of bright beacon on a hill.

Those that support him don't care, they think in very simplistic shallow terms. They think the government and economy start and stop with the inauguration...They give him credit for an economy he inherited, a pass on Covid but blame Biden for the covid aftermath. They are irrational, uninformed and uneducated...they are their own worst enemies and they have no clue...And saving them from themselves is becoming exhausting and monotonous...And we don't even get a thank you....

Parents should ask themselves one thing: would I want my child to grow up one day to become President have THIS as an example? This is what young men & women will see as acceptable behavior. That you can lie, steal, cheat, abuse, etc. & still get elected President. Do these MAGAs want their children to emulate THIS???? How did we even get to this point????

My brothers grandson was told by his elementary teacher that if the president doesn't say it, then neither should you. When he was in high school he ran into his old teacher and asked her if she still tells her students the same thing. She declined to answer....very telling.

We're really gonna be in a mess if tRump gets elected. He is neither Christian, educated, or empathetic to the struggles of "everyday Americans" or the working class. Professionals in the finance world say his policies will increase the cost of all goods, food, and gas our citizens. tRump doesn't grasp the concept of cause and effect...his favorite workd is tariff....tariffs will only further increase our cost of living.

#voteblue#noproject2025#fightforyourrights#nofelonsinoffice

Republicans don't care about destroying democracy. it's all about owning the libs.

Yes, they really are going to vote for him. No argument will dissuade them. It's up to the rest of us to SHOW UP and VOTE BLUE

It's our own fault for not enforcing the separation of church and state and taxing every single church in this country

Framing of what? Repubs have complained that Harris hasn't given specifics on her plans, but they fail to mention that Trump has only a concept at best. How is this even a close race. If Harris doesn't perform in 4 years, vote her out. We probably won't have that luxury with Trump. People that are voting for Trump aren't really interested in what he will accomplish. They just want to hear him disrespect people, call people names, call countries names, and repeat the word border as many times as is humanly possible.

At this point, I have lost faith in Americans that are supporting this guy. It doesn't matter if you're a Dem or Rep... what happened to candidates meeting a minimum threshold to run for office?

10-21-24

What's the problem, Lindsay? The stock market is doing well, the unemployment rate is low, interest rates are (and will be)) trending down. When Trumtax was signed in December of 2017, the impact on the average American was an increase of 2-3% in discretionary cash in

2018. In 2019, the inflation rate was 2.44%, which basically broke working Americans even. In 2020 the pandemic occurred, and even Trump was OK with the debt-increasing stimuli hand out to the American people (he did the right thing here), followed by Biden's stimulus. More money was injected into the economy, and this may have had an inflationary impact--not that we had much of a choice, under the circumstances. The impact on inflation, such as it was, was amplified by COVID-caused bottlenecks in international trade. So, when Trump asks people when they were better off--under him or under the Biden administration--the answer has little to do with either of them. But people who cannot connect the dots between their daily lives and political/fiscal policy are fairly easy to manipulate.

McConnell, Graham and all republican senators and house members who support Trump are complicit in the Jan 6th insurrection. They flip-flopped on their oaths to protect the constitution. Those republicans who reject Trump's actions on Jan. 6th are the only ones with integrity and the only republicans who put country before party. By voting blue they are voting for country, and they deserve the thanks and respect of all Americans.

Republicans for Harris see this election as a choice between good and horrible; unfortunately, for the Republicans, the "horrible" choice is the former President. There is nothing that Harris can do that compares to the permanent damage to our way of life that Trump can.

The most radical nominee? Really? She's not talking about using the military against her political enemies. She's not talking about ruining a perfectly functioning economy with a Federal sales tax (that's the effect that tariffs have in case you're out of the loop). She certainly doesn't kiss up to dictators.

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10-22-24

Last 50 years:

Presidency held: Dem - 22 years; GOP - 28 years

Stock Market Return: Dem - 992%; GOP - 109%

Total Jobs Created: Dem - 42 million; GOP - 24 million

Income Growth: Dem - 2.2%; GOP - 0.6%

GDP: Dem - 4.1%; GOP - 2.7%

Since Reagan, the economy saw a downturn under GOP.

Clinton took a weak economy from Bush Sr. and built a surplus.

Obama took a recession from Bush Jr. and built the longest job creation stretch in history, leaving a thriving economy for Trump.

Biden took a reckless budget and a country in recession from Trump, cut the deficit by \$1.4 Trillion in 2022 alone and turned the economy around.

10 out of last 12 recessions under Republicans

Last but not least, Republicans are champs at corruption, had 38 times more criminal convictions than Dems during 1961-2016.

David, you are so correct. I've been saying the same thing for months now. He lost horribly in 2020 after people saw what he did as president. He's only become worse. And with all his felony convictions and his upcoming trials, why would anyone who didn't vote for him in 2020 suddenly decide to vote for him in 2024? He was always going to lose.

A post truth society dominated by lies on social media...inflation was caused by Covid and the war in Ukraine cutting supply. The Biden administration has done a good job bringing that under control. Unemployment, gdp growth have been big improvements over the Trump years yet there is this myth that Trump with record deficits was good for the economy. In reality he was a disaster. He also scuttled an immigration package that strengthened border controls.

The world was heading into inflation no matter who became President. Trump could not have stopped it. He would have made it way worse with tariffs and trade wars.

It is well understood why Mr. Trump did not want congress to pass an Immigration bill prior to the election. The economy is moving along on a full head of steam, inflation is a little over 2% and not 9 when Biden took office and unemployment is 4.1%. He needed to have an issue.

Judge who tossed Trump's classified docs case on list of proposed candidates for attorney general

AKA; cronyism: the appointment of friends and associates to positions of authority, without proper regard to their qualifications.

Most likely she was promised that position before she declared her decision.

There has also talk of a Supreme Court position.

EASY CHOICE

KAMALA actually cares for other people.

TRUMP only cares for himself.

KAMALA believes in the rule of law.

TRUMP believes he is above the law.

KAMALA is a young vibrant energetic person

TRUMP is old and has lost it.

KAMALA is willing to work with people on both sides.

TRUMP wants to prosecute everyone on the other side.

KAMALA was a prosecutor.

TRUMP is a felon.

10-23-24

Gee, who am I going to side with, a MAGA keyboard warrior or people who went to college to study economics and then received awards for their accomplishments?

Obama can campaign for Harris all he wants. Trump has the backing of all the previous Republican presidents. No? Well at least he's backed by all of his former cabinet members. No? Well he's surely backed by all his former top aides and chiefs of staff. No? Ouch.

Real republicans that love this country and want it to continue to be free and a democracy will vote for Harris, no one will know how you voted except you and God and your conscience.

SAVE AMERICA !!!

If character, women's rights, foreign policy, middle class economic policy and a bipartisan solution to improve border security and immigration reform matters, Harris will win.

I am 76, and the biggest divider this country has had in my lifetime was Trump, and now MAGA. I am a Republican, but I will not vote for any of them, I will vote all blue until these MAGA Minions give up and leave my party so we can work with the other side to get things moving again in this country.

yes voters. can't understand GDP, Debt, inflation etc. its their ignorance. and confusion rather than her. Maybe she should answer all questions with "I have a concept" (trust me) rather than try to give facts.

I'm sick and tired of everyone analyzing every nuance and movement that Kamala Harris makes. If she criticizes Trump, she's helping him, if she doesn't do anything then why didn't she push back on him? And the constant reading of the tea leaves (oh I mean the "scientific" polls) looking for any clues of what will move the uneducated white male to vote for her. Nothing, and I mean nothing about Harris is even remotely close to the danger Trump is about to put us all through if he gets back in office. So you think your life was better four years ago? Remember Covid-19 was raging when Trump left office. Despite pushing for quick vaccines he quickly sabotaged his Covid response by catering to his irrational base which thinks that a disease that killed 1.1 million American's was a hoax, and that you can cure it with horse tranquilizers. When Biden got into office there were vaccination sites up in running in just over a month after taking office. Test kits were mailed to everyone. The disease is under control now. The border is much more under control too because the Biden administration finally got Mexico to block migrants from passing through their country to get to the US. Inflation is down to around 2%, the stock market is at record highs, unemployment is low. Murders and violent crime have declined. So what's the reason to risk America on a criminal insurrectionist? If you are proud to be an American then do the right thing.

I do think having 2 of the highest ranking Generals and being his own Chief of Staff and Joint Chief of Staff outright calling him a FASCIST would be enough for any patriot to not vote for him.

And if it isn't.. then nothing Harris says will sway people like that. I think its to drive supporters to come out and vote. Turnout wins this. And there are maybe 100k people out there that hate Democrat-ness but ALSO hate Trump but think even if he gets elected the 'courts' or someone will stop him..

If you can get them to realize the extreme danger to national security Trump is then they will vote FOR Harris or at least not hold their nose and vote Trump. That is the strategy.

She has talked plenty about her policy proposals, you just chose not to listen. Admit it: you had made up your mind long before she took over from Biden.

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So who do you vote for? The one in office that has bankrupt our country in so many ways. I will fight against Marxism, socialism until I die. None of them are honest. At least we know the real trump unlike Kamala not saying one thing that makes sense. She is not competent to run our country! I wish we had better candidates but we don't. It is too big of a machine run by crazy power hungry past presidents and NGOs. I could go on and on. If you want to talk text me personally.

Democrats didn't call Trump Hitler, HIS RUNNING MATE DID. ^[1]_[SEP] This would be a campaign-ender for anyone except Trump. His supporters are disgusting.

I am a registered independent in my state. I normally vote both Republican and Democrat depending on the office and candidate. What I don't think many Republicans understand or possibly care about is that because of Donald Trump the Republican party is losing millions of left of center and right of center moderates and independents because of his dishonorable and disgusting bullshit. Possibly for the first time in my voting history I voted all Democrat in my state. Normally I would never, ever have done this, but this disgusting behavior has pushed me from even considering most Republicans for office. Let's not forget that there are good Republicans out there that are supporting Kamala Harris and some are even going so far as to campaign for her. But for me, because of Donald Trump, I voted all Democrat for the first time in my life and I'm completely comfortable with that. Republicans should watch out because I don't think I'm the only one who feels this way.

Oh my gosh, same! I've always voted for the person vs party. And ironically mostly republican in years gone by. Not since 2016. I cannot vote for someone who is so against women (unless he thinks they are 'pretty' enough)

She's ANSWERED EVERY QUESTION ... trouble is the answer to complex problems is longer than a MAGA sound bite and you've got the attention span ...and intelligence.. of a gnat
Large turnout favors Harris.

10-24-24

Ms Jacques is free to vote for whomever she wants. As an "Opinion" writer, she is entitled to her views. Trump has stated his plans for the future includes Retribution, Retaliation, Suppression of Free Speech, expelling both Legal and Undocumented Immigrants, Having the US Armed Services round up the immigrants, Allow for Law Enforcement Brutality, Building more prisons, etc. If Ms Jacques has been paying attention, she would hear what both Trump and Harris are saying. Democracy is better than Fascism.

Forget Harris, just look to Trump's old cabinet which was full of highly respected individuals, all of which want nothing to do with Trump. If you never worked for a narcissist, you need to understand all they like to do is create chaos, they thrive on it. That is Trumps entire life a S show.

I think Felon Trump will lose. People voted against him in 2020 are not going to turn around and vote for him in 2024. Many older people died the last 4 years and there are new young voters come in since 2020. All the swing states allow early voting and mail-in ballots. Additionally, the polls should not be changing since September when nothing is new for both trump and Harris. All these rightwing polls just come out to flood the average with fake numbers.

Maybe Donald and Hunter can share a cell and teach America about the spirit of coming together.

10-25-24

The polls are showing that Donald Trump will win the election... which is just profoundly so depressing. It is like losing your democracy because voters are stupid. Dealing with this leaves me feeling so stressed out, anxious, outraged, impatient, angry, disgusted. It's producing abrasive mood swings. Who is going to save America from the threat of MAGA Donald Trump and his MAGA minions?! I thought the overturning of Roe v Wade would assure Harris' victory. I thought all of Trump's vice and insanity would turn off enough voters. How could it possibly be this close and then she loses? How?! How is this possible? It felt like a do-

or-die election... and America and its precious democracy died. I had confidence that Kamala would win. But that has been shattered.

Christianity is waning, racism is waning, traditional power structures are waning, and these people think Trump can stop progress. This might be one of the saddest images I've ever seen.

Evangelical Christians believe he is Jesus!

Jesus/GOD taught us to 'Love thy neighbor', not dominate thy neighbor. As a real Christian and Independent, I've already voted for Harris and against tRump/MAGA and their corrupted messaging and hardened hearts. Vote against tRump and his twisted ways on 11-5-24 and save our Republic!

Gibson's comment alone, makes me truly grateful I voted for Harris. I am proud to stand within the ideals of the Founding Fathers and founding documents of this great country. What a horrible perversion of our civic and social fabric Trump and MAGA have unleashed upon us. I believe Gen. Milley, Gen. Kelly, VP Pence, Rex Tillerson, Mark Esper, and all the other former Trump cabinet members that say Trump doesn't belong near the Oval Office. This isn't political for me, it's about character, and Trump's is proven to be subpar in all aspects.

I have little issue with Republicans... it's this MAGA Trump cult that's the issue. I don't have any problem with people being conservatives. I have problems with the people who think that Trump's 'policies' are good for America when the only 'policy' he supports is one that allows him to do whatever he wants. I don't want to live in a Christian Iran. I want to live an America that allows freedom and is respectful of people's differences.

I'd have to agree. I live in a blue state(CT) and see a ton of Trump flags, signs, and bumper stickers. They were way more prevalent than the Hillary, Biden, and now Harris ones. I thought for sure Trump would flip our state in the 2016 and 2020 elections. There was even a lady yelling at people to vote republican in the parking lot at my voting location in 2020. In the end, Trump and a lot of local republicans lost our state again. I think when you're obsessed with a candidate to the extent that you cover your house and car with a candidates banners(one of my neighbors), it is cult-like behavior and turns a lot of people away from supporting said candidate. I don't think Harris or the democrats are that great, but at least people aren't shoving her down my throat when I go to walk my dog.

I REALLY don't like how close this is...

This is absolute nonsense. Dems are leading in early vote in Wisconsin, and Nevada may look red now but it always ends up voting blue on the presidential level.

I think she wins NV, WI, MI, PA, NC and GA.

I cannot take this!!!!

I'm thinking Harris will take Wisconsin and Michigan, but Trump will scrape PA and win.

10-26-24

People have a short memory. Economies don't turn around fast especially one as large as the US. Trump inherited a very strong economy from Obama/Biden and had three easy years in office. He simply coasted on the momentum and played golf. When the pandemic hit, Trump's total incompetent leadership during the crisis completely destroyed this robust economy. Let's look at the data from when he took office and when he left office.

- Job losses hit a high of 15% under Trump. This is the worst job loss on record under any president.
- Unemployment rate hit 14.7%.

- Household income decreased 2.9% under Trump. This is the first significant decline in median household income since 2011.
- The S&P 500 plunged 34% under Trump. S&P was up 75% under Obama.
- Consumer Spending hit a low of 11.7% under Trump. Spending grew less under Trump than under any of the prior five presidents.
- Manufacturing employment was down 740,000 jobs.
- When Trump took office, the National Debt totaled 76% of GDP. It was 105% at the end, a 29% increase.
- The GDP dropped 4.5% under Trump causing surging inflation that still remains to this day.

Thanks to Trump's mismanagement of the pandemic and refusal to organize an effective national response, Biden inherited this mess and continues to fix trump's failures.

Putting Trump and the GOP back in office will completely destroy the economy and spiral the US into a recession the world has never seen.

Considering the things Trump and Vance are saying about Harris and Walz, the GOP is in no position to complain about Trump being labeled with a charge that is very possibly true.

The difference is Trump and Vance rhetoric is based all on lies, where as Harris and Walz are repeating the truth from the firsthand statements from those that worked in the trump administration and were in the room when Trump made the statements. Some of those also went under oath and testified to the despicable behavior and statements that Trump made while in the White House.

Maybe Johnson and McConnell are forgetting something - Trump's rhetoric and lies have inspired others to send significant death threats to poll workers, party leaders, journalists and both Vice-Presidents Harris *and* Pence. They should stop playing one side against the other, because that is what causes more harm than good.

I feel TRUMP is a bully always in attack mode. To me that's a reflection of his over confidence aka him being egotistical. Those traits coupled with TRUMPS incessant blaming & scapegoating others reflect WEAKNESS not strength. I really wish more folks understand that TRUMP only worries about TRUMP & that another TRUMP term in office will be catastrophic for our nation. Sadly folks don't see through him & line up to support him. HE IS GOING TO DESTROY WHAT IS LEFT OF THE MIDDLE CLASS if elected especially if the GOP gains in House & Senate. Unchecked TRUMP is a danger to fundamental freedoms we presently enjoy.

What is so scary for this country, is there are people, a good number, that think Trump was/could be a good president. What an embarrassment for this country.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Turd-shaped monument 'honoring' Jan. 6 mob installed on National Mall."

10-27-24

The real threat to democracy is the people looking to undermine it, to destroy it and ignore the principles on which our country is based when things don't go their way.

The real risk to democracy is having 90 plus percent of the countries wealth in three percent of the population Its a recipe for a disaster and will lead to our demise. The country needs to rebuild the middle class and ensure the likes of people like Musk should NEVER be in a position to buy our elections!

The dogs & cats of Springfield Ohio are releasing a tape of Trump eating a goose

Trump is trying to create a narrative so when he loses he can say rigged election. This is trump laying groundwork for his court challenges.

I believe 99% of voters have decided who to vote for. The real objective now is to get Harris' voters to VOTE! If you have to wait in line, do it. Your vote is critical to the survival of our nation.

So, Trump had a Nazi Rally at MSG? I wonder where he got that idea from? Hint, 1939 Nazi Rally at MSG.

I am SO TIRED of hearing this hateful talk. Unbelievable!

Trump is the enemy from within

Last chance to end the Trumpism. Please vote!!!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "After Trump calls Harris a 'fascist' and a 'lunatic,' GOP leaders scold Harris for 'dangerous rhetoric'."

10-28-24

Why are republicans outraged now? Trump has said worse things. The speakers were just following his cue. This is the kind of country we will have if he is elected again. Have people forgotten forget the 4 years of chaos and carnage he wrought?

REPUBLICANS all have Terminal Memory Loss...Remember what happened the last time they went after WOMEN and GAYS in a presidential cycle ????? They lost the PRES. House and Senate...Go Girls Go make them all pay the PIPER again !

"This joke does not reflect the views of President Trump or the campaign," senior adviser Danielle Alvarez said in a statement. Who says it was a joke? No one in the audience laughed. The speech was vetted and loaded onto the teleprompter. Danielle Alvarez knew it would be read to the audience. Every one of the speakers at this final and closing statement rally at Madison Square Garden will be given important jobs in the White House when Trump wins. This is the type of person we are going to have running our country. Disgusting!

Rude, Racist and Vulgar are terms which do define trump! Sadly, but they do. Yet When he Speaks about "The Enemy from Within" He is referring to our country, The United States of America, as well as to We the People and to Democracy and we cannot such a man to ever attempt to destroy our Nation ever again. HE tried to do so on Jan 6th and we cannot allow him to do so again. Please do not Vote for Trump the destroyer.

It does not matter what Trump followers hear and witness.. how would you not expect this? This is exactly what this country is, this is what they want. Stop acting like this is not exactly what is going to win this election for this Man. The more embarrassing the better!

This rhetoric reflects 100% Republican values. This is what Republicans are. Never forget. Why do these people think they can get away with so much nonsense? If my kid acted with the same level of disrespect and dishonesty, I'd have a serious talk with them and feel ashamed. Respect for others and honesty are values that are important worldwide!

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Because up until now, there has been no penalty for it. The only way we can penalize them is by winning at the ballot box. Given how close the polling purportedly is, it appears that half the country (or at least the electoral college) condones this madness. We are truly living in bizarro world.

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This is a true representation of what Republicans have always been. They know how to smile in your face while campaigning every election cycle. Then, the rest of the time this is what they are. They usually do this when they're among each other and think they don't need you. Vote all of them out of office.

Yeah, we need to be honest about how we got here. Many Trump supporters will say that they don't like this sort of behavior, but just still support him because they like his policies. But of course in the primary, they had a dozen choices who would have backed similar policies --- yet they chose Trump.

The simple reality is that for a significant fraction of his base, this is exactly what they want and exactly who they are. You don't repeatedly choose someone like this to represent you if they don't represent what you stand for.

Yep! The evil is out loud and proud now due to Trump and his cronies normalizing it--nauseating display of emotional immaturity and psychopathy very sad and VERY scary for our country. Whether that's actually been true in the past (though I tend to think that you're right) it certainly is now. The GOP is lining up behind Trump. So, it's either that they've always been this way or they find Trump's message of hate more attractive than Harris' message of hope and competence. So sad and so disrespectful to say such a thing about Puerto Rico. After hearing this directly from Trump's camp, I wonder if Latinos will still vote for him? My bet is that they unfortunately still will vote for him even though they KNOW how he and his allies feel about them. What a disgrace. The only way to beat them is at the ballot box.

Below comments are totally disgusting - 8 years ago a rally like Trump's would be political suicide.....today Lyin Donnie has made it an everyday thing.....not to mention running for POTUS with ABSOLUTLY NO PLAN ON ANTHING.....just concepts.....as his ReTrumpliKan party laps it up!

This is, legitimately, a national disgrace.

It was everything America should not be but is.

It's the Apprentice with a Jerry Springer twist. His entire campaign is nothing but a bad reality show...

The only thing Trump did for your country is allow the small hate filled people a podium and microphone to spray their bile and not feel they need to say it in private.

They all came out of the woodwork and said "Yeah? so what if what I said is a lie or racist? It is my right."

No idea how you will get this genie back in the bottle.

Not all Trump supporters are racist, misogynistic or bigoted. But it's insane how they all deny that any of them are. That's what blows my mind.

If I can make the first statement, why is it that not one Trump supporter can admit that at least 20% of his supporters are those things?

What's really sad and disheartening is that there is a large group of people in this country that would support this kind of "humor", educating the majority of citizens that are shocked by these statements. Racism is alive and well, much to the chagrin of those teachers and educators that have attempted to normalize integration.

Sad to say your correct gcw. Racism is as strong as it ever has been in the last 60 years.

Unfortunately by products of racism are hate, anger and violence and people can bury their heads in the sand and pretend Trump is not using it to manipulate the public to sway voters. but lets be honest much of the public feels and relates to Trumps message. America has taken many steps backwards as well as the rest of the world has when it comes to racism tolerating others who have a difference of opinion or way of life. My biggest fear is this , look how much the country is divided with Trump just running for president what is going to happen if he wins or worse loses. Either way i fear there will be mass act of non peaceful protest and Trump will have self fulfilled prophecy of the US descending into a 3rd world country.

While listening to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young yesterday, I was overcome with melancholy, wondering how too many of my Baby Boomer generation have become so against what were our generational dreams in the 60's and 70's.

The negativity and viciousness of the Trump campaign's messaging is truly frightening. The willingness of his followers to turn on their fellow Americans should be a turn-off to *everyone*, but it's not, and that makes me really sad.

I will never understand anyone who would vote for this man. Now Elon Musk thinks he will be the new DJT. It is Ungodly how all these so called Christians can back him. We are better as Americans. The Republican party can do better than this list of people representing them. Vote for decency.

Trump has a remarkable propensity for shooting himself in the foot with minorities, women, Jews, the LGBTQ community. And this is Trump trying to be "kinder and gentler." He just can't help himself. The nastiness always finds its way to the surface.

If the GOP truly is frustrated and disgusted over this very typical trump, vote blue. The best thing that can happen to the GOP is to lose by a landslide. Then dump trump and rebuild the GOP back.

Just to be clear: Trump's Madison Square Garden is a factual event of what the Republican Party (a political party) represents today. They do not represent American values (conservative, moderate or liberal) as they also support a rebellion against the Constitution and the Rule of Law. The GOP (Republican Party) leadership has not condemned this comedian nor other Trump messagers at this rally. Conservative candidates down the ballots are condemning this, not the Republican Party Leadership. Sadly, this is where the Conservative Leadership since 1993 has taken the GOP.

If MAGA Republicans want a fascist US, Trump is their man. 1. An autocrat of low character (liar, felon, corrupt businessman, secessionist, bigot, would-be dictator). 2. An extremist, cult-like political movement with no proven capacity or inclination to govern responsibly. 3. A

politicized supreme court with little respect for the U.S. Constitution or legal precedent. 4. A large media presence, like Fox News and QAnon, that promotes lies, hate and misinformation. 5. A heavily gerrymandered electorate in Republican states that, combined with voter suppression, could make an electoral college difference in a close election. 6. A fascist plan of action, like the Jan 6th Insurrection at the Capitol, supported by extremists likely to staff a Trump administration.

