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

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

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

Cultists gonna cult.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRUMP'S PROMISES

Gas under \$2.00

Lower Grocery Prices

A 50% decrease in Car Insurance

Landlords will reduce Rent

Home prices will go down

Sub 3% interest rates

No tax on Social Security

No tax on tips

No tax on overtime

End of the Ukraine war in January

End of conflict in Israel

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

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

Sure, THAT makes sense.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jan 6th--Fake Electors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Embarrassed yet? The song remains the same.

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

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

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

I'm more worried about my SS and Medicare.

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

Adding Canada would be the equivalent of adding another California, and it would be a solid Democrat block. The US would never have another Republican president if Canada joined.

California wildfires, Florida hurricanes, The Mississippi floods, NC/SC beach erosion, etc.

People choose where to live and 95% of the time they are lucky to avoid calamities. If I were a Californian, I would leave yesterday, as the big shake/quake is overdue, will make the fires seem like a strong windstorm

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

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

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

Strong start?

Trump has already backpedaled on the following promises

Lowering prices. Too hard

Ending wars. Too complicated

Universal tariffs. He has a concept of a plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Set aside the debt ceiling"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I have given up.

Both parties are corrupt failures, the Republicans add treason.

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

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

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

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

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

Trump won and it proves two things:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Imagine voting for the worst president in history TWICE

A leader without guardrails is a dictator.

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

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

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

1-15-25

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

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

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

1-16-25

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

The rebirth of McCarthyism...

1-17-25

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

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

1-18-25

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

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

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

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

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

Good? Bad? Who cares?

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

Opportunity is dead.

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

Toughen up the world isn't fair!!

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

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

This is common practice in the big tech companies. This happened to me at Microsoft after 22 1/2 years of service. They kept pushing it was performance related without any concrete proof, so for that reason they were able to justify not giving me a severance package for all the years of service and pushed me to sign an Employee Separation Agreement stating it was my choice to resign.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here are my thoughts:

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

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

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

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

1-19-25

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

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

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

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

1-20-25

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

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

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

One of the darkest days in American history

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

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

2024 election results, popular vote.

Source: Associated Press

Trump 77,303,573 votes (49.9%)

Harris 75,019,257 votes (48.4%)

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

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

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

The saddest day America has ever seen

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

1-21-25

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

1-22-25

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

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

the law and order party doesn't care about policemen

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

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

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

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

He'd deport the Messiah.

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

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

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

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

Only congress can change the constitution.

Trump enjoys being dishonest, unethical and immoral.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sounds like a preliminary naughty sea agenda to me.

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

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

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

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

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

Satan has taken the wheel. Hold on, everybody.

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

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

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

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

1-23-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am REPULSED by Donald J Trump.

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

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

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

Trump is so unqualified to be the POTUS.

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

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

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

He's a disgrace!!

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

1-24-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1-25-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1-26-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1-27-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government isn't a business.

This is a country NOT a company

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

I have no faith in government, business and religion. How are demands, threats, lies, incompetence and mass firings helping to make America Great Again? There is no happiness, no joy, no relief, no safety - only increased prices, fewer freedoms and more violence in the streets. He is so easily provoked that they will continue to make him react negatively. He just cannot rise above it all and do the job he was elected to do. Because of this he will fail.

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

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

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

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

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

1-28-25

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

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

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

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

Wait.

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

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

Welcome to the Twilight Zone.

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

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

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

Amazing how deranged Trump supporters think this is OK

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

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

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

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

HIS VOTERS DESERVE THIS.. WE DON'T

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

Should we all refuse to pay our taxes then?

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

His downfall is inevitable.

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

Don't forget 77 millions voted for this !

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1-29-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He Just Like to Hear Himself Telling Lies.

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

Democracy is too messy and too ambiguous.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It was a new low, even for Donald.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And immediately expect retaliatory tariffs...

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

Welcome to higher prices... MAGA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Darn it, there you go making too much sense

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

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

2-2-25

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

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

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

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

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

The bishop has more courage than the entire GOP

Imagine getting offended by a bishop who requests mercy?

STAY STRONG EVERYONE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2-3-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Incompetent President: INCOMPOTUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Freedom to pollute.

Freedom to cheat people.

Freedom to poison people.

Freedom to overcharge people.

Freedom to harm people.

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

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

Say NO.

2-4-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2-5-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2-6-25

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

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

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

Hopefully voters will wake-up by 2026.

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

Destroy public education and create a stratified culture where only the wealthy have educations.

We are headed towards hunger games.

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

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

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

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

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

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

competitiveness on the global stage.

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

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

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

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

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

The branches of government, providing checks and balances over each other, was a good plan.

But when one branch, Legislative, gives up their power, Judicial has been severely compromised (thanks again, Legislative), and Executive has been elected King, well...Thanks anyway,

Founding Fathers, it was a good run but you didn't anticipate that our own citizens would hand over your democracy to the 21st century version of King George III.

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

2-7-25

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

Our troubles are over!!! Thank you, President Trump, for ending the tyranny of paper straws.

And while you are at it, can you please make the McRib a permanent menu item? The uncertainty of when that artificial meat sandwich will return is more than I can bear. And Easter should never be in March -...

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

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

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

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

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

Pettiness. That's all Trump has to give.

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

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

Pray for our nation.

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

Once again he goes against the constitution.

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

What does the 14th Amendment say about religion?

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

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

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

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

Then watch the mayhem at the gas pumps.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is sad that may not continue anymore.

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

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

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

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

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

"Make no mistake". Another fine cliché

The mistake has already been made!

Harris wanted to make the wealthy pay more taxes.

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

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

As they say in the restaurant business: "Enjoy"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

America's allies, no less. Yeah, he's introducing tariffs that will make it even more expensive to build or buy a home during a historically large need for housing, especially affordable housing. But sometimes you gotta break a few eggs to... oh yeah, egg prices, how are those doing?

Trying to help people understand what's going on right now is like going back into a burning building to pull someone out. Only to have them keep punching you in the face and demand evidence that the building is on fire. Even after they admit they can see the flames.

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

President Musk is a terrible president.

Golden Age?

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

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

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

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

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

Where's the gold!?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

US Dollars to Trump Dollars.

Gaza to Riviera Trump

Superbowl to Trumpbowl

Statue of Liberty to Statue of Trump

Mount Rushmore to Mount Trump-More

USA to United States of Trump

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

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

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

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

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

Known as the dumbing down of the arts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What a scathing self-indictment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reality: Medicaid is on the chopping block.

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

Unbelievable. ...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lol, Trump supporters top 4 excuses

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He set a timetable for our troops to be out of the country and arranged for the release of 5,000 Taliban fighters. Soldiers of the Afghan army began walking away from their posts almost immediately to avoid retribution from the Taliban on them or their families. To no one's surprise, it contributed to the sudden collapse of the Afghan military and the messy U.S. withdrawal. Any meeting between Putin and Trump without leadership from Ukraine will not bode well for Ukraine.

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

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

Trump's plan is to hand Ukraine to Russia.

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

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

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

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

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

This will affect us all.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Louisiana

Arkansas

West Virginia

Kentucky

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is my 40th year in public education, first as a School Psychologist until retirement, and now as a special education paraprofessional. In all of those years, in all of those classrooms, NOT ONCE have I seen teachers "brainwash" or "indoctrinate" students. Teachers are too busy meeting the standards in math, science, language arts, social studies, technology, art, music, etc. to be bogged down with some sort of "indoctrination." That is my individual experience.

My mother spent 28 years at the front of a public-school classroom and then spent 3 years teaching at the college level. She had over 200 hours of college credit as well as a master's degree. She was certified all levels in three different subjects. My paternal grandmother spent 52 years at the front of a public-school classroom. She also had a master's degree. They were both highly educated and dedicated teachers trying their best to make education available to their students. The biggest offender in the "indoctrination" game that I've noticed is the guy who persuaded his followers to attack the Capitol because he lost an election by 7 million votes. His followers bought into his lies. But hey, in Trump's own words: "I love the uneducated." They're likely easier to fleece.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By not voting, they voted for him.

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

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

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

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

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

Will the first performance be springtime for hisler and Germany?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2-14-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice how taxing the billionaires is never on the table?

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

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

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

Every single last one of his picks are HORRIFIC

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

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

As a retired teacher,

I am disgusted.

Impeach Trump and Vance, imprison the rabid muskrat.

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

United States, you have a huge problem..

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

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

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

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

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

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

America is sinking. What an embarrassment.

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

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

Stand up to the dictators!!!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lying isn't an alternative viewpoint.

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

That type of censorship apparently is fine.

We are in big trouble.

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

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

Donald Trump calling anyone "stupid people" is mighty rich. Bro was calling TikTok "Tic-Tac."

"I better use some Tic Tacs just in case I start kissing her. You know, I'm automatically attracted to beautiful—I just start kissing them."

National embarrassment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2-16-25

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

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

This is going to get very ugly, very fast.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I think most of the MAGA followers will demand Trump keep his promises at some point. It's way too early to change their minds - mainly because they agree with Trump brain washing ideologies pushing generalities in the form of false narratives (deep state, corrupt government, great replacement vs DEI, etc). In their world the economy is not the stock market but is their pay check to pay check life style and expectation that Trump is going to lower the cost of living, bring back factories/good jobs, deport foreigners who are job takers/criminals. Right now they are still angry at any notion Trump will fail - and still blame Biden/Dems. But given Tariffs layoffs and other changes Trump is making.

So he is firing government workers left and right to save money but he is attending sporting events costing taxpayers millions. Can one of you maga explain this to me because it makes absolutely no sense.

We just elected a man who has already been granted partial immunity by the Supreme Court from criminal prosecution for any "official acts" committed in office. He was able to successfully get his criminal cases postponed until after the election at which point he could potentially be able to pardon himself from some. He incited an insurrection when he didn't win the last election that resulted in 6 deaths, and was still somehow able to run again. He has often made remarks admiring the "strength" of authoritarian figures. And he has literally said in one of his speeches that after this election "you won't have to vote again, we'll have it fixed so good you won't have to vote again

I thought he was getting rid of unnecessary spending???

And here he is again spending unnecessary money to attend an event

4th trip to Florida in 4 weeks. One rally. One football game, Invited all the Republicans in Congress to Florida at taxpayer expense. And now this. But then, he has president Musk to do the dirty work as outlined in Project 2025 of firing government employees and replacing them all with trump loyalists.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Julianne Moore in 'Great Shock' After Donald Trump Bans Her Children's Book 'Freckleface Strawberry' From Schools: 'I Can't Help But Wonder What Is So Controversial'."

2-17-25

Trump won the popular vote because the majority of Americans thought harming the other guy was more important than freedoms, democracy or the economy.

The funny part is they're harming themselves more than anyone. It is rural America that is more dependent on the federal government than any where else.

only maga math would have a 1.5% margin of the total vote a landslide..

Bottom line is that if those are the terms, the EU/UK and Ukraine will not accept them, no matter how much Trump blusters (and I'm generally a supporter of his). A country that did not lose the war or start the war should not be the one paying reparations. It makes me sick that Russia might actually be allowed to benefit from their naked aggression and that the murder of tens of thousands of innocent Ukrainians by Putin will go unpunished.

Are we great yet, because I've been nothing but embarrassed and appalled by the attempt by King Musk and his Orange Jester Trump, to make the Nazi Party rule the USA.

This is no peace plan. Trump is enabling Russia and its aggressive and destructive agenda. The benefit will go strictly to Russia. This is not right and its time that Congress does its job in practicing and enforcing checks and balances.

I'm not saying we should stop the search for fraud, but MUSK and his hacker boy bands aren't the ones to do it! Musk is going in and claiming fraud against anything he doesn't like. Do we really want his hacker boy band to have access to user personal information, user credit cards, user bank account information?

Trump wants to: 1) Steal Greenland 2) Take over the Panama Canal 3) Take over and develop Gaza 4) Steal natural resources from Ukraine in order to stop Russia from bombing them. 5) And abandon our NATO allies. This is what Making America Great Again looks like. America has never been like this before. This is pure evil.

Trump trying to surrender, like he did in Afghanistan.

2-18-25

This is what trump pulled in Afghanistan; he gave in to the Taliban. If Russia doesn't leave Ukraine and pay reparations then there can be no peace. The only fair way to end this is for Russia to return all lands to Ukraine, Back to the creation of Ukraine.

If you can't see the comparisons to 1933-34 Germany with not only the way he operates, but also the blind faith and fervent idolization of those following him, then truly history shall repeat itself.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Republican introduces bill to make Trump's birthday a federal holiday."

It should be a national day of mourning.

All the problems in our country right now and this is how they are spending their time in congress. At least wait until the next 4 years plays out before giving any public building his name. Let's see if it really turns into the golden age of USA or the downfall of our country. And please don't suggest naming anything at after Musk

Well. It's official. Congress has completely given up any pretense of being an actual functioning arm of the government.

Really? Can't do anything useful about inflation or infrastructure? Too busy land grabbing and renaming bodies of water? What a waste of taxpayers' money. There's something DOGE needs to address, not my tax return info.

First of all, it's a bit too soon to decide if a national holiday is warranted. Maybe give it 25 or 50 years to pass judgement on the outcome of a presidency.

Second, I did not realize that the Republican party was running a competition to see who can get their nose farthest up Trump's backend. In any case, good luck to all the competitors.

Google: Historical rankings of presidents of the United States. Wikipedia pulls together groups of presidential historians and puts their rankings into an interactive format. The latest one is by the APSA (American Political Science Association). Obama-7th best, Kennedy-10th, Clinton-12th, Biden-14th, Reagan-16th, HW Bush-19th, Carter-22nd, W Bush-32nd, Nixon-35th, Trump-last at 45th.

Give me a break! It wouldn't be a holiday more like a day of grieving the loss of our democracy. And renaming Greenland to Red, White, and Blueland?? 🤔. How can we name something that isn't even part of the United States? Even if we could, that's the best of Republican creativity? Idiocracy. So when Trump says he loves the uneducated, he actually wasn't lying. First honest thing he's ever said.

Don't proclaim this as "the golden age" just yet. It's only been a month and it's more like the age of chaos 2.0.

The things he's definitively done since getting reelected after a largely inconsequential first term:

- Unsuccessfully attempt to start a fight with Taylor Swift on Twitter
- Threaten tariffs on Twitter and not follow through
- Instruct Vance to tell Europe we are not their allies anymore
- Fire government employees without realizing what they do and then try to rehire them
- Weapons the Justice Department after running a campaign saying he would end the weaponization of the Justice Department
- Pardon hundreds of insurrectionists
- Drop charges against the mayor of NYC in exchange for freedom to send ICE there
- Empower a private citizen to take meetings in the Oval Office, fire citizens, and view tax records of citizens.

Prices are up, inflation is up, approval ratings are plummeting, and he wants a holiday?

These sycophants are literally out of their minds. This is out of control. I'm actually disgusted by this.

Free speech is ok until they don't like it. They are pursuing charges against AOC.

"Represents the biggest line item in the federal budget"

NO, it does not, the money belongs to the working people of your country and does not affect the budget in any way, the program is self-supporting, and it pays for all items to run it. It would not be in financial trouble if Washington would keep their greedy hands off of it.

Remember project 2025. It's in full operation and no Republican has the spine to stop it. We are in full dictator mode without any guardrails or accountability.

These fraudsters are like magicians, you pay attention to one hand while the other ransacks your wallet.

If they seek attention here, careful where you don't pay attention to.

He's like a kid in a candy store. He's just dabbling. He has no connection to the impact he is having on so many lives. Does change need to happen?? Yes. First and foremost, we need to reform congress, because they are useless. They are not performing even their primary tasks. Some checks and balances are needed to allow agency heads to re-visit some reductions to preclude back outcomes. Allowing a person (or a privileged few) to make such far reaching decisions is a catastrophe waiting to happen, with far reaching and long term affect.

I get Medicaid because I'm disabled not because I wanted it. However, I do still work for my local state College as well as much I can with my Disability and I'm happy that they work with me as well, but this is a no go for many Americans.

I have a friend who had a high paying job with the railroad. He and his wife got pregnant but mom died during delivery of a pulmonary embolism. The child was born with severe cerebral palsy. Non verbal, non-mobile. Child requires a feeding tube and until recently, a respirator to breath. The cost of regular daycare is exorbitant but there is NO DAYCARE for medically fragile children. Medicaid will not pay for an in home nurse, nor will it pay for residential/skilled nursing care. So what is he suppose to do? Leave his kid alone during the day while he works? There is NO ALTERNATIVE.

The republicans only care about the unborn. Once they're out of the womb it's ok to throw them to the lions because they're too expensive to take care of.

It all has to do with prices going through the roof. The paychecks are okay but the prices keep going up on everything including healthcare and that affects people's paychecks. Right now I'm

not buying a medicine I need because it is just too expensive and the insurance won't pay much for it. I guess it must be made of solid gold with diamonds and rubies on it.

Without a Ukraine or European officials at the table this is nothing but political theater. Why should Ukraine Give up anything, they were the ones attacked by Russia? Just felon47 looking to score points with Vlad. Look how low have we gone in such a short period.

If Trump was president during WW II, Europe would be under German control.

MAGAs only imagined the woke to be the ones who'll lose their jobs. They never imagined that the VA, Social Security and Medicare would be in the chopping block, but the rest of us all knew this would happen. These are consequences.

