

The Awful History of Trump and His MAGA Minions

02.09.25-THIS JUDGE GETS IT-This week, a second federal court issued a preliminary injunction blocking Trump's executive order to end birthright citizenship, a rebuke of his immigration agenda. Notably, the ruling came from U.S. District Judge John Coughenour, a President Ronald Reagan appointee, who didn't mince words: *It has become ever more apparent that to our president, the rule of law is but an impediment to his policy goals. The rule of law is, according to him, something to navigate around or simply ignore, whether that be for political or personal gain.* Judge John Coughenour. *(excerpt from MSNBC)*

02.08.15-WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO FIGHT THIS THEORY-Democrats spent Wednesday night into Thursday morning holding the Senate floor, giving speech after speech to oppose Russell Vought, Trump's nominee to run the Office of Management and Budget. Even before being confirmed, Vought's fingerprints could be seen in the slate of orders the Trump administration has handed down to transform the federal government into a system ruled by executive fiat. As dizzying as the last few weeks have been, things stand poised to accelerate now that Vought is firmly in place at the White House. Vought has engineered an all-out assault on the federal workforce, one underpinned by a radical constitutional vision that has gone from the conservative fringes to the heart of the MAGA reclamation. Under the "unitary executive" theory driving the onslaught, the president holds unchecked authority within the executive branch, power that lies outside any constraints from Congress or the courts. Put into practice, this vision leaves no recourse when a president acts with absolute impunity, no matter how many laws he breaks in the process. *(excerpt from MSNBC)*

02.07.25-MALIGNANT MAGA-The ongoing destruction of the U.S. government by Trump and Musk is already a full-blown constitutional crisis. The executive branch has seized power it does not have from Congress and the American people to eliminate agencies created by Congress, suspend payments authorized by law, break contracts entered into under law, rewrite the Constitution and, potentially, ignore the judiciary when push comes to shove. All of these actions, tied together, represent not just an unprecedented seizure of executive power by the president, but an intentional subversion of the constitutional order. Or, as Trump's nominee to lead the Office of Management and Budget Russell Vought wrote in 2022, "We are living in a post-Constitutional time." The actions Trump and Musk are taking not only threaten the country's constitutional structure, but also the material livelihood of all Americans. In targeting government services people need to live their lives, they risk forcing people to stop working to perform childcare, throw at-risk people into homelessness, deny disabled people the right to a free life and cut off the elderly and sick from necessary health care. In seeking to end birthright citizenship, Trump threatens the very right of people born here to obtain the benefits granted to them by the Constitution. Potentially more catastrophic, Musk's seizure of the Department of Treasury's payment system and the possible tinkering his college-age minions are doing to it could crash a decades old system that doles out the annual \$6 trillion budget to Social Security recipients, government employees, grantees, loan recipients and more. *(excerpt from The Huffington Post)*

2.06.25-REALITY BITE-One of Trump's top advisers, Stephen Miller, made a surprising admission this week. According to The Wall Street Journal, Miller privately worried about imposing overly aggressive tariffs on Mexico because it could imperil the work that Mexico is doing to apprehend migrants traveling north to our southern border. That's pretty striking. Understood correctly, it's actually an acknowledgment that Mexico already is cracking down on migration due to an arrangement secured by, you guessed it, President Biden. That badly undermines some of Trump's biggest claims about immigration, tariffs, Mexico, and a lot more. The journal reports that Miller pushed for more limited measures against Mexico. The piece says this, "Miller expressed concern that excessively antagonizing Mexico could jeopardize the country's ongoing cooperation to interdict migrants attempting to reach the U.S. border." *(excerpts from The New Republic)*

02.05.25-GO CANADA!-A Canadian lawmaker is declaring victory over Trump after Trump initiated and then dropped a series of wide-ranging tariffs against the neighboring nation. "He blinked," He paused those tariffs on Monday, saying Canada agreed to step up enforcement at the border and reduce the flow of fentanyl into the nation. Critics were quick to point out that the core of the Canadian concession had already been announced in

December — before Trump even took office — and the amount of fentanyl entering the nation from the north is comparatively small anyway. “Two days ago, he was telling us that if we didn’t give up our nationhood that tariffs were gonna stay on, and then we hit him with \$125 billion worth of tariffs,” he pointed out, adding that Canadian stores also began to pull Kentucky booze and California wine from their shelves. “Then we said, ‘You’re gonna get another \$25 billion right after that,’ and the market started to tank,” he said. Suddenly, he said, Trump was willing to accept a plan Canada had already announced in December. “This is Mr. Art Of The Deal,” he said derisively, using the name of Trump’s 1987 book. “From a Canadian perspective, Donald, you seriously pissed us off.” He said Canadians are upset, don’t trust Trump, and lost trust in the United States as well. Angus also warned Trump not to try it again. “We’re nice people, but you have really, seriously poked the polar bear,” he said. “So, Donald, come back at us a second time. It’s gonna hurt even more.”