- Obviously and unfortunately brainwashed, entrapped in the denial bubble, MAGA cult mentality inherently disrupts the ability for one to process reality, distinguish fact from fiction and accept the truth. His blindly loyal, uneducated and ignorant sycophants have been taken to the cleaners and they're absolutely clueless...TDS (Truth Derangement Syndrome). ;-)-The convicted felon Trump and Vance are not an option.-

10-29-24

FYI, total number of Puerto Ricans per swing state: Arizona: 49,229 Georgia: 109,009 Michigan: 50,209 Nevada: 29,383 North Carolina: 114,917 Pennsylvania: 456,589 Wisconsin: 65,084

Source: Wikipedia – Stateside Puerto Ricans – 2020 census

"They want our candidates to talk about how they're going to solve the peoples' problems, and that's what we ought to do," he said."

Cool, when does that start? I don't know what any of trump's plans at this point a couple of weeks from the election. I could look at his first term when trump promised to bring in the best and brightest, but instead we got his family and a revolving door of people that accomplished next to nothing. For years I've hear trump state that he has great plans for all sorts of different things. But I've never heard what those plans are. Why didn't get they instituted in his first term, especially when the GOP controlled Congress and had an open door to pass things as they pleased? Trump had his shot and flat out didn't get it done. The country needs something new and trump isn't it.

Trump never had a plan except for tax cuts. His plan now is to destroy the federal government with project 2025. Strip all women of their choice, destroy social security and Medicare, make kids in school that get government funds to take military aptitude tests while the kids in private school don't have to. Read it. It's online everywhere. Project 2025.

Trump has shown for the past 8 years that there is not a line he won't cross. His MAGA supporters will support him no matter what he does. The man has no conscience and has never been held accountable for a thing in his life. For some reason people are either attracted to this behavior or admire it. It is sad.

As an independent, moderate voter, I will not vote for Trump. MAGA just doesn't resonate with me.

We've been here too many times before, nobody in the Republican Party is frustrated or disgusted at anything tRUMP does. That smokescreen got old years ago. They have become the Party of tRump and it's sad to know what they once were and what they have now become.

Largely this is what the Republican Party has been for over 40 years. The biggest difference is that Trump ripped the Band-Aid off for all to see this festering sore of a party.

One of the most important qualities in a leader is the ability to take accountability and recognize and apologize for past mistakes. Has Trump ever taken accountability for his own actions or apologized for anything?

Do they want to win the election or no? You offended a group of people that will be at the polls. The smart thing to do would be to own up to it and apologize. Not double down on it. There are

what 10 million Puerto Ricans (Island + Mainland)? And they're going to sacrifice millions of votes to double down on a joke? What an interesting choice to make lol.

I'm an Independent Latino voter from PA and seeing Vance defend these gross comments makes me livid. I voted Trump in 2020 and not this time ... NOT THIS TIME! Disgusting that there are some of my fellow brothers that support Trump. STOP hating yourself brothers! Trump doesn't care about us - He's just using us for votes. Don't be Stupid! And my Black brothers, you okay with Trump ally saying you all carve watermelons instead of pumpkins. SMDH

10-30-24

Biden has been a gaffe machine his entire life because he lets his emotions get the best of him. That doesn't make him a bad person. On the other hand, it's not a gaffe when Trump insults people with much worse comments. It's how he and his supporters think and feel.

It's very frustrating when. You're a lifelong republican and the last time you had a good candidate that actually was presidential was mitt Romney and that was 12 yr ago. I don't even recognize the party that exists now. Scary. I'm going to have to vote for kamala.

"This incident also falls into a broader pattern of Democrats insulting political opponents and their supporters, especially ahead of elections." Dems insulting political opponents? Really. Have you ever attended a Trump rally where he calls half the nation (the half that does not support him) "the enemy of the State." Or how he has vowed to use the military against U.S. Citizens who don't agree with him? Or how he has promised to jail political opponents? Or how he creates insulting nick-names for political opponents and everyone he dislikes? Like that?

Of course, this is a chilling sign of things to come. January 6th was a chilling sign of things to come. Why didn't the media heed this warning and teach the public about its inevitability? And why is the public so unteachable about these danger signs? We ignore these signs at our peril.

Trump and Republicans already filing frivolous lawsuits. Let's see how many 2024 Republican attorneys will be sanctioned, disbarred, criminally charged for election interference like 2020.

Ellis, Powell and Chesbro have all plead guilty to election interference. Guiliani disbarred.

Criminally charged in Arizona and Georgia. Eastman in process of disbarment.

And so it begins. It can and will get worse over the next few up to the election. They will flood voting sites trying to force their way in and then complain that they are being denied entry to vote causing massive disruptions. There will be intimidations of other voters.

And Harris is holding a rally on the site of Trump's January 6 attempt to disrupt the 2020 certification and you can guarantee that there will be thousands of MAGAs who will show up this weekend with the intent of disruption and intimidation under the orders of their Beloved Leader

Please America. Wake up before it's too late. Vote for Harris. I did and I'm a Republican that voted for Trump twice before. I have already cast my ballot for Harris and did so in my state's ballot drop box. I received an email that the ballot had been received and a separate email when it was counted. Normally, all things being equal, Harris would never be a candidate that I would vote for. But, she doesn't have a record of trying to overturn a legal, fair and constitutional election. She is not a convicted felon and has not had criminal charges filed against her for trying to overturn a campaign. She has no record of using surrogates to manipulate and cheat in an election like Trump does. She doesn't have a record in this campaign of degrading groups of people like Trump does to motivate a core, problem group of Maga supporters, that thrive on the divisive rhetoric that comes out of the Trump campaign. How many of Trump's former officials...people that worked for him, have come out and said he is not fit for office. And, most

of these persons were never fired by him. Has anyone ever seen this number of officials before? My hope is that Harris will win, and that she will govern from the middle...grow to be a good President. Trump is a charlatan, a traitor...a criminal.

Here we go!!! People vote for this man?? How and why???? I just don't get it?? It's like the trump voters are children: You like that person, then I will like this person, so there! It just doesn't make any sense. They do know that they will be in the history books, just like the followers of another evil person in the past, we all know who I'm talking about!!!

Biden received 80 million votes, Klanpa got 74 million in 2020. Covid/old age took care of A LOT of red hats, the illegal/immoral repeal of Roe has energized women and youths, the entrance of Harris into the race energized the ENTIRE left wing, tons of GOPs are walking away from the party, the GQP has insulted every demographic possible and the chef's kiss was the not see party as MSG.

Harris/Walz LANDSLIDE!

10-31-24

It just blows my mind how people just shrug off the fact that Trump tried to overturn an election. The vice president was in a building that rioters were attacking and Trump didn't care. I just don't understand how that can be tolerated. How is that ok?

It's easier to stop trying to make sense of anyone supporting trump because there is none. It's not ok to and Trump's conduct should not be tolerated. Personally I make note of those that I may encounter in the course of my life who do blindly support Trump and limit my own time spent amount them. It's not a Republican/Democrat thing anymore. It's new to me. It's a light/dark thing. I don't think it's a new something. It's been among us for a long time waiting for the opportunity to come out. Trump has provided that stage, that open door for them to operate in a more public venue. Their true intent is to overthrow democracy and put America under foot as Putin, NK, Iran and like governments have done in their own countries. I have inquired of God on the goings on of the past 15,20 years. I get only a 2 word response.. "Brace yourselves".

There is no path for Trump to get to 270. The math simply doesn't add up. Harris will add to Biden's 81 million voters, and Trump will get around 70 million. There's no way more than 10 million of Biden's voters are going to defect to Trump after he destroyed the economy and committed treason by attacking America. Trump has no shot. His base simply isn't enough to win. He's done, and will be heading to prison. Stick a fork in him.

What Trump knows - while stating the opposite - is that the U.S. economy has been described by economists recently as "the envy of the world." - for years, now. Prices remain high - everywhere - but unemployment remains low, inflation is virtually back-to-normal, wages have been moving upward faster than inflation for the last 1.5 years, etc. Average GDP has grown faster under Biden than Trump, over the course of their terms. What Trump says is only for his own potential benefit.

11-1-24

“Trump Is a Court Jester Anti-Christ Fascist”

I was sick with a never-ending headache last night along with a severe pain in my left heel. It didn't matter how much medication I took either. The headaches that I've been getting and rebounding over and over and over again kept coming back to haunt me. I couldn't fall asleep easily at all and I ended up being up in bed for two hours last night/ early morning.

What these younger voters also need to keep in mind is that most republicans who criticized Trump for these (and other) remarks and actions went on to support and even defend him, and a large number still do, especially at the state level. Vote blue all down the ticket.

Trump claimed that if Biden was elected that the stock market would completely crash.

1. the US has the lowest inflation,
2. lowest unemployment other than Japan,
3. highest GDP growth rate,
4. a record stock market (THREE TIMES!),
5. lowest energy costs among all the G7 countries.
6. the S&P 500 has also gained 30%
7. we are producing more oil domestically than we ever have in our history even over Trump's record.

So tell me what's the Republicans plan to improve the economy?

I agree with Liz Cheney that the most conservative value is defending the Constitution. The only thing I don't understand is why there aren't even more Republicans willing to put country above party and speak out against the danger Donald Trump poses.

What an absolute crazy maniacal madman Trump has become. And there are STILL Americans saying that his comments are "taken out of context" and that he is being smeared. Let me tell ya, Trump is smearing himself.

This is not ok. This has gone way too far. Vote like our Republic depends on it for Harris 2024!

Yet they continue to push the idea he's ahead, and he is setting the legal challenges to claim fraud already. I'm so disappointed with about half of America right now. Just do the right thing.

Trump never really had a chance after his Supreme Court buddies put the kibosh on Roe v Wade. But after he blew the debate, embarrassed himself and refused to do more debates, he lost the election.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Anti-Trump statues appear in US cities."

11-3-24

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Boasts 'Every Rally Is Full' as Camera Immediately Pans to Empty Seats, People Leaving."

As a Republican, judging by the comments on here which heavily leans Harris, I am afraid we lost the Presidency. I am so disappointed in my party for voting Trump to represent us.

The reason Republicans have difficulty winning the popular vote is that their policies are not popular with the public, They could change that by widening their tent and adopting more palatable policies. But they won't do that because it would anger their most important constituency--its donor class. So, they are instead stuck with voter suppression and similar policies like claiming others are stealing elections. It is what it is.

It's not about huckabee being correct. It's the fact that he won't speak out against what Trump said. Is that who we want in the White House? Is that who we want to lead and represent us? Someone who talks like that? Who lies about elections? Who steals top secret documents? Who incited a riot and the attack on our Capital? That's who we want?

If true about Iowa, it goes to show you never know which are the real swing states until election day. Last time, no one would have ever predicted AZ and GA would be swing states. This time Iowa could be one and who knows what other states might decide things. Everyone polls the expected swing states, but there are many more that rarely see a poll at all and so they can do the

unexpected on election day. It often comes down to who has the best ground game, getting people out to vote.

I said it then, I will say it again. When SCOTUS overturned Roe V Wade, it was like gift wrapping the 2024 election for the Dems. Anytime you legislate away a section of the voting populous' rights, they will respond on the day it matters most. The Dems have been smart in their marketing on this, appealing to the independent and moderate conservative woman who, in many cases, has just stayed in the background waiting to cast her vote in private.

This election stopped being about policy after that decision, it became much more personal for a large segment of the voting population that will have a direct influence on the results. Those citing policy, like interest rates, immigration laws, economy, nothing either side has said, would have changed their minds, This, however, will be difficult for the GOP to overcome.

Trump: "Every rally is full. You do not have any seats that are empty" (He is speaking to multiple sections that are entirely empty)

11-4-24

I REALLY hope the polls are right this time. I can't take another 4 years of the orange buffoon. **Your YouTube channel has kept me sane in this election cycle.**

Hey America, tomorrow is trash day! Remember to take the garbage out!

Finally turning the page on Trump feels exciting.

Yes, Trump. You will lose. Yes, bad things will happen. Your cryptocurrency company will go bankrupt. Your Truth Social company stock will tank in value and you will lose billions on it. Because there is no real value in all those unless you win the presidency.

Worse, you will be going to jail. Be sure your sins will find you out.

And, no. This is NOT a tight race. The pollster are wrong in how they have set up their model. They overcompensate in the polls for how many Trump voters are out there and use that as a faulty base for projecting future voters. They don't account for the number of people in past elections that did not vote then, but will now. They didn't measure the huge number of newly registered and highly energized voters.

The polls don't measure the negative emotions that still linger over Trump's insurrection on 1/6 or Trump's criminality or Trump's overturning of Roe v Wade. The polls don't measure the number of Trump voters who died of COVID because Trump convinced them they did not need to get vaccinated.

The Iowa poll has their model of scientific polling done the way a poll is supposed to be done to better capture the likelihood of how voters will actually vote. But in one more day we will have an accurate poll done all across America and Harris will win in a landslide. America needs to prepare their hearts and minds for what that will mean and how Trump and his insurrectionists are planning to respond to a huge loss by Trump.

I think he forgets. He is a private citizen running for public office. 2021 he had the power of the presidency to somewhat protect him. He no longer has that power.

He loses and starts ginning people up again to do stuff on his behalf. His actions and words will have a lot bigger consequences for him.

Trump is going to lose.

Democrats are voting against him.

Women and the men that love and respect them are voting against him.

At least half the Independents are voting against him.

Young voters are voting against Trump.

Half of all registered Republicans are voting against Trump.
He has no path to victory.

America has been to war and depression. And along the way, produced distinguished men and women who bled and upheld freedom for our country. We will never fear "bad things could happen" from an old and potbellied convict who lost in the election already.

The facts show Harris is leading in most polls. Trump is reporting he's ahead in the polls, why? Trump will declare victory before the votes are counted. Trump will challenge the election again. Maybe the country will get rid of Trump for good after the election.

Trump and MAGA supporters are already working on ways to make sure he wins, including contacting electors. His ego could not accept losing the first time, despite 63 law suits that confirmed Biden's win. This man is not an American.

All signs point to a Harris landslide. Just 1 day ago Trump said he shouldn't have left office. He only left because of his failed insurrection and lack of loyalists. Something he intends to fix if he ever sets foot back inside the Oval Office.

I implore MAGA Republicans and any undecided voters to use today and watch a Harris rally - and a Trump rally. Listen to them & fact check what they say, watch their body language. I think you'll find who will be our better leader, and who is more qualified. They are night and day!

Now is the time to vote Country over Party.

I don't think it'll be a landslide, any more than 2020 was a landslide.

It will DEFINITELY be a Harris win. It might be a somewhat larger margin of a win than 2020, but I think landslide is a bit of an exaggeration.

I feel a blue tsunami heading our way.

11-5-24

“Doomsday... or Heaven?”

So here we are on Election Day where everything is on the line once again. Donald Trump could very well be our next president and take America so far backwards into Christian Nationalism. Or will Kamala Harris be our first woman president (at long last)? They say it is a coin flip because everything is a “dead-heat”. Or is it? A highly respected Iowa poll showed Kamala up by 3 points in a traditionally red state. Will this be a blowout win for Kamala and defeat Trump-MAGA once and for all? Or will we not know the election results for days or weeks? I “feel” that Kamala will win... but I still have to mentally and emotionally prepare myself for extreme disappointment, depression, and despair. Yet this election feels like it is about anger at Donald Trump and his vile negativity and lies. People want accountability for him. And the only way we can get it is through the ballot box.

The Harris/Walz campaign has been virtually flawless.

It's garbage day! Let's kick out MAGA!!

Let's go!!!

I hope God will answer my prayers! HARRIS-WALZ 2024

Here's what is being missed about older women...we CARE about other women, all women. And for them to look at us and laugh and say "what do you care, you are too old to have or need an abortion!!" Like we are befuddled or ridiculous...they are gonna find out today just how we feel about having rights yanked away from ANY of us.

My brothers are furious at Donald Trump. To think that they couldn't help me if I experienced a difficult pregnancy. To think they could not help their spouses if they experienced a difficult pregnancy. Folks, these men are upset. And yes, many of them will vote for the Harris because they love their family.

Vote blue to prevent unwanted presidencies.

Trump is toast!!

Before we cast our votes, we all should imagine both candidates seating across Xi, Putin and others like them, and trying to negotiate a peace in the world and security for all Americans at home and abroad.

This election is illumination. It will reveal the true soul of America. It's a choice between the dark side of the force and the other one.

If President Trump loses, it is clear from the last stages of his campaign, we should not gloat and say "You're Fired." We should say, "You're Retired." It is time for younger leadership going forward for the Democrats and Republicans. There are very capable men and women ready to take on the leadership of the country.

My two sisters are both voting for Trump. One has told me that there is absolutely no proof in existence that Trump is a racist. The other goes on about the respect for law and order, and somehow has concluded that Trump is an exemplifier in that respect, and that the tilt the Supreme Court has now taken shows an adherence to the Constitution that is belied by recent rulings and wants some more of that, and wants the Electoral College maintained even though she lives in CA, the state that would have the most legitimate gripe against maintaining it. So, my once bright and cheery sisters are now gone to me, and in their place something much like characters out of *Pet Sematary*. All because of Trump.

Liz Cheney deserves the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her defense of our Democracy while putting herself at jeopardy from the ire of her colleagues and Maga supporters.

tRump is going to lose this, as all things point towards Harris. Women are silently voting Harris in huge numbers and they always vote more than men.. The silent majority this time IS women and it will be talked about for weeks after Harris wins...

Let's hope today is the day this nightmare is over. Trump needs to go away along with the Republican cowards who allowed this despicable man to take center stage in politics. We need two political parties, but most important we need integrity and that is something almost unheard in today's GOP.

This election is going to be won by women who are out in full force today to protect their rights and their freedom to make decisions on what goes on with their own bodies. Republican and Independent women will join Democrat women to vote Harris for their freedoms.

I am about to proudly cast my PA vote against the orange thing and for democracy. Many of us moved here just to do that. I hope it is enough. That thing cannot get in again.

Memo to Donald Trump: When you lose, don't go away mad, just go away.

The USA should be utterly embarrassed and ashamed having a thing like Trump on its presidential ballot. White evangelicals who support him should be even more ashamed, especially to call themselves Christians. A vote for Trump is a vote for white supremacy. They claim Dems are for abortion which is false. Being for a woman's right to choose is not being pro-abortion. A woman should have a right to choose for herself the same way someone should be able to choose their religion, what school to send their child etc.

I don't like Kamala but I decided to vote for her to go against Trump.

I don't know if women will break for Harris as strongly as this poll suggests. But if that does happen -- if Trump and the GOP end up losing elections because there is a sharp turn for Harris and Democrats among women -- it's going to take 30 years for the GOP to recover. They've made opposition to abortion a major plank in their platform for 50 years. They've consistently disregarded their leader's contemptuous behavior toward women. They've whined about

"childless cat ladies" who shouldn't be running the country. And in the past 12 years, the number of Republican women running for office has declined dramatically. Lose today, and the GOP will have a lot of thinking to do.

After Ford became president many people, including the press and myself, were predicting a Democratic stranglehold on the presidency that would last decades. It lasted 4 years, followed by 12 years of Republican rule. I really wish it would take 30 years for Republicans to recover, and it might, but experience has taught me some bitter lessons. peace, John

American voters have short memories. Especially right wingers. They believe that today's economy is the "worst ever". Never mind the very recent Great Recession when we were seeing record numbers of personal bankruptcies and home foreclosures and having to bail out the big banks and automakers. Never mind the four years of Stagflation under Carter and Reagan when we were seeing DOUBLE DIGIT inflation every year, with no job growth and interest rates for home loans were up to 17% under Reagan. In 2024 we're breaking records for vacation travel and hotel occupancy rates. It's the worst economy ever. And under Trump we had the "best economy ever", even though during the Trump years we ended up with fewer jobs at the end of his four years than at the beginning ---- the first time that has happened since Herbert Hoover. They have it repeated, over and over again, in their right wing media so that eventually it sounds "truthy".

I too lived through Watergate. It's hard to believe, that a tape recorder brought down Nixon when we see the things that are permissible today. I mean, we actually heard tRump asking for more votes, but do you think it mattered? To think this is the same Republican base that impeached Bill Clinton FOR AN AFFAIR but now supports a tyrant like tRump? I cannot explain it for all the money in the world.

They completely ignored the women in their so-called, campaign. You can't have a bunch of cavemen beating their chests and tearing off their shirts to make the country say, "Gosh, this is definitely the direction I would like to see the country grow" This is the same way the country has been growing since Cavemen. Look around you. It's not working. To ignore the biggest voter base, women, is a big mistake. If you thought, we were "just kidding" I suspect you aren't old enough to have dated or married. Those men that have dated or married, do know what women are capable of, so do their children. Goodbye tRump. Don't make women mad for the thousandth time.

Women, when you vote... remember that your Republican "protectors" laughed at you when you wanted equal pay in sports saying "no one cares about women's sports".

Republicans are the ones who laugh at a team of 100% biological women and mock them saying "bet 50% of them are actually men".

They aren't supporting you, they're making fun of you.

They say America is ready for a woman president, just not this one. Yet they'd never vote for a democrat woman and they'd never elevate a woman to the head of the Republican Party. They'd NEVER vote for a woman. Period.

They'd rather have a felon they keep making excuses for, found liable for assault against a WOMAN they think is bogus, than a woman. A woman they reduce to a "pant suit" and a product of inclusion

The writing has been on the wall for some time. If one does not view the world with an orange lens, the message has been clear. Harris will be a leader for everyone, regardless of how you "feel" about her. Trump will be a leader for Trump and those that kiss the ring.

I can't wait for the final nail to be driven into this conspiracy-driven, hateful, violent, divisive nightmare headed up by a convicted felon for the last 10 years to be over.

When President Harris travels outside the US, she won't embarrass the entire country.

I strongly feel SHE is going to beat him by massive votes

Pro American Patriots are tired of the hatred and division. We support our Constitution.

Glad to hear the MAGA platform will be dying out. We don't need a hate platform in our nation.

As a Canadian, we love Kamala and Tim and are sooooo over the Trump family , its a joke how messed up they are.

I'm praying for you America.

Historic night is upon us

LET'S FCKING GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I have been so anxious.

Feels like heavenly bliss

I have no words anymore I am mentally exhausted for years of this Orange Monster!!!!

The bell tolls for thee donald.

You are now part of HISTORY !

This election has got me so nervous, anxious, and scared... I was kind of a wreck during our last election...this one I can't sleep right in the last few weeks... Needed lavender and melatonin to help... I'm really hoping that Kamala wins, because otherwise my life will be placed at even more risk than it already is(and this is speaking nearly exclusively from just a medical/health standpoint...it's not adding in any other factors)... I want us to move forward...I want better for all of us...but damn if the fear isn't super strong and in the forefront of my mind. Help.....

Red mirage, and it's fading.

Here's the deal in rural areas. The votes are counted faster. Republicans live in rural areas because of the higher population in the urban areas which are predominantly democratic. Those vote totals are counted last. Just because it looks like President Trump is a head now does not mean shit until all the votes are counted.

Junior Kaufman: And it's probably also a good time to remember that one of the candidates for president is a racist/rapist, xenophobic, sad, hateful, pathetic game show host who lusts after his daughter, is confirmed to be one of Epstein's creepiest associates (Epstein is admitting it on tape - I can't believe this hasn't gotten more play), praises dictators and Hitler himself, couldn't quote a bible passage to save his life even though he's 'Christian', hates women and will ban abortions, has never gone shopping for himself, doesn't have a dog, can't speak in complete sentences, has no policy or agenda except spite and greed, is a habitual narcissistic liar, and is at best, a 'concept' of a human being. And he's super old and weird and gross. And all of these things are FACTS. And I didn't even mention that he's a CONVICTED FELON. 34 counts. And none of his former administration supports him. It's hard to explain to Audry (not that she needs anything explained to her) how it's even close. Fingers crossed we do the right thing.

Just got back from voting. I didn't expect there to be an hour-long wait when voting at 10:30 a.m.! Usually, it is a 10-15-minute wait at that time. The line did shorten a bit while I was in line. I've never seen it this busy before. But it still felt great to vote!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Bottom has started to fall out': Trump campaign aides fret as Election Day 'confidence has shifted'."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "HUGE DATA DROP Shows Kamala Harris is ABOUT TO MAKE HISTORY."

I honestly haven't been super-stressed out about the election today until my co-workers blurted out how much they were. Then I started to have my doubts about the outcome today. Yet it still seemed like Trump is somewhat likelier to lose than Harris.

At around 8 p.m., some of the states started getting called. The first big win for Trump was for the state of Florida... which basically made all the Harris-winning in a landslide predictions come crumbling down. I had to accept that this was going to be a long night/ long morning/ long whatever until we find out who wins this election. It's going to be as super-close and up-in-the-air as they said it would be. Suddenly, a Trump presidency felt more real than ever.