I just don't get the choices for the cuts. There's 100's of billions of dollars of defense industry waste, contract waste, and unnecessary defense programs. And Trump drops a small, \$40 billion critical humanitarian aid program because a \$100,000 or \$200,000 are spent on DEI programs that he doesn't like. No wonder China is spreading its influence around the world.

2-19-25

If upheld, this executive order means the president could directly control agencies that were meant to remain neutral. The ordinary citizen loses protections because regulations will no longer be enforced based on law and expertise but rather political priorities.

While some Americans may support a particular administration's use of this power, the real danger is that once this precedent is set, future presidents can expand it further, regardless of political party. It fundamentally shifts the U.S. toward a more centralized executive government, which is historically how democratic institutions erode.

A country is only as good as the process for choosing its leaders, we strayed so far from our normal process of choosing our leaders because admitting to sexual assault was once disqualifying, lying about a rigged election was once disqualifying, intimidating election officials was once disqualifying and inciting an insurrection was once disqualifying. If we allow this all to become the norm then what do you think will happen to our great country, gaining power as an authoritarian is the easy part, holding on to power requires a brutality that no American is prepared for.

Remember back in 2016 when he promised on Day One he would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act? Then in 2020 he promised he would do it in his second term. In 2024 he said he had "the concept of a plan" for making it happen. He has a history of making promises he can't/won't keep. Those who will not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Just listen to his worshippers say he keeps ALL his promises. He only one he kept was a reduction of taxes on high earners and corporations. Many of us middle class taxpayers paid more (no kids, no mortgage) My brother, a rabid Trumper, complained bitterly about taxes but blamed it on his tax accountant, not the tax laws.

Trump operates in a reality that bears very little resemblance to the one the rest of us live in. HOW he got elected is a mystery to me. The man wouldn't know the truth if it jumped up and bit him..... And he is going to be president for four years..... Will our country survive??

Same thing that happened with Afghanistan, not included with discussions, Trump ordered them to release 5000+ taliban fighters (the fighters did agree to not attack American troops and trump naively believed). Trump negotiated the withdraw (military later delayed in an effort to keep chaos from erupting) but chaos was assured with trump's deal. So the failure was written by Trump from the start no matter how he tried to twist the truth, the unfortunate deaths of US personnel were of his making.

So does anyone really believe the same won't happen with Trump having a personnel agenda in Ukraine. Zelenskyy needs to put together his own coalition with UE leaders and tell Donnie to.....

Total federal payroll is \$271 Billion. Firing every federal employee would only get 1/4 of a way to Musk's \$1 T goal. When I ran budgeting for a large corporation, we had a saying that you can't cut your way to prosperity. If they were truly serious about cutting the deficit, they would be looking to raise taxes, not lower them.

It's very simple-minded to just talk about the money saved without even thinking about the effects the cuts might have on the people the agencies have been set up to serve. Simple-minded solutions invariably lead to worse problems.

Sad how many people choose to be ruled, rather than governed.

Well...too many people ignored the "liberal" media when they said Trump will try and be a dictator. They got that one right. Of course you can say he's just joking around but this is truly what he wants. He is already taking leaps towards giving himself all the power and he isn't even hiding this.

2-20-25

Trump is supposed to be a good negotiator so why does he keep strengthening Russia's bargaining power?

Reagan (and all his predecessors) drew a hard line with Russia, which is why the Iron Curtain eventually fell.

Never thought I'd see a U.S President siding with Russia, especially after they invaded another country.

So Trump is the one doing the trash talking about Zelenskyy and Vance is saying Ukraine's push back to that is unhelpful? Trump is just unhappy that Zelenskyy is pushing back, didn't sign on to his mineral deal outright, and is exposing Trump for his power trip petulance. Does something need to be done? Sure. But Trump's approach is not the way.

He has already completed a "border wall"; a wall that blocks the truth. This behavior is unbelievable for the leader of the free world. Trump needs to be removed from office before he starts WWII, another US Civil War or both. I'm sure this post will be rejected, though most human beings will agree.

Everybody describes Trump as "transactional" in everything he does; so I suspect that Putin offered Trump Ukrainian rare earth minerals once Russia is given Eastern Ukraine. So Trump then turned around to see if he could extract more minerals from Zelensky in a "better" deal. This is Trump playing with people's lives and the principle of democracy for dollars.

Well if you didn't believe Trump was a liar, now he's proven he's a world class liar. Next he'll be blaming the United States for starting that war.

As a former military employee, I can say the Military is extremely wasteful. All anyone of you commenters has to do is look up Military Surplus Sales. You will see brand new items from Generators to ATVs, to desk, weapons, copiers, etc., etc.

It's chaos and Musk and Trump care. They have conducted themselves this way in their business dealings. Government is not an institution built on business transactions. They are breaking our government and they have no plan to rebuild it and honestly the way they talk they don't even claim ownership to what they are doing. They scapegoat, they can't tell you who's really in charge when there's a problem but either claims they are running things when they think they did something right.... complete chaos. I have a nephew that broke 3 of my kid's Christmas toys

days after he got them. For years I had my kid put any expensive and favored toys up when his cousin came to visit. I learned my lesson, my kid too. Unfortunately a presidential term is longer than a kid has to the next Christmas. God help us.

"Making it up as they go." The very definition of how the so-called trump administration operated between 2016 and 2020. So how is what's going on now in any way different or surprising? Wait until the impact of the offices and agencies he's demolishing really hits home and those services end up badly needed.

Musk and trump are going to start a world war. Under Trump the United states is clearly on the side of Russia and the enemy of NATO. We will be out of NATO in 6 months and the most vulnerable we have ever been. That's when ISIS takes advantage.

Unemployment is on the rise, cost of groceries is on the rise, inflation is on the rise, gas prices are on the rise, cost of housing and interest rates are on the rise, number of countries that hate us is on the rise. Are we tired of winning yet?

But it's not Trump fault that unemployment is on the raise he has only fired about 25,000 federal workers so far - it's not his fault that gas and groceries prices are on the rise ever more just because he put in place tariffs. It's never Trump fault regardless -- as he is only out to make America great again regardless of much it hurts the average American

but the maga faithful who watch Fox Noise will be hearing what glorious steps trump is taking, propelling us all in the "Golden Age of America!" Propaganda will win out over facts when the target audience of maga folks don't care to hear the facts, and worship at the altar of trump.

2-21-25

It's time the Republican Party is put out of business. The cuts to programs that help the poor and middle class in order to give tax breaks that preferentially benefit the wealthy is unconscionable. It shows that they do not care for those who voted for them after they are in office. Time to vote everyone of them out of office at the next opportunity to send a loud, clear message.

Ukraine is the victim not the aggressor. Two, the mineral deal was very one sided and included no real promises of American support. Zylensky is right not to sign it in it's present as form. A real president would offer a revised deal in a meeting with President Zylensky, not a meeting with Putin.

This is the find out phase when you realize the government doesn't work as a corporation. And the money is there to benefit people and not just numbers. But people insist on voting republican and always hurting themselves.

If you voted for this monster I have no sympathy. Here's the difference between Republicans and democrats. Republicans will vote for somebody who treats other people horribly as long as they aren't affected. As soon as they are affected then it's got to stop right? Democrats on the other hand care about helping everyone besides themselves. It is a key difference between Democrats and Republicans and I have seen it in my family as well where they're living their la di da lives after voting for Trump thinking everything is great but you just wait until something affects them personally and they will say okay I was wrong this has to stop. Republicans are selfish and focused only on their own personal prosperity.

Not only are they vets, they're MAGA. And they're getting fired. The feds I've encountered are conscientious workers.

A large % of those vets voted for him. Either because they vote Republican no matter what, were all in for the discrimination parts (as long as it wasn't them) or they were fed up with Dems. They didn't bother to read Project 2025 which by the way Cliff notes at 25 and me. (Google 25

and me for project 2025 & you will need to scroll down to find the info. They are really trying to hide that site so people can't easily understand Project 2025. I can't put the link on here. Don't confuse it with 23 and me. It used to be easy to find but Google is making it harder). Or they thought he was just all talk. Now they are paying the biggest price by possibly losing everything. Many of my VN vet friends remain liberal, but some in my family are very far right. There is this America Strong line of thought that seems to devalue anyone not agreeing with them. I believe it also affects how they see disabled vets and others with disabilities, or simple citizens with problems. In the military they were tough winners and always think of them selves that way, with the rest of the nation held in disgust. They voted for Trump because they think he is strong, although a draft dodger. They will continue to support him, even if it means the disabled vets are discharged from federal jobs and lose benefits.

This is the direct result of those veterans and active duty personnel that betrayed their Oaths of Enlistment or that of their Commissions that they would defend the Constitution from all enemies, both foreign and domestic by voting for Trump. Fully knowing he is a convicted felon, a traitor and an aspiring dictator. Trump has never had any good to say about veterans, especially those that received disfiguring wounds or were captured. His daddy paid off a doctor to keep him out of Vietnam.

The negative numbers for Trump will be increasing for Trump due to inflation, government cuts, his stance on Ukraine and democracy.

Btw 49% is not a landslide victory.

Gulf of Four Seasons Total Landscaping

Gulf of \$7.00 Eggs

Map of the Gulf of Mexico labeled humorously as "Gulf of American Entitlement" with MapQuest logo

Gulf of Greenland

"You can't take our country — and you can't take our game."

2-22-25

"It is generally futile to try to talk facts and analysis to people who are enjoying a sense of moral superiority in their ignorance." –Thomas Sowell.

Certainly not a Biden fan, didn't like Harris but I pray our next President and Congress is controlled by the Dems and they immediately pass laws limiting the power of the Executive branch. The bought and paid for Supreme Court gave Trump immunity while in office and he's destroying our country.

As of Today, there are 344,442 betting pools of when Trump will hit a 20 percent approval rating. Mine is around Mid May. I may have gone too far into the future. Early April looks more promising.

This man is out of his mind, selling us out for land grabs and mineral rights. They have so many believing that he's saving us from some horrendous fate while creating that fate right in front of us. This is a horrendous thing to ask of the Ukraine people

A question for MAGA Trumpicans who see nothing wrong with what Trump wants to do with the Ukraine. If Russia invaded Alaska, which they previously owned, before we bought it from them for 7.2 million in 1867, that would be okay? Then there would be nothing illegal with that? Nor would there be a reason to defend, nor accept help? Then France could do the same thing, you know the Louisiana Purchase. How about Texas, Florida, New Mexico, California and the list goes on. YCCS!

Trump has shown he's easily manipulated by Putin. It's sad to see the U.S. no longer has a POTUS with a backbone. This nation shall reap what it has sown.

Winston Churchill must be turning in his grave at the thought of Trump's "Neville Chamberlain" actions. Democracy is worth saving. Appeasing Russia is the end of Western civilization.

Believing a small group of billionaires are suddenly working tirelessly for the benefit of the working class requires a spectacular level of stupidity.

"All of our letters stated that it was due to "poor performance," though none of us have ever had any record of performance issues. I myself had a perfect performance record including an award this fall. ...

Because we were terminated due to performance, there is no severance. These are not normal lay offs. This distinction may also make it difficult to receive unemployment benefits. ... All of that, and I'm 20 weeks pregnant with a little boy that we are so excited to add to our family. Job hunting while 5 months pregnant is the last thing I want to do. Oh, and you can't take unemployment after giving birth because you're technically not work eligible. "

I am absolutely heartbroken and completely devastated to have lost my dream job of an Education Park Ranger with the National Park Service this Valentine's Day.

Access to my government email was denied mid-afternoon and my position was ripped out from out under my feet after my shift was over at 3:45pm on a cold snowy Friday. Additionally, before I could fully print off my government records , I was also locked out of my electronic personal file that contained my secure professional records.

Please know and share this truth widely:

I am a father, a loving husband, and dedicated civil servant.

I am an oath of office to defend and protect the constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic.

I am a work evaluation that reads "exceeds expectations."

I am the "fat on the bone."

I am being trimmed as a consequence of the popular vote

I am a United States flag raiser and folder

I am my son's "Junior Ranger" idol

I am of the place where I first told my spouse I loved her

I am a college kid's dream job

I am the smiling face that greets you at the front door

I am your family vacation planner

I am a voice for 19 American Indian cultures

I am the protector of 2500 year old American Indian burial and ceremonial mounds

I am the defender of your public lands and waters

I am the motivation to make it up the hill

I am a generational cycle breaker

I am the toilet scrubber and soap dispenser

I am the open trail hiked by people from all walks of life

I am the highlight of your child's school day

I am the band aid for a skinned knee

I am the lesson that showed your children that we live in a world of gifts- not commodities, that gratitude and reciprocity are the doorway to true abundance, not power, money, or fear.

I am the one who taught your kid the thrush's song and the hawk's cry.

I am the wildflower that brought your student joy

I am the one who told your child that they belong on this planet. That their unique gifts and existence matters.
I am an invocation for peace
I am gone from the office
I am the resistance
But mostly I'm just tired.
I am tired from weeks of being bullied and censored by billionaires
I am tired of waking up every morning at 2am wondering how I am going to provide for my family if I lose my job
I am tired of wiping away my wife's tears and reassuring her that things will be ok for us and our growing little family that she's carrying.
Things are not ok. I am not ok. (This is the second time in under five years a dream job I worked has been eliminated. Now I may need to uproot my FAMILY again.)
Stay present, don't avert your gaze.
Until our paths cross down the trail,
Fare thee well.
Ranger Brian
Why do we have a feckless weak man baby as our leader?

2-23-25

The religious right who voted for, not a President, but a Messiah (a Christian king) care nothing for the rule of law or the Constitution. They care only that their Messiah is in office, believing that he will restore the US to what it never was--a Christian nation.

They also want only Christians to run the nation, from the lowest levels of government to the highest, as they believe only Christians have the moral character to run the nation and run it correctly.

In all this, their beliefs and actions are hostile to all that Christ taught by word and by example. This is evident in their support for a man who is no more moral nor Christian than Caesar Nero was.

In spite of their obvious contradictions of Christian character, conduct, and faith, this cult claims to believe the Bible, never mind that none of them actually know it, revere it, or live by it.

While they claim to believe in God and Jesus, the Bible, and the Constitution, they are hostile to all of them. This is what makes them a cult, a fanatic and dangerous cult.

Whoever deemed this insidious cult "the Christian Taliban" had it exactly right.

The problem isn't just the cuts, the problem is the total lack of planning, and the lack of understanding what they are doing. If they were honest about simply right-sizing the government and rooting out waste, there are ways to do that that don't involve the random chaos that is playing out. Lives are being disrupted indiscriminately by people who haven't got a clue what the outcome of this will be — and I don't just mean the lives of the federal employees.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Trump takeover sees Kennedy Center suffer ticket sale collapse, says report."

The ticket sales slump comes after Trump's White House press secretary bragged that, "The Kennedy Center learned the hard way that if you go woke, you will go broke."

MAGA loyalist Richard Grenell, who is now in charge of the Kennedy Center says, "The Kennedy Center has zero cash on hand and zero dollars in reserves", like it's such a bad thing.

This sounds like a non-profit that runs a tight, balanced budget. Wish Congress could do that and that Trump hadn't added nearly \$8 Trillion to the national debt. With ticket sales tanking 50%, the Kennedy Center will now have LESS THAN "zero cash on hand and zero dollars in reserves".

He'll somehow spin it into the biggest, bestest, greatest Kennedy Center ever. Queue up the pro-wrestling, podcasters, and CPAC events.

Kennedy Center 2025 schedule:

Mondays : Scott Baio whistles Confederate classics

Tuesdays : Rosanne Barr reads from Mein Kampf

Wednesdays: The J6 choir with dueling banjos

Thursdays: The J6 choir - unaccompanied

Fridays: Kid Rock - unplugged

Saturdays: Ted Nugent - tales of draft dodging

Sundays: Trump talks golf - How I can beat all the pro golfers but don't want to

Remember the film Idiocracy, 2006, when the president was a wrestler. We could have a monster truck show, slaw wrestling, gladiator fights or even public executions for the angry and aggrieved.

donnie's demise would make america great again...

2-24-25

Once they cut Medicaid, most of the GOP members in Congress in red states will be struggling to keep their seats in 2026. Want to flip the House and Senate in 2026, all the Democrats have to do is point out the cuts to Medicaid and/or Medicare and mention tax cuts for the rich. Use class warfare as a political tool. The GOP won't be able to run on the anti-LGBTQ+ platform much longer, as those issues do not impact a family budget in any way whatsoever. Democrats need a real platform, and the GOP is setting them up for one.

They'll spin it. I'm in WV. During Trump's first administration, senior SNAP benefits were cut. Folks were furious. You know who they were mad at? Immigrants.

If the hypocritical spineless maga congress are good at one thing it would be spinning an obvious lie.

Repeat repeat repeat with feigned indignation. It seems to work so they will keep it up. They can't win any other way.

Yep, we've seen it before. This is why we say they're in a cult. They'll believe anything he says.

Does anyone remember what happened during Trump's first term in office when the government shut down? All the parks were still open but with personnel not in place, the parks looked like dump sites. There was

looting, vandalism, destruction, overflowing toilets and garbage everywhere. The same thing will happen now because there aren't enough personnel to maintain the parks. Perhaps that's the reason for the upside down flag. It is a distress call because the same visitors who came to the parks before will feel free to cause more damage to the parks with impunity.