02.04.25-LAWLESSNESS-Trump has empowered Elon Musk to undertake a gutting of the U.S. Agency for International Development that is pretty clearly illegal. And this week, on numerous fronts, this has suddenly become a much bigger scandal. First, we learned that Musk’s so-called Department of Government Efficiency is taking over the agency and locking its workers out of internal systems. Then Musk himself confirmed that Trump had agreed with him that the agency must be shut down. On Monday, Democratic lawmakers denounced the illegality of these moves. They showed up at USAID offices to investigate and were barred from entering. The Democrats are right: Trump and Musk don’t have the authority to do these things. And Democrats absolutely must find new ways to fight against these extraordinary abuses of power. *(excerpt from the New Republic)*

02.03.25-TAFFF TYRANNY-Fox News viewers were given an unexpectedly honest look at the potential toll of the tariffs announced by Trump on Saturday and how the decision may impact them personally by increasing the cost of household staples. As Fox News anchor Jon Scott interviewed Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), some two dozen products and companies flashed across the screen, from everyday items such as maple syrup, ground beef and strawberries to big-ticket purchases such as vehicles. “It seems like virtually every sector of the American economy potentially could be targeted by these tariffs and the tariffs that Mexico and Canada have now announced that they will institute against U.S. goods,” Scott said. Trump on Saturday announced tariffs on a wide range of goods imported from Canada, Mexico and China. While Trump campaigned on a vow to cut the prices of groceries and utilities “immediately” upon taking office, experts say the tariffs will have the opposite effect and are likely to raise prices instead. Trump admitted as much over the weekend, saying there may be “a little pain” but insisting that it will be “worth the price that must be paid.” *(excerpt from The Huffington Post)*

02.02.25-JUNKY JOURNALISM-As The New Republic reported on Friday, the Los Angeles Times—currently in a race to the bottom with The Washington Post to determine which of the two venerable institutions can sell out to Trump the hardest—found itself in a fresh controversy after contributor Eric Reinhart accused the paper of making significant edits to a piece of his that was largely critical of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. into one that depicted the president’s pick to run the Department of Health and Human Services with an “optimistic tone,” largely “suggesting that the virulent conspiracy theorist could be an answer and solution to the American public’s bubbling resentment toward the health care industry.” Reinhart exposed the shady goings-on on X. “Editing out the most urgent point of an OpEd in the minutes before sending to press while then also assigning a title and image that suggest an argument entirely opposite to the author’s clear intent is pretty shitty,” he wrote. In light of this lamentable journalistic malpractice, *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

02.01.25-UGH!-Welcome to Trump 2.0: Stupid and Evil at the Same Time, It makes a certain awful sense that Trump’s lackeys would stage the president’s promised mass deportations as a media event. On Sunday, “border czar” Tom Homan invited TV’s Dr. Phil McGraw to “embed” with him on a mission to arrest immigrants in Chicago, viewing the inside of a “command center” and narrating arrests, all streamed as “exclusive” programming on Dr. Phil’s own channel. I.C.E. have said they lack the manpower and necessary logistics to implement the Laken Riley Act, requiring they arrest every undocumented person accused of low-level theft offenses; if that is true, they certainly lack the resources to arrest, detain, and remove from the U.S. the millions of immigrants that Trump claims will be deported under his watch. But what Homan can do right now is put on a show. Dr. Phil is here to livestream your arrest is almost too stupid to take seriously. But that may prove to be the defining feature of life

under the second Trump administration: For now, to survive and move strategically, we will have to live with the whiplash of having to take the cruelty of men who are not very bright very seriously. *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

01.31.25-NAILED IT!-Jimmy Kimmel on Thursday put Trump on blast for trying to blame this week's deadly midair collision on diversity initiatives. When a reporter asked Trump how he could reach that conclusion, the president responded: "Because I have common sense." "Take it from a man who looked directly into an eclipse." All Trump needed to do as president was to go out and offer comfort to the families of the victims and promise to find out what happened. "But he can't do that," Kimmel said. "Because he's callous, he's racist, he's sexist, and most of all he's stupid. He's a deeply stupid man." Kimmel also had a theory on why Trump has to "be a dirtbag" about situations such as this. "I think maybe he gets jealous when a disaster gets more coverage than him," Kimmel said. "He's like 'I'm the biggest disaster, you point that camera at me right now.'"