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I went through the whole night and morning without checking the election news. It was eerily silent all night and morning long. No fireworks in the neighborhood or car horns honking. Just silence. I figured that the election wouldn't be called for days anyways, so no one would be celebrating. I did toss and turn throughout the night and wee hours of the morning.

The weather outside was colder, gray, and rainy.

It wasn't until 7:08 a.m. that I finally got the courage to check my phone for Yahoo News. And then there it was as a red banner as if the apocalypse had happened overnight: "Donald Trump Retakes the White House". It was like waking up to "The Twilight Zone". He swept the Blue Wall again. All the polls were wrong. Again. Even Sherrod Brown in Ohio lost to Bernie Moreno. It was just the worse news. This one really felt like Kamala was going to win. How? Why? This just felt so unreal. All of Trump's court issues will go away once he is president. He will have no accountability. This is just insane. It feels like we moved into a dark alternate timeline of America.

I went to go see Lisa in her bedroom and sat beside her. I put my hand on her leg and whispered, "I'm sorry." Lisa didn't know why I was saying that. I told her again: "I'm sorry. *He* won." She didn't know. I see the life go out of my own wife.

This feels like 2016's election all over again. The total mental and emotional exhaustion that came with the day after horrific results of an election.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Donald Trump defeats Kamala Harris to return to White House as nation's 47th president."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "America Elects Convicted Felon to be President."

Throughout the day, it felt like I was on 1/10th energy. But I had to keep on working. America had gut-punched itself by electing a madman authoritarian and wannabe dictator and didn't really care.

This is worse than 2016. Everything was a hypothetical back then. People know what they're voting for this time.

America just proved to our kids that bullying is a valid strategy, and avoiding trouble long enough can make it go away.

Enjoy paying for those tariffs folks....the corporations dont absorb those kind of costs...the consumer does.

The heroes of WWII gave their lives so future generations wouldn't have to endure such suffering, and part of the responsibility we bear is ensuring we don't repeat history's worst mistakes. Today they fought for nothing

Well, one thing is for sure. Endorsements mean nothing. Facts mean nothing ignorance is the greatest weapon against reason and self-determination.

As a kid I always wondered how Germany could turn so quickly after World War 1. I underestimated people's ability to see what they want rather than listen to what the man says. I'm honestly convinced that much of this country is not much smarter than livestock. That is incredibly disheartening

Thank you for being here for us, Mr Stewart. I'm literally about to bawl my eyes out...I'm so terrified of all that might happen..but there's also now a spark of hope after watching this just now. I've grown up listening to your comedy, and as an adult, listening to you and finally understanding the world a little better. You are an amazing gift to all of us..love to you and yours!

Let's be honest. We are a disgrace. We are such a disgrace. I can't believe I served in this country's military. I wasted my life. Honor, integrity, law, means nothing.

As a veteran, I'm honestly disgusted by my fellow Americans, and slightly mad at myself for putting my life on the line for people who don't seem to care about me, my daughter, nor my wife. We have decided that the entertainment value of Trump is worth more than our standing in the world and our previously touted morals.

It feels like the world just got a collective cancer diagnosis. It's devastating. From Denmark with grief

I'm still disgusted by how many people decided to vote for hate and fear today.

He shouldn't have been allowed to run after January 6th and after his felony convictions. This is insane.

I'm going numb right now. I cannot believe this man has been given our highest office TWICE. This is despicable. I truly do not understand America, I do not understand my country.

All those red southern states - I don't want to hear any more whining about abortion bans. Florida retirees - when you lose your social security and Medicare, your cushy little retirement homes will go away as well. You wanted him, you got him. Hope you're proud.

I'm so sorry for those who were let down by this election - I'm truly gutted for you. Sending best wishes from the UK.

Thanks for the attempt at optimism Jon, seriously. I always watched movies like the Terminator and wondered how humanity gets to this point, well we're here now.

We have a huge problem in this country. It's about media. What people consume. So many people trapped in these holes of misinformation.

11/6/2024 Trump America has shown us that character, integrity and honesty MEANS NOTHING. They have their king. I, for one, REFUSE to bend my knee

Dear Trump voters,

I want you to see the despair and hear the cries of families being ripped apart when he fulfills his promise of mass deportation.

I hope you worry what your future may hold without the promise of social security, Medicare, or the American Care Act.

I wonder if the Russian takeover of all of Ukraine will tug at your heartstrings.

I wonder if the mass slaughter of Palestinians will bring a tear to your eye.

Do you even know what NATO is?

Do you love your daughters?

Do you love your neighbors?

Do you care about the LEAST OF THESE?

Why are you so greedy and selfish?

What do you think our future looks like with no department of education?

Where is your critical thinking?

What happened to compassion and empathy?

WHY THE HELL ARE YOU SO GULLIBLE??

It really shows the world who Americans really are.

My two teens were waiting on tonight's election to determine if they would pursue military service next year. As I did for 32 years. They will not. They do not trust Trump as Commander in Chief. And they are ashamed of their country & do not want to defend its values. I have settled in Europe for retirement. They will remain here & pursue careers as EU residents. So sad for kids who grew up on Obama.

We are an uneducated nation, our time will soon be up.

This is probably one of the saddest days to be an American.

We know that there are 70 million Americans who would trade Democracy for cheap gas and Fascism.

My body physically hurts with disappointment and sorrow. I am disgusted.

I'm so disappointed in this country. Tricked twice by a con-man criminal. Shame on America.

"So this is how democracy dies. With thunderous applause." -Padme Amidala

This is the price we pay for neglecting education and prioritizing individual satisfaction over shared values.

This is heartbreaking.

This morning I woke up believing and mourning the fact that HATE prevailed. Thank you Mr. Jon Stewart for keeping things in perspective and maintaining hope. You are absolutely right. Fool USA once? Shame on you. Fool USA twice? Shame on USA.

America is not what you thought it was and people realizing that and that's what hurts

What an absolutely depressing night

I am so ashamed to be an American right now. I love my country. I thought we were better than this. It's been fun to say, "This is not who we are," but that's a lie. This is absolutely who we are.

The dumbing down of America through our educational system has brought us to this moment, sadly not surprising

All our love from France. We can't believe what is happening...

I'm so disappointed, it's heartbreaking. How half the country can vote against everyone's best interests, including their own is shocking. How half the country can vote for such a destructive, horrible, vile man is shocking. How sad for America. This country has lost its moral compass.

It's baffling that so many people vote against their own interests. Stupidity is rampant.

The president-elect "figured out that anger and, frankly, fear were way more powerful than appealing to people's better angels," McCaskill lamented on Wednesday's broadcast of MSNBC's "Morning Joe."

I'm a Democrat, and I accept that Trump won.

It isn't a coronation, though. The opposition opposes - it's right there in the word. Our system has a role for the opposition. If Trump can get what he wants passed, that's the way the system works. If he can't, that's also the way the system works.

John, you are more optimistic than I am. I'm done with this nation, it's no longer worth the effort that has been put into it for 200+ years. It is a horribly, irretrievably broken antithesis to what we'd long believed it was and could be, and what the Founders envisioned for us. We've failed miserably to live up to the ideals we've long espoused and chose the worst possible version of

this country. Generations of Americans that sacrificed and fought for this nation have been badly let down. America has embraced every vile tendency and become a fascist fanboy. I don't America emerging on the other side of this. What will exist is some deviant, dark alternative reality of what America should be.

My mom lost her job last year and we have been struggling along ever since on just my income. I am disabled and my mom and I just finished getting our belongs into storage after losing our home. We're staying at a motel, but have to check out the day before Thanksgiving, and my mom is currently applying for disability due to her chronic pain and injuries she's sustained while working as an in-home care attendant for 30 years. What hope do WE have? I don't know that I can keep fighting. I'm so ashamed of what this Country has become and so scared for what tomorrow will bring.

As a woman and US Navy veteran, today I am mourning. My heart is breaking for the country I once called home

I'm so sick of so many people wanting a felon to be president!!! These people don't have a clue what is going on with the world!!! I'm sick to my stomach!! Heaven help us

I volunteered, I knocked on doors, I made phone calls to save democracy. Now, today, I am ashamed to call myself a US citizen.

perhaps the saddest day in American history

Watching all of the states turn red in the results in making me sick to my stomach and my eyes just keep tearing up. HOW??! How are so many duped by this moronic narcissist?! I'm surrounded by them in Louisiana! I didn't realize THIS many were gullible and/or stuck to the Republican Party no matter what. Even if it means the country is irrevocably changed into a real world Gilead.

The idea of having Trump in our lives for another 4 years is beyond depressing
Its so horrifying to see so many people happy that evil and wickedness won today.

I'm terrified they're going to have both the Senate, House, and the White House, Jon. And the Supreme Court. What even stops him at that point

This decision that millions of Americans made will be costly to us all.

As a European I can not understand how American citizens could let this happen.... this is going to destabilize the US, Europe and the world. Goodbye climate protection, goodbye Ukraine, goodbye Palestine, Goodbye women's rights in the US, goodbye protection of minorities in the US. I am surprisingly disappointed.

The leaders we select are a reflection of our society. Sad, but very true.

2016 seemed like a strange mistake - this was on purpose!

I fear for the brave Ukrainian people. Trump will betray them.

I'm disgusted. For the first time in over 50 years I haven't gone out and raised the flag. It's folded up and in a drawer and I have no idea if I'll ever raise it again.

Being a former Marine, I was taught to lead with integrity and honor, and I can't look at this country the same way after tonight. Trump never should have been allowed to run. We just showed the world that it's ok to be a bully, liar, con man, etc and still be awarded the chance to run for president. Unbelievable!!!

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we lose our freedoms, it will be because we have destroyed ourselves from within." -Abraham Lincoln

Something we can definitely take away from it is that at least 64.3 million Americans actively want to hurt other Americans. You can't support him without acknowledging that he's promised to hurt as many people as he can.

My soul hurts so bad. And I have to go face my students tomorrow feeling like I have failed them. This hurts bad..

How does one work harder for this? That so many people voted for hatred, misogyny, lies and racism is appalling to me. Right now, I don't want to work hard for any of these people! They don't deserve it. I can't find any hope anymore.

As a Brit we are all suffering greatly from our own foray into populism. For 15 years the Tories were in charge, and they pilfered the country. We are all poor, our public services are shot, we lost our place in the E.U., hope has never been thinner. After 15 years we finally managed to get rid of the criminals who caused this misery, but it will take generations to recover if we ever do. I was hoping America would not make the same mistake, but it seems one must experience populism first hand in order to realise what an utterly catastrophic idea it is.

As a foreign observer, I am embarrassed for the US. The world is laughing at you....and crying. Watching how Moldova, Georgia, Kazakhstan, etc. are fighting with teeth/nails for freedom and democracy and then we just give it away is really eye opening. Do people really need to suffer in order to start thinking again?

America is an embarrassment to the world. We were once a progressive nation and a respected leader. The country and everything it once stood for has fallen. It's definitely not the end...it's the beginning of something much worse.

Say goodbye to NATO and all our allies we Have lost the respect of the world tonight.

Sometimes I feel like I was plucked from a different dimension. I don't know what's happened to this country, but it isn't the same one I grew up in.

When your grocery prices still go up, and you lose your benefits, don't look at me

I needed your show this morning after I woke up to the news. After I stewed for a few hours, it helped me, as it always does. Thanks, Jon.

Americans were not tricked or conned. People knew exactly who they were voting for. Whatever happens now is well deserved.

It was totally silent at my work today. Everybody was in shock. Most are afraid of the future.

With love from Germany.

Yeah I'm done voting. My tax dollars will continue to go towards subsidizing Jeff Bezos yacht collection whether I like it or not. We're only getting dumber as a Nation and the Republican Party will continue winning because of it. I'm done fighting it.

It's infuriating that self destructive, blind or delusional or hateful people did this to the rest of us who never wanted him re-elected. I have lost all hope in my own country. Unimaginable.

Me, my husband and Father all live on Social Security....I'm terrified. Without our medical, our lives are over. Without our checks, we're homeless.

For Ukraine, for Palestine, this IS the end.

From the UK I felt sick this morning when I put on the news ,what on earth is wrong ,is it religion,lack of education,or they didn't want a black woman for President ,I don't think I will watch the news for the next 4 years,that's if we survive that long !

Thank you for your empathy. We need it, desperately.

America died tonight. This country will never recover

Who will they blame when prices and crime don't drop? "The enemy within"

I'm not scared or sad. I'm angry. I'm angry that we allowed this to happen as a country by enabling beliefs like this.

I'm absolutely distraught today. I'm embarrassed. I'm mad. This video is what I needed. We have to carry on and we have to make this better. This message gave me a glimmer of hope. Thank you.

Sad day for democracy... Sad day for honest Americans. Sad day for the world.

America has shown its true colours to the world this election. Racist, xenophobic, sexist, hateful, ignorant and woefully uneducated. I am disgusted. At least in 2016 there was some hope in the unknown, not this time. This time he has had no guard rail and surrounded himself with extremist lunatics and conspiracy theorists and that's who you've chosen. Wow.

I'm not going to sugar coat this. Today I am a fundamentally changed man. I am impotent in helping my daughter survive this. In a way that a single person only can. To help her build a better world, as we're at the crossroads of climate calamity and looming fiscal dire straights. In 2016 a lot of bad stuff happened, but the worst excesses of Trump had guard rails. Now he won't have them. We have a GOP ready to bend the knee. An opposition neutered and unwilling to fight hard. And an electorate willing to embrace authoritarianism. I wish I had strength to pray for Ukraine, Taiwan and Gaza/West Bank and all the people Trumpism will threaten and destroy. But the reality is that I can barely muster enough to see my own future. It was already precarious going into this year with many years of economic stability needed to see me through it. Now I see a wall. Insurmountable. And that is - hard. It was hard enough. As my wife and daughter sleep, I think about what I can say in the morning that will make this better. And there are not a lot of words coming to me.

Condolences from Canada. To those that voted for him: you've unleashed a vengeful madman on the world.

Bye social security Bye women's rights Bye decency Bye closet racism Hello outward racism Bye hope ..

What gets me is that he got the popular vote for the first time... I just don't get it. After Jan 6, after being convicted, after the worst rallies where he spoke of Americans as evil within, where Puerto Rico was called a pile of trash. After all that... the popular vote? That is astonishing... I am not American and we are mostly shocked that this could happen. And fearful for the consequences, for what the new successful politics will look like in the future.

I love you Jon but you are WRONG this time. After all that Trump has said and done, the fact that so many people are still willing to vote for him shows just how lost we are as a country. It is TOO late. There's too much HATE and division. It's NOT going to get better ever!!!!!!!
Signs of the times: 1973: "I'm not a crook". 2024: I'm a crook and it doesn't matter.

I was very distressed last night, couldn't sleep, my mind was spinning out of control what the F did more than 60% voters see in DT???! In total depression now. Your short clip, you gave me a bit of light at in a very long dark tunnel. I thank you for that

Germany here. 80 years ago, America saved us and the world from a terrible fascist and taught us democracy. It really hurts to watch America now following a fascist and we have no idea where this will end

Shame on America for what's happened.

Austrian here. Woke up at 2am, couldn't sleep anymore. Watched live election reports, got more and more concerned. Another hour of sleep wasn't possible anymore. As it turns out, you can go out, tell lies, say anything you want, break laws, harass people, insult people, stir up hatred against minorities, do whatever you want, and you get away with it. Not only that, you get the white house again. It is just pure horror. Living in Austria, which has elected just a few weeks

ago, and where the fascist, extreme right wing freedom party (which digs Trump and Putin by the way) won the thing, I feel with you. Let's never lose hope...

I did not want to believe there are so many hateful people, ignorance is running rampant. As an 71 year old woman, who feels that everything we worked for are gone. I feared that this Country would never vote in a woman, and I was right. My heart hurts.

I'm done fighting. The citizens of America have proved to me for the last time that sexism and selfishness are the winning strategy. I'm done, just as the American experiment is done.

I disagree. This is the end. Trump will likely get to appoint 2-3 Supreme Court judges for the next 30 years. We are fV<ked.

I am devastated. I cannot believe the hate and cult the USA has become. I'm terrified. I have no words.

I am terrified for the country right now. Not only for women and immigrants but what's going to happen with if RFK takes control of the health and environmental organizations. Our country is about to be set back decades.

I am really scared for America. This is proof that an election can be bought.

America has spoken loudly as to what kind of country they want to be and what their beliefs are. Its the end, not because Trump is in office, but because what it says about The US population.

I've been through a lot of elections. Even when my chosen candidate lost, I felt a bit down, but didn't worry too much because it wouldn't be that bad. At worst it was "[My candidate] would have done lots of improvements, but this will at least be pretty much the way it always is". This was the most important election I've ever experienced, and the one I most fear. I anticipated how bad a trump presidency would be the first time. But held out hope. Not only do we know what to expect from last time, but now I feel he is going to be totally unfettered. He's emboldened and he doesn't need to worry about being popular enough to be reelected.

This country is sick!

Saying America is the greatest country in the world is the biggest lie ever told.

I'm struggling to find John's optimism tonight. I knew tonight would be scary and the race would be stupidly close, but seeing the results unfold is terrifying. Trump has said so many disqualifying things over the years, and people do not care. How do you make peace with a country that is comprised of so many people who think Trump's platform is okay? How do you build hope in the future when it's abundantly clear that the system and society are broken? I can't keep saying "give it another 4 years, it'll get better." We've said this before, and nothing ever changes. The same rat race and prejudices continue to run the country, and it seems nothing can stop them.

I'm British. It certainly feels like the end. I don't know if I really want to be part of the world that is so fundamentally willfully ignorant and morally bankrupt

R.I.P. America. 4th July 1776 - 6th November 2024. Your epitaph reads... Tried their best, but eventually gave in to stupidity.

The fact that Texas re-elected Cruz too is all you need to know, people are just voting down the line and not thinking for themsevlvs. I feel like a lot of 'men' voted against their wives, daughters and sisters because they look up to Trump as a real man when nothing could be further from the truth.

This country committed suicide

I have not been this sad since my husband passed last year. Meantime, the members of the Jeffrey Epstein club have convened at Mar-a-Lago to party like it's 1999.

Whether this is the end of America or not, I'm not waiting around to find out. I'm moving ahead with plans to leave the country. I didn't abandon America. America abandoned me. It feels like the end. I'm 61 years old. It is very possible that the hate and chaos will go on for the rest of my life.

What's scarier than Trump back in office is all his supporters out there feeling empowered.

Thank you, John. This is why we need your perspective at this critical time. Never give up hope.

People preferred a convict over a woman

One of the biggest takeaways of this election is that fear is more powerful than hope and hate is a lot more powerful than love.

I honestly don't know how it isn't. All I can do is prepare for the future tax hikes on products, reduce spending, and don't buy any high ticket items for the next 4 years.

What have you done, America? ... What have you done ? When the world needed you the most, you failed us all.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE USA? It was a gut-punch this morning as I read the news! But hey it is not everyday that a German can follow the fall of a democracy in real time!, instead of learning about it from our own history. Greetings from Germany and may the gods/force/everyone who listens be with you!

What a SAD, SAD day for America and for the world!

How can a man with 34 felony convictions be allowed to run for office when he should have been run in to prison?

If the law had been properly upheld, Trump wouldn't even have been allowed to run... But law in the USA is a bad joke. And the punchline is the people.

From Mexico. I woke up with a pit on my stomach today. I had lost faith in my own country politics a long time ago. I was hoping that sanity would prevail in the USA. But now he is back, by majority vote, knowing fully what he stands for. I am so heartbroken and worried for my friends in the USA, all colors, nationalities and preferences, and for the whole world. As people, the world over, who value morals, honor, compassion and information we must keep going. But man is this a hard day and a bitter cup. The madman is back, now with a plan.

When Obama won, I was shocked because I KNEW it could never happen. Then because of that, I KNEW Harris would win. I was wrong about what I thought and I hope that I continue to be wrong about all these fears and negative thoughts I have about this new Trump administration.

We couldn't even come together to keep Trump out. I don't see us coming together now

I want to keep working... But on Jan 20th 2025 I will be a 2nd class citizen... What options will I really have? In 2 years at midterms maybe I can shove a little. In 4 years pretty much everything may be dismantled and we will be in Russia 2.0. I could vote, sure, but not only will it mean nothing, but voting the 'wrong way' in Maga eyes could get me in harms way. I don't know if that will be local MAGA, or government things under Trumps direct order just yet... I'm legit terrified about what the coming months or even year have in store for me and my family. Latinos voting overwhelmingly for a guy promising mass deportation is wild.

I've never been more saddened, disappointed, and disheartened by a country that I loved. I don't love this America.

Unbelievable. As a European I simply cannot fathom electing this man.

We are a nation of idiots.

Honestly, the US was a joke before. Now it's not even worth a joke anymore.

My heart hurts tonight, because once again we have failed as a nation. And because once again we have shown how divided and deeply troubled we are as a nation

But as a black man in America, optimism has about as much value as “thoughts and prayers.”

England: wow Brexit was a mistake! America: Hold my beer

America is in for a very hard lesson in authoritarianism. You messed up gravely

I'm so upset and so worried, I can't take another 4 yrs of hate and stress from that Conman. Will we lose healthcare, social security. I'm worried for my daughter's rights. Americans will regret their choice.

Nothing can be taken for granted. Those of us that still believe the world can and should be a fairer place, we need to gather in our communities where ever we are, and take care of each other.

I'm an Arab-American. I was born and grew up in this country, and my parents came here legally. My family and I have been in this country for nearly 40 years. What's going to happen to my family and me? Will I lose my job? Will we be told to leave? Give up our property? I am really scared.

Putin is probably laughing at America's stupidity. I feel bad for Ukraine because they lost their fight tonight.

I work in a kid's museum. We teach our visitors everyday that the diversity of our community is beautiful, and curiosity and questioning is the light of the future. I hope we get through this to a brighter day.

When life doesn't flourish as expected for the Black and Brown men that voted for Trump or sat out of this election, I will say "we warned you".

The thing that stresses the most are the judges he will leave behind long after his term...If he recognizes a term..? His legacy will live on through the federal courts for years to come.

Elections have consequences and freedom ain't for free.

America chose hate over love, ignorance over knowledge, and oppression over freedom.

I feel so much despair right now. The people who voted for Trump will teach their children the same low values that caused them to elect someone with so many sins against him as the president of this country. Dark day in America.

So much worse than 2016.

As an outsider, I'm so sad to hear what America wants and has become. A country divided and now a country that wants to separate from the world. The American Ego and lack of education really shows now to the entire world... So SAD!

Please Please Please let Jon Stewart run for president.

Removing the budget of public school was really the greatest political move republican ever did.

Why bother making better arguments when you can just convince the uneducated that you're right with lies ?

I feel NAUSEOUS. This is disgusting.

I live in KY and I have complete blinding contempt for my neighbors right now

I don't even feel safe in my own state anymore

This is a nightmare. I am devastated. There is no word strong enough to convey how dismayed I am that the worst human being I know is about to be the leader of the free world again, and millions of my peers are cheering him on. I am not okay. None of us will be okay. The world will not be okay. Not for a long time. If the world ever gets better again, it will still be too late. We are about to lose so much. Make sure the people you care about know you love them. We are in the end times now, and no one is safe.

This is a blow to democracy

The movie Idiocracy predicted the future of America. What a shame...

"This is not a time to throw up our hands. It is a time to roll up our sleeves!" -K.Harris 11/6/24
I just listened to Madam Harris' concession speech. Same from Jon Stewart and I'm sure others as well. The message from all of the democrats who believe in the constitution and fight for justice, freedom, liberty, dignity, and fairness: DO NOT GIVE UP HOPE! DO NOT GIVE UP THIS FIGHT! BELIEVE IN HOPE THAT WE CAN CHANGE THIS AROUND AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. This will be a difficult four years and yes, it is painful to see where I country has gone and they know who this old man operates. His campaign though that we would put up a fight like they did in 2020/2021. WRONG! It's called dignity, maturity, acceptance, and adhering to the constitution. Though they may not be friends, it is their job to ensure a peaceful transfer. The red doesn't get it. Prayers for not just our nation but our whole world.

I haven't been able to stop crying since this race was called. It feels like my entire future was just taken from me.

November 5, 2024. The day democracy died.

RIP Ukraine

Hi from France. Can't believe the West has been defeated from the inside.

What's depressing is learning a Majority of Americans would rather be ruled by a Fascist than Protect Democracy.

I genuinely thought there would be more reasonable people in this country

To those struggling today. You are not alone, you are loved, and you deserve to be here

This is really surreal. It would be difficult to find another human being on this planet less fit for and deserving of being president than trump. Yet; USA chose him. It would also be difficult to find another human being on this planet more dangerous for our planet itself and all its inhabitants than trump. Yet; USA chose him. It is beyond surreal. I'm Norwegian. The arrogant non-cleverness of millions enrages me, while my heart breaks for the millions who were fighting and hoping for a more bright and promising future. May people find compassion and resilience, inspiration and fortitude, in themselves and in each other. Take time for each other, and take the time you need for yourselves.