Chairman of the Joints Chief was extremely qualified for his position. Everyone should read his accomplishments and qualifications. Very impressive it would be hard to beat. Funny how the unqualified is firing the qualified. Trump is going to make the military political. That is dangerous.

They want to forestall a potential military coup, especially once they make big cuts at the Veteran's Administration and keep rolling out policies that are not good for current or former military. They also have people in the admin. who want to use the military on protests. Who wants to follow that order?

the GOP have abandoned the people of America. They are the enemy of the constitution and the people they do not want freedom or a democracy. we are under attack and the cabinet picks are to make the country weaker and easier to destroy

If you are willing to compromise your human values, there is always a job available in the Trump administration.

The US voted with N Korea, Russia, Hungary... this is going to go down in a moment of infamy. We are on the wrong side of history...the US has allied itself with the Axis powers and this goes against everything our country fought against in WW2.... I'm thoroughly disgusted.

Please stop normalizing Trumps dictatorial actions.

The US has turned into a shitehole fast.

Shameful what United States has become.

US sided with Russia China and North Korea but not UK and France its allies

It's not remarkable; it's despicable. Disgusting. Evil.

Have to be honest, I did not think Russia would activate Trump so quickly. Figured they would let him muck up domestic a bit more before going after their international interests. I just harken for the days where our biggest concern was who was relieving the President's stress when the staff went home.

Indeed, this is a wake-up call. For those members of Congress who continue to bow to DT, you have betrayed our country.

Making Putin Great Again The United States under Trump has switched sides. They are now pro-fascist, anti-democratic. They praise dictators and war criminals and attack our allies. Is this what MAGA voted for?

I hope that no one is shocked by this outcome. TRump is a Putin Asset. We all knew that. Republicans, who control both chambers of Congress have advocated their Constitutional power. Republicans have advocated their Constitutional power to turn America into an authoritative country. A failure of American institutions to resist the erosion of democratic principles could pave the way for authoritarian entrenchment in the U.S. – with grave consequences for global democracy. This is a five-alarm fire.

Gosh - hiring sycophants and loyalists over qualified people along with inflation-blasting ideas combined with alienating NATO and our allies could have an effect on the markets? I'm surprised it hasn't already tanked. I moved everything to high yield savings and am happy to watch from the sidelines for at least 12 months.

Cuts in Medicaid? Who are they targeting? Throwing middle class seniors out of nursing homes is not a good look for any Congressional Republican.

These Christian Nation hypocrites want to layoff the Greatest Generation, too, and bankrupt their children and grandchildren?

Geriatric patients are often disabled and need specialized care. How they think their families can hold full time jobs, raise school age children and also provide professional nursing care at home is beyond me.

If the middle class can't do it, there is no way that the working poor Millennials can. Where do these privileged conservative billionaires get such pipe dreams? It's obvious that they aren't Christian nor have they ever had to care of anybody but themselves.

The republicans in Congress are nothing more than trump sycophants doing his and more dangerously, the shadow president Musks bidding. None these politicians will ever put their constituents first because they are more afraid of losing their power and their place in line to polish trump's pipe. This is what happens when you put ethics, humanity, morals, integrity and intellect on hold for a political philosophy steeping in lies and misinformation. Republican voters are going to wake up one day and hopefully realize that what they thought they were voting for was nothing more than an illusion.

Blame the republicans and the United States Supreme Court. They gave Trump Carte Blanche and he is running with it no questions asked.

Federal Worker layoff leads to vendor layoffs. Vendor layoffs, lead to production layoffs. Production layoffs mean manufacturer layoffs. Local business layoffs also. Domino chain reaction. Along with tariffs, price hike of goods. So those who are layed off, stop spending money. Those who lose floor traffic business, also layoff people in order to start pinching their own pocket books. Less money in circulation, the worse the economy gets. I don't understand just how Republican voters never understood how the economy circles around, and if you break certain parts of that circle, then it comes crashing down.

You call this having a plan ? lol Everyone will see how this well thought out plan works out soon enough . lol And Clinton took 3 months and got congressional approval to do his cuts . He also didn't start massive trade wars , ask for no debt ceiling , give a huge corporate tax break or do any of the things that have been proven to cause recessions.

Yeah, the GOP is so against DEI but somehow their rampant nepotism isn't DEI, even though qualified candidates are being passed over in lieu of loyalty.

What will his excuse be when he pauses it for another 30 days? He did this in his first administration: make outrageous claims about tariffs/trade, stock market dips, he and his cronies buy up deflated stocks, reverse course on the outrageous claims, stocks rebound, rinse and repeat. This is called market manipulation and is illegal but here he is, getting away with it again.

People of Canada, the American people love and respect you, you are our neighbors, this guy trump does not represent the way we feel about you, please don't judge us because of this loose cannon, resist and speak out against this MON STER!

It's worth reminding now and then that the reason the US has supported Ukraine in the war is that: 1) Russia attacked an independent nation to take away its independence. 2) This is unacceptable. It is specifically forbidden by the UN, to which Russia has signed on. 3) A win for Russia makes the world more unpredictable. There will be more wars. So we support Ukraine both for the people of Ukraine and for the peace of the world itself.

So let me get this straight. Trumpster has dissed our neighbors and allies, Mexico and Canada but is now embracing one of the biggest dictators in history. This is telling as to what Trump wants to be and is. I remember during the campaign so many people chastised those who called Trumpster a dictator and facist, looks like the chastisers were wrong.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Upside-down U.S flag hung at Yosemite National Park to protest employee cuts."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Donald Trump Condemned as US Votes Against UN Resolution Condemning Russia Over Ukraine War."

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Yesterday, The U.S. voted with Russia, China, North Korea and Iran on Ukraine in the U.N. vote. While all our allies all voted to denounce Russia for its invasion of Ukraine. Pretty much sums up whose side Trump is on in this war. I want to see an end to this war, but we should never resume normal relations with Russia as long as Putin is their president.

All one has to know is the following. Three Countries voted in the UN to blame Ukraine for the War. They were North Korea, Russia and the United States. Pretty much says it all about where we're headed as a Country!

Sorry to say, our friends and allies need to run from America and form their own alliance. Trump and our government have proven they support the enemy and lies, disinformation and distrust will continue.

A world leader fact checking Trump in real time on the world stage. Now that was something to see. Trump and his Magas don't understand, isolation is a nations weakness.

Trump caught in the middle of one of his too many lies, Macron, taps him on the arm and corrects him. Trump's face said it all. And then he told the same lie again.

When the judges are impeached for judging, we're turning a corner we may not be able to come back from. The Constitution gives us the process of appeal if you disagree with their decision. Impeachment just takes us another step down the road to autocracy.

I feel despair, anger and fear.

They're getting the wrong message. People don't want compassionate loss of services and jobs. They want to be able to rely on government. They want thoughtful, principle based leadership, not ideological partisanship. Keep reminding them that they are the lawmakers and the executive branch executes the laws they make. Remind them that they hold the purse strings, not Trump or Musk. And if they continue to not understand their job, keep reminding them that they serve at the pleasure of the people.

Their "concern" is not the "New State" being "compassionate", but that they may be voted out. I lived in Georgia, and McCormick won by a huge margin, but that district is also known for tossing out their Reps if they don't work for them.

“Rep. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Wis., whose voters demanded answers about DOGE's cost-cutting effort during a town hall last week, said he promised his constituents that he would try to get more information from the Trump administration about exactly what is being cut and who would be impacted.”

Try? As in launch a Congressional investigation that as the majority you have every power to do? No. You won't do that.

Insincere stall tactic. The GOP does not care or they would have raised objections and/or questions immediately without outrage from their constituents. That's the real problem. Why don't they care??

IF these Republicans are so concerned about their constituents, how about they explain cutting safety, social, medical research, transportation, NASA, etc. programs to extend a \$4.7 trillion tax “gift” that will overwhelmingly benefit the upper 1%-3%? Why not eliminate the tax “gift” to the wealthy UNTIL the DEFICIT is contained?

Their voters knew this when They voted for them.

What do you think " dismantling the administrative state means"?

Here's a hint. The GOP doesn't care about anything other than tax cuts to the rich. And everyone who voted GOP did so because they thought the bad things the GOP was saying they were gonna do was somehow not gonna affect them.

Leopard Time.

Republicans are suddenly scrambling for “compassion” now that their own voters are turning on them. They were all in on Trump and Musk’s plan to gut the government—until their constituents showed up at town halls furious about lost jobs and slashed services. Now they’re pretending to care, but let’s be real, they’re not stopping the cuts, just trying to soften the PR disaster.

Trump inherited Biden’s thriving economy, but instead of using it to help working people, he’s letting Musk dismantle the government for billionaire profit. Meanwhile, my healthcare premium is still \$90/month under Obamacare. My car insurance? Just \$23/month with Insurance-Panda. My gym membership at PlanetFitness is \$10/month. But sure, let’s cut the CDC and throw federal workers under the bus.

Funny how Republicans only start caring when the backlash hits them. Keep the pressure up. When sports teams need cuts they don't randomly fire players; they evaluate the team's needs and recognize that they have to retain at least one player for every position. Random is not a strategy. This morning I heard that fired IRS staff would have collected revenue 12 times their salaries.

You mean firing hundreds of thousands of workers increases unemployment? Decreases consumer spending? Tariffs increase costs? Increased costs increase inflation? Slashing government means eliminating essential services? Destroys US international "soft" power? Increases imperial opportunities for China and Russia?

And maga thought they were just voting to "own the libs" and put people of color back in "their place."

trump and his henchmen have lost control of what's happening. republicans sold out to him long ago. They're not going to stop anything.

More of the same from the GOP: Republicans telling half truths to protect republicans. (Constituents do not matter.) Another lie: "outside agitators" causing them problems communicating with the constituents? Talk about word salad combined with lies Vote them out in the next election cycle.

Presidents Clinton and Obama also reduced the size of government substantially. In Clinton's case. He focused on middle management. He also gave them a buyout option, but did NOT threaten them with termination. He also used attrition. Because of these tactics. President Clinton balanced the budget and left office with a surplus. He was the last president to pay down any of our national debt. President Obama was handed the largest deficit in history of 1.4 trillion dollars. He also reduced the size of government. He looked at duplicity. When he left office. He cut the deficit more than in half. He left a 600 billion dollar deficit. Both these presidents cut the size of our government and had excellent results. They used a scalpel. Trumpenfuehrer and the owner of the United States of America are using a meat cleaver. Sadly, this is what America wants now.

Prayer for tax cuts? Sure, here you go: I pray that Republicans come to their senses and focus on reducing the deficit and debt without sacrificing a functional government, essential services for poor and middle-class Americans and putting future generations further in debt by extending and fattening tax cuts targeted primarily and overwhelmingly for the rich.

Our system, especially if you are elderly...

- 1 - One medical emergency sends you to long term care.
- 2 - You are in a nice, private facility until your family is bankrupt.
- 3 - You are then moved to Medicaid. Lower quality facility, shared room.

Trump 2.0 plan change to step three:

3 - You are moved to a cardboard box on the sidewalk.

4 - You are arrested for being "homeless" and sleeping in a public space.

I mean.. old people have kind of served their purpose, and are a drain on society. There are too many people in this world. The world can non sustain us, need to start reducing populations...

And the best place to start would seem to be the elderly and the poor.

Its cold I know, but also the truth. Unless you want to start sacrificing the young and middle class... In which there is no one to provide for the poor anymore, nor anyone to carry on future generations.

One day these Senators will remember the the life of Julius Caesar and how it ended.

Average price of eggs is now \$10 a dozen, all restaurants are raising prices on meals that contain eggs. Bakeries all across America are now raising all their prices as they use a lot of eggs in their ingredients. Bird Flu continues to spread exponentially and this is all because Donald Trump has shut down The Centers for Disease Control, He has stripped the scientists from the Institute of Health and stripped funding from The Department of Health and Human Services and from The FDA, Food and drug Administration. Donald Trump has withdrawn the USA from The World Health Organization.

Measles is at an all time High in Texas and New Mexico, The Flu Epidemic in Cincinnati Ohio has schools being cancelled and children are being admitted into Hospitals at never before seen rates. Because of the lies being spread on Fox and by Republicans that vaccines are bad for you. Because of Donald Trump and his attack on our healthcare system, and he also plans to cut services to get health care by eliminating Medicaid and Medicare. Hundreds of Millions are at risk of deadly illnesses. Donald Trump is trying to kill you and your children. Extreme action must be taken. **YOUR LIFE IS IN IMMINENT DANGER.**

What's the GOP's plan to address inflation?

Prayers, they are praying for the middle class on down, those on Medicaid and more to suffer so the rich can get richer as the bill has tax cuts in it for again Corporate America. Praying so they can increase the National Debt by 4 Billion, praying so Americans suffer at higher inflation and higher prices.

So completely out of touch. Adding trillions more to the national debt while demanding more tax cuts we simply can't afford. That's the Republican way.

So in the end, we take on more debt after all the cutting, take the National Parks down to primitive, put more homeless on the streets, cut services to Vets, Seniors and Disabled add in prices of grocery store are raising and Congress, White House and the Courts keep their bloated salaries and pensions plus get to double dip into SS.

All in the name of saving money.

Lol

Macron made Trump "the first president in history who had to be interrupted and corrected by an ally when the president of the United States was lying and lying about that ally," claimed O'Donnell.

"Trump became the first American president in history fully humiliated on the world stage by instantly getting caught and corrected in his lie," he continued.

Eisenhower was the last good Republican President. Since then, republicans have been good at getting elected, frequently through voter suppression, gerrymandering and widespread misinformation. However, they have been complete failures at governing. Unfortunately, Dems have been running on very successful governing which benefits the vast majority of Americans

and makes the country better for future generations but then assume that the poorly informed and poorly educated electorate will recognize it.

So, at the Pentagon, they're planning to slash expenses while, simultaneously, the Congress increase the defense budget. SMH

They won't have to worry about being primaried because their constituents aren't going to vote for them. Almost 90 million voters did not cast a ballot for President. Of all those who did vote, less than 50% voted for Trump. Overall, he received 24% of the eligible vote. I am confident that those who sat out the election aren't going to when they will be personally affected by the cuts.

The Promised Dictatorship has begun and Project 2025 is now the law of the land. America now votes with China, Russia, and North Korea against NATO. Putin owns the Orange 666.

Let Republicans own it. And eventually those town halls will become violent. And I have a feeling that their children will not be off limits at some point.

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MAGA increased our National debt by 33.1% in his first term. He'll beat that this time easily.

But hey, at least a handful of billionaires can buy more yachts. MAGA.

47% of all rural and small town children are on Medicaid. The Welfare Red States don't know what they've done.

First, they cut nutrition assistance to starving children abroad. Now they cut nutrition assistance to children in the US while giving tax breaks to the wealthy. Could they be more cruel?

I D I O C R A C Y - brought to you by the Billionaire club - less for the average american - more for the buddies

I'd hate to stand before God and explain why I cut health and food programs for the poor.

This was never in doubt. First, Republicans are known cowards. Even with Medicaid cuts, those Republicans are in no danger of losing their seats. Their voters often vote against their own self interests. And finally the only time they are worried about adding to the national debt is when a Dem is in the White House.

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I depend on my in home caregivers to function and still be able to live in my own home and community. They help me by cooking my meals, so I can shower, keep my home clean, and so I can get to my doctors appointments and errands.

Many of my disabled friends also rely on these in home caregivers, which are paid for by Medicaid waivers.....many people I know are food insecure and rely on SNAP food assistance. I don't know what will happen for us in California and other blue states, but this is still an unnecessarily cruel thing for our government to do...yeah, let's just hurt those most vulnerable just so we can line the pockets of the rich even more.

Someone has to pay for the Republican Billionaires' Tax Cuts, why not the hungry and the sick? Moral bankruptcy is just a step away from financial bankruptcy.

Republican math: balance the budget, address the national debt, by giving billionaires large tax cuts. Reduce income, stop the IRS from going after tax cheats. I wonder why the debt went up more under Trump in his first term than any other president in history. I wonder if anyone can figure out how much better off the country will be this time.

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Mike Johnson's discounting and dismissal of the public's anger in the town halls will come back and bite the GOP. It isn't wise to disregard voters' anger as a one-time occurrence that will have no consequences. But, gutting Medicaid and counting on Musk's fuzzy math "savings" - with no proof - to fund the oligarchs' reward, could be the tipping point.

I'd like ringside at the capitol on March 14, 2025, for that one.

Get ready for America to become the most deprived country on the planet. This will shut down hospitals, it will shut down ambulances, nurses will lose their jobs and The American citizens will lose healthcare. Insurance Companies will flourish with policies that they will find ways to decline coverage, but accept premiums open handedly. The One percent is now prime and poised to oppress the middle Class. America will be the most deprived country on The Planet! When you see a red hat Thank Them, when you see a home with a Trump flag be sure to thank them that your children will no longer be able to get care.

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So many of them in rural areas have been suffering for 40 years economically. I'm not sure they'll notice it. When you vote Republican for 40 years while your community collapses, I wonder about people's thought process.

Midterms will tell the story. If Americans accept this GOP will remain in control. If they do not, it will be a blue wave and the Orange Agent will be powerless in his last 2 years.