01.30.25-MAD MAN AT WORK-Trump blamed diversity requirements at the Federal Aviation Administration and his two Democratic predecessors for the midair collision over the Potomac River on Wednesday night, saying that standards for air traffic controllers had been too lax. Trump cited no evidence, and even admitted when pressed that the investigation had only just begun. Moments later, he blamed the pilots of the Army helicopter that appeared to fly into a passenger jet that was on final approach to Reagan National Airport. He went back and forth between blaming diversity goals that he said were created by Obama and Biden, and then saying that an investigation was necessary. His instant focus on diversity reflected his instinct to immediately frame major events through his political or ideological lens, whether the facts fit or not. *(edited excerpt from The New York Times)*

01.29.25-DANGEROUS DOPE ALERT-Sen. Michael Bennet opened his line of direct questioning of R.F.K. Jr. with a doozy: "I'm asking you: Yes or no, did you say that COVID-19 was a genetically engineered bioweapon that targeted Black and white people but spared Jews and Chinese people?" Kennedy hedged, responding that he didn't say that, he was just quoting a study that said it. "I'll take that as a yes," Bennet said, then moved on: "Did you say that Lyme disease is highly likely a militarily engineered bioweapon?" Kennedy paused and conceded, "I probably did say that." Bennet drilled down: "I want all of our colleagues to hear it, Mr. Kennedy," he said, raising his voice. "You said yes." Moving along, Bennet asked Kennedy if he's ever said "that exposure to pesticides causes children to become transgender." Kennedy said no, perhaps forgetting he's absolutely made the claim. Bennet then referenced a section in one of Kennedy's books, asking if he'd written "that African AIDS is an entirely different disease from western AIDS." When Kennedy demurred with an "I'm not sure," Bennet offered to provide the book to the committee chair. *(excerpt from The Huffington Post)*

01.28.25-EVIL REIGNS-OMB Director Vaeth issued a two-page memo Monday stating that federal agencies need to "temporarily pause all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all federal financial assistance," "This order is a potential five-alarm fire for nonprofit organizations and the people and communities they serve," said Diane Yentel, the chief executive of the National Council of Nonprofits. "From pausing research on cures for childhood cancer to halting food assistance, safety from domestic violence, and closing suicide hotlines, the impact of even a short pause in funding could be devastating and cost lives," she continued. "This order could decimate thousands of organizations and leave neighbors without the services they need." The order seems to violate the impoundment law, which prevents presidents from withholding funding already approved by Congress. *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

01.27.25-WELL, HE IS A SNAKE BUT HE GOT THIS ONE RIGHT-Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) this weekend drew ire from Donald Trump's MAGA base after he dared to criticize the president's blanket pardoning of the Jan. 6 rioters — including those who had engaged in acts of violence. "No. 1, he had the legal authority to do it," Graham pointed out. "But I fear that you will get more violence. Pardoning the people who went into the Capitol and beat up a police officer, violently, I think, was a mistake because it seems to suggest that's an OK thing to do." Graham made similar comments to CNN's Dana Bash, saying the pardons "sent the wrong signal." Members of Trump's loyal base flipped out over Graham's mild chiding of the returned POTUS. They slammed the senator as a "snake" and a "RINO," or Republican In Name Only.

01.26.25-HORRIBLE HEGSETH-The Senate confirmed former Fox News Channel weekend host Pete Hegseth as the defense secretary of the United States of America. As Tom Bowman of NPR notes, since Congress created the position in 1947, in the wake of World War II, every person who has held it has come from a senior position in elected office, industry, or the military. Hegseth has been accused of financial mismanagement at the small nonprofits he directed, has demonstrated alcohol abuse, and paid \$50,000 to a woman who accused him of sexual assault as part of a nondisclosure agreement. He has experience primarily on the Fox News Channel, where his attacks on “woke” caught Trump’s eye. *(Heather Cox Richardson)*

01.25.25-POWER MAD-One executive order in particular is quietly drawing attention from immigration lawyers because of its unusually radical implications. It appears to declare that Trump’s authority to seal the Southern border and entirely nullify the right to seek asylum exists wholly independent of any statute and is rooted in his constitutional powers, all because we are allegedly coping with a migrant “invasion.” What determines whether we’re subject to an “invasion,” you ask? Trump declaring it to be so, that’s what. This suggests that Trump and his team may be laying the groundwork to argue, to an unprecedented degree, that he is largely unbounded by Congress in executing key aspects of his immigration agenda. The justification of this on “invasion” grounds also suggests something else: The government will be corrupted deeply to produce outright propaganda designed to sustain the impression of that “invasion.” *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

01.24.25-BENEATH THE LAW-We’re nearing the end of week one of Trump 2.0. What have we learned? Three things, all of them ugly:

1. They came in prepared this time, with outrageous and lawless executive orders written and ready to roll out.
2. When Trump makes an impromptu decision (“Fuck it: Release ‘em all”), it’s based on his worst and most authoritarian instincts.
3. Obviously, this administration will act totally without regard to precedent or law.