What is this waking nightmare we live in?

We're living in the bad timeline.

Junior Kaufman: Well. What is there to say? It's a grim day for anyone with any sort of character or moral compass. If you voted for him, you voted for a treasonous, felonious, racist, rapist. You voted for hate and cruelty. You voted for the downfall of democracy. That's all there is to it. So fuck you if you did.

To everyone else, stay strong if you can. Get help if you need it. Punch a nazi. Be an ally. Keep fighting. My heart surgery is December 2nd and after I recover I'll be right there with you. Don't lose hope. There's still good in the world. I promise. Just less than I thought.

I could only sporadically glance at the news today. It was just too traumatizing and even *toxic* to one's mental health and sanity to see what has happening to our country. I was honestly *afraid* of the news and this new nightmare surreal, upside down world it has quickly switched over to within just a few hours. It's like 9/11 all over again. And MAGA laughs that those of us who feel that way. They feel contempt for those of us who feel empathy for others.

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Well, if you wanted to see true indoctrination, this is it.

Trump's campaign has outlined a plan that features prayer in public schools, an expansion of parental rights in education, patriotism as a centerpiece of education and an emphasis on the "American Way of Life."

He does love the poorly educated, as long as they bend the knee.

Replace the word American with North Korean and there really isn't any difference.

Jimmy Kimmel ran down the list of everyone who had a terrible night, his voice cracking and tears welling up in his eyes as he spoke:

"It was a terrible night for women, for children, for the hundreds of thousands of hard-working immigrants who make this country go, for health care, for our climate, for science, for journalism, for justice, for free speech. It was a terrible night for poor people, for the middle class, for seniors who rely on Social Security, for our allies in Ukraine, for NATO, for the truth and democracy and decency." "It was a terrible night for everyone who voted against him," he said, then delivered a warning to the president-elect's supporters: "And guess what? It was a bad night for everyone who voted for him, too. You just don't realize it yet."

A month ago the GOP threatened to shut down the government over deficit spending.

Now they plan YUGE increases to deficit spending.

ANYBODY see a problem here?

People complained about inflation, despite it being lower in the USA than the rest of the world. Their solution was to vote in the one candidate who promised to increase the cost of everything by adding 20% taxes to imports and dramatically reducing the country's available workforce. So for those people they won't see a problem because facts don't matter. They don't know the facts, they just like the special feeling Trump gives them when he slurs out his incoherent words.

And Elon Musk says the rest of us ordinary working class folks need to expect big financial hardships for the foreseeable future because big cuts need to be made to things like Social Security and Healthcare etc...in order to control the National debt??....Isn't that awesome...We will make sure the big corporations and the ultra wealthy are all taken care of while the working class has to suffer massive financial hardships to keep the National debt from continuing to explode....You know because Trickle Down Economics is a proven winner when it comes to the economy and all right???

No surprise there. We're doing a replay of 1933 Germany right in front of the world. It's only going to get worse before it maybe gets better, and that's only if all those people suckered by Trump's lies and right-wing propaganda finally come to their senses after yet another disastrous turn in the Oval Office.

then she didn't read her plan. The sad statement is that democrats sat this one out and as a result elected a criminal, liar, destroyer of good economies. And that this country will not elect a women no matter how better she is prepared for the job, He inherited Obama's and now he will inherit Biden's. Trump will proclaim it to be a great economy by February.

Because of Conald's association with Putin, it will open up all Europe for Putin to go after his goals of domination. There have already been remarks from his people that they're thrilled about Conald. That opens it all up to the start of WW3.

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I love all this morning-after quarterbacking by the "pundits" who were predicting a close victory for Harris.

I'm done with polls. I'm *definitely* done with the talking heads, who do nothing but breathlessly report on everything *but* what the electorate needs to make an educated decision as to who, and what, to vote for...

Trump got about 900,000 less votes than he did in 2020 so I wouldn't really say this was about "wokeness" On the other hand Democrats got 12 million less votes. I don't think it was about being far left. Biden had the same ideology as Harris when it comes to "the left."

I think it was about being unhappy with high prices. Even though those were not the fault of the Biden administration, Harris took the brunt of it.

The inflation was created by Trump's 8 trillion dollar deficit and the 3 trillion dollars of 'free money' which was pumped into the economy. If Biden and the Fed had not made the moves that they did, we would've been in a recession and possibly a depression. No good deed goes unpunished. They can rejoice now, but once Trump and the Republicans, implement Project 2025 and destroy our government and the economy, they will regret their vote. I don't know that they will realize that this was all at the behest of the super-wealthy conservatives behind the Heritage Foundation and the Federalist Society. These are the same families behind the John Birch Society in the 1950's and early 1960's. It is about money.

Does Rubio remember the first Trump Presidency? When Trump came to office, the Republicans controlled Congress. The mid-term elections resulted in a divided Congress and from there, Republican control dwindled over the next few election cycles. If you don't deliver on the promises you've made, you're out. That's what just happened. The majority of Americans felt that the current administration did not deliver for them.

Quite frankly, I think just the opposite. The Dems gave the voting public too much credit. No one is really talking about it but the Dunning Kruger effect explains why the working class and the poorly educated chose to elect a billionaire that does not have their best interest in mind He did tell the country he didn't care about them only their vote. interesting how people either didn't think he was serious or found it humorous. like violence toward marginalized group is funny.

These cases have been the absolute best demonstration of what we all know is true in America. That there is absolutely a two-tier system of justice in our country that works "for" the elites and "against" those who are not. With that said, you have to chuckle when our politicians don't understand the poor nationwide attitude against them and our government in general. When we go low, they don't seem to care. When we go high, they figure out ways to bring us back down. Why does anyone think that our political environment works in any way for the people of this country. Until we remove every single politician and start from scratch with people that are truly interested in serving their constituents and not just their own careers, their own pockets and their own power, we the people will never trust any of them to do what's right for us. As such as the years go by we will continue to see things simply erode and become less recognizable.

Yep. Donald Trump complained that he was treated differently than others. Well, he's right but not on the way he thinks. No other person who has done the things he has done would be walking around a free man right now. And the Supreme Court should be utterly ashamed of itself. They took 8 months to discuss the presidential immunity case. 8 months! If they had considered it in a reasonable amount of time, he would have already gone to trial and we would not have to worry about him.

Just In! pelosi just revealed that she has irrefutable evidence that the 2020 election was rigged and that Trump won. However, she then goes on to say that since Trump was elected to the

office of president twice, he should not have been eligible to run in 2024 for a third term. Folks, that is the "twisted" logic of the extreme left.

Criminal gets away with an attempted coup, and then re-takes the presidency will FULL IMMUNITY. What do you think a criminal is going to do with complete immunity? John Roberts and all Trump voters are going to have to live with what they have done to the country. But this line of analysis requires that we ask one more question. And it's the crucial one: *Why* didn't a majority of voters see these things? And understanding the answer to that question is how we start to dig out of this tragic mess.

The answer is the right-wing media. Today, the right-wing media—Fox News (and the entire News Corp.), Newsmax, One America News Network, the Sinclair network of radio and TV stations and newspapers, iHeart Media (formerly Clear Channel), the Bott Radio Network (Christian radio), Elon Musk's X, the huge podcasts like Joe Rogan's, and much more—sets the news agenda in this country. And they fed their audiences a diet of slanted and distorted information that made it possible for Trump to win.

This is the year in which it became obvious that the right-wing media has more power than the mainstream media. It's not just that it's bigger. It's that it speaks with one voice, and that voice says Democrats and liberals are treasonous elitists who hate you, and Republicans and conservatives love God and country and are your last line of defense against your son coming home from school your daughter.

And that is why Donald Trump won. Indeed, the right-wing media is why he exists in our political lives in the first place. Don't believe me? Try this thought experiment. Imagine Trump coming down that escalator in 2015 with no right-wing media; no Fox News; an agenda still set, and mores still established, by staid old CBS News, the House of Murrow, and *The New York Times*.

It's the same reason Viktor Orban told CPAC in 2022: "Have your own media."

This is a crisis. The Democratic brand is garbage in wide swaths of the country, and this is the reason. Consider this point. In Missouri on Tuesday, voters passed a pro-abortion rights initiative, and another that raised the minimum wage and mandated paid leave. These are all Democratic positions. But as far as electing someone to high office, the Man-Boy Love Party could probably come closer than the Democrats. Trump beat Harris there by 18 points, and Senator Josh Hawley beat Lucas Kunce, who ran a good race and pasted Hawley in their debate, by 14 points.

The reason? The right-wing media. And it's only growing and growing. And I haven't even gotten to social media and Tik Tok and the other platforms from which far more people are getting their news these days. The right is way ahead on those fronts too. Liberals must wake up and understand this and do something about it before it's too late, which it almost is.

No, the real problem is no one is a grown up anymore. Our phones have melted our brains. TV has created a false impression of how life is or at least "should be", and gives us the expectation that we're entitled to be entertained 24-7 through non effort of our own. Amazon makes us think we can have whatever we want in one day. Patience, common sense, and critical thinking are disappearing as we slowly bake ourselves. Tick tock....we're headed for extinction which may be one of the least worst things that ever happened to the Universe. Log out of the electronic world and log into life before it's too late.

I have been pointing this out for awhile. Part of the problem is people aren't watching regular tv. Maybe honest news programs can move to Netflix, etc. everyone still has tv's in their houses. Bring honest programs back.

Huntley and Brinkley, Walter Cronkite - all spinning in their graves and how the public trust has been taken over by entertainment posed as news.

Look, I voted for Harris, as I couldn't stomach voting for Trump, but to try and blame just the right wing media as the reason she lost is overly simplistic and will not lead to the changes necessary in the Democrat party. Harris lost because she did not make a good enough case for why she would make people's lives better. She lost because people are paying more at the grocery store and at the fuel pump. Sure much of that has to do with covid supply chain issues and little Biden could have done, but she never made a clear distinction between what she would do differently than Biden did. Biden also handcuffed her with an overly liberal stance on border issues and failed to see how upset the greater electorate was viewing how the millions of illegal and legal immigrants was impacting their towns and cities.

51% of the voters voted Republican. That is not an overwhelming majority anywhere outside the Trump world. Although the American economy under Biden was the best in the world, the Democrats were not successful making their pitch. Donalds pitch of fear and victimhood hit the mark. Like Americans, the citizens in the advanced economies blamed the people in office for the inflation and have replaced them with new people selling pie in the sky promises of fixing the problems.

Tariffs only work if you're trying to level the playing field for your industry to be competitive; they do absolutely nothing to lower prices. In fact, they raise prices due to the tariffs increase the costs of foreign goods to be competitive with domestic goods.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Military leaders discuss how to respond if Trump issues unlawful orders."

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What I don't like is that suddenly we shouldn't be held to what we say? Our spoken word used to mean a lot. Now we need to somehow read minds and infer what they actually meant. I don't think that is the way it should work.

To me it is also not just the danger of Trump. It is the consolidation of power by one party.

Trump may not be the guy that tips us over the edge but it certainly is setting the stage for an Authoritarian takeover. I talked to more than a few older Germans on the subject when I was over there. By the time most of them realized what was happening, it was over.

There are some good points in here, but a main takeaway being "oh he doesn't really mean all the terrible stuff, just the good stuff" is wildly biased. How are the American people supposed to know the difference? You voted for whatever you think he'll actually do, apparently cherry picking the things you actually want done. Democrats voted against the things they don't want done, according to you they cherry picked those issues too. Maybe we should have a candidate for the President of the United States that says what they mean a vast majority of the time so there isn't such overwhelming ambiguity. You make the point that Democrats are being so dramatic, but it's because you chose to ignore the red flags and warning signs of who Trump is because you think he's got American interests at heart instead of realizing he has no loyalty to anything or anyone but himself. Just listen to him. He has told all of us who he is for a decade. Bankruptcies, Felon CONVICTIONS, hush money, bribery, adultery, sexual assault, and on and on and on. If character doesn't matter, then I hope we'll never hear another peep about a Democratic candidate "sleeping their way to the top" or insider trading or cheating on their wives and husbands. If you want morally bankrupt representatives, that's your choice as a free

American, but don't try to high road the rest of us who believe our own eyes and if you really want credibility, apply your judgements equally to both sides.

Sure, but Dems have been getting hammered on social hot button issues ever since the GOP adopted the Southern Strategy. This isn't specific to Trump; he just makes people feel more comfortable and bold in their racism and misogyny. Dems desperately need a message beyond "government can help your lives." Too many people simply aren't buying what they're selling because they either find it patronizing & condescending or they fervently believe in the whole self-made man/"pull yourself by your bootstraps" lore.

Unless they adopt it themselves, the Dems will never have a message as time-tested as "elect me & I'll make sure (insert minority group here) doesn't take what is rightfully yours." Dems tried it with rich folks but there's the bootstrap lore, plus it doesn't have that element of punching down that has proven so effective.

"I know the system is rigged, because I use it" Never forget it.

Got everybody blaming nonvoters/ Black men /Latinos / white women etc. how about some actual self-reflection on why everybody leaving the Democratic Party?

Yeah, that's the unfortunate truth. Instead of me getting upset and irate, I'm just trying to understand people. I'll never be a Trump guy, I never cared for him since I was a kid in the 80s, but Dems are failing and the voters have spoken.

"I'm not perfect" = Your expectations I behave like a human being are unreasonable

"I've never pretended to be someone I'm not" = You fell in love with me so it's your fault

"This more than decade old video" = It was a long time ago, why the fuss? You're so unreasonable.

"These words do not reflect who I am" = The reality you just experienced didn't actually happen.

"I said it ... I apologize" = Get over it already — I *said* I'm sorry, you're being hysterical.

Four dynamics are highlighted here: self-excuses, blame-shifting, gaslighting and normalizing aberrant behavior. But "gaslighting" also describes the cumulative effect and the purpose of the whole interaction. That's what gaslighting looks and feels like on an intimate level, while for Donald Trump it takes on a much more public character.

I honestly don't feel comfortable bringing a child into this world. I've seen everything that I need to see and it is enough.

I feel like over half of America just told women their lives are less important than the cost of eggs and gas. That's dramatic, but that's literally how this feels.

I have passed through the despair stage and now I am full of rage.

Of course. It's INFURIATING. Anger is effective fuel. It's also exhausting. Take such good care of yourself. I'm trying to regulate my own anger because I'm still tired from 2016. I got a lot done running on outrage, but it started causing self-injury, as does anything that takes all you've got day after day. We're all gonna be mad as hell, and we all deserve peace where we can find it. When you get to the "Nothing has really changed except he's in power" stage then you'll get your full strength back.

MAGAts are so effing stupid. They do not understand how much of the food that they eat is either imported or made with imported ingredients. That 20% increase in costs because of tariffs is gonna sting.

There won't be any tariffs. First because from everything he was spewing during the campaign it's pretty obvious Trump never really understood what a tariff was. Second because by the time he's sworn in and starts "dismantling the administrative state," no one who voted for him will

even remember he said there would BE tariffs. He's not going to do a damn thing but coast on this supposedly terrible economy for as long as he possibly can.

We are doomed and so is the earth. This is FUBAR. If you think food and rent are high now, just wait for a year.

Companies like Dollar Tree that manufacture everything in China, where their factories are located, are not going to spend billions moving their factories to another country. They are going to pass the extra cost off onto the consumer. That's what happened with the last Trump tariffs. Dollar Tree rose its prices from \$1.00 to \$1.25. Now, many items are \$1.25 but a lot are more than that. China doesn't lose. Its workers are paid the same and they still collect their taxes from companies. This will just be an excuse for China to retaliate and charge more taxes and earn more money. During the last tariff war, China increased production to Australia and India, and in turn, started buying soy beans and crops from them instead of the U.S.. That led to U.S. farmers needing not one, but two billion dollar bailouts. This time around it won't just be the farmers. Big corporations are going to be pushed into running in the red. They won't be able to afford the tariffs and they won't be able to afford to relocate their factories. Our deficit is sky high and Trump wants to give tax breaks to corporations. That will send the deficit to a point of no return. But the corporations will need it because of the retaliatory taxes China will impose on top of the 70% they're already going to have to pay the U.S.. I work for a bank in a very high position. I have PhD's in Business Administration and Economics. People don't get the serious amount of trouble this country is in.

About a decade ago, I took a road trip loop from Chicago down to Memphis, across Tennessee, through Asheville up the Blue Ridge, across Pennsylvania over to Indianapolis and back up to Chicago. When I came back, I talked to my financial advisor about purchasing stock (which I ended up not doing) in Dollar General stores. Every. Single. Small. Rural town had one. In some, it was almost the ONLY store. (I exaggerate, but not by much). These people had a choice of the Dollar General, or drive to the next bigger town with a WalMart.

They don't know what they voted for and what's coming for them.

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Inflation was almost certainly a major factor. As Presidents Ford and Carter learned, it is hard to run as an incumbent when voters are feeling the effects of inflation. U.S. inflation during Biden's term of office had many causes, was less than the inflation experienced in other parts of the world during the same time period, and is now much lower, but none of those facts mattered to the voters. Voters are not economists, and only know that they are paying more for their necessities than they were four years ago. The union members who voted for Trump probably don't see the connection between their demands for higher wages and the higher prices they are paying for goods and services when companies pass along their higher labor costs to consumers.

The three big ways:

Lying about the economy being "strong" when interest rates are DOUBLE what they are normally and sending hundreds of billions to Ukraine when nobody asked to get involved wasn't bright either.

Lying about inflation only being 3% when the average American is paying almost double for some items over what they were 4 years ago.

Pushing identity politics and LGBTQ so much they even hired some of those people for leadership roles (that they utterly tanked in for obvious reasons)

There are far more ways, but those are the big ones.

This is so on point. Democrats are you listening. (I'm a democrat by the way). Can we have a moderate to conservative democrat to run of office is that too much to ask.

312 electoral votes, sweeps all 7 swing states, gets more votes in blue states than any Republican has in ages, won the Senate, will most likely win the House, won more governorships and even won the popular vote. To say this election was a beatdown of epic proportions for the Democrats would be an understatement.

Democrats need a new political playbook after getting thrashed - instead of Ivy League liberalism, coupled with neo-liberalism.

Homelessness has reached all-time highs, inflationary pressures have reduced disposable income, debt has reached record levels, and higher interest rates coupled with higher housing prices, have priced many young people out of the market. Rent prices have also greatly increased. The Government recalculated inflation decades ago to make the numbers look more rosy.

Both parties embraced supply-side economics half a century ago, as opposed to Demand-side economics, which saw massive deregulation of Finance (that's both parties) and business, while taxes on Corporations and the wealthy were significantly reduced.

The result was a lot of people getting sold down the river, while concentration of wealth skyrocketed.

As far as I'm concerned, both parties are bought and paid for and ultimately it's the rich and powerful who they really answer to.

Regardless of political affiliation, look at the fact China buys US land. Now, go back to the old days of the Soviet Union, and tell me how people would have responded if they were buying up the US? That's how far we've fallen.

As I listened to Kamala's concession speech yesterday, I was reminded of the concession speech Donald Trump never gave.

The only speech he gave was the Jan. 6 marching orders to the Proud Boys and other violent militants to attack our police, ransack our capitol, and stop the peaceful transfer of power, for the first time in our lives.

His support and encouragement of these criminals didn't stop on Jan. 6. He continues to promote them as heroes and condemns the police who did their jobs that day.

Trump repeatedly asks people to stand and honor them and Bernie Moreno, Jim Jordan and JD Vance did so this past March in Dayton. They have never reversed their position to say it is wrong to honor and pardon them.

Vivek Ramaswamy is a one of the top supporters and a featured sponsor of the Patriot Freedom Project, a radical group who continues to raise millions of dollars and other aid and comfort to these violent convicts. Gov. Mike DeWine is rumored to be considering him for the Senate seat Vance will vacant.

Someone who supports this historic travesty should not be considered for Senate, or any other position for that matter. I've reached out to DeWine's office multiple times and he continues to put party over principal, refusing to denounce those who honor those who attacked democracy. Greg Phelps, Columbus

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"The problem," said the fierce critic of Trump, is that 40-something percent of voters were going to vote for Trump regardless. And they, he pointed out, "consume an information diet that is self-selected in a way that is addictive."

“There are going to be not enough resources to do all the crazy things he wants to do. We are just going to see a mess,” he said. People need to “point out the mess, point out the incompetence and I think we still need to talk about how he is crazy. That did not change at 2 o’clock in the morning on Wednesday.”

Donald in 2020: "The Vice-President has the Constitutional authority to refuse to certify the results of the election. If refused, the current President remains President for as long he wants to serve. Neener neener."

That's a direct quote, folks.

If Trump puts those tariffs in place immediately, in 2026 we'll see the effects and they won't be good for U.S. consumers. Also, the deficit will skyrocket with his tax cuts. In short, he will wreck not only the U.S. economy but the global economy.

Yes. Double the price of imports, then blame China and get 85% approval rate from our fellow citizens. Cultists will even deny that prices have gone up; "fake prices" will be the new mantra. No kidding. He's going to eliminate the income tax, impose tariffs, spend unlimited money to remove the least expensive workers in our economy, and he's going to balance the budget. How could any thinking person vote for that nonsense?

Get ready to cringe a lot during the next four years. I believe that most Americans will end up regretting their choice for tRump. I fear a lot for our country.

the answer may be in your own question: How many people who ended up voting for Trump actually gave serious critical thought to their decision?

I agree. I hope the Trump/Musk take TOTAL control of the government. No Democrat interference or help. We will all hurt but his people will hurt the most. Let their concept of a plan take effect. Once done, we will just have to pick up the pieces and move forward.

Being a Chicano (Mexican / American) I can tell you why there's Latinos like this

It's the same reason that some people don't want students to be forgiving of there student loans , they don't want others to have it easier. It's the “ you have to suffer the same as I did” mentality Plus there use to effed up leaders

I got into an FB debate with one . I was civil, didn't make fun of him or names. I attempted to send him with some action data and reminding him about the history. This country has had with Latinos since the 1930s with the recreation act of 1930, the Detention Centers that Japanese Americans had to stay and the horrible things Trump said about brown people but couldn't get through to him. He drank to much of the “Fool-Aid” and posted som BS oath that an enlisted person but I sus he's just another KFC Commando. I guess he's going to Find Out the hard way.

Wokeism means empathy which you clearly do not have. What you do have is victimization and sense of entitlement.

Except now it looks like the power will be centered in one individual, which the founders never intended. We don't need King George III back again.

Now he' going to destroy our economy, ruin our healthcare system keep us living in the 20th century concentrating on trying to build more gas powered vehicles while doing away with Biden's program which were investments in our future. Experts need not apply! Amatures and grifters will be the name of the game. This time he'll be listening to Musk, Don Jr. and the likes. Our supreme court is pretty much destroyed for all time anyway. Look at the hairbrained rulings they are coming out with. What will three more conservative justices do that isn't already being done? There will be no more common sense rulings from the supreme court in our lifetimes.

I hope those who voted for Trump get exactly what they want:

Someone who lies with abandon

Someone who breaks laws
Someone who will demonstrate hate, fear and loathing every day of their presidency
Someone who despises the poor and middle class
Someone who has contempt for women and children
Someone who will roll back freedom and opportunities for all Americans
Someone who cares nothing for fresh air and safe drinking water
Someone who believes it is more important to ensure assault weapons are easily accessed than to protect children in schools
Someone who measures success by how much money they've been able to amass through tax cuts and the stock market rather than improving people's lives
Someone who wants to reverse health care insurance for millions of Americans because it was implemented by a president of color
Because my fellow citizens, that is what you have chosen.

The self-hating black people who try to join the MAGA family always find out the hard way that they were never loved by MAGA, they were tolerated. They were nothing more than a means to an end. Does the name Stacey Dash ring a bell? How in the world can a black or Latino person listen to the coded, and sometimes uncoded, rhetoric of Donald Trump and his goons and think, 'Yeah, that's my guy!' I guess the dumbing-down of America is complete. I'll greet them with open arms, but it'll be to shove them back!

For the first time, I'm afraid living in the U.S.

It is like the Smurfs making Gargamel their god.

The Trump administration caged children at the border. Children are by definition innocent. innocence doesn't matter, just the color of your skin and the language you speak.

The blacks and Latinos for Tr@mp thing amazes me. I'm a pasty white dude born here and even I'm worried about persecution from these fascists. Wtf

As a Latino, I ask everyone to call ICE on every Hispanic Trump supporter you know, whether they are legal or not. Maybe they falsified information and lied to get their green card. Their beloved leader lies, cheats, and falsifies documents to get what he wants, why wouldn't these people? Give them the America they asked for!

11-12-24

"Deep State" aka "The Heritage Foundation".