Republicans want to complain that people aren't having children, yet, they want to take away the safety nets that lower income families depend on.

Threatening and bullying by Trump to get what he wants will continue. We have Maga politicians that was elected to represent the people but instead he turns his/her back on those that elected him/her to office. Coward negotiating with a coward. Medicaid assist people with disabilities, etc. and it will not end well for the Maga president. Only the Maga's think that Project 25 is well organized but when their own are protesting with the democrats it's sending them an early message before it gets out of hand.

Children born in poverty don't deserve healthcare. but we need a tax cut, GOP.

Johnson is a wolf in sheep's clothing pretending to be of Christian faith, but doing all he can to hurt the people who need it most. What a phony. I knew just by listening to his pious attitude when he first came on the scene lobbying to be the next speaker that he was a hypocrite and he's finally shown his true colors. By all means, let's give the rich more while the poor suffer. And the clown in the Oval is the most hypocritical of all, pretending to help the people who voted for him and hasn't done a thing for them since being sworn in. Who does he think this Medicare cut is going to hurt anyway. And the GOP is surprised that the red state town halls are beginning to sound alarmed. Really!!! How stupid can they be that they're constituents wouldn't notice when they were being lied to!!!!

The Medicaid cuts will result in more rural hospitals closing but that's OK, because that's what they voted for.

Another dark day in Trump's America.

If Republicans pass tax cuts for the billionaire class, they'll be wiped out in the midterms. They should raise the corporate and capital gains tax to 25%. That's very reasonable. But no way will they do that, so they'll be wiped out in the midterms. They do this every time they get power.

Tax cuts to the super wealthy, then they're wiped out in the next election. They never learn.

trump math: \$4,500,000,000 - \$1,500,000,000 = \$0.

“Idiocracy” was pretty tame compared to what we’re living through

The soul of America is not a given. We were never perfect. Know that pre-WW2, there were many in this country who desperately tried to get America to take the other side. Internal movements with full support for what the National Socialist German Workers were doing, and trying to implement that here in America. People in high positions of power. Congressmen, religious leaders. We chose the right side then, but it was never a given, not a sure thing. That is how precarious this all is. That is why integrity, honor, ethical, and moral are the most important characteristics for our elected officials. People can disagree on policy or on direction, but they have to be willing to do the right thing, even when it may not be popular, or when it may not be easy. We have failed with the election of Donald Trump. He is unfit for office, and we have 3.75 years left with him at least, as I believe he will run again, and I believe congress will amend the constitution to allow him to do so.

Has been unstable for quite a while. Pretty soon Congress -- the Republicans -- have to wake up to this and invoke whatever they need to invoke to get him out of there before he does something truly dangerous.

He ain't going anywhere. The GOP-ers in Congress, in SCOTUS, on Faux News, etc are either scared to death of this man or in complete agreement with his actions.

Presidents Musk & Trump have stooped to a level so low, is there anyone sane to start impeachment proceedings and succeed??! The United States is going downhill fast!!!

“But if you had a do-over tomorrow and you had to pick again between Trump and Harris, what would you do?” King asked.

“I would still do Trump,” Hayes told King.

It’s the latest in a line of videos of Trump voters slamming the president only to admit that he still has their support.

Hear one woman call Trump “a piece of shit” and “just a horrible human being” before praising how “prices were down” during his first term here.

And watch Texas couple Kay and Ron Swart slam Trump’s moral character as “terrible” and question his fitness for office before revealing they still had his back here.

Trump is preparing to rule for life. That is why he is firing everyone and appointing his less qualified minions like all law enforcement appointees. As the economy heads to crash and depression kicks in, he will use the military to seize power, suspend the constitution like he said he would do and crown himself the king. He knows his supporters will still support him.

It's a cult.

Deprogramming will be difficult.

It will have to begin by eliminating Fox Media and other gaslighting sources and compelling factual reporting.

We will also need to improve our education system to teach critical thinking.

Though it will be resisted, it is time the electorate be required to pass a civics test before one can be registered to vote. Candidates for office must pass a college level civics exam before being allowed to run...looking specifically at you Marg and Lauren.

The MAGA cult has a strong grip on many. Yesterday Trump announced that the proposed tariffs on goods from Canada and Mexico will be going forward, as he berated whoever it was who put together our current trade agreement. It turns out it was Trump himself, and there's film footage of him proudly signing the agreement with Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau on his left and Mexico's president on his right. Just to be clear, President Biden never changed a single

thing in this agreement, which Trump initiated during his first term. Trump is clearly losing it, whatever it was he ever had (nothing good). Brace yourself America, even higher prices are coming our way.

Don't feel bad. I was fooled by him twice (voted for him twice). But when he lost the election (and he did lose) and then initiated and encouraged an insurrection, I lost all respect for the person. Since his loss he definitely has shown his true colors being disrespectful to the American public with a whole host of verbal insults. Since his reelection his emotional and mental decline has even become more apparent. People stick up for his actions by comparing him to Clinton but google Clinton's fiscal cuts and see it was bipartisan and took many years. Not the raping of agencies we have going on now.

Why not target the real problems? Subsidies for oil, and pharmaceutical companies. They make huge profits and charge way too much. Or the waste in military spending. Instead they target middle class and have little to no impact.

Trump and Musk doing the equivalent of pulling wires out the wall not knowing where they go or what they do. I'm all for government downsizing - but not in this haphazard kneejerk reaction way of cutting for the sake of cutting.

Dummy, the President does not have the authority under the Constitution to create laws. Create chaos, hatred, revenge, yes but any maroon can do that as well.

It's incredible how Trump completely dismisses Freedom of the press and Freedom of speech.

He's like any dictator who tries to stop any and all forms of journalism. This is scary stuff.

My only hope is that everyone is paying attention to what is happening now. You didn't vote for what you are getting. You didn't vote for all your governmental benefits to be stripped away.

You didn't get a person for the presidency that had character and integrity. You got a person who is a liar. He lied during the campaign; you believed him and now he is gutting the

government with no plan or care. His wealthy friends will get huge tax cuts, and you get your health care stripped away. The most vulnerable among us will be in more peril because of his

policies. As climate change creates more disasters, you will not have a government that will help you rebuild your life. With climate change considered a hoax, what will your grandchildren

inherit? Our daily duties and worries distract us from these events. Don't let that happen. Be engaged, pay attention, and remember what is happening now. It is important.

Ahh, but as PRESIDENT - you are legally forbidden from writing such a law because of that

darned First Amendment! Also, anyone can say anything they want about any president - as has always been the case for every single previous president who has had bad things written about

THEM before, during and after their terms. So grow up and put your big boy pants on Mr President.

We're dealing with a mentally sick individual. He has covered every base when it comes to not being normal and needing treatment. Some of his family have already backed away from him

which should also send a message. Wake up America! This government works for us and yes we need some change, but radical outbursts, lack of compassion and a Dictator attitude when

dealing with people is not the America most Americans want. Congress has to step up to this and control it. The people can and will handle it if necessary!

Banning books and intimidating or punishing writers is a violation of the first amendment, which republicans claim to cherish; it is also a fascist technique to control information and now a hallmark of the Trump republican party.

Robert Kennedy sure doesn't know much. He doesn't know how many children have died of measles in Texas.

He doesn't understand that the Texas outbreak by itself is equal to half the Total US cases last year.

He doesn't address the fact that the leading reason that people are contracting measles is that they aren't vaccinated.

He can't bring himself to say that vaccines save lives.

Finally, he implied that the current outbreak is a small price to pay for continuing his anti vax revenue stream.

It's weird that nobody in the administration seems to be thinking about what happens when millions of veterans -- many of them well-armed and suffering from various mental conditions -- lose their VA clinics, their rural health clinics and the Medicaid benefits that help them afford the meds for their physical, mental and emotional wounds.

We Americans (in general... not ALL) became too self-indulgent, too greedy, too materialistic. We worry more about matching furniture and getting tickets to our favorite sports events than we worry about our families and neighbors in need. And so God is punishing us. He's punishing us with this horrifying excuse of a human being in a position of power over all of us. This man is the definition of greed, lust, dishonesty, narcissism, and cruelty, and God has allowed people the free-will put him in back in our White House. If we survive this, it should be a lesson to all of us to BE BETTER!

Arbitrary firings will only encourage the best workers to quit. Lousy managers, lousy leaders, lousy policy.

So - approx 39,000 people in VA are now looking for a job (minus those who either took the buy-out, or were close to retirement)... this is ridiculous. I can't forgive those who voted for that man.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Donald Trump threatens 'nice new law' against authors he doesn't like."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "First measles death reported in Texas as Kennedy downplays outbreak."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Moderate Republicans Who Complained About Medicaid Cuts Voted to Advance Them Anyway."

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I always enjoy paying more for groceries and other daily necessities. \$8 a dozen eggs just makes my day. A glow comes over me for \$4+ a gallon gas as well. I just can't wait until inflation hits double digits.

Thank you Trump for Making Inflation Great Again.

MAGA will be the downfall of this country. In every time period of great civilizations even the most prosperous empires like Rome went down. The downfall of America has begun.

Here's the ugly truth: MAGA doesn't care much that they may lose their jobs or Medicaid, or that the price of eggs, groceries, rent and gasoline doesn't come down or that Trump didn't end the wars in Ukraine and Gaza on "day one."

No, what they care about is that Trump hates the same people they do and that he's working to make America white, Christian, heterosexual and male dominated. That's their focus. If anything bad happens to them as a result of Trump's policies, they'll give it a pass and consider it the cost of achieving their goals.

I laugh at the sign Support your local Farmer. The local produce guy, yes. Area farmers that get gov't support whenever they need it, yet cry about socialism and vote for Trump. No.

Trump has no clue. Show me his qualifications? Scamming businesses? US Banks unwilling to loan him money? Filing for bankruptcy 6 times?

I hope the deep red states are hurt the most and I will have no sympathy. End of discussion.

Two weeks in a row that there are no eggs to be found in Costco during my visits, and I stop by Costco several times a week.

Trump's tariffs are the biggest consumption tax in U.S. history. A tax increase and spending cuts at the same time. Massive recession started last month. Maga.

Trump's senility is getting worse at an ever increasing rate. It's fun to watch the Republican spineless politicians try to explain his insanity away while cowering and refusing to do town hall meetings with their constituents anymore. There is going to be a bloodbath in the midterms for their cowardice and treatment of the blue collar workers and the poor.

I agree with the excessively high costs of health care. If Europe and Asia can provide equal or better health care at 1/10th the cost of the US, then why can't we? Answer: Lobbyist for the health care and pharmaceutical industries.

The biggest Republican myth around is that they want to help the working class. Every time they get an opportunity, though, Republican politicians give tax cuts to the richest of the rich and effectively pass the tax burden to the shoulders of the working class. And because right wing rage and propaganda media works so well on poorly educated people, they keep looking at the scapegoats the Republican politicians keep pointing out, entirely ignoring the hand that is picking their pockets.

Funny that the Republican Party has NEVER been for the working class, but they seem to have found the formula to sucker the working class into voting for them: as you said, "right wing rage and propaganda." AND, since that same working class would rather die than admit they are suckers, they will continue to vote Republican forever.

I read a book during Trump's first term that really helped me understand that behavior in Trump supporters. The book "Mistakes Were Made (But Not By Me)" by Carol Tarvis has an introductory chapter that talks about the Heaven's Gate cult and how its adherents responded when the cult leader's prophecies failed to materialize. Rather than realizing they had believed a delusion and that they were, in fact, wrong.... they doubled down. It was their belief that "saved them". It's crazy, of course, and I don't understand thinking that way. Of course, I'm open to being wrong and changing my opinions as new information is brought to my attention. I guess it helps if you can admit to yourself and others that you aren't necessarily right about everything and have room to grow. Another fantastic read to better understand Trump's base is the book "Conservatives Without Conscience" by John Dean. He spends probably around a hundred pages from the beginning of the book explaining the sociological term "right wing authoritarianism", what it means, and why we should really understand it. It connects the dots with how easily the Republican party wooed evangelical "Christians" and quickly assimilated them into their voting bloc going back to the 80s. Very illuminating read. I read in the summer of 2016 and it opened my eyes to the very real possibility that Trump might in fact win that election, in large because of the evangelical vote. And that's exactly what happened. One more quick recommend: "The Brainwashing of My Dad" is a documentary that in just a brief hour and a half really explains the evolution of the right wing "echo system" that gave rise to Trump. It started in response to Nixon stepping down to avoid impeachment, and was hastened by Reagan tanking the Fairness Doctrine. Honestly, I wish all of us could find a "MAGA buddy" to watch that documentary with and do a 6 week study from John Dean's book. Sadly, it wouldn't do any good, though.

My question is why do Republican voters keep putting these guys in office? They show you time and time again they don't care about your wellbeing or your personal economy! Listen to what they do not what RW media says!

"Listen to what they do not what RW media says!" And therein lies the problem. Even when get raked over the coals and we elect a Democrat as president to clean up the mess the last Republican president left, those people just keep tuning into the same mind numbing right wing rage media as before. They have short memories. I think right wing rage media is as addictive and has similar effects to meth or alcohol. They get a high from it and they keep going back. At some level they probably knows it not good, maybe even know its hurting them. But man, the rage just feels SO GOOD. It's bonkers.

I'm perfectly willing to have civil conversations with Team MAGA and have had several in the past. I agree with what you are saying, but at the same time I will say it is really difficult to be gracious to someone driving their gigantic pickups with their "F Ur Feelings", confederate and "Don't Tread on Me" flags and who has been literally programmed to see anyone who disagrees with them as their "enemy". What most of them need even more than a civil conversation with someone outside of MAGA-land is an 8 week program in cult de-programming. That's not being self-righteous. That's just being honest. They really are like alcoholics. It's just their drug of choice is that right wing rage.

Check out the documentary "The Brainwashing of My Dad" and the book "Conservatives Without Conscience" by John Dean. Those resources were SUPER helpful to me in at least understanding "What is wrong with these people?"

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So, it turns out that ending the war in Ukraine takes more than 24 hours, and did not happen on his first day as promised. Secondly, US gave Ukraine 160 bn. in aid, but Trump wants 500 bn.

Not fair. Compensation is in order, but this is more of a mugging than requesting compensation.

What wars Plenty of wars has he stopped. Trumps the one who's going to get us into WWII.

Trump and Vance are siding with a Dictatorship and starting to alienate the US from NATO. I

think this is a horrible decision.

I've tried really, really, really hard to not voice politics on here. But I just can't anymore.

This broke me. This is absolutely unacceptable for the President and a Vice President to act in this manner to a president of a democratic country that has been heroically fighting back against the worst dictator in our lifetimes. This is horrifically embarrassing and disgusting. "Have you said thank you once?!" demands Vance! Does he have amnesia?!! This is out of control.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRcUumrC8bs>

What an embarrassment. Our 'president' and 'vice president' are trying to rewrite history and they are cozying up to Vladimir fucking Putin. Get yourself right America.

The world is in trouble. These are idiot spoiled children running the country, don't know how you could watch this and think they are qualified to run anything

This entire administration is wretched and vile!

Art of the Ass in action - traitor & dictator supporter. Sad day and afraid for brave Ukraine.

President Zelensky has courage and class. Trump and Vance looked like a couple of rabid dogs. I'm glad he didn't take their "deal" aka extortion.

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Russia cannot win this war unless Trump either stops U.S. support or convinces Ukraine to capitulate. Ukraine didn't start this war, Russia did. As the aggressor Russia will have to make reparations' to Ukraine and rebuild Ukraine. Most of the support given by the U.S. to Ukraine was in the form of weapons that we weren't using and was a way for us to get rid of dated technology in that field. This was a beneficial deal for the weapons industry and kept jobs in the U.S., both parties benefited. Trump is after the minerals because some of them are essential to the manufacturing of batteries for electric vehicles. This will benefit Musk greatly. Both of them are opportunist and are always on the look out for ways to increase their wealth. Trump wants to build Trumpland using the Gaza Strip and they both want to rob Ukraine of their minerals. Everything is always about increasing the bottom line for the 1% and corporations while lining their own pockets. Two egotist who can't decide who is president and who's actually running the U.S.

Zelensky's popularity with his people and ability to lead thru the worst of circumstances intimidates the Don to no end. It appears that Zelensky may also be the better negotiator.

Good for Zelensky. Trump wants to raid the minerals, but offer nothing in return. The shocking thing is Trump's level of complete trust in Vladimir Putin. Clearly unwise and misplaced, provided Trump and Putin are not confederates. The invasion of Ukraine ironically coincides with Trump running for office again, and Trump himself said he talked to Putin 7 times while he was campaigning.

And once again Trump makes sure the only person who won this "negotiation" was Putin. I can't believe we have a president who openly praises, and adores the president of Russia. My grandfather is rolling in his grave.

What a disgrace. This is the man that MAGA is raving and climbing the Capitol walls for? He is accusing an ally of starting a war and trying to belittle President Zelenskyy on national television. Bullying him into signing a deal that benefits him. Then to make matters worse, JD puts his two cents is claiming that Zelenskyy hasn't been grateful. These two should be ashamed of themselves. America will forever hold MAGA accountable for these times that we are in.

I'm a moderate republican and I'm just saying that conference was a disgrace.