From ending birthright citizenship to the shocking halt of grant processing at the National Institutes of Health and diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and so much more, Trump is following what we might call the “Nike rule”: Just do it, and let the courts sort it out; if some court comes along in two years and says what he’s been doing is unconstitutional or against some law, well, he got away with doing it for two years. *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

01.23.25-UNBELIEVABLE:

- Trump commuted the sentence of Enrique Tarrio, the Proud Boys former chairman who received the longest sentence of those prosecuted for the Jan. 6 attack — 22 years — after being convicted of the rare charge of seditious conspiracy for the attack on the U.S. Capitol. Trump also commuted Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes’ sentence; he had been serving an 18-year-long seditious conspiracy sentence for his actions related to Jan. 6, including bringing armed followers to Washington in preparation for civil war.
- The Trump administration has essentially eliminated the ability to pursue asylum at the border, attempting to erase by executive order a right established in U.S. and international law.
- MSNBC’s Kyle Griffin reported that Stewart Rhodes of the Oath Keepers, who was convicted of sedition and sentenced to 18 years in prison, met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill this afternoon.
- Trump’s team has threatened federal employees with “adverse consequences” if they refuse to turn in colleagues who “defy orders to purge diversity, equity and inclusion efforts from their agencies.”
- Rep. Lauren Boebert’s (R-Colo.) offered to take the newly pardoned Jan. 6 rioters on a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol.
- The White House web page featuring the U.S. Constitution went offline.

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01.22.25-A LESSON IN HOW TO BE BRAVE-In an extraordinary moment on Tuesday, Trump was treated to a sermon in Washington by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, who urged him to show mercy toward the likely victims of his policies, especially undocumented immigrants. Trump reacted angrily and dismissively. Which raises a question: What are the prospects for appeals to decency and humanity, such as this one, to combat the rising cruelty and authoritarianism that Trump is set to unleash? We talked to Vanessa Cardenas, the executive director of the advocacy group America's Voice. She reflects on the difficulties of speaking to people's higher values in this supercharged environment, and urges Democrats to seize the moment and capture for themselves the power of this sermon's message. *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

01.21.25-WE MUST BE VIGILANT-Trump's inaugural festivities have been all about projecting strength and confidence. But The New York Times reports that his own allies are very aware that in fact, he starts his second term in a considerably more tenuous position than the public displays suggest. They fear he may be overreading his mandate and could be suffering from hubris. Trump himself privately worries that the very slim GOP majorities he enjoys could be a real obstacle. All of which raises a question: Could Trump's presidency, if it's seen as even moderately successful by the public, normalize his way of doing politics with the American people over the long term? Or will more conventional political and structural patterns assert themselves, leading to failure, backlash, and even MAGA politics getting discredited? Political theorist Alan Elrod has a good new piece for MSNBC arguing that the former scenario is unfortunately a very real possibility. *(excerpt from the New Republic)*

01.20.25-CONVICTED FELON ASSUMES PRESIDENCY-I hear that some are 'exhausted' fighting Trump. Well, put on your big boy pants and turn up the heat. Make noise when he oversteps, fight when he attacks the Constitution, and don't let his atrocities slide. Write letters to editors, attend protests, and tell your MAGA friends that they worship a sick sociopath and they will eventually suffer the consequences of his lunacy. If not checked, he will take this country down a rabbit hole of despair and isolate us from the rest of the world. Goodbye safety nets, hello discrimination and oligarchys. More wealth will be transferrd to the top 1%.