We are pumping 13.5 million barrels of oil a day. We are the largest oil produced in the world. So what is he doing to do to restore American energy to greatness? Sounds like we are already great.

Just one more step toward the authoritarian style of government that the Republicans envision. Let Trump make all the decisions and make the Senate and Congress just a figurehead. Similar to China's government.

This basically boils down to Trump doesn't like actually governing by the rules of governance of the United States.

Next time, how about a candidate that could actually pass civics?

The U.S. was the driving force in making Israel a sovereign nation. Our Muslim Americans are in for quite the disappointment and sorrow when Trump gives Bebe carte blanche.

11-13-24

Really? No one can reduce the prices? So, then why did trump tell us he will bring grocery and gas prices down?? He ran on that platform! It's been a week and NOTHING has changed!! We still pay the same amount for gas than before the election. We still overpay for groceries! You people will find out the hard way that trump lied to you to stay out of prison! He doesn't care how much groceries cost! He never went shopping in his life! Does he fill up his own cars/airplane? Never. Trump just knew what you people wanted to hear and used it.

That's a lie, the left wants a conversation and democracy. The right wants power no matter if they have to break up their own family to get it...it's that important to them. Why do you guys twist everything around...it's not a good look.

I am 73 years old and a Republican. I have never been so scared for our country and the free world as I am right now. The next four years are going to be a national nightmare. Trump is unqualified to be President, but all of his cabinet picks have no, or hardly any, experience relating to their position and responsibilities. What could possibly go wrong. God help us.

I miss men with good values, patriotism, honesty, courage, and wisdom. Men who want to do what's right for the people and the country. I miss voters with those values too. I guess they all have passed on. Now let the trolls begin to prove my point with their childish, bullying, lying posts.

The problem is that far too many people believe that, in exercising their rights, they do not have to worry about how it effects those around them.

Smokers are a prime example. They say that they are not forcing anyone else to smoke, except they are, through second hand smoke.

Similarly, a majority group may feel it has the right to speak its mind and denigrate the marginalized. But that freedom has a very real, negative effect on the marginalized.

Basically, "freedom" is not an excuse for bigotry and intolerance.

I actually am much more nervous now that trump won. I have several long term health conditions arising from treatment for leukemia in the early 2000's. Right now I am self employed and able to have healthcare through the ACA. This country just elected a president who was either been in office or running for the last 9 years saying he wants to end the ACA. When asked at the debate what his plan for replacing it was the only thing he could say was he has "concepts of a plan." This is not in the least bit reassuring, comforting or calming. This is terrifying.

So, after an insurrection, and a President-elect that says he wants to jail the press and persecute his political enemies takes office, we're all supposed to feel like we have more freedom? Hers is a very bizarre "feeling" to have?

11-14-24

Anyone who didn't think that Trump would staff his administration with the dregs of the Washington establishment (he chased away the few qualified folks who were brave enough to work for him last time) who are more interested in kissing Trump's ring than serving the people was willfully ignorant or delusional. Now we've all got to suffer through this circus for four years.

He didn't get burned. He got stopped from doing ridiculous things. If he'd appoint experts and then ask their opinion and make an educated decision for the betterment of the country then he wouldn't have had a problem.

He got burnt by competent people who know better, laws, rules and the Constitution his lawyers argued in court he does not support.

Last time, Trump proposed sending Patriot missiles into Mexico to blast suspected (not confirmed, suspected) drug cartel sites)... and blaming another nation for it. It's the kind of thing that Russia would do. His Sec. of Defense refused, and was backed up by other "establishment" folk. I guess this time, we get to see how Mexico reacts when we're caught doing it. (Because those sorts of things rarely happen without someone blabbing about the details somewhere). Trump also proposed deploying troops to shoot protesting Americans in 2020. "Why can't we shoot them?" Um... 240 years of The 1st Amendment? An ANGLO culture that frowns on deploying troops domestically as police? (Russians have had troops fire into their protests repeatedly over the centuries). The "establishment" types held him back.

Trump's either getting advice from Putin (who wants the U.S. to shatter like the Soviet Union did; he blames us for that), or doesn't think like someone who grew up in Anglo culture. Either way... those were the things that he shouldn't have done, and last time he had help not doing them.

Last I checked, the job of the Congress is to work on behalf of their constituents, not rubber stamp any crazy idea that comes from the President (Democrat or Republican). Fealty to the leader is exactly what our Founding Fathers fought against. A President is not a king. Senators and Congresspeople also have to work across the aisle since the Republicans current majority is slim. And thanks to their leaving the filibuster in place, the Democrats can block proposed legislation they don't agree with. They will HAVE to compromise - again, a founding principle of this nation.

It happened today a coworker (white lesbian with a special needs child) spoke about how she voted for Orange man because of her "beliefs and faith" said she didn't know about his plans with DOE and he's not "allowed" to take away funding especially for special needs kids. Everybody should be concerned. 20% tariffs will raise the price of many items. Deportations will affect agricultural production and raise the price of food items. Reducing regulations will endanger us all.

Trump convinced his voters of things that he can never change. International prices with or without tariffs are not going to change. Inflation is not under the control of the president.

It's not Trump. It's now the Project 2025 show. Trump will be golfing.

Most people have no idea how anything works, not the presidency, not the economy, not the three branches of the government, not globalization, not the prices of food, housing, automobiles, oil and gas...literally nothing

Under Trump, lack of qualifications is the most important qualification.

Welcome to idiocracy folks, brought to you by the most abominable political movement in American history, cousins of Nazi Germany, the Nazi magats.

Trump continues to destabilize and WEAKEN America. Vlad is loving this.

The brainworm guy who tried to eat a bear is perfect for the position.....if the society is insane.

Everyone please go watch idiocracy.

Fox News anchor as secretary of defense, anti-vaccine guy for the department of health, Matt Gaetz who's been investigated for sleeping with an underage girl, and a convicted felon in the Oval Office. Well, isn't this wonderful? I mean, not for me of course because I do have morals and values, but the majority voted for this.

Next up: Herschel Walker in charge of the Space Command! O Happy Day!! The inmates are running the asylum.

When the wheels come off this Trump Train. Remember maga voters. You wanted this!

Exactly. Don't forget who did this to us.

The American death rate going to be skyrocketing when you add in a likely national abortion ban, destruction of air, water, food, health regulations, and an emboldened domestic police force (and ICE).

lol... Trump hasn't even taken office yet and he's showing a level of incompetence not seen in many decades. This administration will be the most ineffective of the past 100 years, if not longer. The people in these agencies are not going to cooperate with people they know are incompetent, corrupt and just plain stupid.

11-15-24

Trump is picking people from Fox to run the country. Tell me how any outlets can report bias news when the far right radicals are choosing their made up news people. Wake up, Fox are the most corrupt of all of them.

Wanna help make us healthier? Make oil companies finance removing of plastic from our oceans and charge them fines for any discarded plastic. Every living animal, fish, bird, human, etc. has micro plastic in their bodies. Our oceans are full of plastic all because of the lie of "plastic recycling." It doesn't happen. Oil companies know this but keep talking about recycling plastic. Trump is about to take a sledge hammer to our environment and worm brain is going to take us back to 1900 in the medical field.

Putting people in the departments who's only goal is to destroy that department is the goal of Trump 2.0 That's how America will fall. Being destroyed from within. Fascist dictatorship. Privatization will make the rich even richer and nation will suffer. My America of 1976 is being drowned in the bathtub.

Ah, as the rapid hypocrisy runs rampant in the the republican party. Whatever it takes to agree with tRUMP's radical agenda.

So many died and got sick unnecessarily by forgoing the vaccine. So much disinfo, lies and propaganda. Next we'll elect a president that talks about eating cats and dogs. Where will it end?

Is there something unfair about pointing out another network's obvious double standard for how they cover different presidential administrations? There is no shortage of montage clips on YouTube, of Fox hosts gushing and fawning over Trump when he was President 45, and then how they covered both Obama and Biden. Fox is neither fair, nor accurate. Counting ratings is just an argument from popularity. It says nothing about their journalistic ethics.

I guess the hypocrisy and propaganda from the right (Fox News) is OK. Ratings have nothing to do with it. RFK may be the next Health and Human Services secretary that does mean he is the smartest person to run the agency. Popularity does not mean efficiency or truth.

a week ago America had hope and now they have a Fox News anchor as secretary of defense every trump appointment is like "Donald Trump has appointed the Grinch as director of the Department of Christmas"

It's like he's releasing the casting list for the final season of America

It's a joke, the Trump Circus has returned- that's what the people wanted.

People believe what they want to believe and suffer from selective memory.

Trump had appointed the CEO of one of the worst polluters to head up the EPA. This CEO is responsible for multiple Super-Fund sites, where the Subsidiary had filed for bankruptcy and left the taxpayers to clean up their mess.

The GOP wants to showcase the \$200 Billion, sent in support of Ukraine, but not the TRILLIONS in taxpayer money being spent to clean up after these businesses who are allowed to fold and hold taxpayers to foot the bill.

I just don't know what it takes to show these republican supporters that they have no idea of the "BIG PICTURE", where the Republicans don't care about the average person.

Are the Democrats, who support the Environmentalist's- crazy for wanting safe food and water to consume?

To protect even Mar-A-Lago from being flooded due to Global Warming/ Climate Change?

Many borders will be redrawn by the end of Trump's 2nd term.

I love the Tweet about Nominating Hulk Hogan for FBI Director. This could happen real soon.

I know many of those Tweets were very clever but my sense of humor went into hiding on November 5th. I feel like undisciplined kids are running around my house playing catch with all the breakables.

I am pretty confident that "donald trump is NOT a savvy guy". He is a self serving, self centered guy who has done and will again do irreparable damage to this country. And really, nominating matt gaetz for anything except creep of the decade seems pretty obvious.

Judge Luttig has been considered one of the most consequential and fair voices on the right for a long time. HE has been considered for the SCOTUS by more than one President. What he says is correct and it is to the legacy of those involved, like Mitch McConnell, that the damage will be done.

The judges assessment is absolutely correct. Most of the dissatisfied voters let the least important issues sway their vote while overlooking or neglecting the severe policies and chaos Trump espoused. The dangerous top priority revenge and retribution scenario that could destroy our nation was behind other much less impactful greivences for these folks... very shortsighted. With the personnel choices T is making for his administration all of us are going to learn the hard way. I just hope our country makes it through this nothing short of an all out assault on our nations institutions of checks and balances and rule of law. It is definitely taking shape before our eyes!

Well, when the tariffs hit the produce section and fruit is the highest it's ever been or when it hits the cheap foreign products that many rely on then it'll be a different story. Too late by then though.

The economy will probably be good for a couple years. Trump will get another tax break that will mostly benefit the wealthy. The national debt will continue to grow at a faster pace. Maybe we'll have another economic melt down. Then, there will be a political back lash. Democrats will win some power and spend several years trying to fix things and Republicans will talk about immigrants and trans people then get reelected...

Trump won with 75.6 million votes versus Harris with 72.4 million votes. He won the swing states by a combined 780,000 votes. It was closer than you might think. Compare that to President Nixon who took the popular vote with 60.7% and 502 electoral votes in 1972 which still is the record for Republican Presidents. We all know how that ended.

I don't understand why democrats and republicans alike are confused by this. People vote with their pocketbooks and the economy is what carried this election.

What I struggle to understand is why people who claim inflation as their top concern vote for someone who ran on tax cuts, tariffs, and mass deportations. Each policy is inflationary in its own right, and taken together all three are very inflationary. Deportations could be the most inflationary of the three. People don't seem to realize that undocumented workers work. They are

allowed to work under a 1965 law from President Johnson which has never been changed, not by Nixon, Ford, Reagan, either Bush, or Trump. They get a TIN as an independent contractor. They also pay social security - although they'll never receive it. Regardless of political or moral view, how does eliminating those people from the workforce help the economy? Who replaces them? That process of deportation is, on its face, inflationary. When the sugar high of kicking people out is gone and the price of eggs is back up because the people working in the egg processing plants are gone, how are inflation-driven voters helped?

It's Fox News. I asked a couple of Republican colleagues and they were unaware that he'd been convicted of the 34 felonies in NY. When they looked it up they just dismissed it as weaponized prosecution. The attention needs to be turned to these propaganda media outlets that call themselves news. It's the equivalent of smoking light cigarettes as the healthier option.

Republicans created this Frankenstein. Now we all, the world not just the US, will pay the circumstances. Dark times ahead for all of us, 1930's and 40's revisited.

It's inconceivable that so many voters had the 'wool pulled over their eyes' by dictator Trump. They 'bought' into his 'authoritarian handbook' for ruling the country. It will be a much harder, much more expensive life and doing with much less than before - including women's rights and healthcare. Considering how many women voted against vindictive Trump, you can be sure he will take away as many more women's rights as he can. Life expectancy in the U.S. has been going down faster than any other westernized country. With Trump in office, taking away so many rights and freedoms, it will decline even faster. The country is so out of control now, it may never recover from the atrocities that have already occurred while Trump was in office and may never end now that there are so many mega wealthy people in the Trump's regime, who will continue to manipulate him to do their bidding for their own personal enrichment and greed, just like Elon Musk. Putin, Jong Un, Xi and other dictators all know how weak Trump is and that flattery and praise motivate him. The U.S. has become a country ONLY for Trump and those that will be subserviate to him. Trump cares nothing about what is best for all Americans and what is best for the country.

I know it is difficult for most Americans but study history. Look back to the fall of the Roman Empire and how in its last days it was overrun by tribes of barbarians who hated the Roman Senate and loved the sort of grotesque authoritarian dictators--Nero, Caligula, Commodus--who ruled Rome in her latter days. America is speeding headling in that same direction as Trump now has the Senate, the Supreme Court and the House of Representatives eagerly handing him Absolute Power.

I live abroad, and people around the globe wonder what happened to common sense in America. I've read some comments by people who entertain the notion the world fears Trump. No one does. He is considered an embarrassment . The fact that the American people elected him after all he did is also alarmingly embarrassing. Hitler's observation a century ago holds true: "It is fortunate for those in power that people do not think."

We're in for a circus 🎪. But a dangerous and harmful show it will be

He's half right. The Republican/conservative voters don't care. They look at him and see someone who has lied, cheated, and bullied his way to the top of the corruption heap and think he's someone to be emulated.

Some didn't care but even more didn't believe his crimes even though he lost every time he went to court. Him personally or his election fraud lies. The ones he delayed and now he can wipe out anyone paying attention can see he's guilty. Stealing and hiding classified documents. Inciting an insurrection. We will all suffer from the ignorance and division.

Constitutionally Donald Trump should have been disqualified to run again for President but then again Trump could care less about the Constitution. Trump was allowed because certain Supreme Court Justices ruled he could (Trump appointed judges.)

as my white christian sister put it, god sometimes uses imperfect tools. Yea right. Let that construction company build your house with imperfect tools and you'll get shoddy construction. This last election was a test of the American people sense of morality and the capability to assess a presidential candidate's character. We as a Nation failed miserably and there will be a price to pay. Hopefully it will not be the same price the Germanic people paid.

11-17-24

The Trump transition team is compiling a list of senior current and former U.S. military officers who were directly involved in the withdrawal from Afghanistan and exploring whether they could be court-martialed for their involvement, according to a U.S. official and a person familiar with the plan.

Don't forget the Commander in Chief that signed the deal, that would be Trump.

Also, do not forget that it was Donald J. Trump who decided to negotiate withdrawal with the Taliban instead of the then governing officials of Afghanistan. Once that negotiating tactic was made, chaos was inevitable.

For the same reason we had 4 years of submitting Biden to impeachment based on false charges. If they are looking into the withdrawal, they need to look at Trump. His plan was garbage. Negotiating with terrorists and expecting them to live up to their end- how naive can you get? And not involving the Afghan government?

Anyone starting to see the direction this "administration" is going?

Billionaires are playing the long game with disinformation - we are a technological society, and the quickest way to undermine it is to create distrust in our hard working scientists. Then, a strong man (or men) appears to have all the answers, even though they can cause unnecessary deaths, like the COVID conspiracy stuff that killed almost 600,000 registered Republicans, 43% more than registered Democrats, according to a Yale University study. Something to ponder before the 2026 election!

Stopping Russian aggression is stopping WW3. Weakness will start WW3

Republicans will control all three branches of government. Anything that happens from this point onwards will be 100% theirs. They won't be able to blame anyone else for their failures in leadership. Doesn't mean they won't try, but it's not going to fool anyone.

The NYC case is not federal. Trump committed crimes and should stand before a jury of peers. 1. He promoted a coup in an attempt to stay in power using force and putting his own VP's life at risk. He didn't care and stated so. 2. Trump was asked to return docs to the National Archive because they belonged to the Government (us) and not to trump. Some were classified. Trump not only refused for 1 year but also conspired to hide some docs from the government and his own attorneys! Tapes and witness statements confirm. Bill Barr said that there would have been no legal case had trump simply returned the docs. It would be antithetical to our legal system and immoral not to prosecute trump.

11-18-24

Putin is mocking the U.S. He's mocking the voters and cheering his success in assisting with the division amongst us. Divided we fall.

What I find humorous is that where I live and work (a County job) a lot of people voted for Trump and are super excited about his talk of scrapping so much from the Federal Government to cut down on spending, but they didn't think of their own jobs going out the window. I guess that they don't realize how much funding for states, counties, and cities comes from the Federal level first. No money for grants and/or funding, no more job.

Unfortunately we all are going to see this slow train wreck unfold with its array of unintended consequences. It won't matter, MAGA won't believe it until they feel they are paying even higher prices, lose their jobs, or have to support their adult children because they can't find work.

Yes, just like Mexico paying for the wall Oh, that never happened.

Yes, just like cheaper better healthcare. Oh, that never happened.

Yes, just like cheaper prescriptions. Oh, that never happened.

Yes, just like bring back manufacturing. Oh, that never happened.

Yes, just like bringing back coal. Oh, that never happened.

Yes, just like renewing infrastructure. Oh, that never happened.

Problem is Trump has been a historical failure come what he said he would do.

The faster the Trump/MAGA-ts enact their genius agenda, the sooner the backlash begins. Who's going to doing the hard dirty labor that Americans won't do? Construction already can't find enough workers, and food supply...yikes. Between this and the tariffs watch prices explode. I know that I'm putting my money in safer places than the market which is going down already. We'll all pay but it has to happen for the idjuts to realize the disastrous consequences to their dreamy hateful actions. The pendulum will swing hard after this next 4 years.

The farmers already want to be exempt to keep cheap labor! As for everyone else expect to pay 4 times as much for your roof, concrete drive, building homes, and everything that these people do!!

I really have my fingers crossed. He needs to do this. It was central to his campaign and he won by clamoring on about so he needs to do it bigly. It will cause mayhem, squander money, and send prices through the roof. In fact even talking about as he does is good because the results will be so obviously inflationary. When prices spike and interest rates rise maybe his lo watt backers will realize they voted for a fool.

Deport them to where?

You have to have a country that is willing to take them.

Estimates are that it will cost about \$88 billion dollars per million refugees for countries to accept them.

Where is that money going to come from?

Whenever I envision the GOP acquiring the Infinity Gauntlet and Thanos-snapping all undocumented out of USA, I chuckle.

SNAP. Alright, Juan and Pedro are back in Mexico. But the American fields still need tending.

Are John and Peter now filling in that vacant labor gap? If yes, then why wasn't John and Peter doing that labor pre-SNAP? If no, then how does that unfilled labor get done?

I've never heard the GOP articulate what happens to all that vacant labor now? Americans certainly won't fill it, because they would have done so already, but they aren't. So... more immigrant workers?

Who is going to do it? Trump's syncophants are about to fire military leaders.

I doubt that many members of the military signed up to participate in ethnic cleansing. T.Rump should not count on State Governors to call out the National Guard to participate.

Within 6 months of trump taking office, at most, we'll be suffering multiple Constitutional crises, and we'll be plowing headlong into a major recession.

Mark my words.

Latinos that voted for Trump, don't complain when some of your family members get picked up.

I vote for the Military Coup and remove MAGA

This isn't about immigrants. it's about the power to use the military domestically.

I'm not convinced that Trump's appointees will be able to walk and chew bubble gum at the same time. They are going to be so preoccupied with looking for the "enemy within" and weaponizing the DOJ against their political opponents (which never happened to Trump -- he spend exactly zero days in jail and was never prevented from traveling except for the few days he napped in court) that they will either accidentally or purposely (looking at you Tulsi Gabbard) overlook the threats from unfriendly countries (but it will be OK as long as they heap compliments on, and maybe filter money to, Donald John Trump). We need Congressional and Judicial oversight of this incoming administration as much as any administration has ever needed it, but for at least the next two years I don't expect we'll get it.

Ok I want all you old retired MAGAs who complain how terrible your life is with illegals here to replace them in the fields. Get working. Being in a wheelchair on oxygen is no excuse grandpa. Prepare for the cost of fruit, vegetables, construction, etc. to go through the roof. White Americans do not pick vegetables. If we have to pay them to do that, it will be extremely expensive. Americans will shift their diet to frozen pizza, etc. It will not be good.

11-19-24

I was thinking the same. The House ethics committee has the full report. If the Republican Party blocks the releasing of the report then a Democratic member in the House Ethics committee should leak the report to the press.

However, in this case a hacker did the work. Either way, this information needs to go public.

Gabbard repeated Russian talking points against Ukraine

Gaetz said Russia not Ukraine should join NATO

if Red Dawn were released today, the GOP would be cheering on THE RUSSIANS

The report needs to be released, otherwise it will appear (as is likely the case) that Trump tapped him for the AG position so he could resign from Congress so that Johnson could argue against releasing it, basically giving Gaetz a get out of jail free card, just like Trump received by being elected president while awaiting sentencing on 34 felonies. It also makes it look MUCH more suspicious that there's highly damaging info in the report Gaetz and those in the know in Trump World don't want to ever see the light of day.

Why is he not in jail yet? How is he going to be the Attorney general of the USA? Why are there laws for the normal person and then the laws for the rich and politicians?

Trump's criteria for almost all of these nominees seems to be that they should have no expertise or experience in their proposed department, and that they oppose the role of the department. Most of them have little or no experience running a large organization of any kind. See Project 2025.

lol, he is completely politicized as a Trump loyalist. MAGAs really do not listen to their selves, even as they copy/paste everything they hear and not a smidgen of fact-checking or personal research to be found.

11-20-24

If Ukraine continued this way for a few more years, I think the time would come when someone takes out Putin. Russia cannot continue with these losses and nothing to show.

Trump is going to bail his BFF out by pulling the plug on Ukraine, allowing Russia to occupy Ukraine, and teaching Russia the lesson that as long as a conservative is in the White House, they can do whatever they want, including an invasion of NATO itself (be assured, the Baltic states are next). Trump will NEVER support NATO defending a member claiming that he is ending all of these "forever wars". Once we are there, Europe will fall in line with Russia and China.

I'm pretty sure Trump would give up Ukraine for \$50 and a ride to the airport. The problem is Trump is too self-centered, too unsophisticated to understand the role of the U.S. president and what is best for U.S. interests around the globe.

For the second time, the American electorate voted for a guy who is every bit as ignorant as they are of world affairs. They and the person for whom they voted don't understand how the war in Ukraine could lead to dire consequences for the U.S. Buckle up!

Here are my top 10. Afghanistan is #6

1. **The Trail of Tears (1830s)**: A foundational scar of U.S. brutality against the original Americans. Still impacts perceptions of moral hypocrisy in the "land of the free."
2. **Japanese-American Internment Camps (1942–1945)**: The U.S. imprisoned its own innocent citizens. This blatant civil rights violation is a black mark on its claim as a defender of democracy.
3. **Vietnam War (1955–1975)**: Tarnished the U.S. as an interventionist power and left a legacy of distrust in U.S. foreign policy.
4. **Iraq War WMD Debacle (2003)**: The invasion of Iraq over nonexistent weapons of mass destruction undermined U.S. credibility on a global scale.
5. **Bay of Pigs (1961)**: A Huge military and diplomatic failure that humiliated the U.S. throughout the world.
6. **Withdrawal from Afghanistan (2021)**: The messy retreat symbolized wasted efforts, poor planning, and a weakened image of U.S. competence after a two-decade occupation.
7. **Iran Hostage Crisis (1979–1981)**: A symbol of American impotence. Images of blindfolded hostages remain a symbol of a political loss to Iran.
8. **2008 Financial Crisis**: The epicenter of a global meltdown. Eroded trust in U.S. financial systems, fueled anti-capitalist sentiment worldwide.
9. **Hurricane Katrina Response (2005)**: Devastating to U.S. morale, its global impact was not minor. Highlighted issues of systemic racism, poor governance.
10. **Watergate Scandal (1972–1974)**: Often seen as a “domestic embarrassment” but it did plant seeds of cynicism about American politics.