So the guy that got impeached for trying to bribe Zakinski, is now trying to bully him into what I'm sure is a lopsided mineral contract? I've heard more about rare earth minerals and nothing about peace

So Trump wanted Zelenskyy to sign a deal to provide U. S. Citizens with the ability to mine Ukraine's natural mineral resources in exchange for no security measures, except for Trump's "word" that Russia's President would agree to uphold a cease fire and end this war. Typical Trump - money over human life. Trump knows that Putin would not end this war, and so did Zelenskyy! EXTORTION at its finest, folks! Zelenskyy made the right decision, no matter how foolish some people may think he is!

You voted for him. YOU bear responsibility.

Thoughts and curses.

YOU are the enemy.

It would be nice if the wider media would start condemning Trump for how he's playing this. He's acting like it's a personal business deal for the mineral rights rather than a matter of international security and standing with allies on the world stage. He WILL sell out Ukraine to Russia with the idea Putin will give him things to enrich himself. He WILL continue to lie and spread Russian disinformation because he thinks he'll get something from it. The media really needs to grow a backbone and call all of this what it is.

Has there ever been a less-qualified President of the United States than Trump? NEVER!!!

As a once proud American, I am on Zelensky's side. 100%

As a self described moderate conservative, I cannot wait until Trump is out the the office. He is absolutely, 100%, the worst president I have ever seen and is destroying our country and our alliances. I'm not saying that everything he has done is bad, but on a global political level this is absolutely horrifying what he is doing.

President Trump and his 'sidekick' JD, put on an awful display of bully diplomacy! Putin is the biggest winner of this oval office spectacle and won the battle without being there. Just waiting to hear from trump apologist, who'll claim this is strong leadership. MAGA always has an excuse and I'm sure this one will be just as bad, as all the rest.

Americans should be embarrassed by Trump and Vance for their behavior. Ganging up on a man trying to save his country from Putin. Ukraine has thanked us over and over again for our support and these 2 bullies think they can intimidate him when they know nothing of the torture Ukraine is going through. Russia started the war and Trump is still hung up on revenge against Biden.

Trump will have all of Europe hating us before he is through.

Watching this I was horrified - two bullies ganging up on a leader who's been trying to save his country. Talking over him and not giving him a chance to reply. It was disrespectful, humiliating and embarrassing. No diplomacy for sure.

Most Americans are realizing their mistake and are siding with Zelensky and against Putin/Elon/Trump. I'm in my seventies and never saw a president betray our country, allies, and People until now. But once again, justice will prevail.

Putin owns trump, no way this deal was ever going to happen.

JD Vance said many times on the campaign trail and at the UN General Assembly he didn't care what happens to Ukraine. Trump hates Zelinsky for not agreeing to lie about Biden in exchange for military aid approved by congress that led to his Impeachment.

Trump and Vance expected Zelinsky to just sit there and keep his mouth shut while both Trump and Vance lied through their teeth. I applaud Zelinsky for speaking up, I'm sure he was holding back what he really wanted to say. Trump doesn't realize that Russia wants all of Ukraine and all territory that was once USSR, some of which are NATO Countries. Article 5 of NATO says an attack on one is an attack on all, if that happens its World War III.

This is why we supported the war in Ukraine, to prevent World War III.

This republican administration is going to bring us closer the WWII than we have ever been before. You DO NOT negotiate and make concessions to a ruthless dictator like Putin. It's what Europe did with Hitler before WWII, and look what happened there. Zelensky is right - Putin cannot be trusted. He has shown that over and over. Of course, Trump cannot be trusted, either. America enough. Article 25 of the constitution needs to be invoked and felon 47 removed from office. The damage he's doing will take decades to undo.

How much blatant evidence do we need to see that the entire republican party in office with the exception of a couple are on board with their KGB agent boss. This is disgusting witnessing this clear Russian take over of the American Government. I hope Maga folks will open their eyes before the end of our democracy.

The greatest generation are rolling over in their graves. What have we become? Abandoning the good people of Ukraine, and holding them hostage to rare earth minerals. I didn't like Biden much but he or his handlers had a moral compass not present in this administration. Shame Please repeat this prayer from a lifelong registered republican. Dear god please stop the heart of Trump and prevent the further embarrassment of the greatest nation in the world and bring back dignity and integrity to the white house.

Zelensky is right. He is smart not to be bullied by Trump and/or Vance. Putin is a terrorist and should be treated like one. And, in the future, the United States will have to deal with Putin if things are done Trump's way. Unfortunately, Trump is not qualified to even be handling this. Smarter, more experienced generals are, but Trump has let them go. This has made the United States much weaker. Sorry to give you the facts, but Trump is a boy sent to do a man's job. Good for President Zelensky!!! Even in a cornered position he will not let his country be bullied nor will he be bullied by Oligarchs! America used to be considered the good guys, in the eyes of the free world, we are no longer that!

So the new president yelled at someone he was trying to take advantage of when zelensky wouldn't just roll over. Such diplomacy, tact, professionalism, intelligence, respect. /s

I am so ashamed that President Zelensky was treated so badly by Trump and Vance. Our country is so much better than what was on display today in Washington. It was a complete embarrassment to watch and listen to what our supposed leaders did to a sitting President of Ukraine.

Vance just revealed his naivety in the art of negotiation on the global stage. He is clearly not ready for high-stakes diplomacy. The deal would have been finalized if Vance hadn't tried to undermine the President of another sovereign nation in order to please his boss. This approach may work for Vance and Trump within the GOP, but it is ineffective in international relations. And now let us look at the other two men in the room.

The vulgar, threatening, ignorant, snarling, arrogant bully that is the leader of the free world, God help us.

There is another way of looking at yesterday's Oval Office atrocity. The world owes Zelensky a favour for showing the true face of Trump and Vance: a pair of gangsters who are waging war on truth and democracy and will threaten and avenge anyone who gets in their way.

I'm shocked!! Who could have foreseen that the person whose last foreign negotiation resulted in the release of thousands of Taliban and ISIS terrorists, the murder of 13 American military personnel. The person who handed the entire country over to those terrorists abandoning Americans there leaving them unprotected to face those thousands of terrorists his negotiations released. That this same person would AGAIN abandon our allies to hand over an entire ally country over to our worst political adversary. I mean who could have seen this coming? /SMH Trump and Vance definitely showed exactly who they are in the meeting with Zelensky. They are two truly selfish, non-caring bullies who will absolutely kick a man when he is down. Trump and Vance tried their very best to humiliate and degrade Zelensky by accusing him of being a dictator, not wanting peace, and not willing to engage in peace talks that will strip Ukraine of their natural resources. It is so obvious Trump does not have the intelligence nor the knowledge to negotiate with foreign leaders. Only Putin because they are two rocks in a box at the bottom

of the ocean!!

Zelensky put Trump under the bus? Try watching the video, or, better, the statements each has made in the past few days. Trump makes me ashamed to be an American.

It is heartening to hear that at least our NATO allies are still in contact with reality regarding the Ukraine, since our bungling president doesn't seem to know where his head is. But we know where his head is, don't we.

Trump does not have a grasp of the seriousness of the situation. He allowed himself to be goaded by Vance, and then, as he often does, Trump showed that he cares only about himself and his perceived grievances. It's both troubling and telling that Trump has unspeakable wealth and power, yet he can't seem to get over his grievances and need to avenge every kind of slight. I respect Zelenskyy for standing up to the irrational bullies. Everyone else in the world may kowtow to Trump because they have no integrity or moral compass. At least Zelenskyy demonstrated that the world is more important than Trump's fragile ego. It's heartening to see that Macron, Merz, and other world leaders -- statesmen -- have integrity. It's time for Starmer to get on board. It's telling that Putin sycophant Medvedev sounded more like the Trump the bully than world leaders.

The worst part about this is, we and the British made a commitment to protect Ukraine if they surrendered their nuclear weapons stockpile back to Russia, and then we encouraged them to resist for years with weapons, intelligence and other assistance. Now, just when they need us most, AND When it's possible Putin could be in a very precarious position, Trump throws them to the wolves very publicly in an Oval Office presser. Beyond Ukraine, what does this tell any other country we've historically provided guarantees to about what might happen with them in the event Trump decides on a whim that providing those guarantees is no longer profitable or a "good deal" for America? We have just seen what the fate of NATO is about to be, and we have a good preview of what will happen if Putin takes this as a sign he can swallow up other countries in the region he has been eyeing. We will stand by and allow it to happen unless these countries are able to pay extortionist demands in order to keep the word we've already given. Today is the lowest point in American geopolitics in my lifetime, and the reverberations from it have yet to begin, but it's going to get ugly, and America is going to find itself very alone and very vulnerable in a world that will turn elsewhere for real leadership and strength.

Brilliant plan on Trump's part. Now Ukraine can retaliate by taking its rare minerals deal elsewhere and maybe even go so far as to ally with China or Iran

Interesting that not a single Republican seems to take issue with the sophomoric diplomatic skills of Trump and Vance. They were asking for Zelensky's obedience, and took offense that he wanted more assurance of protection than just Trump's influence with his pal Putin.

The word presidential had an entirely different meaning prior to this administration. What a sad state of affairs in American diplomacy and influence.

Leave it to two-faced Graham to change his position yet again. Not long ago he's talking about the need to support Ukraine but when put to the task of rightfully criticizing Trump and Vance's horrific treatment of a genuine ally in favor of Putin, he again reverts to the terrible pandering he is known for.

I have no interest in what Republicans have to say about today's meeting. Their loyalty isn't to principle or country—it's to appeasing a leader who has repeatedly shown where his true priorities lie. We've all seen Trump's behavior, from siding with adversaries to insulting allies. Even on his best day, he doesn't come close to the integrity and courage of Ukraine's president. Today was a disgraceful display of pettiness, bullying, and a complete lack of decorum. I stand

with President Zelenskyy and respect the way he handled the embarrassing spectacle in the White House.

I am an independent voter and can look at this without the bias of a party loyalist. I believe that today one president represented their country in a way that should make them proud, and one president did not. Ukrainians should be proud of their president today and I am embarrassed by the behavior of my president and vice president. We are better than this!

Amazing from the outside looking in. We saw Trump coming and retired overseas. We have a better lifestyle, healthcare much better and prepaid at the register, and eat much healthier food. Even with Global inflation hitting us harder, we live better for around 55% of what we did stateside. \$2200 a month here, and save for 2 to 5 trips to mainland Europe each year for under \$2,000 for a 10 day vacation.

Americans who are under the yoke of debt? Credit card, Car note, house note etc.? This is now the Untied Slaves of America their.

Watch your groceries in June compared to January... wait until Christmas - you chose to be like russia in voting, and not voting. The smarter ones will figure it out. You also embraced project 2025. If you didn't read it and defended, read it now. Buckle up buttercup.

I agree wholeheartedly. Negotiating diplomacy in front of cameras was NEVER a good idea and should not have occurred. Zelenskyy was trying to save what is left of his country, but was treated terribly by Trump and Vance in front of press and cameras -- not the way to conduct diplomacy.

Then throwing Z out on top of mistreating him was wrong.

But if it hadn't been televised the American public wouldn't have known the truth about what transpired. tRump would have fabricated his own version and then fed it to us over and over like everything else he says. Repeat a lie often enough just hoping everyone will be convinced. I personally am glad we got to hear it first hand for a change.

Kevin, I'm more than embarrassed by the POTUS's actions. I find this person to be a disgusting, immoral and unethical example for our children instead of a positive role model and has placed the USA in a dangerous position.

No real change will happen in this country until the masses feel the financial pain in their pocketbooks and thousands of protesters take to the streets.

Isiah 520: Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.

"...we are better than this..." Not anymore. We just became international bullies in the eyes of the world.

It's extortion and bullying. If you want to stop the war, get Putin to back down; not Zelensky.

Ukraine was invaded. Zelensky should not have to give up territory or mineral rights...period.

Vance has just proven he is a Trump puppet, by kissing up and offering nothing of value to the meeting. Instead he fueled discourse by insinuating Zelensky never offered thanks. How is that productive?

prediction: trump's next step will be to pull out of nato.

Congratulations to the King Krasnov, James Bowman, and the Republican members of Congress on being applauded by, and repeating the same sentiment as RUSSIA is today. A REAL proud moment in our history.

This was NOT about doing what was best for the United States and the world, this was part of the retribution tour the orange one promised last year - this is retribution for Zelensky not giving him dirt on Biden, leading to Trump's impeachment, as well as Zelensky going to the

ammunition factory in Pennsylvania last year with a Democrat. To say otherwise is either being willfully obtuse or burying your head in the sand.

World War 3 is possible because of the Mean Girls attitude of the "most powerful" man in the world.

Oh, by the way, AGAIN, the guy who forgot he called Zelensky a dictator got the amount of money we've allegedly spent on Ukraine WRONG. The \$350 billion number is the TOTAL Ukraine has received, including Europe's contribution. And of the \$120 billion we added to the cause, most of it was in weapons we were never going to use again and money that went back into OUR economy (like the ammo factory Zelensky visited). The actual money we spent was mostly in the form of loans that Ukraine could pay back if the former KGB operative decides to break free from Vladdy's demands.

Ukraine and Europe against the alliance of Russia, China, North Korea, and the USA. President or not, no single person should have the power to upend our American values and align us with communists bent on rebuilding the Soviet Union.

I miss the days when Trump was just stupid. Now he is stupid AND demented.

He will be an octogenarian next year (if he lives that long), but I think he will be ejected with the 25th Amendment well before that.

Ninety-nine percent of what Trump says are lies and, unlike the magas, I'm not OK with that.

Comrade trump strikes again. I wonder if Putin promised trump a position in the Polit Bureau or Kremlin in exchange for trumps support. Reagan is rolling over in his grave.

I applaud Zelenskyy for standing up to Goliath today. Those two traitors (trump and vance) to democracy and rule of law threw the meeting into turmoil when Zelemslyy simply said that you can't trust putin to keep any promises and asked for security if there is a peace negotiation. Why should that anger the two if they are not subservient to putin?? That is because they are putin's puppets. As simple as that. Good for Zelenskyy for standing up and not signing that mineral deal trump wanted his hands on. I support Ukraine in their defense against trump's friend, putin.

All the MAGAs in Congress, along with our deranged Pres wish we all spoke German, or dare I say, Russian.

Republicans have been openly allied with Putin for years, now it's official.

We're the newest member of the Axis of Evil.

Good job, GQP.

why doesn't trump take this attitude with Israel?

Never in my lifetime did I think I would see an American president take the knee to Russia.

Absolutely disgusting.

Zelenskyy won the hearts of the good American people today.

Slava Ukraini!!! Zelensky should never apologize!!! He is a hero and leader of his country!!!

Zelensky is a Real president

Trump and Vance owe him an apology!

We cannot do this for 4 years.

Remove Trump! His childish behavior today was PATHETIC!

A red hat & cheap slogan does not make a leader. A grifter shouts loud and lets the world know he is a fool.

Zelensky displayed integrity, strength, and leadership! Trump and Vance, a disgrace - remove NOW!!!

That was embarrassing to the point I feel I owe Zelensky an apology.

Very embarrassing! I'm ashamed to be an American . Commander in chief?????? I'd rather have Zelensky as my president!

Millions and millions of Americans need to take to the streets and protest the outrage we are feeling.

When is the idiots who voted for Trump admit that it is over.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy is a man of integrity who demonstrates what a President should be.

Trump and Vance displayed what a bully is and brought disgrace to the Oval Office as well as shame and embarrassment to Democracy and to the American People.

3-1-25

The U.S. brokered the deal that pulled nukes from Ukraine and gave them to Russia. Do you think Putin would have invaded the country if he risked retaliation with those missiles? The U.S. is complicit in allowing Russia to run roughshod over another sovereign state.

Standard salesman tactics.. never let the other side know how much you want something. They tried to berate, scare, and shame him and he held fast. Now they have to actually give him something. If he had no cards to play he wouldn't have been invited.

They are angry because it didn't work.

Putin is fighting to not lose, Ukraine is fighting to win. Russia has lots of people but Ukraine has a far more modern military. If Europe can supply Ukraine enough ammunition, they should be able to outlast Russia.

The US is now officially divorced from Europe and NATO might be fine in the short term but in the long term isolationism never works - making the whole western world hating America is not good for business repairing the damage on the world stage might take 20 years as always - everything trump touch dies

I agree that Trump's a terrible negotiator, but he also seems different. He's aged tremendously, and he's always hunched over. While he's always snapped, he seems less in control than in the past. He's also taking a backseat when it comes to Musk. He's not one to share the limelight. Something's not right.

Age is definitely noticeable. The article was spot on. Bullying doesn't work in the long-term as it burns relationships that may be needed down the road.

He is a narcissistic sociopath. Narcissistic personality disorder is a mental health condition that involves an exaggerated sense of self-importance and a lack of empathy for others. People with NPD may also have an excessive need for admiration. Someone with this condition should never have been able to run for president. He will never be able to negotiate fairly, or run this country for the good of the people, as he only sees one way for things to be done, his way. You are right about him seeming different, as this condition gets worse with age. There is anger in people like Trump, from the minute they wake up until they go to sleep. He has to lash out at someone, or the whole country in this case, and our allies. A lot of paranoia with this guy.