01.19.25-Shove the Presidency Down Trump's Throat-MAKE HIM OWN THE MESSES HE WILL MAKE-If there's one thing we've learned from the sample size of one Trump presidency and his four years out of power, it's that Trump is a bog-standard rich white guy whom the justice system is largely incapable of bringing to heel. He has powerful friends (oligarchs, Supreme Court justices), deep pockets, and a well-tempered ability to joust in the media. By now we've watched ol' Donny "wriggle out of this one" on multiple occasions; he seems to thrive if you put him at the center of something he can deem to be a witch hunt—even when those hunters bag their quarry, as prosecutors did in his hush-money case. But Trump has historically faltered when he's been forced to contend with the actual pressure of the presidency and its myriad responsibilities (see also: the Covid-19 pandemic) because his ideas are bad and he doesn't have a deep and abiding interest in public service to really make a sustained effort to confront, let alone solve, the biggest problems we face. *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

01.18.25-HOW LONG BEFORE SHE IS FIRED?-Fox News' Jessica Tarlov recently took on network host Sean Hannity after he pressed her to weigh in on Biden's term. Tarlov pointed to gas prices dropping, the nation's 4.1% unemployment rate, growth in gross domestic product and a decrease in crossings at the U.S.-Mexico border, before calling on Hannity not to "deny the reality" of outcomes that the Biden White House "oversaw in the end." "There's a reason that Trump wants to try to take credit for these things," she said. "And there's also a reason that now, Trum admitted, oh, well, prices are really hard to get down." She then pointed to JD Vance's recent call to "stabilize" prices and Tom Homan, Trump's pick to be border czar in his new administration, reportedly telling Republicans to adjust their expectations around upcoming deportation efforts. "They're backing off of the promises that they made to the American people because they know they're not going to be able to achieve them," she said. *(excerpts from Huffington Post)*

01,17.25-THESE PEOPLE WANT TO FORCE THEIR THEOLOGY ON YOU-The Christian Right's central belief about worldly ideas is that they are akin to demonic possession, much like the New Testament accounts we heard in Sunday school. This belief—that ideas themselves have a unique, uncontested power to infiltrate and corrupt our

minds and souls—reflects the fundamentalist evangelical worldview, one deeply skeptical of intellectual engagement and critical thinking. Rather than the notion that ideas can be critically analyzed and either accepted or rejected, it held that dangerous ideas can indoctrinate and possess you if you are merely exposed to them. To read a book or discuss a theory, in this worldview, is not to exercise one’s intellectual faculties but to risk being overtaken by a seductive, malevolent force with no hope of resistance. *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

01.16.25-LIAR'S SCORECARD

- Ukraine-Promised to end the war on Day One-Now says it will take months
- Food Prices-Promised to lower them-now says it's too hard
- Gas Prices-same as food
- Government Spending Reduction-2T now dropped to 1T
- Jan 6 Pardons-Promised blanket pardons-Now reevaluating
- Flip-flopped on TikTok-originally tried to get it banned

This is just the beginning.

01.15.24-DEMEANING DRACONIAN DEBACLE-Just last week, the House passed the first immigration bill of the new Congress, the Laken Riley Act – an extreme bill that requires the detention of longtime residents, even children, without due process. If passed, this bill – which exploits the tragic death of Laken Riley to advance a false narrative around immigrants – will advance Trump's cruel anti-immigrant agenda. We can't let xenophobia and racism determine our country's policies. This bill would require the detention of any immigrant accused of a nonviolent offense, such as shoplifting diapers – even if the alleged offense was decades ago, the individual was never charged for the offense or was acquitted, and even if immigration authorities think the person poses no danger to the community. This bill would feed mass incarceration, enrich the private prison industry, and deprive immigrants of the basic constitutional right to due process. *(ACLU)*

01.14.25-CONTEMPTUOUS CRIMINAL CONDUCT-Special counsel Jack Smith did not hold back in his final report on the investigation into Trump’s attempt to overturn the 2020 election. While much of it contains information already made public, such as the fake electors schemes from Trump’s cronies and the pressure placed on then–Vice President Mike Pence, Smith made some powerful statements regarding the criminal charges against the president-elect. For example, Smith flat-out said the evidence would have been enough to convict Trump, had he not been reelected. Smith spelled out Trump’s culpability, calling out his efforts to subvert the election, nullify the result for Joe Biden, and put himself back in the White House. “As alleged in the original and superseding indictments, substantial evidence demonstrates that Mr. Trump then engaged in an unprecedented criminal effort to overturn the legitimate results of the election in order to retain power,” the report states. *(excerpt from The New Republic)*