Trump's popular-vote advantage has declined steadily since election night. As of Monday afternoon, Trump was at 49.94, while Harris was at 48.26, according to the authoritative Cook Political Report's tracking of results from official sources in states across the country. That's a 1.68% advantage on the popular vote. Not exactly the landslide mandates he's been yelling about since he won the EC.

This isn't a clown car, it's demolition derby.

This man has created turmoil and division at home and abroad. He's a dangerous man, and the world is reacting to his ignorance, and disregard for anyone but himself. He has set the globe on a dangerous precipice. His moronic talk of tariffs, and predicting WWII rhetoric, has put America in the bullseye. Someone should tell him the Presidency is not that fake game show he

hosted! We don't need an Apprentice, we need people with experience and intellect. Sad and Pathetic!

It's gonna be a shitshow of absolute moronic wankery

Such a clown show. Extremely unqualified cabinet picks. Considering all of Trumps atrocities, he should have never been able to run for Presidency.

I'm waiting for Trump to nominate Dr. Seuss for Surgeon General. And Bernie Madoff to run the Treasury.

I have constant headaches and feeling of nausea because of this effed up mess. CANT SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING TO STOP THIS MADNESS???

Good people let evil prevail. It was always going to be this way.

For my entire 78 years, I've heard that every presidential election is "the most important" of my life. Personally, I think the next one, the one that allows this nation to overturn most of what happens under Trump, will be the most important one. The true American people can begin this process in 2026. As a Jewish American, only now can I truly relate to how my family, who didn't make it out of Germany in 1939, must have felt in 1934.

That's exactly the problem... informed individuals recognize that inflation was caused by a number of things, chief amongst them, supply chain issues caused by COVID. In the midst of all that, corporations experienced record profits, all while the country experienced the fastest economic recovery amongst all industrialized nations. But they blamed Biden because the guy who politicized the pandemic in the first place told them it was his fault...

They blame January 6th on the Dems... they blame his criminal cases on Dems, instead of Trump's own actions... it never matters. They will believe what they are told to believe by their Orange God.

I AGREE. This is what the American people wanted - so give it to them. Perhaps they will realize elections have consequences. I was also happy to hear the Republicans gained control of the House. Now they have all the arms of government. Let's see how the majority likes it.

Ordinarily I would agree with you, however those same voters also elected some members of Congress based on their promise to bow down to Trump's whims.

With that said, based on the MAGA rational and voting record over the past 9 years, they have learned nothing of the consequences of their actions. Sadly it appears that nothing short of a total implosion of the America we have all held sacred for centuries will convince them otherwise.

The utter collapse of our government may be the only wake up call they will recognize.

Putin will never use nukes, he knows that if he does the US will respond (not necessarily with nukes) by hitting targets inside Russia including Putin himself. This is all on Putin. When he brought in N. Korean troops he made it a conflict with the west.

Part of our problem with Russia is their conception that Ukraine is theirs, because it is adjacent and they want it. Russians do not share the Western ethos of respect for others, much less their needs and desires. For Russians, power is legitimacy unto itself, i.e. literally might makes right and any sign of weakness must be exploited. They do not enter into negotiations over anything to reach a mutually acceptable accommodation, but only to seek an advantage. So yea, appeasement won't work with Putin any better than it did for Chamberlain with Hitler. And a cease fire of the conflict over Ukraine will only give Putin time to reload and attack anew. The only real answer to Putin's aggression with strength that is sufficient and durable to persuade him he can't break through. Yet as irrational and immoral as Russia acts towards others, at least from a Western perspective, they hold their values tightly and could be pushed to go nuclear never mind how irrational that seems to the West. This is why Biden has been reticent to allow for

Ukrainian attacks in Russia itself as the Russian mind cannot bend itself to treat such a response by Ukraine as acceptable never mind that Russia has inflicted far worse on Ukraine. This is also why I can foresee attacks on Russian staging areas, and naval and air assets for attacks on Ukraine, but no major attack on Moscow, St. Petersburg and the like. The later could well trigger Putin into tactical nucs and who knows where that ends.

Dear Russia, Your sovereignty is not threatened. You are threatening Ukraine's sovereignty, and they have responded by throwing a counter punch. It's hilarious Russia can strike Ukraine's capitol over and over again, destroy the countries hospitals and civilian infrastructure but don't you dare attack Russia back on its own soil. Clowns.

No matter what side one is on, we can all agree that official Washington is immoral, unethical, and will do anything to cling to power. But then we keep voting them in, so I guess we have the government we deserve. It seems this country is attempting to prove that not only is democracy messy, it's downright idiotic.

11-22-24

I'm deeply concerned about his appointees and the potential risks to our country. I'm genuinely serious about this, as I'm already noticing numerous issues even before he takes office.

How can credibility be added when all these cabinet choices and heads of various agencies are people who have destroyed their credibility through years of blathering nonsense on Fox News and on other media outlets and Internet sites. If Trump wants him to run the agency protecting Trump, I say go for it.

Fear mongering is a well-known tactic of the left. The federal government needs to become efficient; it is also known accountability often means being let go if the job performance is sub-par. This is the reality for most Americans and a welcome addition to the federal workplace. DO IT!!!

There is nothing wrong with evaluating waste. That is a positive approach. What is wrong is hiring people WHO HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA WHAT THEY'RE DOING, and they were just hired because they are blind loyalists (or faking it and have their own agendas for more personal profits. Musk comes to mind). Government is a service industry. It is not profit based. The only thing Musk and Ramaswamy know is profit based. And Greene. To her credit she does know about lasers and tvs that mysteriously turn on by themselves. We're doomed.

More projection. Trump and the far right propagand machine kept their sheeplike base in a constant state of fight or flight for the past 10 years. Fox Noise and Noisemax are nothing bit 24/7 fear mongering.

11-23-24

If you voted for Donald Trump this November and you understood that he plans to undermine the rule of law and wreck American democracy, then you are the problem. In one survey, one in four Republicans said that if Trump were to lose the 2024 election, he should declare the results invalid and do whatever necessary to take office. That's un-American. If you are one of these voters, you can dress yourself up in red, white and blue and wave the flag all you want. But you are not a patriot. You are a danger to everything this country stands for.

But something needs to be done before the rot becomes untreatable. To borrow a phrase from the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), we can all live together happily in a country where everyone has their own opinions. We cannot live together in a country where everyone has their own facts.

It seems US politics has become the new Limbo game. How low can you go?

I can't believe half the population in America gave power to a bunch of criminals with intent in destroying a working government and the rule of law. Not to mention stealing as much money as they possibly can.

Bannon is a convicted felon--IGNORE! Although I heard Trump is thinking about naming him to be head of the FBI

11-24-24

Ernst is telling anyone who receives government subsidies except those who receive corporate welfare and tax cuts for the richest Americans that DOGE is about to cut your heart out. She has warned us about the sharp knives even if they cause us to suffer until our death from a lack of food, healthcare, shelter, or a lack of concern by those elected to serve in our best interests. The maga mob is trying to destroy this country to protect their own purses and bank accounts. Congress should be focusing on term limits, pay caps, cutting their benefits, and lifetime retirement before touching any program that helps the middle class and the working poor.

Why not? Presidential politics and professional wrestling are pretty much the same thing; get the rubes all riled up and sell an image, no matter how empty and vapid that may be. The American public is too stupid to tell the difference between reality and image anyway.

“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

There was a time that Americans valued intelligence and academic achievements. Decisions were made based on facts and data. If we want to have a future as a country, we need MASA (Make America Smart Again), not MAGA.

This is what America voted for. Good Luck with all of that. I know this freak show we've endured will be over in just over 4 yrs so I will patiently wait and hope the political powers can offer up 2 good candidates.

11-25-24

Trump should be the very first one under court-martial...

Trump negotiated the withdrawal,

Trump decided that the Taliban were a trust worthy partner to negotiate with against all advice,

Trump set the timelines for the withdrawal,

Trump ignored our allies in his negotiations,

Trump ignored his own Generals who advised against not including the Afghan Gov't more in his plan,

Trump released 5K of the most dangerous Taliban fighters including the Hamas leader in the Oct 7 Israel attack and more notably the Abbey Gate bomber.

Trump withdrew too many troops initially leaving the remaining equipment and troops vulnerable against the advice of several top advisors and Generals.

Trump decided to leave the equipment behind when his poorly staffed bases were coming under attack from the newly fortified Taliban.

Trump decided that when things got tougher than expected that he'd walk away.

Trump decided that he'd later use the botched Afghanistan withdrawal as a pawn to hurt Biden so he kicked his responsibility to him.

Trump decided that in his remaining time as Commander in Chief that he wouldn't renegotiate with the Taliban for a safer withdrawal.

Trump lost 65 Service Men and Women on his watch and directly played a role in the loss of the 13 on Biden's watch.

Trump still claims ZERO responsibility for anything with regards to the Afghanistan withdrawal. Republicans now blame Biden, Harris and any other Democrat that they can for their own failures.

Not buying any of this.

Once again the difference in how laws are implemented to the common people differ vastly from those who are rich and in powerful positions. Welcome to the United States of America, where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

11-26-24

Tariffs will only cause prices to rise. If people voted for Trump because they want lower prices, I don't see how that happens with so many tariffs in place. Still can't understand how so many middle and working class Americans believe that Trump and all his billionaire friends care anything about them.

Millions of people rage voted. All they knew was that prices had gone up 20 to 25% under the Biden administration, and they looked back to Trump's first term and they thought he would fix the economy. Well, he's sure going to fix it. I don't think most people will like the results though. Gayle--some people cannot do math and they Felicio orange apparatus. Then when they see no decrease in numbers, they will still blame Democrats. Can't fix ignorant.

11-28-24

Welcome to the oligarchy. In other countries when rich people have undue influence over government, we take it as evidence of corruption and call them 'oligarchs' like that is a bad word. Can we at least be honest and admit we are an oligarchy now?

Sadly, what you say is true. Elections do have consequences. Just ask Hungary and Venezuela along with countless other nations who were duped into voting for autocrats that promised to save the nation when they were merely executing a hostile takeover.

Be in denial, tRump, but we are complicit. Most fentanyl is crossing over due to Americans. Mexico does not have a fentanyl problem; we do, and we also supply the 2/3 of the illegal weapons seized in Mexico. tRump's threats are bluster. Until he listens to her and works with diplomacy not threats, tariffs will not do anything but cause trade wars in which no one wins and we all lose.

Remember when Republicans would complain about debt? Seems that word has disappeared from their vocabulary. So, when does the \$2 gas arrive and grocery prices drop 50% as Trump promised?

The economy is just fine now, since Trump won. Funny how winning changes one's perspective. I wonder how the GOP will spin the recession that they will cause.

11-29-24

The drug problem is fueled by the demand for drugs. If demand goes down, then supply goes down. Politicians choose to ignore the demand side of the drug problem.

Sounds like Republican legislators are willing to do *anything* except actually stop the flow of fentanyl, which is smuggled into the U.S. by American citizens at ports of entry. Paying more for

guacamole won't solve the problem but it will leave taxpayers with less money for other things (like electricity and health care).

So they now admit that tariffs will raise prices.

The country deserves what is coming. There are consequences to our collective actions...

Everything my mom and dad taught me about being a good American, obeying the law, daily pledge of allegiance, being a good person to family, friends and fellow citizens. Be respectful of others' opinions, remain open to compromise to settle arguments. Every single value has been violated in electing Donald Trump to the Presidency. It would be especially hard for them, as both were Republican.

Every president-elect enjoys a honeymoon. Trump's is no exception. And every president, at some point, blunders and disappoints. Trump's day is coming. I'm guessing it'll be either something to do with tariffs or deportation. Or some combination thereof. Just watch.

11-30-24

I didn't hear any plan to pay down the \$34 trillion dollar federal debt. About \$8 trillion were added during the last Trump administration due to his tax cuts for the wealthy and business. The last time we had a balanced budget was during the Clinton administration and his tax increases were not popular.

Trump is talking about more tax cuts, not because they are sound policy but because they are popular.

More tax cuts means an even higher federal debt. The higher the debt, the higher our interest payments on it which reduces the funds to pay for programs.

How high can the debt rise before it is not sustainable?

I obtained my "negative view" of Trump by enduring his first presidency, hearing the outlandish bragging during his criminal trials and his campaign speeches. The only role the media played was in being the delivery truck. On the flip side, I'm quite sure MAGA's got a filtered version of Trump from Fox, etc. I still have a working BS meter, so I couldn't listen to any Fox broadcasts.

These Trump appointments are getting quite scary. Most of them have zero experience in the field they will be running. I understand the need for some change, but how can you fix something if you have no idea how it works?

Yes, Trump won and yes America Lost! Our children, grandchildren and our country will suffer dearly for decades to come from Trump's incompetence and our giant mistake.

Past presidents appointed like-minded individuals, but did not appoint people that were unquestionably loyal to them. I don't remember Biden or Obama (nor Bush or Clinton) pressuring appointees to do their bidding and violate the US Constitution.

Get back to us in two years! If the tariffs come in, tax breaks for the wealthy again, and the cancelling payments into the SS system for some income, then I doubt you will say the same things!

We all understand Trump is going to do what he wants to do. Like it or not. But why is asking him to act the adult with some semblance of dignity while respecting our laws when representing our country obviously far too much to ask?

12-1-24

You're more optimistic now because the transfer of power wasn't a disaster like it was last time because America decided to vote in the crybaby who caused it. But all we are experiencing now is the calm before the storm when Trump takes over again.

Sadly we're in the misinformation era and the people feeding you it now run the country and self regulate. It's why people voted for a felon and his band of billionaires over actual policies. Let's just hope the a Fox News weekend host and wrestling executive are smarter than 4 star decorated generals and academia..

Our national debt is 36 trillion. In 2024, the government had a 1.8 trillion deficit, of which 892 billion was interest payment on the debt. Cutting taxes first will increase the national debt further. Tax cuts do not increase revenues. New taxpayers increase revenues, but new taxpayers are not created out of thin air as soon as tax cuts are enacted. Starting from Reagan, every time Republicans cut taxes, the national debt blew up. If Republicans are serious about the debt, which I doubt, they would tackle the debt first.

With over \$35 trillion in national debt, the last thing needed is more tax cuts. How many trillions less debt would there be without the Reagan, Bush and Trump tax cuts?

Republicans are not serious about the debt. There wealthy donors hold the debt thru gov bonds. How it works is, the wealthy hold on to their cash with tax cuts. But are more than willing to loan that cash to fund the government. And collect interest on it from the tax payers. Republicans pretend to hate debt.

"debt" is a word that has disappeared from the vocabulary of Trump and the GOP. Remember when Trump said he'd pay our nation's debt to zero in 8 years and then added \$7.8 trillion more? Tax cuts will spark additional inflation, as will tariffs. We will need to flip the House and Senate in 2 years, at a minimum.

What part of God's will is the repeated nominations of people accused of S A and other crimes? This election was a reflection of an incumbent with 38% approval rating and huge swath of the country living paycheck to paycheck facing high prices on food, housing and other basic needs. The fact that the WH has very little to do with inflation is a problem of a poorly educated public that doesn't understand basic economics. The disillusionment and resentment however were real. Let's see how Trump fixes that. Resentment doesn't solve inflation or lack of affordable housing.

Sorry, but I refuse to believe that any of the major religions' version of God would will that Donald Trump be the most powerful man the world. That would be the work of an entirely different entity.

Biblical principles seem a far cry from what has come out of this election.

For example, when Jesus discusses how to get into Paradise in Matthew 25:31-46, he demands that his followers take care of the needy and the outcast and those in prison...merely calling him "Lord" does not cut it. (Even demons believe and tremble....James 2:19)

In the Good Samaritan Parable, in Luke 10, the hero is of a totally different race and religion. He physically cares for his enemy and pays for his care. Jesus says in order to inherit eternal life, one must "Go and do likewise!"

Abortion was one of the centerpieces of the election, but in Israel, where the judges can read the scriptures in their original Hebrew, almost every request for an abortion is granted...why? Because the fetus is seen as a part of the woman's body and preserving HER well-being is paramount.

I will be interested to see "Biblical Principles" in action after January 20th, starting with the needs of the hurricane victims who are getting evicted for not being able to pay mortgages. This has to be one of the most laughable comments ever made. This so called "red sweep" by a hair of a margin is actually only 32% of eligible voters.

tRump got 32% of eligible voters.

Harris got 31% of eligible voters.

36% of eligible voters DIDN'T VOTE!

More people didn't bother to show up to vote for him than did. He actually is only representing less than one third of the voters of this country. Had the same number of voters turned out for Harris that turned out for Biden, it would have been a massive blue sweep.

The only thing this election is proof of is that a large number of people don't care about this country or their fellow Americans.

It's pathetic that she thinks God condones a man who epitomizes the seven deadly sins. A man who has SA'd multiple women, was found libel for R'ing of another and alleged to have R'd a 13 year old child. That God, in spite of what the Bible tells us, is rooting for the good of the wealthy over the good of the poor. She is a multi-millionaire so of course she is for the party that claims to be "christian" while acting nothing like Christians and who give tax breaks to the wealthy while cutting assistance to the poor, elderly, disabled and children and throwing the stranger in a cage. Boxes of rocks have more going for them than she does.

lol, weekly attendance in church is down significantly, at least 40 Catholic diocese have declared bankruptcy recently...it is fading away and as those on the right continue to live and vote opposite of what their little book actually teaches then it will continue to fade into oblivion. Ending religion would be the greatest accomplishment of mankind and would lead to a far more peaceful world.

12-2-24

There were more jobs than people to fill them and pay was at an all time high. So what will Trump do to make things better with the tariffs he's promising that will drive prices up, slow down spending, and increase layoffs decreasing job availability.

The only candidate who talked about helping the middle class was her. The other one will cut taxes for his fellow richie riches and deregulate like there's no tomorrow. Good luck when/after OSHA gets deleted too.

Well, when he doesn't deliver, don't ever say you weren't warned! Trump will say anything to get what he wants and then renege on everything unless it benefits him directly!

Trump has absolutely no programs to accomplish any of those goals. Kamala and the Dems have the policies but not the votes.

poor decisions by men in general. white men aren't going to college in the numbers they used to be, so they'll be dropping down the economic ladder collectively in the future. trump festers a stubborn pride in ignorance among his cult. they actually are proud of not knowing facts and truth but believing only baseless conspiracy. they just want whatever illusion of truth they can believe in.

Well, I heard that relief from higher prices and lower taxes are two of the things that young Latino men wish from Trump and the Republican congress. How naive! I still think that outside the MAGA core, people voted for Trump and Republicans out of ignorance, at best, and malevolence, at worst. As the old saying goes, what goes around comes around. I suppose that when "mass deportations" goes overboard, when they round up people due to skin color first, and ask questions later, maybe the reality of Republicans will begin to sink in. Secondly, hoping for lower taxes? Yes, Trump and Reupblicans want to extend his tax cuts for billionaires (to be paid for by cuts to Social Security and Medicare). When these young voters realize that they will never be billionaires, and thus, below Trump's radar, again, what goes around comes around. I'm still waiting for the wall, healthcare overhaul, lowered deficit, reduced debt, etc. I would mention infrastructure but Biden handled that.

He keeps running his mouth about all he is going to do and yet not a single idea of a concept for a plan or a policy. Going to be a busy first day if he does half of what he says he'll do. My guess is it'll be grifting as usual and then golf and then send someone who is under qualified to figure it all out so they can take the blame if it goes south while he'll take the credit if it all works out.

DJT in a nutshell. THIS is what the American majority wanted so now let's see what they got.

Some right wing pundit was literally talking shit about Ariana Grande in the new wicked movie saying it's woke to put her Hispanic ass when Ariana is Italian American.... I can't with these people no more

Most dads including this one would do what Joe Biden did. Blood is thicker than water. He was willing to tarnish his honor and reputation to save his child (who he believed was being shafted). Too bad, but it's not like he appointed him Ambassador to France.

Sportsmanship in America disappeared lol, just look at our leaders in politics... you expect 19-21 year old millionaires who haven't done anything in life except play a sport to grasp being a proper human being? These young adults might have had some "rough" lives; but most of them do not. Most of them talk about how hard their life was, but growing up in a gym and a school that makes you focus on sports is not a hard life...

I do not blame Joe Biden at all considering Trump and company have promised to go after his family. They would have settled the case except republicans pushed hard for the max penalties and to charge him although most do not get charged for gun possession in such a case. Hunter's case was selective charging and political harassment. This is a tool that they use to harass.

Trump's crime, trying to manipulate an election to put himself into the presidency, though it failed, was ridiculously bad. He should have never gotten away with it because now others will do it also.

"The book contains drinking, drugs, sexual assault, prostitution, crime, racism, murder..." This is the incoming cabinet for Trump.

12-3-24

One was a political group investigating a person until they found a crime. The other was investigating crimes and finding the same person.

Hunter was hounded by the GOP politicians because his last name was Biden. Hunter had repaid all those taxes and interest and penalties and was indicted AFTER they were all paid. And NO one in the USA EVER gets indicted for lying on a gun-purchase form, particularly when the question involved was held to be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. trump invented his own schemes, did his own acts, and turned out to be his own crook. Deliberately stealing classified documents and hiding them in your own bathroom and bedroom is not the sign of intelligence or good morals or ethics.

Did Senator Munchkin say "pardon trump"?? There is ZERO comparison to trump and Hunter. Hunter was attacked on a very minor charge that rarely gets prosecuted. Trump is GUILTY of 34 felonies with another 120 felonies awaiting him that he will "fix" once back in office. High treason and violent insurrection is UN-forgivable!

So we're finally saying out loud that courts are political... because they absolutely are.

Judges are an extension of politics. Politicians appoint lawyers who share their politics to judgeships. Republicans have basically pioneered this since the Reagan era in their effort to overturn Roe, appointing judges that will decide cases in a way that aligns with Republican politics. Then, they get mad when Dems start doing the same thing.

“It’s a brazen admission. And the incoming administration would be wise to explore all available recusal options with these judges, because it’s clear now that they have a political finger on the scale,”

It kind of reminds me of Trump and his THREE Supreme picks. Remember, the three that said that Roe was "settled" law and then changed their minds when they received their "LIFE" appointments.

America has changed for the worse

Buckle up, the Trump inspired Karens are ready to re-emerge in America

First, let me say that I am a Republican. That said I will put aside politics and talk about humanity and being human. Look at Biden as a human being first. He is a fellow human being that has had to deal with more loss than most of us will ever encounter. More than most can imagine. I have personally lost two of my 3 children and so can relate to his human side and to his loss. He cannot cope with more loss and does not deserve to do so. I feel deeply his conflict and what he had to do, right or wrong. We all live our lives along an emotional continuum between the extremes of joy and despair. He has experienced enough despair. He can now live out what is left of his life in peace and we should all forgive him for being human.

If republicans truly cared about accountability for breaking the law (i.e. outrage surrounding Hunter Biden's pardon), they wouldn't have made a felon president.

I don't see why everyone is screaming. Every word out of Trump's mouth is a lie and the majority of the people elected him again. So now all of a sudden the truth matters or is it just when it's someone you don't like? Trump also committed far worse crimes than Hunter ever did and that didn't matter either. The people pardoned Trump so why shouldn't Biden pardon his son? If it were me and I saw that the people didn't care about crime and justice anymore, I would have done the same thing regardless of what I said in the past. What was said before was under the assumption the people actually cared.

12-5-24

Off the top of my head, I can think of several instances where Republicans in Congress ask a question and then talk over the person as they try to answer. Jim Jordan, John Kennedy, Ted Cruz, Josh Hawley, Clay Higgins. They all do it repeatedly. I am glad to see someone who is invited to congress actually stand up and push back. These members of congress are more interested in soundbites and getting invited to Fox News or a podcast, than they are in actually accomplishing anything. Does Fallon really believe that Rowe's being there jeopardized anyone? If anything, there was more security there. A member of the secret service died on 9/11. I would expect the head of the secret service to be there to honor them.

12-6-24

He who has the gold makes the rules. It’s always been this way, and it always will be. All the happy talk about principles and democracy is just an illusion.

I don't know what "woke" means to others, but to me it means progressive, looking toward the future. How can a university not be "woke." Are they supposed to teach how to be regressive? Americas first Dictator and his Cabal are moving fast to destroy America and its democracy. The Constitution and Bill of Rights are now relegated to a museum as relics of Americas past greatness, the law is now what Trump says it is. This is what his “Poorly Educated” voted for.

Thanks Supreme Court - for skewing democracy toward huge corporations and wealthy individuals who can now afford to buy election results they want. Does anyone think Musk doesn't expect a big return on his hundreds of millions?

He purchased the WH for that price.

Just like the other billionaires who own the corrupt Supreme Court justices.

The gullible cheer for the 1% to take over and take advantage of the 99%.

Can't fix maga.

12-8-24

Not mentioned above is that Russia's demands in exchange for a ceasefire have always included giving Russia large sections of the country, and Ukraine abandoning its plans to join NATO, which is just capitulation.