I understand what you're saying. Sometimes I go there. But other times, today,... at least this next hour, until I'm emotionally triggered from another ridiculous display of something, I'll try to remove myself from this destruction. Not be a part of it. It's a choice. Be good. Do good. Why in the hell should you hurt yourself with this? I know you, Jolie. Don't give in to him. Don't give in to this. That's what the bullies want... submission. To feel somehow responsible for the chaos at hand. Don't claim it. Find your route, something, some small positive you can do,...resist. rise. You didn't do this. Not your shame to own. No.

History lesson America. Would you trust us at our word! Three decades ago, the newly independent country of Ukraine was briefly the third-largest nuclear power in the world. Thousands of nuclear arms had been left on Ukrainian soil by Moscow after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. But in the years that followed, Ukraine made the decision to completely denuclearize.

In exchange, the U.S., the U.K. and Russia would guarantee Ukraine's security in a 1994 agreement known as the Budapest Memorandum.

"NATO was formed in 1949 primarily to provide collective security against the threat of Soviet expansion in Europe after World War II."

America under trump is in breach of our honor, word and signature to our longstanding allies. And the really sad part about that is...the ONLY time in the history of the alliance that members have been called to support a member under attack...was in support of the U.S after 9/11.

Does anyone think they will EVER come to OUR aid again? Does anyone think that when Putin turns on a weakened America that our 1 time allies are going to assist us? Or are they going to turn their back and say we are getting EXACTLY what we deserve?

Arrogant Trump and Vance want America All Alone. US is waging war with allies. Threats and condescension will not command respect.

Trump repeated over and over that only HE can end this war, unlike his predecessor, because you have to end it through diplomacy. Well, I think he proved today that he's even worse at diplomacy than he is at business.

This obsession with former presidents seems so weird to me. In his first term everything was Obama, Obama, and now it is Biden, Biden. It seems so out of touch. I mean, they are gone, you are in the job, move forward.

I am no fan of Marco Rubio but his body language as he sat and watched Trump and Vance ambush Zelenskyy clearly showed how much he DISAGREED with what they were doing. If he has held on to ANY of his ethics and courage he will immediately RESIGN from any office associated with Trump. So will ANY Republican who truly loves America more than they love Trump.

I see two wanna-be school bullies yelling over the adult in the room.

Trump and Vance demanded respect, but weren't very respectful themselves. I can understand frustration, but don't air it out in front of the world. Vance seemed to be looking for soundbytes more than actually solving anything.

Can anyone imagine Trump having a conversation like the one in the oval office on 2/28 with our ally, President Zelensky, but instead with Putin, Xi, or Kim Jong Un, whether in public or private? Me either. I'm certain that it wouldn't happen and there's something wrong with the idea that he wouldn't or couldn't do that.

The Trump apologists and propagandists will have to work overtime on this one. This will be harder than Trumpsplainning how Trump didn't call Zelensky a dictator.

Europe already provides 60% of Ukraine's funding. I suggest that Zelenskyy no longer negotiate with Trump/Putin and instead negotiate EXCLUSIVELY with congress and Europe. Europe does have more capacity and more at stake, so that is at least a possibility. In the meantime, Democrats need to propose their own spending bills for Ukraine, and push that all the way into the next election, pointing out who the Russian supporter are in congress, right now.

How shameful is it that 77 million people were conned into believing Trump the convicted felon and insurrectionist would make a good leader. Any man who would cheat on all three wives would have no trouble lying to the American people and he did. You own him maga, deal with it.

As a veteran, I think two things happened today, the first being a planned ambush of a target. You get your opponent in your house, trying to make peace for a country that has lost over 70k people in this war with Russia. Secondly, the problem I've railed against about Trump for the last 10 years finally came to the fore in front of the nation, to see your spoiled brat President throw a temper tantrum at a man who's 10 times the man that Trump will never be! Our stance in the world just got really shaky. We can't produce half of what we get in imports; will these democratic countries now make Americans pay for what their President did? I think they will, and I feel sorry for everyone right now for what is about to happen to us!

It is very clear that Trump and Vance are in way over their heads, Trump seem clueless, and Vance did nothing more than shamelessly act like Trump's yappy little lap dog. It's not the United States Zelensky doesn't respect, it's the two children in front of him he doesn't respect, no body respects Trump for good reason

In 1940, when Churchill faced overwhelming odds against Hitler, Roosevelt could have told him to just settle with Hitler on his terms. Instead, he sent weapons and ships. How times have changed!

“You see the hatred he’s [Zelensky] got for Putin. It’s very tough for me to make a deal with that kind of hatred,” said Trump. “He’s got tremendous hatred.” And rightly so ewe ijiiit. The USA just hit a very low point on the world stage. Do ewe see what you voted for? Are you proud? In a democracy you get the government ewe deserve. Time to wake up and get rid of him, if you can, if you want, if,if, if...

The Trump toadies will eventually face the same wrath as Hitler's henchmen. At the Nuremberg trials. Their defense. "I was following orders. I didn't know what was going on." No acceptance of responsibility. No remorse. Still following Hitler's racism & fascism. Then they were hanged. I've seen this clip everyone is talking about. I didn't see any disrespect on the side of Zelensky. I must have missed it. What I saw was 2 men trying to force another man into servitude time after time with no results. If one does not bow to a bully but hold their ground, that is not disrespect, that is courage. IMHO

I would say that many Americans who used to respect our country and thought it stood for human rights and helping allies defend against blatant, savage aggression were in tears too. In my case, it was just rage. America under Trump is a disgrace to every value it ever espoused. The best thing Zelensky is laugh it off. Cancel any contract within 72 hour and stand your ground. This was a typical big business SET-UP to be little and control. (Father was a CEO of fortune 500) and I have seen many transactions including with Russia (Father was COE of US/USSR trade). This is a textbook manipulation and head game.

so...Ukr. should accept a deal they weren't part of ... which basically, end the war and cease the region the russians invaded ... (probably) no mention of war reparation for the cities leveled by the russians ... forget about joining Nato ... and trust putin's word of honor ... take it or you are on your own, don't count on america.

The depravity continues. There is no bottom to what Fox will do to support the fallacy of trump. The propaganda network does not believe in America or its values. We all saw with our very own eyes how disrespectful trump and Vance treated Zelensky.

The conservative GOP has come a long way in 8 years. Siding with Trump in 2016 to blow through the debt ceiling to give tax breaks until today, siding with Trump to amplify Russian talking points and abandon an ally to that Fascist State. How many of that party are wondering how the hell they got to this place?

If it's peace he wants, why did Trump depart from the rest of the world to align 4 fascist dictators on Ukraine: Russia, N. Korea, Belarus, Hungary to protest the UN condemnation of Russian aggression? That's the path to peace, not encouraging the aggressor.

Good luck with that. Trump has a total meltdown in the Oval Office, practically kicks Zelenskyy out of the room and still wants a Nobel Prize after scuttling the peace process. Maybe Trump will have the U.S. military invade and impose our will on the region? That would make as much sense as Trump's whining and crying about Zelenskyy not showing the U.S. enough gratitude, then wrecking the meeting. After that performance, the U.S. doesn't have an ally (former ally) that trusts us. Nice way to deliver peace.

If anyone deserves the Nobel Peace Prize, it is Zelensky. He is a real life hero and has fought and will continue to fight against Putin for as long as it takes - with or without Trump.

Fox is so far up Mrs. Putin's buttocks, they could blow out his birthday candles. Trump is looking for deals in cash or goods, not in ending the killing. MTG's boyfriend threw Z's balance of with his peanut gallery insulting question. Everyone knows he promised to wear his uniform until the war is over. Trump and Vance then attacked without provocation. Z looked shocked, then confused, then defensive. He could not get a word in edgewise. It was theatrics aimed at elevating the support for Putin as the victim. Putin loved the show I'm sure. He couldn't have written a better script for Vance and Trump.

Nobel Peace Prize is based on accomplishment NOT aspiration. Nobel Peace Prize laureates described on its website as follows: Martin Luther King Jr FOR his non-violent struggle for civil rights for the Afro-American population. Malala Yousafzai FOR their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education. Nelson Mandela FOR their work for the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa. Jane Addams for their assiduous effort to revive the ideal of peace and to rekindle the spirit of peace in their own nation and in the whole of mankind. Mother Teresa FOR her tireless work for bringing help to suffering humanity. Former President Jimmy Carter for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development. Fox Fake News aka Trump State TV who spreads lies, disinformation and Russian propaganda 24/7, who planted the seeds of MAGA neo-Nazi/fascism movement, whose false prophets like Carlson and Hannity, allies themselves with Putin and autocratic leaders against democracy, who promotes virulent extremist conservative ideology with its right-wing tyranny and hate, Now, Fox Fascist News want to nominate lawless treasonous treacherous TRUMP a Convicted felon, liar, fraud, insurrectionist and traitor, who sides Vladimir Putin of Russia who hates American democracy, is a war criminal, mass murderer and state terrorist, who is his friend and ally, Trump who blames Ukraine for Russia's invasion, ambushes and humiliates the noble and brave warrior president of Ukraine, Zelensky, in the people's House, the White House, Trump who is trying to destroy our democratic and constitutional order. Extremist Fox Fake News betrays, mocks, deceives, lies to the American people. Fox MAGA news corrupt & defile our democratic way of life & its institutions

Gee, let's give Neville Chamberlain a posthumous Nobel Peace Prize while we're at it. After all, if an appeaser who is also a Putin fanboy can get it, why not an appeaser from an earlier era who at least didn't adore the guy he was appeasing?

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Fox & Friends’ Host Says Trump Deserves Nobel Peace Prize After Zelensky Spat.”

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Zelensky is possibly one of the strongest heads of state at the moment - fighting for his land and people currently and against those who aim to capitalize on his vulnerabilities. While he may be willing to step aside to find an acceptable solution, his stand-off with the U.S. the other day will do nothing more than fortify and strengthen his role, as seen by others around the world. He won't be bullied and I think he made that point clear.

If Russia had honored the treaty it signed with Ukraine in 1994 to give Russia its nuclear warheads in exchange for economic aid and security assurances, we wouldn't be having this discussion. Russia can't be trusted and neither can the the United States. What this will do is start nuclear proliferation all over again as Europe will start building its arsenal again. This will be very dangerous. For whatever reason, Trump just can't say no to Putin.

Mike Johnson needs to resign. He has abdicated our second CO-EQUAL branch of government to create a king. We're already looking at -1.5% GDP this quarter following Biden's final quarter at +2.3%. And that's before they're done slashing. They are bankrupting everything this great nation once boasted.

Almost ALL the European leaders are meeting at a major summit in London today. Imagine that, they have the OPPOSITE opinion of Mr. Johnson. Hero that should be praised and supported. It was a terrible deal for the Ukraine to accept, and Zelensky was smart to walk away. Trump still wants the minerals and the deal. It'll be interesting to see who makes the first move after the brouhaha.

I think NATO and the European Union are appalled by tag team Trump/Vance trying to extort minerals out of Zelenski, the President of a country, victim of Russian aggression (for the second time) fighting for survival. This was merely entertainment for Trump's best pal, Putin. A victim in a war is in no way instigating WWII. For Ukraine, they may be fighting WWII, but the rest of the world hasn't made that determination yet. The Hague may also want to call Trump a war criminal also for threatening to take over other countries, Panama, Mexico, Canada, Greenland, Iceland... He's already begun tariffs on these nations. He is supported by a minority republican party and backed by a corrupt and moral-less Supreme Court.

The gop is a hot mess. They all try to act like they're on the same page and they say completely different things and contradict Trump but then twist themselves into knots to not contradict Trump and lose the rings. Saying Putin is the aggressor, something Trump adamantly denies. Zelensky is fighting for his country for his people who were invaded and attacked by Russia. Trump should resign for all the damage he is causing the US and the world.

Mike should resign for failing to protect the border when Democrats were ready to pass the bipartisan immigration Bill.

What Putin wants:

A weak NATO

Lands in Ukraine

The US stepping down from the leading role.

The dismissal of the US dollar (lack of soft power)

What Trump delivers: All of the above

The way Trump and JD treated Zelensky was horrific. First Trump makes a sarcastic remark to Zelensky about what he was wearing - how crude that was. Then JD tells Zelensky that he never thanked the US for its help. Besides saying 'thanks' many times, what did JD want him to do - kiss their feet. Trump and Vance are the ones that attacked Zelensky, and if they can't act in a civil way, then they should resign.

Newsflash. He's Not coming back to be treated like that. He'll make a deal with the EU.

Trump is now an isolationist.. The world economy, world security arrangements will retire at light speed around the USA , our economy and defense roles.. Right now Zelensky is meeting with the EU Summit to rewrite their interests, China is talking to Mexico right now for economic development .. The USA needs the world ...the world does not revolve around Trump or the USA anymore.. The USA is headed for depression right now.

The ENTIRE GOP has willingly installed a dictator, removed all govt limits on his power, subverted justice to ensure he can never be prosecuted, given full gov't backing to lies and anti-democratic propaganda, stoked violence and anarchy, and betrayed our greatest allies in favor of dictators and enemies.

There hasn't been a Republican party since 2016. It is now the Russian-proxy, misinformation, anarchist party.

"...Joe Biden warned in his final State of the Union address that the nation faced a choice between democracy and despotism..."

It's pretty clear what direction that is going, and it's not looking good.

President Trump and Vice President Musk are the dictators of everything now, and Congress is too scared to stand up to them. A very strange and unprecedented time for our country. We are no longer a Republic, but a dictatorship. I don't see that changing at all until the mid-terms.

If we even last that long. The first month felt like 3 years. I'm Exhausted, and Disgusted.

An intriguing analysis has been circulating online regarding the psychological aspects of Zelensky's meeting with Trump and Vance, conducted using ChatGPT.

From this analysis, it becomes evident that we have witnessed a true masterclass in gaslighting, manipulation, and coercion on the part of Trump and his entourage. Let's break down the key points:

1. Blaming the victim for their own situation

Trump explicitly tells Zelensky: "You have allowed yourself to be in a very bad position." This is classic abuser rhetoric—blaming the victim for their suffering. The implication is that Ukraine itself is responsible for being occupied by Russia and for the deaths of its people.

2. Pressure and coercion into 'gratitude'

Vance demands that Zelensky say "thank you." This is an extremely toxic tactic—forcing the victim to express gratitude for the help they desperately need, only to later accuse them of ingratitude if they attempt to assert their rights.

3. Manipulating the concept of 'peace'

Trump claims that Zelensky is "not ready for peace." However, what he actually means is Ukraine's capitulation. This is a classic manipulation technique—substituting the idea of a just peace with the notion of surrender.

4. Refusing to acknowledge the reality of war

Trump repeatedly insists that Zelensky has "no cards to play" and that "without us, you have nothing." This is yet another abusive tactic—undermining the victim's efforts by asserting that they are powerless without the mercy of their 'saviour.'

5. Devaluing the victims of war

"If you get a ceasefire, you must accept it so that bullets stop flying and your people stop dying," Trump says. Yet, he ignores the fact that a ceasefire without guarantees is merely an opportunity for Russia to regroup and strike again.

6. Dominance tactics

Trump constantly interrupts Zelensky, cutting him off: “No, no, you’ve already said enough,” and “You’re not in a position to dictate to us.” This is deliberate psychological pressure designed to establish a hierarchy in which Zelensky is the subordinate.

7. Forcing capitulation under the guise of ‘diplomacy’

Vance asserts that “the path to peace lies through diplomacy.” This is a classic strategy where the aggressor is given the opportunity to continue their aggression unchallenged.

8. Projection and distortion of reality

Trump declares: “You are playing with the lives of millions of people.” Yet, in reality, it is he who is doing exactly that—shifting responsibility onto Zelensky.

9. Creating the illusion that Ukraine ‘owes’ the US

Yes, the US is assisting Ukraine, but presenting this aid as “you must obey, or you will receive nothing” is not a partnership—it is financial and military coercion.

10. Undermining Ukraine’s resistance

Trump states that “if it weren’t for our weapons, this war would have ended in two weeks.” This is an attempt to erase Ukraine’s achievements and portray its efforts as entirely dependent on US support.

Conclusion

Trump and his team employed the full spectrum of abusive tactics: gaslighting, victim-blaming, coercion into gratitude, and manipulation of the concepts of peace and diplomacy. This was not a negotiation—it was an attempt to force Zelensky into accepting terms beneficial to the US but potentially fatal for Ukraine.

GIVE PRESIDENT ZELENSKY A NOBLE PRIZE PLZ

To think, the MAGAs actually get angry if you call Donald a bully.

Please Canada, offer us citizenship

So, subjugation = Freedom? We just stick our heads in the sand and pretend nothing is going on outside our borders until it's too late. We, as a country, throughout our history have been protected by two gigantic oceans. This may have worked in the past, but the past is the past. We kept the Russian aggression in check with strong economic sanctions, not "military might". Once those sanctions are gone, there would be nothing to stop it.

She is standing up for the antithesis of freedom. Like the coward she works for, she is siding with a foreign dictator against a people fighting for freedom and self-determination. She was identified as a foreign asset before assuming her current position. Clearly, that was correct.

America has lost its collective mind. When Gabbard can accuse the EU of anti-freedom policies while helping to turn America into a fascist oligarchy, we are in the Upside Down.

J.D. Vance has the nerve to tell Zelenskyy he is out of line debating this in front of everyone and the cameras when he was the one who started the whole argument. Liar. Hypocrite. Slimeball.

I'm glad it was streamed. We have cold, hard proof of how it went down and it's clear Zelenskyy was not the aggressor.