01.13.25-STREAM OF LUNACY-Trump has spent the last few days posting maps of Greenland, picking fights with California’s governor, whining about his legal cases and sharing letters from has-been celebrities. In opening his press conference Tuesday he briefly (and falsely) claimed that “inflation is continuing to rage” before devoting his time to griping about the Green New Deal, Democrats “playing with the courts,” showerheads and windmills “driving the whales crazy,” among other subjects. Suddenly, it seems Trump doesn’t want to talk so much about the economy anymore. The good news only makes it harder for Trump to untangle himself from his campaign promise. Joe Biden isn’t giving him much bad economic news to talk about. Last week, officials reported that the U.S. added 256,000 jobs in December as the unemployment rate dropped to 4.1% and wages grew 3.9% for the year. Inflation has been under 3% since the summer and economic growth is still strong. The good news only makes it harder for Trump to untangle himself from his campaign promise that prices will “come down fast” once he is in office. *(excerpt from MSNBC)*

01.12.25-PARENTS-DON'T LET YOUR KIDS BE INDOCRINATED- RELIGION DOES NOT BELONG IN RELIGIOUSLY DIVERSE CLASSROOMS-Conservative lawmakers across the U.S. are pushing to introduce more Christianity to public school classrooms, testing the separation of church and state by inserting Bible references into reading lessons and requiring teachers to post the Ten Commandments. The efforts come as Trump prepares

to take office pledging to champion the First Amendment right to pray and read the Bible in school, practices that are already allowed as long as they are not government-sponsored. *(excerpt from The Washington Post)*

01.11.25-MAGA MACHINATION-Representative Jamie Raskin tore into the news of the call between Trump and Alito, urging Alito to recuse himself from matters involving Trump. “The mere act of having a personal telephone conversation with the president-elect while he has active interests and matters currently pending before the court is plainly sufficient to trigger a situation in which the justice’s impartiality might reasonably be questioned.” Crucially, Raskin added that Alito just brushed this off, even though it’s a clear breach of judicial ethics, and Raskin noted that it’s especially problematic when paired with Alito’s “troubling past partisan ideological activity in favor of Trump.” (excerpt from The New Republic)

01.10.25-THE FIRST OF MANY BROKEN PROMISES TO COME FROM TRUMP AND MAGA-Elon Musk is renegeing on his biggest DOGE promise. In a live interview on X Wednesday evening with political strategist Mark Penn, the billionaire conceded that his initial goal of cutting the federal budget by “at least \$2 trillion” was a taller task than he first believed.

01.09.25-IS THERE ANY DOUBT?-A Fox News employee gave Trump’s team a set of questions in advance of an Iowa Town Hall in January, according to an upcoming book from Politico’s Alex Isenstadt. If true, this is a blatant violation of basic journalistic ethics—and yet another blatant example of Trump’s hypocrisy, given that he has accused Democrats of doing “cheating” at debates for years. That town hall, moreover, occurred at a crucial moment in the race: It took place as Trump’s Republican rivals for the party’s nomination were debating for the final time. “About thirty minutes before the town hall was due to start, a senior aide started getting text messages from a person on the inside at Fox. ‘Holy [shit],’ the team thought. They were images of all the questions Trump would be asked and the planned follow-ups, down to the exact wording. Jackpot. This was like a student getting a peek at the test before the exam started,” writes Isenstadt. (excerpt from The New Republic)

01.08.25-MAGA MENACE-The Fourteenth Amendment was intended to extend full citizenship to formerly enslaved Black people, and it undergirds the right of all Americans to be treated equally under the law, no matter who they are or in which state they reside. Yet over the past year, conservatives have been increasingly open in their beliefs that pregnant women, transgender adolescents, affirming parents of trans kids, and immigrants are not legally entitled to the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections—all while arguing that fertilized eggs are. Republicans are using strategic litigation to effectively rewrite the Fourteenth Amendment to prioritize conservative white men and embryos above and beyond everyone else. They are warping something used to grant rights into a bludgeon to take them away, and are redefining who counts as a person in the United States. “The selectivity about whom the Fourteenth Amendment ought to apply to is stunning,” said Khiara M. Bridges, professor at University of California at Berkeley School of Law. “It’s not demanded by the text of the Constitution at all. Instead, these are political choices that are being made, and they’re elevating certain individuals’ rights.” (excerpt from The New Republic)

01.07.25-LUNATIC SPEAKS-Trump refused to rule out using military force to take control of Greenland and the Panama Canal on Tuesday in a rambling media appearance during which he also complained about electric heaters that cause itching, suggested that the Iran-backed terror group Hezbollah was involved in the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol, and continued his lying about the criminal cases against him. “No, I can’t assure you on either of those two,” he said in response to a question about use of the military in the two territories, one controlled by Denmark and the other by Panama. “It might be that you’ll have to do something.” (excerpt from HuffPost)

01.06.25-January 6 should be remembered as a bloody attempt to overturn the U.S. government. Instead, Trump, and his allies want to re-write history to depict the attack as a peaceful demonstration by patriots. We all know this is a load of crap, but the MAGA minions are slaves to Trump's rhetoric. It's just plain disgusting. Tom Joscelyn, a counterterrorism expert who served on the staff of the House Jan. 6 committee and was a co-author of its report, said he still finds it hard to believe that people could watch what happened that day unfold on television and then still accept Trump’s version of it. “All you need is the images and the videos from that day, his own words, and what

you saw with your own eyes, and it was clear that he had crossed some bright lines,” he said. “All of that should have been disqualifying, and it wasn’t.”