Let's remember, Putin started this war by invading the sovereign territory of another country. A sovereign country can join any alliance it wants but it CANNOT invade the sovereign territory of another country.

“They invaded the very nerve center of our republic during the performance of one of its most important functions: certifying the results of the presidential election. Even nonviolent defendants merit punishment.”

This point needs to be underlined in bold. Imagine an embezzler arguing that he should not serve time because his crime was nonviolent.

I remember my mom asking me when I was a kid "if you're friends all jumped off a bridge, would you?". Even if the insurrection was some kind of plot by the FBI, which I don't believe it was, those people still made a decision to go into the capitol and riot inside a building they should not have been in. The fact that the law and order party is now considering pardoning those involved just shows what they truly stand for. ^[1]Invaded his home? He had illegally obtained documents her refused to turn over. They had a legal warrant and executed it. How anyone things that Trump is a honest and good fit to be president is beyond me.

Very apparent that tRump has no regard for the actual laws of our country.

The current GOP has become an excuse and denial machine. They seemed to go 'all in' when the Orange imbecile came into office. Now any kind of debauchery, lying, name calling etc. can be brushed aside with the old "everybody does it" defense.

Mullin offers the most ignorant defense of Hegseth that any principled person could ever expect! It's like saying "so what" lots of DJT's nominees have boozing issues as well as "zipper problems" without regard to their lack of qualifications! That is just normal for us Republicans in the DC level governance business! Just get over it!

12-9-24

So much for the traditional call for national unity and the end of hate and anger by the winning candidate. Guess that was back when presidential candidates actually had morals and professional ethics.

Even as an Independent, I have more respect for Adam Kinzinger and Liz Cheney than anyone in politics. They have more dignity, integrity, honor, and principle among themselves than the entire Republican party. For the sake of our country, I hope they stay in the spotlight and exemplify the "best" of what our government should aspire toward.

It really shouldn't matter what political affiliation you are. The evidence of Trump's crimes is overwhelming, yet a good portion of the population is convinced he did nothing wrong or doesn't care. It's really surreal. The only explanation is the constant media disinformation.

"When fascism comes to America it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross."

And thus it came to pass...

He has Trump's number for sure. But over 50% of voters were either too selfish to care about Trump's moral and intellectual failures. Sad, but the government they elect is the government they deserve, as Thomas Jefferson said over 200 years ago.

Actually, Trump won with 49.94% of the vote to Harris's 48.4%. So there is some comfort in knowing more than half of Americans have never voted for him.

Like it or not, the attempt to keep the appointment of a duly elected president on January 6th deserved to be investigated. Clearly, there was a lot going on and significant coordination for what we all saw to take place. Those that defiled our Capitol Building deserved to be punished and the committee did its job. What is laughable is that Republican senators did not want to cross Trump and do the right thing to investigate and hold people accountable. January 6th will go down as one of the darkest days in our nation's history.

She should have responded, "Yes, and you have such potential as a president, but we know from past experience you'll never achieve it."

It's embarrassing when "our" president uses his notoriety to sell products for profit like a late night commercial.

He doesn't care about anyone or anything other than himself.

This country is a JOKE in the World's eyes.

Nothing but a circus to get attention.

Look at the cabinet positions he's given away to unqualified people.

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Give me a break. Thank you for your service, but my son was also a Veteran of the Iraq war, sent over during the first wave to Mosul. He is 80 percent disabled from being blown off a roof and blown out of his Stryker. He saved lives while he was there, he was a Sapper. He has the bronze star, the purple heart and the Army commendation with V device. I love my son; I also know my son has no business running the DOD. Pete Hegseth is a sexual predator, a cheater, a liar and ran 2 small veteran's groups into the ground. He's also an alcoholic, deny it all you want, he is. Pete isn't qualified to run a lemonade stand.

Let them cut Social Security and Medicare from people who voted for Trump.

12-11-24

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Well I have no doubt that people like those Donald Trump picked to fill his cabinet with, People who have a net worth totaling over 300 billion dollars will do very well during the next Trump term.

On the other hand people who are at the mercy of the planet's richest person, The one trump put in charge of slashing trillions from the federal governments budget, might not fare as well as donald trump has convinced them they will be faring over the next trump term

Felon Trump has yet to explain to Americans how his proposed policy changes will bring down everyday costs across the board. He has yet to explain how his tariff policy will help Americans. Trump has not explained how his proposed mass exodus-deportation of every birth rite, illegal and legal immigrants is rational and will solve immigration problems. He has no problem clogging the system even more with irrational policy changes, at a heavy cost to taxpayers. His proposed plans to 'save' money and stop illegal immigrants has zero merit and will cost the U.S. billions of dollars and hardship for most Americans - other than the wealthy elite. Trump rules with threats, going so far as to threaten senators if they do not approve his picks for his cabinet and administration - that "they can either get on the Trump train or tie themselves to the tracks." Hopefully there are still more senators who honor their oath of office, and will make sure 'checks and balances' remain over Trump's unhinged, illogical, irrational and dangerous decisions. Trump has no respect for democracy and freedom and wants to eliminate many rights in the Constitution, including freedom of speech.

I would love to be totally and completely wrong about DJT. As an American, I want only the best for this country. I would get on my knees and beg for forgiveness if wrong. Please give me a reason to willingly take a knee.

I'm with you. I hope Trump is as good for us as his supporters think. I'm afraid he won't be. The only thing I don't know is how bad he'll be.

"Retribution will be through success." I'd say we already have a successful country. Just stop the cronyism and enlist serious, experienced, non-partisan people with "clean" histories to run things and we'll keep the success coming.

He can mean it all he wants or think he means it but every action he is taking in his first 100 days will have a detrimental effect on our country. Let's start with deporting immigrants. Millions of these people work here and our productive members of society. Removing them will lead to job shortages and replacing those positions with higher paying individuals that will drive up costs. That includes the cost of services as well as groceries. It's going to be chaos.

He doesn't. Maga is currently celebrating Elon illegally stopping the sale of Infowars, and claiming Sandy Hook was a hoax. Then they're in the JayZ thread, being as racist as possible. Meanwhile, grocery prices are climbing again because of tariff price gouging, housing crisis will never be touched, and tax cuts for the rich mean more possible CEOs facing vigilante justice. China is currently conducting a drone invasion in NJ, and on the East Coast. Gonna be wild watching the empire fall

MAGA: 8% increase in eggs? Now I can't feed my family!!

ALSO MAGA: a 25-50% blanket increase is prices of everything across the board? What family?? I love trump!

Who's success, specifically, is he talking about? His stated economic policies appear to be laser focused on making the folks in this country who are already billionaires much, much more wealthy, while squeezing the middle class further. These promises to slap tariffs on imports from outside of the US will serve to reduce choice for consumers and reduce competition for US companies. It will raise prices. Even domestically produced products will increase in price, simply because there will be more demand for them (foreign made products will be too expensive). Domestic companies will raise prices, consumers will have no choice but to pay those prices if they want/need those products, and the already-super-wealthy with rake in huge

profits. Consumers (liberal, conservative, moderate, a-political) will be squeezed much further than they have been already. It seems like the "success" that he's talking about is supposed to be for his rich buddies, while the "retribution" that comes as a result will be directed at the rest of us regular people, regardless of your socio-political leanings.

Biden built the strongest economy in the world, lowest unemployment in 50 years, most small business start-ups in history, most jobs created in history, the only President in history to have increased job growth every month during his term and has been the most productive President in history.

You don't hear about his accomplishments because the evil ultra rich he's the own the bulk of the media.

He's the epitome of a hard working American that put the working class first. His only fault is that he does not have "that camera entertainment" value.

Let's see if the bankruptcy king can do better. LOL !!

We shall see. Wish him the best of luck with that, but nothing about his rhetoric, policy proposals, or past performance gives me much optimism.

The good news for me is I'm a white dude with assets, so will make our just fine either way, but there are a lot of people in the cross hairs that may not do as well.

Let's agree that anyone who adds \$7 trillion to the national debt should never be allowed to be president!

Just wait till they dismantle entitlements,..... you'll see a mess like you've never seen

I would think anyone convicted of a crime not be allowed to be president...but hey, Trumpicans thought it was a grand idea, even with both of those reasons being quite obvious.

If this makes the Republican oligarchs nervous then that is a good thing. The class war is just beginning and as the Turnip removes the guardrails that protect us, more of this will happen. It is inevitable with the Turnip in office.

"Ambassadors are expected to have a significant understanding of the country they are assigned to, including its culture, politics, economy, and current events, as their role is to effectively represent their home country by navigating diplomatic relations within that specific nation; this knowledge is crucial for successful negotiations and building relationships with the host country's leaders."

I would love to know what qualifies Guilfoyle to take on that role, but I can find NOTHING, not even on her wikipedia page, that mentions her & Greece in the same sentence.

None of them that Trump is appointing is qualified for the positions he is appointing them for.

Is it just me or does it seem odd that important positions to the worlds arguably most powerful nation and largest economy has a President who seems to be passing out jobs like party favors?

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Nothing in his "manifesto" comes close to far left, or right. Its an abomination or our healthcare system in whole, and an indictment on how the insurance industry is being run. From someone in chronic pain and clearly disturbed, it does fixate on our next national narrative. Trust me. It will no longer focus on immigration nor inflation.

When the government turns a blind eye to predatory and down rite evil practices that the insurance industry employes, eventually people will snap. They want your money but never want

to pay a fair claim. They bully people in hopes they will just give up. I don't see any outrage from MTG for that. Maybe other people will start to get the Idea to affect change in the same way. Don't condone his actions but just saying.

I don't know if I would call it political. It seems to be more of a "Robin Hood" mentality. Poor people or the far left are upset at the wealth disparities in the country. This Mangione incident goes down as a vendetta against United Health Care. With the Big D and his BBC (Billionaire Boys club) we should soon see the end to Obamacare. This will drive affordable healthcare into the "86 it" category. Good luck to the meek in the new age. Novus Ordo Seclorum. One of the wonderful imprints on our Seal of the United States.

Right wing comment boards have just as many "my sympathy has not been approved" jokes as the left AND apolitical. The weird part of this story is that this Luigi kid has united more people across political spectrums than any recent politician.

Best part about the coming chaos and dysfunction is that it will all be on Republicans. Controlling all three branches and these various departments means they will have to actually do something productive that actually improves the lives of the ordinary people or they will be the ones to blame. They hold all the strings now. No more conspiracies or dark government excuses, no more claims of rigging or leftist agendas.... They can't pass the blame off on Democrats now. Its all on them.

Fox "news" will do it's best , and you're right! But people aren't too smart. many will definitely blame the dems for things that goes wrong.

Didn't you get the memo?? It will all be Obama's fault.

stop lying. He didn't win in a landslide. And I can't wait for it to become evident that everything he promised was a lie. The next 4 years are going to be ROUGH, and it will be glorious will all the rubes that voted for Mango Mussolini realize how incompetent of a "leader" he is!

Dump won as a DEI hire - totally on the basis of his race and gender, and having absolutely nothings to do with intelligence, competence, or leadership.

If MAGA truly wanted to make america great again, they would copy the tax and domestic spending policies of the 50s and 60s. Instead, the Great in MAGA seems to be referring to the Great Depression.

The voters did this. The rest of us will pay for it, along with them. A lot of reaping of what they've sown on the way

12-12-24

After 25 years serving as a military officer I can tell you: I do not care today nor have I ever cared who someone wants to sleep with! It becomes a problem when politicians force divisive language and policy into military ranks and when people dont follow the cardinal rule we all learned early in life. Respect each other, dont talk about sex, money or politics (i know that would bankrupt ever news agency). Its that simple!

Hey! If most Americans approve of him and his policies, who am I to say differently? I hope they are right and the country improves both economically and socially. Personally, I am not confident, but I will wait and see, hope I was wrong!

Every president has a honeymoon period. Most voted for him so they are going to be optimistic for now. Checkup back in a year. I'd love to be positive too, but just looking at how he is choosing his cabinet and advisers, etc. I can't be optimistic at all.

Trump did not receive a majority of the votes cast: trump only got 49.7% of the vote which is less than a majority. It also means that more than 50% of the voters voted for someone other than trump, which is the majority.

Perhaps the most truthful thing on earth is this quote:

“It is in the position of the Right to never, ever, be in the critique they are making... They’re never included in the problems they are trying to solve.”

A little over half of the population in the USA is blind, ignorant and incompetent to elect their political figures. Trump has selected people who will obey him no matter what. Like all dictators, he wants "yes" people around him who will do his bidding without asking questions. I know we have fun with all the comments and digs back and forth but we are in big trouble and America can't see it or just doesn't care.

During WW2 America pulled together like no other time in history that's why we were the greatest generation.

Today we reelect the biggest con artist, liar who organized an attack on our own country and some enjoy the entertainment of him degrading and insulting others but never to anyone's face. It won't take long before you regret your vote and when prices go up instead of down what will you think then.

Good luck lemmings. This situation is destined for failure. It is utterly ridiculous. It resembles children engaging in imaginative play, assigning arbitrary and unsuitable roles to individuals. I struggle to find a fitting comparison, but it starkly contrasts their stated beliefs and ethical standards. Not a single individual in any position under Trump aligns with the responsibilities of their role.

How fitting that a woman who has shouted a lie from the rooftops for four years will be the Voice of America. I do admire President-elect Trump's sense of irony. He has that perfect "put a fox in charge of the hen house" style of leadership.

The Trump cabinet requirements:

- Qualifications.....irrelevant
- Loyalist / Enablerrelevant“Elon Musk spent more than \$250 million to help elect Donald Trump.” It’s official, the office of the President has been purchased by a man-child even more immature and delusional than the person for whom he purchased the office. I wonder if DonOLD has figured out that he’s now owned by another person (an immigrant—no less) whose bidding he must do. The GQP must be okay with their leader being owned—literally....

Sickening that Trump, in his ignorance, cruelty, sexism, racism, traitorous being should have seized such power. His greed and narcissism know no bounds, He has made the virtues of character, decency, and integrity meaningless. A tragedy for our country.

Apotheosis (meaning deity-fied, or worshipped like a god) is sadly a fitting description of this person. We are living in evil times.

wokeness=critical thinking and kindness

Republicans refuse to learn from the past. Deregulation leads to corruption and abuse. Moral aptitude would not exist if someone doesn't set some basic guidelines. I know it is hard to tell with Republicans because the "Patriotism" is all an act. Politicians often exaggerate their qualifications to hold office but rarely down right lie. This changed in 2015 and now it’s hard to divide truth from lies. tRUMP is to blame making the republican party having no morales or ethics,

To be fair, anyone would be screwed now, but Trump more than others. Despite the smoke show, Trump's policies would spike the deficit and debt.

Trump is a breaker, not a builder. He displays a talent for screwing-up every situation handed to him. His toadies may tolerate him telling them when they can take bathroom breaks, but they'll never tell him what they're *really* doing: either "nothing" or something other than what he wants. I expect the Trump administration will disintegrate into a series of rivalries and guys fighting over authority.

Interesting that there is not a single comment from a Trump/MAGA supporter in the comment threads. It's tough but not impossible to come up with a response along the lines of, "if Biden hadn't caused all this inflation, Trump wouldn't have to deal with inflation." Or, "Trump has already brought prices down. We are all paying less since Trump was elected for gas, groceries, etc. And everyone's wages have increased, so we are all better off already since Trump was elected." Or some other offbeat comments about how Democrats are all Marxists, etc.

Every time he, or Kamala, promised to bring grocery prices down, I always wondered, how they intended to do that. The president doesn't set grocery prices. I suppose if they get the economy in good shape & end inflation, grocery prices could stabilize, but they likely won't come down much. False promises by both candidates.

Maga conservatives can and will justify ANYTHING Trump says or does.

Dictators Day in the DC. Going to be a semi annual event. Especially the yuge May Day Parade. Putin will be given the key to the city and more top secrets for attending.

12-13-24

What I learned in 2024 is anyone can avoid prison and avoid all accountability if they run for President of the United States.

January 6 will always be unreal to me. I was so nervous watching it and wondered why Trump didn't try to stop it. As an 82-year-old woman I don't understand how anyone could trust him now.

Gaslighting & lying is the new normal to create chaos so they can do damage wherever they want.

Make polio "great" again. This is nuts.

Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin were all Persons of the Year

Prices MIGHT come down when the economy collapses. WITH TRUMP'S AGENDA THAT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. PROBLEM IS YOU MAY NOT HAVE A JOB.

It really sucks that we ALL have to pay for the stupidity of our fellow countrymen

I refuse to be friendly, or to engage with Trump voters/supporters.

I've just got a feeling ole twump is going to pull a Herbert Hoover and turn 2025 into another 1929. He's even more stupid than Hoover was. With his stupid tariffs that he has no concept about how they work and his appointments of ass kissers who will say nothing as he demolishes our economy I think it will be less than a year for the bread lines to form. Also the calls for his demise will come faster and louder than in 1929. Right now we have the strongest economy in the world and that's a fact. Enjoy Christmas because I don't think it happens next year. All you maga morons wanted him and now you're going to pay the price for stupidity.

This guy's thoroughly unfit for the FBI Director position, which makes him perfectly qualified in the eyes of Donald Trump, who is attempting to set up the teardown of all government agencies that might block him from looting anything in his path within the US. Trump's goals are personal benefit and personal vengeance. Those are not the principals our Constitution was written on. The perfect storm is that we have weak lawmakers who would not put a stop to this teardown and would jump on the wagon of this vengeance and profit instead, selling out the American

citizen. Disgusting is not even an approach to describe how bad this is, and how disappointing to the United States and its collective conscience. This is not America.

Those who voted for Trump based upon his representations are slowly realizing they've been had. He lied to them and now does not care about them. He said I can't bring down the cost of groceries because I just can't. I watched him in an interview last year and he said that he only cared about MAGA until the Election, and after that he did not care about them. He is true to form. The majority of Republicans now believe that he cannot take care of this Country.

Frightening when we look at the coming conflict with Communist China. I mean, how can a coward and draft dodger guide us through what could easily be the biggest conflict we've ever faced.

Patel can't be trusted with the truth. A lot of people say that MAGA will rename itself as "A New United States" (ANUS). Trumpy and his cabinet's policies will produce very painful results for the ANUS members' movements. Patel should consider the pain this will cause before pushing too hard to pass these ideas. Just saying...

These are the criticisms the democrats should have made against trump in the election. Most of his "agenda" is a half-baked series of proposals that are too expensive, too damaging to our country's image, and won't accomplish anything but push the deficits and the prices of everything through the roof. The republicans couldn't even figure out a speaker of the house for most of their "leadership" of the house. They will never pass complicated and non-sensical Trumpy proposals that most republicans don't support and a man they privately despise. Trump would have a hard time as a lame duck ramrodding his agenda through congress even if it was coherent. Going too many directions with no real consensus. He will do what he did last time. Much more harm than good.

If Trump's tariffs, deportation, and military buildup plans are too extreme or radical for Rand Paul, the early days of the new Trump administration are going to be interesting.

12-15-24

Trump tells Time he's not sure he can get the price of groceries down:

"It's hard to bring things down once they're up. You know, it's very hard."

The whole rationale behind trump was "yea he's a criminal, yea he's corrupt, yea he's racist, yea he's a fascist, yea he incited an insurrection, yea he cozies up to dictators BUT AT LEAST!! BUT AT LEAST we had cheap groceries. Now he admits that he can't even do that.

Food prices in the United States used to be fairly inexpensive. Especially agricultural products. During Trump's first term. He placed tariffs on products from China. In response. China started buying their agricultural products from Argentina. That put an enormous strain on the farms. More family farms went under at that time than any other time with the exception of the dust storms. Trump gave 28 billion dollars in the form of subsidies to the farms. Unfortunately, the family farms wound up selling to Corporate farms that require a higher percentage of profit. Most of the 28 billion went to the corporate farms.

Yes, politicians always play on the "family farmer" when trying to get votes. But 75% of all agricultural products in the US are produced by corporate farms

Presidents have very very little effect on food prices. It sounds good that they can lower them but they never have throughout our history. When prices rise they nearly in all cases stay at there higher price. 48 years in the Grocery business I never lowered or raised prices based on the whims of a President. Many factors in retail prices being set are involved but not by a President.

“Grocery prices have skyrocketed; how can a family afford that? So, when I win, I will immediately bring prices down,”

So much for that promise (and not the last).

I can't believe so many voters actually thought Trump could wave his magic wand and lower prices.

so, this is like the first time he was elected: big, beautiful wall and Mexico will pay for it? or cancel Obamacare and replace it with a big, beautiful new plan? (just for starters)

As is true with other subjects (history, science, Constitution, law) not many Americans have even a basic grasp of economics. Nor do most pay any attention at all to the actual news. Anyone paying any attention knew that egg prices went up because of avian flu. Cars because of the shortage of chips. Supply chain issues that caused shortages of some products. Rising wages. All of these played a part in rising prices. Unless Trump could, on Day 1, cure avian flu, start ships and trucks and rail cars rolling faster, and push wages down, he cannot bring down inflation the way he said he would. Inflation in the US was, I believe, lower than in any other Western country and our economy recovered from COVID faster than any other, thanks to the work of the Biden administration.

Yep my \$3.99 jumbo eggs are \$5.09 right now. It still shocks me that he was voted back into office. The only good thing is all the maga people are going to suffer with the rest of us.

Well, I broke out laughing, of course. Over & over we said presidents do NOT control market prices. Other factors do. The pandemic & resulting supply chain problems caused worldwide inflation, much of it WAY worse than in the U.S. Add to that corporate greed, increase in wages, not enough housing..... & Trump's tax cuts to the wealthy, also good old supply-&-demand, & sprinkle in misinformation, and you have your "reasons" for high prices. Yet many people just weren't listening to the facts. People want simplistic answers, they just want someone to blame. Sad!

Of course it is hard to bring grocery prices down. But his answer when asked about that was "drill baby drill." He argued that groceries were expensive because the cost of fuel to harvest, process, and ship food, and to provide lighting and HVAC at grocery stores, was too high. So his plan was to lower the price of fuel by drilling for oil. And people actually bought that dumb argument. We are producing plenty of gas and oil, more than we ever have before. Drilling more wells is not going to lower fuel costs and you have to be awfully thick headed to think that it will.

And if the cost of fuel does come down, oil companies will stop producing to get the prices back up. OPEC has been doing this for years. Oil produced here is sold on the world marketplace, not just to Americans.

Oil producers will not drill more because Trump says so. Over production lowers their profits. We are already producing more than other countries. They have had leases open to them for years.

The most frightening part of all this is the intelligence-deprived voters who fell for Trump's bombast and lies a second (or third) time. They are out there among us.

Anyone who thinks one person can bring down the price of food is not very smart and not paying attention. Prices are high simply because of greed. I remember years ago, milk producers dumped their milk so that they could keep the prices high, rather than lowering the prices. You want to lower prices.....stop buying the products. Business would rather lower prices than to not sell their products. Everyone complains about the price of food, but as I walk through the grocery store 70% of the consumers that I see look like they're not missing any meals.

All of us with critical thinking skills knew that NO president controls the price of goods. We are a capitalist society. We charge what you are willing to pay. Single issue voters got duped yet again. Now they still won't admit they were lied to about a LOT of things.

I hate to tell you this, but grocery prices and inflation and immigration weren't Trump's real agenda and aren't going to improve. He only lied to the masses to get elected.

His real agenda is avoiding prison, PROJECT 2025, total control, retribution and vengeance, and ever more wealth and power for the wealthiest.

Even if he does follow through on immigration, the changes he's talking about will make prices and inflation WORSE, not better, because deportation would not only be expensive for the government to do, it would cause a labor shortage.

That is what you really voted for.

"Grocery prices have skyrocketed; how can a family afford that". So when I win I'll enact tariffs and policy that will drive prices for consumers even higher, thank you bigly for believing my false statements just as you did when you elected me previously. "I love the uneducated ". Oh, by the way, no one is eating pets in Springfield anymore, not that they were before, but thank you for buying into more of my propaganda.

Imagine waking up in the morning, chipper as can be, and logging on to either Twitter (I refuse to call it "X") or Lies Social, saying to yourself, "Boy, I can't wait to have my Cheeto Jesus lie to me today!"

If you're a Trumper, you don't have to imagine!

Taxpayers voted for huge tax cuts for billionaires and corporations

Shoppers voted for higher grocery prices

Seniors voted to gut Social Security

Consumers voted for higher prices via tariffs

Veterans voted for a wanna-be dictator, who called them suckers and losers

Fed employ. voted for 75% of the fed employ. to be fired

Immigrants voted for deportation raids

At least five well-known fed agencies voted with the promise to be abolished

Men voted for their wives and daughters to die from miscarriages

Women voted to have fewer rights than men

Police voted for a convicted felon

People with ACA voted to cut the ACA

They will blame the Democrats. They always do. They are consistently handed a good economy.

They lower taxes for the rich and cause recessions. Every Single Time.