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Rubio might have actually made it to heaven had he not sold his soul. Nothing he says anymore has any merit whatsoever. Not unless he says what he knows and really feels. Like he did before he sold his soul. If Rubio came to me for some fatherly advice I'd suggest he read some history. He should read about Thomas Jefferson. Read what he wrote in his original, first attempt at the Constitution. Read about what he wrote and how he and others debated what to leave in and what to take out. Read why we established the government the way we did. I would do so in hopes he

would recognize the brilliance of it. Everything that is happening now is in direct opposition to the constitution. I think he knows that and believes it in his heart. Rubio must leave the administration immediately and speak out to save himself.

He did sell his soul. He looks like one unhappy person. I think he is too afraid to say what he really feels, like everyone else. Trump likes to be respected. Even Vance mentioned that in the video that went viral. However, respect needs to be earned, not given. As far as I can see, he hasn't yet earned it.

Perhaps, Trump is trying to end the war, but more so he wants to please Putin. He adores him. He should join him and Russia so that they can rule together.

The Republicans are trying very hard to spin Trump's capitulation to a murderous dictator as an act of nobility worthy of a Nobel. Trump is not trying to end a war and save lives. He's trying to hand a victory to Putin. I don't think the American people will buy what Trump and Little Marco are selling.

I used to be a proud Republican until they lost their soul. I am no fan of woke, leftist identity politics but I will vote that way until hopefully this MAGA scourge is defeated. It amazes me that if a great man like Reagan came along he would have to run as a Democrat.

Trump realized that the religious were on the side of Republicans and religious people believe things without facts. They are easy to manipulate. He rode it all the way to the Presidency.

Director Gabbard should've paid closer attention during that meeting. President Zelensky conducted himself as a strong, competent leader. It was Trump and Vance who are to blame for the heated exchange. President Zelensky was cautious of Trump's loose promises and asked for reassurance. That request was greeted with an all-out temper tantrum from an unstable, insecure Trump.

I didn't see Zelensky escalating anything at all. He was mild mannered and didn't come off as being aggressive. Zelensky didn't raise his voice once, everything he said made sense. Trump and Vance act as if a disagreement is a sign of disrespect. Such fragile egos.

It's almost as if Republicans and Democrats watched a different meeting between Trump, Vance and Zelensky. I am a moderate Republican and what I saw was a setup to try and humiliate Zelensky. Vance, in an apparent attempt to be tough, insulted Zelensky for not being grateful enough. I don't know about the rest of you, but I have seen dozens of clips of Zelensky demonstrating his appreciation for American assistance. And then Trump piled on about Zelensky not wanting peace. I can honestly say, I have not been more embarrassed of our nation in my 65 years. We need some brave Republican politicians to step up and quit being spineless. You know much of this is wrong, but you care more about retaining your seat than improving our country. History will remember this and your legacy will be forever tainted.

H.R. McMaster is one of the most distinguished military leaders in the history of the country.

Take a look at his medal/award attainment, and the length of time he has served our country.

There is not a single individual in the current administration that retains such credentials. Stop listening to the you know what. I do agree we need to spend more time on illegals, crime, drugs, etc., however the fact Putin himself said the worst mistake in the 20th Century was the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the USSR, must not and cannot be ignored. Putin is attempting to systematically reconstruct the former USSR.

Totally agree, our military leadership represents honor and integrity. Questioning someone like this only shows that some people cannot accept that everyone doesn't agree with them. MAGA is a group of yes men.

Trump without a doubt is a communist sympathizer who is looking out for Putin.

I can't think of a better way to weaken Russia and Putin than funding the Ukraine military. They take all the casualties.

Donald The John Rump: metastatic human CANCER ON AMERICA! FIGHT BACK!!

Trump has no class, character, integrity, ethics, morals and does not display a single Christian value. Attacked the US Capitol and democracy, stole top secret documents, liable for sexual assault, 34 felonies and 6 bankruptcies. He couldn't get any other job in this country but here we are with him in the white house. His supporters who claim to be Christian really do not know what that means. Because if they did they would not support this individual.

At this point in Trump's presidency, all of a month and a half, It's pretty apparent most people are smarter than anyone in Trump's administration.

A good thing that Neil Young stands with Europe and Ukraine and will rock for the free world in opposition to dictators and bullies.

Is talking about Ukraine "politics"? Keep on rockin' in the FREE WORLD!

House Speaker Mike Johnson -- a staunch Trump ally -- touted what he said would be the president's "triumphant return" to Congress, arguing that he had accomplished so much already that listing his achievements "could fill three hours."

Johnson has become a full Trump cheerleader rather than fulfilling his duties as Speaker of the House. The sad part is that Johnson along with the rest of the House Republicans and Senate Republicans seem to be happy to surrender and cede their power and responsibilities to Trump and the executive branch. Perhaps Dems were right. Part of this election was about saving Democracy.

His vision is a bonanza for the wealthy. It will be a free for all with all regulations either gutted or eliminated. Our forest will be clear cut because the guy he put in charge wants to do it. Our clean air and water will be left to the industry to police itself. Most of our federal lands will be sold off and our national parks privatized. If you have problems with vehicles or other products you buy, good luck with no consumer protection agency. If he puts 25 percent tariffs on Canada, the price of lumber will go up 25 percent along with 6,000 dollars on a new car. Trump thinks we can make everything right here in America. You know what happens in that case, bigger companies buy up or put their competitors out of business..

People we're headed for a national disaster the likes this country never seen, all because one guy thinks he knows everything.

He is going to tell us the coup is over, and that he has complete control of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Military. He is going to reiterate that he is above the law, and there really isn't any need for Congress going forward.

This is the problem plaguing OUR Congress: "Trump's tight grip on the Republican Party has only grown stronger since his 2024 comeback, and few are willing to risk losing their seat by antagonizing him and his base."

The formula for Making America Go Away is greed, power, self-aggrandizement, cruelty, subjugation, abdication, bravado, untrustworthy, and communism all stirred up in Trump's cauldron. It is now what America is showing to the rest of the world as a remnant of what once was a great American experiment in democracy and freedom. How much more will Americans be willing to sacrifice in order to support MAGA republicanism or should it be described as "political cannibalism?"

Look out, everyone. This crazed cult leader who screamed about people "eating the cats and dogs" and "50 million in condoms to Gaza" is going to "TELL IT LIKE IT IS".

MAGA really just does hate this country, doesn't it?

I'm sure attendees will be checked for rotten tomatoes at entrances.

No need to check for rotten eggs. They cost too much!

Meet Stephanie Matthews Lovins who sat down at a Mexican restaurant in Ohio & left racist remarks on her receipt & refused to tip her disabled server who works 2 jobs.

Update: Century 21 states she is no longer affiliated with the brand.

The farm sector has historically been hurt first-and-worst by tariff wars.

All those farmers in Iowa...start planting coffee and oranges!

Trump and Republicans won because they promised to bring prices down not because they promised to start trade wars, let Elon Musk run amok and create chaos on the world stage.

What's worse, everything they are doing is making inflation even worse and the chaos is quickly starting to alarm and harm loyal Republican voters.

And now they have fired so many people at Social Security there is a substantial risk checks don't go out on time one day soon.

Not to mention when the Medicaid cuts start closing down rural hospitals in deep red states.

2026 is going to be a bloodbath.

You're assuming Trump's voters are smart enough to see through his lies, and that they care to do that. That is a dangerous assumption, I'm done making those. Everyone who is financially literate knew Trump's ideas would raise prices. We need better education in this country, George Carlin said long ago, think about how dim the average American is and half of them are worse than that!

Maga Republicans will see a huge change in attitude when the tariffs hit their wallets HARD!

That was a mortifying spectacle in the Oval Office today. We witnessed President Trump acting like a handmaiden to a Russian dictator, while processing everything—US foreign policy, world history, the fate of millions—through the lens of his own grandiosity, pettiness, and personal grievances. Trump is siding with a man who has all but threatened us with nuclear annihilation over our support for an independent Ukraine. Putin's troops have routinely subjected Ukrainian POWs to torture. They have stolen tens of thousands of Ukrainian children and repatriated them to Russia. And we now have President and Vice President who blame the victims for all the misery and death that has been imposed on them (and for not saying “thank you” when they do this). Where do we go to get our country's moral stature back?

Problem is many only have exposure/access to Christian radio, Joe Rogan, Glenn Beck, Newsmax and OAN, and Sinclair Media. Propaganda galore.

MAGA voters will see the prices rise soon.

Faux News will blame Biden for Trump's incompetence.

I live in the midwest I am surrounded by farmland, those farmers had TRUMP signed everywhere during the election, now FAOFO ..it's that time! LOLLOLOLOLOL

Canada just announced that they intend to trounce the US with nearly triple the tariffs on goods and a plan to hold back and create stockpiled surpluses of the most needed goods that the US relies on. Mostly building materials, energy, and military materials that the US faces devastating shortages on and cannot replace for close to a decade of infrastructure and operations investment. This plan was devised after speaking to over two hundred Republican Congress members, Governors and political leaders as well as heads of business that admitted that they would likely have to close down operations all together rather than build here in the US to counter the Trump tariffs.

Prices are going UP, UP, UP!

Thanks Trump. Thanks Trump voters. Thanks MAGA.

Mexico is expected to follow suit. Just an FYI, MAGA... We get close to 30% of our fresh produce from Mexico.

WITH FRIENDS LIKE "NATO ALLIES", WHO NEEDS ENEMIES? President Trump... undoubtedly greatest leader in history- accomplished more in one month than some "alleged" greats accomplished in their lifetimes- combined- Churchill, Caesar, Stalin, Napoleon, Lincoln, Gandhi... and now Trump must start looking into it very strongly whether Trumplandia (formerly known as USA) should exit NATO military alliance. After ungrateful, thankless, greedy and always looking for a hand-out Dictator Zelenskyy insulted beloved leader- Trump (whose job approval rating is hovering around 93% amongst MAGA devotees, independents, good Christians and even moderate Democrats)... our alleged NATO allies stabbed HIM in back with a twelve-inch knife... later pulled it out halfway... but Trump still has a knife imbedded six-inches deep. I never trusted British... so when failed sub-prime minister of England embraced Dictator Zelenskyy... gave him \$3 billion to continue brutal attacks on Russia... a country and its leader who loves and worships Trump... giving HIM status as fourth person in the Godhead and blood brother to Jesus in flesh... and gave Canada assurance that Trumplandia will not annex Canada as the 51st State... it is clear that the British are still seething about losing the War of 1812... and the French still supporting Dictator Zelenskyy... begging him to not resign even though he disrespected Trump... with his tone, attitude and poor choice of attire... shameful behavior... thank God (Trump) for being civil... obviously the French are still upset Napoleon sold the Louisiana Territory for \$15 million in 1803 because French assume Trump will buy Greenland for the \$500 billion Ukraine must pay to reimburse Trumplandia for the loan of \$350 billion plus 29.9% interest... or \$500 billion. Actually, a military alliance with more trusted partners like Russia, China, North Korea (whose great leaders bow down to Trump)... will be much more powerful... easily seize Canada and Greenland.

This is obviously sarcasm and satire. QA (the poster) has a history of this kind of comment. LOVE IT!

Questions: Hypothetically, If Trump were found to be treasonous by colluding with Russia, could he pardon himself? Could congress overturn a pardon?

It took 52 days for Germany to go from a democracy to a fascist state. Trump is trying to break the record.

Forget a press conference crash.. this is a presidential crash. Ridiculous

This has nothing to do with winner or loser. This is about dignity and manners. There was only one person in the room who carried himself with dignity and the stature of a President and was not an orange buffoon or a make up wearing lap dog.

If I were a Republican, I would be SO ashamed of the behavior demonstrated by Trump during this meeting!!! I'm a Dem and at this point, I'm almost ashamed to admit that I'm an American. I can only imagine the negative attitudes being developed by those countries that were/are our allies!!! They must be thinking that our country could turn on them in the manner that our supposed leader turned on a country fighting to maintain its independence!! Trump has definitely formed a union with Putin and it totally scares the hell out of me!!!

We may have power now, but moving forward without our international allies, for trade and security- we will be alone with a wrecked economy and China well ahead of us.

Don's deck of cards includes treachery, bullying, threats, lies, profiteering and more lies. Z doesn't hold any of those cards.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio has called for the United States to act like Russia and China in pursuing self-interest first -- a contrast to former president Joe Biden, who prioritized alliances as a force multiplier for US influence. USA is now an extortionist country

Fascism (/ˈfæʃɪzəm/ FASH-iz-əm) is a far-right, authoritarian, and ultranationalist political ideology and movement,[1][2][3] characterized by a dictatorial leader, centralized autocracy, militarism, forcible suppression of opposition, belief in a natural social hierarchy, subordination of individual interests for the perceived good of the nation or race, and strong regimentation of society and the economy.

3-4-25

Former President of Poland Lech Walesa wrote the following letter to Trump.

Your Excellency, Mr. President,

We watched the report of your conversation with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, with fear and distaste. We find it insulting that you expect Ukraine to show respect and gratitude for the material assistance provided by the United States in its fight against Russia. Gratitude is owed to the heroic Ukrainian soldiers who shed their blood in defense of the values of the free world. They have been dying on the front lines for more than 11 years in the name of these values and the independence of their homeland, which was attacked by Putin's Russia.

We do not understand how the leader of a country that symbolizes the free world cannot recognize this.

Our alarm was also heightened by the atmosphere in the Oval Office during this conversation, which reminded us of the interrogations we endured at the hands of the Security Services and the debates in Communist courts. Prosecutors and judges, acting on behalf of the all-powerful communist political police, would explain to us that they held all the power while we held none. They demanded that we cease our activities, arguing that thousands of innocent people suffered because of us. They stripped us of our freedoms and civil rights because we refused to cooperate with the government or express gratitude for our oppression. We are shocked that President Volodymyr Zelensky was treated in the same manner.

The history of the 20th century shows that whenever the United States sought to distance itself from democratic values and its European allies, it ultimately became a threat to itself. President Woodrow Wilson understood this when he decided in 1917 that the United States must join World War I. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt understood this when, after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, he resolved that the war to defend America must be fought not only in the Pacific but also in Europe, in alliance with the nations under attack by the Third Reich.

We remember that without President Ronald Reagan and America's financial commitment, the collapse of the Soviet empire would not have been possible. President Reagan recognized that millions of enslaved people suffered in Soviet Russia and the countries it had subjugated, including thousands of political prisoners who paid for their defense of democratic values with their freedom. His greatness lay, among other things, in his unwavering decision to call the USSR an "Empire of Evil" and to fight it decisively. We won, and today, the statue of President Ronald Reagan stands in Warsaw, facing the U.S. Embassy.

Mr. President, material aid—military and financial—can never be equated with the blood shed in the name of Ukraine's independence and the freedom of Europe and the entire free world.

Human life is priceless; its value cannot be measured in money. Gratitude is due to those who

sacrifice their blood and their freedom. This is self-evident to us, the people of Solidarity, former political prisoners of the communist regime under Soviet Russia.

We call on the United States to uphold the guarantees made alongside Great Britain in the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, which established a direct obligation to defend Ukraine's territorial integrity in exchange for its relinquishment of nuclear weapons. These guarantees are unconditional—there is no mention of treating such assistance as an economic transaction.

Signed,

Lech Wałęsa, former political prisoner, President of Poland

Trading sides during WW2 is a great analogy. The European Union will continue to support the Ukraine and will not allow Russia to win. When it's all said and done everyone will remember who fought against the spread of communism and who bailed when they needed help.

I pray those on the right will find their voice, their spine, their other things and stand up to this. Since when has Russia been the good guys in any recent lifetime?

When the Soviet Union broke up Ukraine only agreed to give up their nuclear weapons when the United States, along with some other western nations, committed to support Ukraine in the event of a Russian invasion.

Trump won the presidency, but let's not pretend 'most Americans' wanted this. And cutting off Ukraine doesn't stop war; it **rewards Russian aggression** and makes future conflicts more likely.

Meanwhile, Trump and MAGA are openly aligning with **authoritarian regimes**, dismantling democratic safeguards under *Project 2025*, and consolidating power to create **one-party rule**. You may not want war, but what you're supporting isn't peace—it's **the erosion of democracy at home and the rise of unchecked dictators abroad**.

And we've dismantled all our cyber and security defenses with gov't to allow Putin to walk in. Wake up and smell the coffee....the silent coup is occurring. In 6 weeks, we have splintered America from allies, making both weaker from a security perspective. Look forward to another 9/11 event with no Article 5 help to invoke. And, now we're making America poorer with the tariffs against Canada(??) and Mexico(?). Look forward to layoffs for the automakers in 1-3 weeks.....and it goes on and on and on.

Face it, you really put Putin in the White House. MAGA = Make Russia Great Again!

Vance is like all 70 million Trump supporters: flippant and callow.

Every Trump supporter I have ever met has been basically thoughtless. It's why we're now living Idiocracy. There are simply more of Trump's "uneducated" than there are thoughtful and intelligent citizens. We all better learn to love Brawndo. At least it has the 'lectrolytes plants crave.

JD Vance. Has no business being Vice President, i don't think he is even qualified to be a used car salesman. Who thought this clown deserves the position of special advisor to President Musk. President Trump consistently posts AI deepfake images on his own social media platform. Fox News Channel also likes to display deepfake images without disclosing that they're altered (just look up the wiki page about their scandals). It's hard to believe that the Trump Administration will harshly crack down on him and his main propaganda sources.