Four more years with this monster will result in damage to this country from which it will take years to recover.

01.05.25-LET'S SEE HOW TRUMP TAKES CREDIT FOR BIDEN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS-In his four years in office, 16 million new jobs were created — the most of any single presidential term, including a significant increase in manufacturing jobs. The unemployment rate fell to the lowest in 50 years. Wage growth increased, particularly among the working class, and a record 20 million applications for new businesses have been filed since Biden took office. **From a policy standpoint, Biden arguably ranks among the best one-term presidents.** From a legislative standpoint, Biden signed into law several major bills, including a nearly \$1 trillion infrastructure bill and the Inflation Reduction Act. The latter included nearly \$400 billion to mitigate the impacts of climate change, the largest such investment any country has ever made. The IRA additionally enabled Medicare to negotiate — and subsequently reduce — drug prices. Biden also signed the CHIPS Act, which provided more than \$50 billion in spending to boost the U.S. semiconductor industry, and the first gun safety legislation in decades. *(excerpts from MSNBC)*

Admittidly, he was a poor communicator, and made some bad political decisions and, should have stepped down way before he did due to his diminished condition. But, Biden vs. Trump? Slam dunk for Biden!

01.04.25-

- IF THIS HAD BEEN YOU OR ME CONVICTED OF 34 FELONIES-GUESS WHAT?-Trump will be sentenced on Jan. 10 in the criminal case in which he was convicted on charges involving hush money paid to a porn star, but is unlikely to face jail time or other penalties, a judge said on Friday. Before Trump, no U.S. president - former or sitting - had been charged with or convicted of a crime.
- EVERYTHING IS ABOUT HIM-Trump went on a social media rant Friday over American flags being flown at half-staff during his inauguration, both complaining about the situation and blasting his opponents for laughing about it. The twist of fate has fueled social media fodder in recent days, with jokes about Carter leaving “one last gift” for Trump and the half-staff flags signifying not just the death of Carter, but also the death of democracy.

01.03.25-MAGA DOES NOT CARE ABOUT FACTS-Fox News’ Jessica Tarlov called out Jeanine Pirro, co-host of “The Five,” on Thursday after Republicans tried to blame the deadly New Orleans vehicle attack on undocumented immigrants. After Pirro called Joe Biden an “embarrassment” over his response to the New Year’s Day attack, Tarlov urged her colleague to “listen to all” of the president’s remarks including his call to “make sure we have the right facts” on the incident. “And the right facts were that the guy in New Orleans was an American. He was a U.S. citizen from Texas. “Nobody’s saying he wasn’t,” Pirro said. “That’s not true,” Tarlov replied. The on-air clash came after Trump suggested that immigration policies were to blame in the attack. Prior to Trump’s post, Fox News aired a since-retracted report that the vehicle used by the suspect crossed the U.S.-Mexico border two days before the attack.

01.02.25-THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THESE LIES-Trump claimed that the New Orleans domestic terrorism incident was the result of open borders, distracted authorities, and the Democratic establishment. Fact check: The FBI’s suspect for the attack, 42-year-old Shamsud-Din Jabbar, is a U.S. citizen born in Texas. “The DOJ, FBI, and Democrat state and local prosecutors have not done their job. They are incompetent and corrupt, having spent all of their waking hours unlawfully attacking their political opponent, ME, rather than focusing on protecting Americans from the outside and inside violent SCUM that has infiltrated all aspects of our government, and our Nation itself.” (excerpts from The New Republic)

01.01.25-HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome to four years of chaos with president Musk and first lady Trump.