Couldn't the same thing have been said about Hitler?

Was Hitler really that smart?

Perhaps those of us (such as myself) who are dumbfounded by Trump's success DO look like idiots to ordinary people. But perhaps our real idiocy is not for the reasons they think we are idiots. Our real idiocy is in not trying to understand, grasp, appreciate the difference between OUR perception of Trump and THEIR perception of Trump.

Our real idiocy is in trying to get them to see Trump the way we see him, rather than speaking to them where they're at, in terms that make them feel understood and respected and that address their primary concerns.

Here is my problem (and, thank God, I'm not a politician): I just can't understand and respect someone who fails to see how utterly depraved, vile, unprincipled, and morally disgusting Donald Trump is. I lack the imaginative and empathic capacity to set aside my own moral

disgust and try to see things through their eyes. I'm not even sure I want to acquire that capacity. I'm more interested in moral philosophy than in abnormal psychology.

Voters told pollsters they cast their ballots for Trump in response to two primary problems — inflation and immigration. How he responds to those issues. "Nobody knew how difficult this would be." He has already backpedaled about ending inflation. Even before he takes office. He got their vote now to hell with them. Trump will never admit he is wrong, Promises, he had no intention of making, it was to get the uneducated behind for their vote. Now that he is in too hell with them. Suckers and Losers. He isn't even in office and now the maga teers kicked to the curb. The maga teers too dumb to know better

He's cunning, a master manipulator and he has power-hungry enablers.

The Republicans are lying so openly. The crime rate is down, immigrants are actually less likely to commit crimes, and asylum seekers aren't "illegals". Finally, the move to green technology is to increase the efficiency and to be competitive in the world markets for that technology and production. What the Republicans fail to address is the fact that climate change is producing stronger and more frequent storms causing greater damage and increasing insurance rates for Americans. Investing in fossil fuels is like investment in buggy whips in the beginning of the 20th century. Fossil fuels will continue to get increasingly more expensive and dangerous to the environment. Green technologies are becoming more efficient, cheaper, and creating greater opportunities and markets.

The Republicans who think the FBI or Black lives matter had something to do with the insurrection did not listen to the January 6th committee hearings. Scores of witnesses, all of whom were Republicans by the way. But Republicans loyal to the constitution and rule of law. People believing what Trump says are products of our public education system. It's been around for generations and they have achieved an average reading score of a 8th grade level. 20% cannot read enough to hold down a job. America has to recruit other countries for tech support workers. Companies in America use other countries for engineering jobs as well. It doesn't surprise me that the leaders of this country are all clowns and completely unqualified If we educate the work force they will make better choices for elected officials. In the meantime we have Trump.

In the interview, Trump was directly asked: "If the prices of groceries don't come down, will your presidency be a failure?" To which he responds, "I don't think so. Look, they got them up. I'd like to bring them down," Trump responded. "It's hard to bring things down once they're up. You know, it's very hard."

All the ignorant people before election , constantly yelling they are voting trump because they cant put food on table or gas in their pickup trucks. And like magic trump is gonna solve everything . You cant reason with fools, and now the fools will suffer.

12-16-24

Get ready for the next economic collapse. Every economic crisis in the past 100 years (the Great Depression, the Reagan S&L Crisis, and the Bush Economic Collapse) happened when conservative Republicans were in charge. The Wall Street money manipulators are already gearing up to tank the economy with rampant speculation and excessive risk taking while the anti-regulation conservatives sit back and let it happen. AGAIN.

I know. Thinking about selling most of my stock to have a cash reserve on hand. I sure don't want to see my stock become worthless thanks to Trump's ignorance. The stock market is booming now but even Warren Buffet said this won't last.

12-17-24

Trump has spent much of his nine years in the political arena trying to poison people not only against the FBI, but a free press as well. Those two just happen to be among our country's most enduring foundations.

The FBI fall from grace is due to the relentless attacks from the Trumpers and the GOP's failure to back the agency up when Trump was committing criminal acts. The attacks were covered in excruciating detail by Fox and the rest of the right-wing echo machine and proved most valuable to Trump. When the GOP adopted a "He Who Can Do No Wrong" attitude toward Trump, the FBI came to be seen as partisan--even after Trump picked the current Director, and the previous Director, James Comey, launched a probe into Hillary Clinton on the eve of the 2020 election (which she then narrowly lost). Now, instead of having a FBI director who bridges Presidential Terms, Trump wants to install a highly partisan attack dog who will be his personal Chief of Police. Who will enforce the law the way Trump wants it enforced. On the people he wants. Let us pray, children.

The FBI and the Justice Department were NOT WEAPONIZED against Trump. Donald Trump broke the law and the LEGAL SYSTEM was trying to hold him ACCOUNTABLE as it would ANY CITIZEN. The trouble is that Trump and his cronies bought Supreme Court Justices. Can you imagine if it has been Joe average citizen who committed the crimes Trump did? Justice would have been served swiftly. How short sighted people in this country are.

Think the old GOP has turned from a responsible political party to a revenge driven political force. Forget positive solutions for US, punishing perceived and real enemies are their only motivation. We're doomed.

We have lost our minds here in Trump's world. Look at the footage of Jan 6th...These people (Protestors?) were guilty as guilty can get and watch what Trump says in his little speech. He is guilty as well and only his stacked Supreme Court has gotten him off the hook.

Reality is quite a bit different from MAGA-ism. Suddenly grocery inflation is difficult, and wars are, in truth, also difficult to stop.

Most of the Red States are heavily dependent on the farming industry, and the farming industry's jobs are low wages jobs with no benefits, so who will do these jobs when they have deported the immigrants who have been working in the farming industry? Is it a way to force the farmers to implement the AI technology in the farming industry for the benefit of the tech billionaires who heavily depend on AI technology to increase their profits and create more wealth for themselves? Are these politicians even care about the grocery prices that have been skyrocketing? When will the working class voters finally understand that the politicians don't work for them but for the billionaires?

Trump engaged in so much verbal flim-flam that he was elected on a wave of unfocused anger. Now trump needs to quell that anger to retain political capitol, but, one, it's tough to put a damper on 'unfocused', and two, trump's hubris may not allow him to understand the value of political capitol and try to just bully his way through four years. Which, ironically, is what authoritarians do. Welcome to the dementia Don show.

Trump only won the popular vote by about 1.5%, and this is NOT a mandate by the American people. Soon both Trump and his supporters will figure out he can't do the things he promised, such as deporting millions of people and bringing down inflation. This is total overreach on Trump's part. So, congratulations to all those conned by him.

It was trump who caused so much despair in America.

Trump is following the Nazi playbook almost word for word.

1. Silence all Opposition
 2. Silence the Free Press
 3. Neuter Law Enforcement
 4. Suspend ALL Elections (permanently)
 5. Fill the Military High Command with Bootlickers
 6. Create a Dangerous Group of people to blame
- etc. etc. -History Repeats Itself-

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump Sues Iowa Newspaper Over Poll That Had Harris Winning State."

12-18-24

A president (according to Trump) has blanket immunity for any- and everything they do while in office. The problem there? Trump was a candidate when he started the process of the bribe. Also, bribing someone falls within the purview of the president? I don't think so! The SCOTUS ruling applies only to acts that fall within a president's duties, not blanket immunity.

Well that shows the lack of education among Republican voters. Just how Trump likes it. Let's recheck with them in 2-4 years and see how much they still support those policies and how well they are doing, or not I doing will be more like it.

No one in congress deserves a raise. They haven't balanced a budget since the 90s. Pay should be performance based.

Funny how government shutdowns only seem to loom when Republicans are at the wheel. And of course Trump doesn't want to avert it, he needs to keep his supporters angry and distracted from the fact that he won't be able to solve any of their problems.

When your wealthy you don't care about the average federal worker, or military servicemen and servicewoman or elderly SSI recipients that live paycheck to paycheck and rely on their monthly payments. All the rich care about is to do things only when it makes them look better, at the cost of the average person.

12-19-24

How interesting that the conservatives are going to come in and quote unquote rein in government spending are doing exactly what they always do when they get power which is raise the debt ceiling, borrow more money and put us more in debt.

This is just another disastrous decision by Trump, and it won't change his support one bit. After everything this traitor has done to date, and he still won enough votes to be reelected, this won't move the needle against him. He got away with ignoring the pandemic simply because he thought he was smarter than all the experts in the field, and he tried to overthrow the government when he lost in 2020, and this catastrophic mistake is the latest in a long list of blunders by the toddler menace.

Dems definitely got the right idea. I call this Political Passive Resistance. They should do this for Trump's entire 4 years & let the MAGA dumpster fire be exposed for what it really is. Yes, they should sit back & watch MAGA destroy itself. Don't help MAGA when they need extra votes & don't try to hurt them with words. Just do nothing.

The Republicans put themselves in mess. It is not possible to change Narcissistic Personality Disorder.

Inherent to NPD is lack of empathy and the grandiose conviction that they are 'always right'. The narcs inability to take responsibility and constantly blame others, prevents them from working on themselves to make changes. It's difficult to address especially when people like Trumpers either are too afraid to challenge him or they seek gains of their own whit their association with Trump.

12-20-24

I deplore this dysfunction, but the public enabled this behavior by voting for these politicians to remain in power. I sympathize for anyone that will be affected by a Government shutdown, but this was completely predictable.

Trump is demanding the debt ceiling be raised or removed with no spending cuts attached. Something the democrats have been calling for years. But this is in direct conflict with the republican position on fiscal responsibility. So the end result is a terrible internal conflict within the soul of the GOP party. And the democrats are not supportive of Trump's idea because he offered them nothing out of the deal, especially when the democrats realize Trump only wants this to make room for tax cuts for the wealthy, the exact opposite of the democrat philosophy. In short, Trump is the dumbest person to ever form words.

Think about this.

435 House members

100 Senators

9 SC justices

1 President

545 people controlling the destiny of 340 million American citizens.

And many doing it with drama, chaos, dysfunction and unfettered loyalty to a man instead of the Constitution.

I expect this bill will pass but Republicans will set a new record for not electing a Speaker in January. It is going to be delightful to watch them flail. The most ineffective Congress coming your way until people finally realize that voting for the GOP is not good for the country.

That Johnson thought 'plan B' would pass is wholly laughable.

"We slimmed this down to 116 pages. Oh, we also added that the debt ceiling be raised by 4 trillion with no offsetting spending cuts so Don and Elon can raise the National Debt by giving another tax break to themselves."

Woah...nothing says pro life like defunding pediatric cancer research

KEEP SAYING PRESIDENT MUSK.....it will annoy the krappe out of trump!

Anybody remember when American government was made up of 3 branches that were INDEPENDANT OF EACH OTHER?...seperate but equal.....instead of a legislative congress that took directions from the executive branch and backed by the judicial branch? We all need to reread the book from High School called 'ANIMAL FARM' the George Orwell political allegory classic. The similarities of what is happening to our country is amazing

The GOP doesn't sound like they have a handle on reducing their spending if they also demand to raise the dept ceiling. Seems like a contradiction.

Well, they CAUSED any shut-down all by themselves after rejecting the first bipartisan bill due to Trump's meddling, so there's that.

In 2018-2019 Felonious Don shut it down for 35 days due to disagreements over funding for Trump's border wall. It was the longest in US history. The CBO estimated the shutdown cost the American economy at least \$11 billion USD, excluding indirect costs. Then, like now, the Felonious One said, "I am proud to shut down the government for border security. I will be the

one to shut the government down. I'm not going to blame you for it. I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down." In the Republican party, government shutdowns are not only acceptable, but they are often touted as an accomplishment.

Of course he wants to raise the debt ceiling. His rich people tax break plan expires in 2025. He needs to be able to make good on his promise of more tax breaks.

TRUMP IS FECKLESS AND IMPOTENT. PRESIDENT MUSK IS HUMILIATING HIM

Maybe it is time for Americans to make Trump and the republicans feel the pain. We do not live in an oligarchy, we live in a democracy and it is time for the people to stand up against both parties. Putting wealthy billionaires in charge of government is never a good idea and will only lead to massive problems for our country. You can primary people all you want, but the people decide who governs them. Not Trump.

12-22-24

Over the past two years, inflation has gone down, jobs have increased, and the stock market has gone up.

So, if Trump is going to turn things around, I guess that means that inflation will go up, jobs will decrease, and the stock market will go down.

For too many voters the economy is only good when a republican is in office. The truth is that most republican presidents leave behind a worse economy that they inherited. It is a misconception, but one the influences voting.

Congress is SUPPOSED to work with both sides to get things done. I still can't believe that anyone would not only support, but encourage a divided government. How does that benefit anyone? We used to elect people that we thought could work across the aisle to get laws passed, smfh.

The whole nature of governing requires negotiating between faction/parties. You know, handling things in a mature, intelligent, logical manner for the best outcome possible for all concerned.

it's going to be hilarious when the US goes into a 2008 level Recession after a year of Lord Trump's "concepts."

get ready for \$50/lb bacon and \$25/dozen eggs MAGA and 50% unemployment - well deserved let's see if they are still enamored with Lord Trump when they are starving

President Musk & First Lady Donnie.

Stupid, stupid daily headaches. I had to take two half tablets of Sumatriptan and three hot steam showers to finally ease the headache pain down.

12-23-24

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Hours after suggesting he would seize the Panama Canal, Trump says he wants Greenland, too."

Trump has never taken Christianity seriously other than pandering to it. A real Christian who has ever read the bible, or gone to church would call the book 2nd Corinthians, not Two Corinthians. He couldn't quote a single passage when asked. The man just counts on his followers not actually caring enough.

I am an atheist and I am more religious than Trump and probably more so than the majority of his supporters...

Where is the healthcare legislation? Where is the infrastructure legislation? Why aren't consumer prices falling? Why did the stock market tank last week? Were the Panama Canal and Greenland part of his campaign? Who voted for this?

A lot of the "what", very little on the "why" behind regulations.

Yes. We get it. Regulations result in costs that businesses and governments must bear. Understood.

But why was that specific regulation needed in the first place? What specific catastrophe unfolded decades/centuries ago, so profound, someone from that era said, "you know what, I don't want that to happen again in my lifetime... not even future lifetimes. Let's legally regulate that aspect of society."

That is the crux of the issue when it comes to regulations, the associated costs of those regulations, and what it means for commerce. Not so much the "what", but the "why" behind regulations.

12-24-24

Because Trump did so well combating the COVID pandemic, let's ditch the WHO. So far he wants to take over the Panama Canal, buy Greenland, make Canada a part of the US. These are just distractions for his followers when he fails at his campaign promises to lower the price of energy and consumer goods.

There's no logic behind Trump's decision to withdraw from the WHO. He appears to be acting on distrust and vindictive behavior.

The entire world is laughing at America and Trump supporters.

The man who stood in front of crowds telling lies over and over again even when it was pointed out to him his statements were false wants to sue on the basis of election interference.

Why is continually lying to voters not election interference?

Trump has lied repeatedly about the results of the 2020 election .

Can Americans sue him ?

12-25-24

A billionaire giving donations isn't concerning. Now a billionaire who wasn't elected in any capacity suddenly thinking he's now running the country, that's concerning.

I'm hoping Greenland buys us instead. We'd be happier, live longer, have free health care, non-toxic food, better family leave, an overall higher standard of living, minimum 5 weeks paid vacation....think about it.

Trump is redefining the term "Ugly American".

12-26-24

Only things Trump will do are what makes the billionaires happy. He does not care about the average person. He has said so before. Only cared about your vote. Long 4 years ahead for most of us.

"I never thought the leopards would eat MY face", cries woman who voted for the Leopards Eating People's Faces Party.

LOL! turkeys voted for thanksgiving!

He has been planning on cutting the benefits the whole time. And the uneducated MAGA people sucked it right up with him saying that he would take care of you all. LOL, that's just way too funny.

Just under 64% of American voters bothered turning out for the 2024 presidential election.

Americans have always been disengaged, and they still are.

People are disgusted with other Americans choosing white supremacy over democracy. An unqualified felon pending sentencing over a qualified law-abiding minority. They thought the country was better than that. But, found out its true colors. So, most are sitting out the next two-four years.

We are turning away because the country is being taken over again by radical Christian Nationalists trying to disguise themselves as patriots.

12-27-24

Under the circumstances, Biden was a great President and to survive his term, all one had to do is be a good American citizen. Under Trump, I might survive but "The United States of America" as we know it, will not. Hate and retribution will reign overwhelmingly. Deporting citizen, cutting entitlements and so forth. What will become of our country? I also believe we should return the Statue of Liberty back to France too. After all its motto is give us your tired, your poor, those yearning to be free. No more can we say "God Bless America"

My cousin literally didn't survive the Biden admin because he refused to get vaccinated. Guess who he voted for in 20.

Trump supporters storming the Capitol and hunting down the Vice President so they could hang him wasn't enough to convince you they are against America . Trump specifically calling for the suspension of the Constitution on a Truth Social post isn't enough . According to you our best hope is Trump is just kidding . How comforting .

Trump's ignorant and proud of it.

This election was about the dark racist past of America taking it's last gasp. When trump and his MAGA cult fail, as they are bound to do, we can get on with the future.

Of course Trump has no plan. He's NEVER had a plan. Not for replacing Obamacare, not for Covid, not for ending the Afghan war, not for the border, not for the economy, not for gas prices, not for ANYTHING. Why? Because these things don't matter to him. They never did. Because he's a billionaire. All he cares about is himself--getting his name mentioned in the media and keeping himself out of jail. He has no idea how to be President. HE NEVER DID. It was all a branding exercise. Prior to being elected in 2016, he had NO experience in elected office. He had NO idea how government works. He still doesn't, because over the past 8 years he has refused to learn anything. He can't even read! The next four years are going to be a nightmare, because one again we will have a total idiot in the Oval Office.

The grievance/bro culture eats policy and strategy for lunch. Americans would rather ask Joe Rogan than compare the candidate's policy positions on taxes, home ownership, etc. Look at his cabinet nominations. It started with Rush. Ailes at Fox saw the success and took white grievance and fear mongering to the next level making Fox the king of cable for decades. Now, with the power of the internet and mass media, you can be a media influencer or have your own bro pod cast. Go to Rumble. Look at all the fear and grievance peddlers making money and creating disfunction with their lies and disinformation. America has been dumbed down to the point where a 78 year old babbling insurrectionist is going to lead the free world? Really America? Look at the cabinet nominations. A sex offender and drug user to be attorney general? America is some kind of dumb...^[SEP]A fair amount of his supporters I know admitted he never had a plan at all. They voted for him because 1. He's gonna get those migrants. 2. Anti-LGBTQ rights.

"One thing Trump didn't acknowledge, however, is how his economic agenda — tariffs, deportations, tax cuts, and kneecapping the Federal Reserve — could worsen the problem that voters hired him to solve," according to the columnist. "But Americans seem to be catching on

anyway.” THOSE OF US WHO PAY ATTENTION KNEW THAT HE WAS LYING...ABOUT EVERYTHING...EXCEPT THE RETRIBUTION. And the 'inflation' problem was already solved...except for the CORPORATE GREED part.

Thanks American voters. This guy was easy to spot as a scam artist. He has been in the public eye for so many years and you fell for his obvious lies. I can hear all of your excuses already. They will all start off with "yeah, but" and you will continue with your programmed responses that he will provide you with. He, meaning trump or whatever Musk tweets out and or tell the MAGA GOP to say. We now have an official Oligarchy GOP government just how Putin told trump to do it with all the top wealthiest billionaires in charge of American Government. Or Democracy is over and all we can do is see if you voters can wise up, admit you were conned then help us get MAGA GOP out of power so the people will have their country back.

The harsh reality is that small towns will become ghost towns when their one store that gets all its stuff from CHINA goes out of business. People already in poverty will be CRUSHED by a tariff tax of 100 percent on them. It means that the goods they used to get for a dollar or two will be doubled in price. But if the store closes, they can't buy ANYTHING. They can drive to a bigger town? Then they still pay the increased prices plus they have the expense of driving 20 or 30 miles each way. And THAT is if they have a car! Again, this planned move never took into consideration small town America.

The real problem is American education. The fact that so many people believed the lies, even when reality is right there for all to see, shows that critical thinking skills are sorely lacking among the populace

If someone voted for Trump, they deserve to suffer the consequences. It's a darn shame the rest of the country has to be subjected to this menace for another four years because these people were ignorant enough to believe one word of a pathological liar. His only plan has been to make himself wealthier and keep himself out of prison. The rest was all part of his avalanche of daily lies and self-aggrandizement. He'll go down as the worst president and the greatest conman in American history. Until Trump entered the political arena, I thought Americans were fairly astute at identifying a politician void of morals, but Trump proved me wrong.

Trump's major plan was to avoid prosecution and or sentencing in all of his pending litigation. He was never thinking about prices, only his personal situation and how the 'immunity' will work to keep him out of prison. 49.9% of Americans made a mistake in putting him back in office, 99% of Americans will suffer, the top 1% will be the only ones happy because they will most likely continue to enjoy tax advantages and they will be able to afford anything at any price no matter how hi things get!

Maybe this author has low standards, but many of us want to do more than just survive in this one life we have to live. That is the problem with Trump supporters/conservatives/GOP: they have low standards and if bad is tolerable it is great, and they want to force the rest of us to live like that. Well, that is not how I've lived, nor do I accept that for my future. I have high standards and I am not lazy like MAGA people are. This is not a difference of national opinion between us and MAGA; it is a difference of values, morals.

12-28-24

Ha ha ha ha President Musk wants the foreign engineers to come help his businesses but not to pick our fruit, serve Donald's dinners or keep hotels clean for \$15/hr. Repubs are such hypocrites you want to throw up.

Unfortunately, in most Red States, which are the MAGA strongholds, there is an all out war being waged against public education, which is the first building bloc toward creating a pool of educated American Workers qualified for these jobs. Instead money is being funneled to religious schools, and private schools with no credentials.

Losing is not always a defeat. Electing a convicted criminal, documented pathological liar, a multi-personality disordered man hellbent on destroying American democracy and selecting willful cronies willing to do his bidding is the real loss to this country and I continue to stand against such accumulated social idiocy seen in electing Trump.

12-29-24

He blames Biden for high prices but now it's a supply chain issue. Well, it's been a supply chain issue since his first term in office! NOW, egg prices are going thru the roof ! Must be Biden spreading the bird flu ? Give them damn birds HYDROXY or even maybe BLEACH?

Carter was too good of a human to be a president. He had morals, spirituality, faith, and compassion for his fellow man and woman.

His life prior to and after the presidency were his high moments. God bless him.

Many believe that Jimmy Carter wasn't a good President, but his humanity, his caring, and his giving nature could not be matched. Jimmy Carter loved, cared for, and helped numerous people, and that is his legacy.

Carter was a true Christian leader.

12-30-24

Then, Conway referenced his ex, who served as a senior counselor in Trump's White House and continues to boost the president-elect as a Fox News contributor.

"And then there's the other chunk of people who basically will not believe anything bad — or at least admit to it, like my ex-wife — anything bad about Donald Trump, and they won't admit to it, they pretend not to believe it ... and they watch Fox News and Newsmax and pretend none of the bad stuff actually exists, and it's all just a giant conspiracy involving half of America," he said.

12-31-24

Let's just be honest here. We all know that 2025 will be the year of Republican rule. The GOP will have the House, the Senate, the Supreme Court and the White House.

They will have total control, even if it's slim, of governing this country. They will, if they manage to work together for once, have the final say and the authority to start making this country the conservative utopia they seem hellbent on creating.

You know what they won't have anymore? They won't have President Joe Biden to blame for whatever comes next.

No, this is now when Republicans get to take all the credit for their great leadership and 3D chess moves that will somehow reward billionaires and help our grocery bills plummet – or when they take all the blame for when things go the other way.

I expect to see our border with Mexico fully controlled and our gas prices to be back to \$2 a gallon. I'm excited for my taxes to get cut in half, but magically, my quality of life will be improved. Our children will learn to become patriots, and somehow, wages will be improved by the very billionaires who likely had a hand in keeping pay down.

Though I'm sure it will be Biden's fault if none of that happens. So get ready, America. The year 2025 will be the rise of sensible governing brought to you by the party that is known for sensible governing.

We can thank the Citizens United court decision along with Trump's new immunity decision. SCOTUS has abandoned any pretense of common sense and defending the Constitution. They are simply another political branch controlled by the wealthy i.e. Republicans. Don't forget Thomas's millions of dollars in gifts and trips that he didn't report from his Republican friend.

I sincerely hope Trump voters get everything they voted for. Safety net eliminated, soaring inflation via tariffs and the deportation of cheap farm/construction labor, rolled back HCA rights/benefits, destruction of the economy via mass layoffs of civil service employees, the destruction of our standing in the world via capitulation to criminals like Putin and the withdrawal from NATO, etc. Of course, I'm sure many will blame George Soros or some other manufactured boogeyman, but maybe some will wise up when faced with the consequences of their actions.