Russia has already promised them mineral rights if they get to keep the Ukrainian land. Trump was never interested in actually making a good deal with Zelensky, only offering up a terrible deal, selling out his country and wealth, and never giving a promise to protect their sovereignty. Any decent leader would've rejected that deal. Zelensky was in a terrible mood because he flew all the way there to be lied to about securities in the deal, Trump was in a terrible mood because

he thought he had strong armed him into accepting a terrible deal. They were both disappointed and both popped off. The only difference is that Zelensky was ambushed and Trump always wanted it to go badly.

This sets a horrible precedent for our country.

This is absurd that autocrats are likened more than democracy here in America.

I was alive at the tail end of the Cold War when Russia couldn't be trusted by any American my how the tables have turned, sad to see.

The Dealer Maker at it again. Give the other side everything they want.

He did the same with the Taliban, now look they have not kept any part of their deal and Trump could care less. There was nothing in it for him but a campaign promise. Did the same in Syria. Does the same to Americas that he thinks did not vote for him. He is a Russian operative all the way. Putin has the goods on him 100%.

Ukraine is literally the front line in defending the free world, and the Trump administration is indifferent to their success. If anyone thinks Putin can be trusted, they're nuts. Putin cut his teeth during the Cold War, and his only interest is rebuilding the former Soviet Union and destabilize the west. This is fact, not opinion.

Really Vance? You think you can bully some small free country into submission so you can discuss your vision of a peace plan with the aggressor, without their input. Please don't use Americans as the baseline for your own agenda and judgement.

So USA gets mineral rights, Russia gets Ukraine land, and Ukraine loses their territory. Trump will blame Ukraine for it all and claim the best peace deal in the history of the world and blame Ukraine for continuing to fight for the land the USA agreed to protect and Russia agreed not to invade years before.

So Russia gets to keep the land they stole from Ukraine. I mean Trump has got to make the Russians pay in some way. So actually Ukraine loses all away around. Can you imagine what Ronald Regan would be saying right now. He's the guy who built up our defenses in the Cold War to reign in Russia. Now Trump wants to give Russia everything.,

It will become obvious to the world very soon what a stable genius the donald isn't. America, we are in trouble.

This is nothing but a hierarchy of petulant pooches. Putin yanks trump's chain and gets him to perform for the people. Then trump, senile and weak, yanks vance's chain so he will parrot Putin's talking points, and then all three of them sit there and try and gaslight the world and the American people into believing we're not seeing what we're clearly seeing. trump is a Russian asset. He's not working for us, and he has no intention of doing anything to benefit Ukraine simply because putin doesn't want him to. That's it. This isn't complicated. Our government has been compromised by Russian loyalists working against the interests of the American people. Period.

Trump and Vance wear more makeup than a night walker.

The American people voted for the administration of chaos and nonsense and that's exactly what we are getting.

Today's topic is Vance erasing the UK troops who fought along with our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, and our allies being insulted by the omission.

There are laws against illegal actions, like violence, but speech is protected. Please MAGA, explain to me how this is not an attack on rights and the constitution.

Funny how MAGA always claims that the "radical left" is coming after peoples rights, but it is the radical right which makes all the attacks.

Great message from Trudeau, but I do disagree with him on one thing. Trump is not a smart guy.

Trump has no idea what he is doing. He doesn't care who he hurts or how low he drags our country down.. All his extremely insecure narcissistic self cares about is looking "tough" and "powerful." Dude cares nothing for the American people or this country at all.

We're heading into a recession should he continue with his "beautiful tariffs." Increased unemployed no so great for the economy either.

How does a \$4.5 trillion tax cut (85% of which will go to those making \$400,000 or more a year) and will raise the national debt equate to government efficiency?

They hope the dems will be reasonable, while they themselves are being unreasonable. DOGE, while it's stated mission is not necessarily a bad thing, has turned out to be a hack and slash hatchet job on the government that has done little other than unnecessarily put good people out of work while not really finding any fraud or saving the taxpayers any real amount of money.

Around 120 GOP Senators and Congressmen voted not to certify the 2020 elections demonstrating complete subservience to Trump's lie. Now in 2025 we have an entire political party that has been transformed into a cult and they believe their leaders over and above the constitution. American democracy is dying right before our eyes and the GOP is pushing it along.

Trump doesn't deny that his foreign policy is in line with Putin but instead rants about President "O'Biden"

“The chaos in D.C. is causing a lot of uncertainty. This is a Trump-ster fire,” Chris Galipeau, senior market strategist at Franklin Templeton, told Barron’s.

Don't blame solely Trump. Blame the 76 plus million that voted for him. Now they are mad, losing their jobs, veterans who lost their jobs with the federal government and many others because of their own stupidity. Finding out is a "HARD" lesson for many!

This entire presidency is a racket, designed to throw away any enforcement of regulations that would stand in the way of Musk and other billionaires to push an agenda that will enrich themselves with no obstacles to get in their way. While we, the little people have to suffer the consequences of what Trump is doing. He will destroy this country before he's done. We are already scorned by the world for what he's done to Ukraine and his unabashed favor of all things Putin. It's disgusting.

Will everyone please stop freaking out? Just because Trump and JD Vance are acting like Russian plants and sending the economy into a recession and are giving an unhinged billionaire carte blanche to fire huge swaths of important government workers doesn't mean they aren't also doing good things. Like for instance:

How are egg prices right now?

United24, a Ukrainian state-sponsored platform that raises funds amid the ongoing war, is raffling off 100 T-shirts with Zelensky’s response: “I’ll wear a costume when the war is over.”

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Trump's pause on Ukraine aid is like the U.S. switching sides in WWII, expert says.”

News of the Surreal (for Real): “Trust in Trump’: President's supporters dismiss alarm bells from critics.”

I’ve gone through plenty of personal crises throughout my life. Lately, I am now faced with a strange new one: a crisis in our country where Donald Trump and his supporters are completely upending our whole nation. They do not care *at all* about unifying this country. This want to smash it, bully it, devastate it, and bury it in order to remake it in Trump’s Christian Nationalist/ Fascist/ Capitalist image. It’s a scary, depressing, exhausting time to be alive. I’ve never thought that my sister, my brother-in-law, and my own Homan relatives in Mercer and

Auglaize counties as “evil”... until now. That’s how disturbing it has gotten with how far Trump has capitulated to Putin and the religious right. Extorting Ukraine for “peace” is just another bottom. Voting for “gerrymandering” while campaigning with signs to “End Gerrymandering” is just plain sick. There is nothing moral or ethical about what MAGA is doing, though they try to convince themselves that they are. Seeing on Facebook that Kelly Reigelsperger, a classmate of mine who was bullied and mocked for being physically-handicapped, is a MAGA Trump supporter broke my heart. How can she support a bully wannabe dictator who is now the most powerful person in the world?

Yet I also read an article that interviewed these Trump supporters and how they would never dissent him. They’ve scared and upset with where the country has gone. They feel that they’ve been taken advantage of with all the manufacturing jobs being taken away. They’re sick of European nations taking advantage of the United States in order to give them protection. Trump has completely swayed them that they’re all victims and only he can save them and America. He’s right and wrong at the same time.

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Markets do not like turbulence, uncertainty, and unforced headwinds. All of that exists now and is rapidly worsening. Case in point, tariffs and retaliatory actions will increase inflation and decrease business revenue. Alienating Europe will cost the military industrial complex in America dearly, as well as other businesses as Europe goes domestic with contracts.

This is exactly what they want, they crash the markets so they can come in and buy everything up at bargain basement prices, they do it every single time!

And then they pass the debt along and blame democrats helping people as the reason.

They're doing all of this, on purpose, to tank SS

President Trump has less than 2 years to deliver better economy. If this proves to be bluff or difficult, democrats will be the majority in the House of Representatives and possibly in the Senate as well. It remains to be seen, how the tariffs will impact our trading partners as well as American consumers.

That isn’t how an authoritarian oligarchy works. The right wing owns or influences every major media outlet. They control the supreme court, the presidency, both houses of congress, they are removing any government officials, military officials, secret service officials, etc. that they want. They have the will and technical expertise to rig an election and there is no one with real power to investigate it. They also have enough control over the military and security forces that popular uprising will be ineffective. This election was the last that will have meaning in the USA.

Economy is the number one issue for majority of voters. Trump telling everyone how great the economy is when it's tanking isn't a good look

We already know what will happen. Trump is such a genius he basically told the countries he tariffed that it's about who blinks first. I'm sure it will be the US who blinks first. Tariffs is protectionism we tried it before the Great Recession. It failed. Trump will be old and gone before we would even have a manufacturing base so that's a pipe dream. Look forward to slow revenues, mass unemployment and fewer government services. Pray he's not a Russian operative. Imagine being a federal employee, who had to take an early retirement, only to see your investments crashing in a matter of days. Furthermore, these tariffs will lead to more layoffs and firings.

Make Depressions Great Again!

What is "a little disturbance"? 10% inflation for the rest of the year? New Construction and US automobiles will get hammered with additional cost. Fox Business showed a \$80K Dodge pickup will rise to \$100K. Yikes.

The president even acknowledged economic discomfort when discussing tariffs, saying, "there'll be a little disturbance, but we're OK with that. It won't be much.".....yeah sure if your a billionaire like Trump and Musk they are OK with it.....time to vote out in 2025, 2026, 2028 any GOP members supporting Trump and Musk's attacks on our economy and democracy I am in the construction industry, and everything trump is doing is going to make it harder for Americans to afford homes. The US imports 25% of lumber from Canada. Existing and new tariffs will total 39% for lumber from Canada (not to mention any retaliatory tariffs from Canada). Labor costs are about to soar with the attack on Mexican immigrants, which account for 50% of my laborers. Add it all together and trump has guaranteed to lock out the average American from owning a home. And it is going to get worse. Thanks trump.

David, it's clear that GOP members in both the House and Senate are deeply intimidated by Trump. In fact, they now seem more fearful of the very people they were elected to represent. Have you noticed the town halls over the past few days? It's time to vote them all out.

"A little disturbance." That's hilarious. Get ready for the Great Recession 2.0. The tariffs weren't in place yet and GDP projections shifted downward by 5% to a -3% GDP contraction, and that's before the number are actually tallied.

Worst decision: Citizens United. Elections are bought by the richest among us.

2nd worst decision: Presidents are immune from criminal prosecutions.

Turned our Presidency into a Kingship.

These guys have their heads on wrong. They don't even seem to recognize the damage they have caused.

Here the BIG LIE everyone. Trump claims we need Greenland for strategic reasons to stop Russia. But at the same time, Trump is telling Ukraine to trust Russia and just hand everything over in the name of peace. But those two things counter each other completely. One is claiming that Russia is so bad that we need a strategy to stop them, and the other praises them for being good. This is Trump and ALL OF MAGA right now too. They are not grounded at all in any logic.

Share this everywhere. When do the trials for treason begin?? Greenland is a major military facility, and it's there to help protect NATO and Europe incase of foreign attack, from Russia basically. And Canada, Canada has the rights to a bunch of oil and natural gas reserves as well as maritime routes to them, and Putin wants those demolished. Now Panama currently has sanctions against Russian vessels traveling through the Panama Canal. So when Donnie is talking about all three of these places, it's on behalf of Vlad. Just like everything that he's done since he was bailed out by Russia in the 80's after he lost all of daddy's money in bankrupt hotels and casinos in Atlantic City. See, those of us that have been paying attention and that read about history know this, and we've seen it coming for a long time. Now, MAGA is the brainchild of Vlad, and Donnie is his puppet. All of you who voted for him have done nothing more than given power to Russia and turned this country over to them. The United States is now weaker and more vulnerable because of it!"

With Trump wanting to own Greenland for it's resources, this is no different from Russia and Ukraine.

The fact that Trump only thinks about taking over nations rather than using diplomacy or trade deals to get what he wants from them shows us just how incapable he is at even slightly

sophisticated leadership in this world. Everyone else is playing with a chessboard, and he's in the corner by himself playing Candyland, occasionally running over and kicking over other players chess pieces, shouting "I win!".

31.78% Trump

30.84% Harris

1.06% Third Party

36.33 Did Not Vote

More Americans voted for someone other than Trump

NOT a landslide

NOT a mandate!

Correct you are!

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Auto Association president says plants 'will close within a week' thanks to Trump tariffs."

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I would never make any "deals or agreements" with the US ever if I was another country or from somewhere else.

Every four to eight years, all the agreements can be cancelled, changed and or forgotten.

How can anyone trust that? You can't.

Strangely, until now, all agreements/pacts/treaties were confirmed by Congress and we abided by all of those agreements - for 230 years. Only during the trump years have we ever had such flagrant disobeying and breaking of contracts and agreements. It began when trump killed the soybean farmers trade agreement with China back in 2018 - and that one cost we taxpayers \$109 billion to bail out our farmers for their lost income (and Brazil has had the trade agreement with China ever since).

The blame is not Trumps. He told America who he was quite clearly, and people voted for him. The real problem is right there among us. A large percentage voted for Trump for whatever reason, and they are responsible for what is happening. And when it all burns down, it won't be Trump who pays, he will probably enjoy his last few years in Russia like Assad, it will be them. I notice a lot fewer flags and banners these days, and I think that is smart, because human nature says that they will go after those that they can when their life falls apart.

Well, the cat's out of the bag. Our great Constitution actually gives all the power to the President. No wonder Ben Franklin said "A republic, if you can keep it". Who would ever trust or invest in the US ever again?

I don't think either Trump or Vance has a soul. These are refugees seeking asylum from a war-torn country. As a 72 yo lifelong Republican, I am ashamed of what my nation has become.

These are not Republicans principles.

Pray for the souls of trump supporters. May they find a way to forgiveness before it's too late.

Trump the fascist dictator is the cause of the turmoil in Ukraine. History will show the idiocy of trump.

I am not understanding many in the GOP who indicate no interest in supporting Ukraine. The US has spent trillions in defense over the last few decades to contain Russia. Ukraine has been doing that with far less US funding and with no US lives. Ukraine de-nuked based on US assurances of support, but it seems some in the GOP are OK making US untrustworthy.

I understand Trump's point with money but he's siding with Russia and that's a big problem with me specially when they were the ones who attacked Ukraine. Then Trump makes comments supporting Putin and calling Ukraine a dictator, it's crazy.

It's disgusting. DT still looking for support to depose Zelensky means that Putin is insisting on regime change. This is the classic Russian style, remove the current leader and put a Pro-Russian leader in place. The question is why? Why is DT trying to give Putin whatever he wants?? The war and sanctions is crushing the Russian economy, DT is actually in a much stronger position to negotiate a peace treaty than Putin. It feels like DT has other motives. Zelensky is going to get screwed, never should have given up his Nukes!!

Demanding that Zelensky hold elections in Ukraine while telling Americans they will never have to vote again is rich coming from DJT. He wants Ukraine to hold an election because he assumes that Zelensky will lose, and he can deal with someone friendlier to DJT and Putin. DJT is NOT a man of the people or a peacemaker. He is a rich elitest who will do anything for money and power, including selling out the US and its allies to an authoritarian regime.

Trump is never embarrassed by what he does or says. That's because he's too stupid and/or arrogant to realize what he did was wrong.

Donald Trump 'secretly calls Zelensky's Ukraine rivals' but US President is left embarrassed--- What is Embarrassing is the FACT that WE the People, have a POTUS who would DO something like this. It is disgusting, repulsive and downright UN-American. Impeach this Piece Of Totally Useless S

I am happy that they all stood up to this tyrant that was just testing the waters to see who would go with him if he tried to get them to have elections. We all know that if they did have elections, Muskrat and TRump would be the ones deciding who would run and who would win in a country they have never even been to.

This is disgusting and is a dark time in US history. When the POTUS aligns with Russia and the Russian spokes persons now says the US policy align with Russia's vision, EVERY TRUE American should be concerned beyond belief. Why the congress remains out of the loop neither of my senators nor my congressman has responded to explain themselves.

If the government shuts down, and it likely will, it won't be the fault of the Dems. They have had no input on this budget process and their input has not been requested. This is entirely the work of republicans. They wrote it, they can pass it. And if government shuts down, they have no one to blame but themselves. I'll guarantee you the American public will see it that way.

Budget bills most often begin in the House of Representatives. With the exception of Nancy Pelosi, who served as Speaker from January 2019 until January 2023, since January 2011, the House has been Republican majority. Further, in that time frame, the Senate had a Republican majority from January 2015 until January 2021. That being said, people want to blame Democrats for wasteful spending but think about this, who else was running the show that would have approved this spending? Republicans, that's who... Sorry if truth hurts.

It is almost comical the way Trump deflects blame for everything negative. The Republicans control the Presidency, the House, and the Senate yet it is somehow the Democrats fault if government shuts down. He is still blaming Biden for the bad economy although he has been in office for over a month now. You can bet your bottom dollar that if the economy was improving, he would be front and center taking credit.

Good thing we can see who votes for what. Anybody who shuts down the government will be held responsible in the mid-term and 2028 President election. A shutdown lays off all

government employees just remember that when it comes to voting to keep your Congress seat. Tell it to the voters who 60% or more live paycheck to paycheck.