12.31.24-HOW IT SHOULD BE-it turned out that the most devoutly Christian president in modern American politics was also an ardent defender of the separation of church and state. Carter modeled what it looks like for a Christian to engage in politics while steadfastly guarding against theocracy and Christian nationalism. It’d be difficult to find a starker difference in how a president wields religion than the juxtaposition of Jimmy Carter and Trump. Carter stood

strong in support of healthy boundaries between religion and government as president. He opposed coercing students to pray in public schools. He understood the difference between his duties as president and as parishioner, ending the practice of inviting evangelical pastors to have services in the White House. *(excerpts from MSNBC)*

12.29.24-SHADES OF HITLER-Alarm bells sounded last week when JD Vance and Musk praised the far-right German party Alternative for Deutschland (AfD), just weeks before that country's snap national elections are scheduled to take place. "Only the AfD can save Germany," Musk posted on X, prompting backlash from conservative and mainstream German leaders and the global Jewish community about a key Trump adviser's endorsement of a party that has flirted with Nazi and white supremacist slogans and espoused dehumanizing and hateful rhetoric against immigrants and Muslims. In the wake of the criticism, Musk doubled down, writing the next day that "AfD is the only hope for Germany." *(excerpt from MSNBC)*

12.28.24-AND SO IT CONTINUES-Steve Bannon has joined the MAGA war between hard-line immigration opponents and tech executives like Elon Musk. Musk set off the MAGA faithful on social media on Wednesday morning, posting on X about how more foreign tech workers need to be allowed to work in the United States because "there is a permanent shortage of excellent engineering talent." Vivek Ramaswamy, Musk's sidekick, generated his own backlash from the right Thursday by suggesting American culture was to blame for why employers seek tech employees from overseas. *(excerpts from The New Republic)*

12.27.24-AND SO IT BEGINS-Right-wing influencer and Trump gadfly Laura Loomer is attacking Elon Musk, seemingly over his desire for more immigrants to work and study in science and technology fields in the United States. In several posts on X Thursday, Loomer railed against Musk and his influence on Trump. She attacked Musk's "Department of Government Efficiency" project with Vivek Ramaswamy, calling it a "vanity project" on Wednesday before accusing it as a smokescreen for "the pet projects of tech bro billionaires" on Thursday. She also claimed that there would be a falling out between Musk and Trump soon. In response, Musk accused Loomer of being a troll and said she should be ignored. Loomer continued her attacks unabated, calling the tech CEO a pawn of China, resorting to homophobic and racist insults, and accusing Musk of having "bought his way into MAGA."

12.26.24-

- **FROM ONE SEX ABUSER TO ANOTHER-HOW SWEET**-Matt Gaetz Shares Purported Note From Trump After Release Of Scorching Ethics Report
- **KILL THOSE GUYS LIKE IN THE DARK AGES**-Trump Vows To Pursue Executions After Biden Commutes Most Of Federal Death Row (I believe that these criminals should be kept in prison with the general population to give them more time to regret what they did and to save the state/country lthe enormous cost of keeping them isolated on death row)

12.25.24-HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

12.24.24-WHY IS THIS CRIMINAL NOT BEING PROSECUTED?=The House Ethics Committee report says that the committee found "substantial evidence" that Matt Gaetz had, in fact, "regularly paid women for engaging in sexual activity with him"; "engaged in sexual activity with a 17-year-old girl"; "used or possessed illegal drugs, including cocaine and ecstasy, on multiple occasions"; "accepted gifts...in excess of permissible amounts"; arranged official help for one of his sexual partners, whom he falsely identified to the State Department as a constituent, in getting a passport; tried to obstruct the committee's investigation; and "acted in a manner that reflects discreditably upon the House."The committee concluded that "there was substantial evidence that Representative Gaetz violated House Rules, state and federal laws, and other standards of conduct prohibiting prostitution, statutory rape, illicit drug use, acceptance of impermissible gifts, the provision of special favors and privileges, and obstruction of Congress."

12.23.24-IDIOTS ALERT

- Trump Threatens to Take Back Panama Canal

- Trump Suggests U.S. Should Take Ownership and Control of Greenland
- Lara Trump says she's removing herself from consideration to be a Florida senator
- Matt Gaetz was found by a House Ethics Committee probe to have paid a 17-year-old for sex and consumed illegal drugs while in office.
- Trump-Musk Fiasco Worsens, Exposing How Badly MAGA Voters Got Scammed

12.21.24-MALICIOUS MUSK-is getting cooked on social media for equating the policies of Germany's far-right Alternative for Germany party to the U.S. Democratic Party at the start of Barack Obama's presidency, after Musk recently pointed to the AfD as Germany's only hope. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) had told CNN in an interview Friday that the AfD "is essentially the neo-Nazi party in Germany" and has "dangerous ideas about ridding Germany of anyone who is not naturally born in that country." "What a huge liar," Musk wrote on his social media platform, X, in response that day. "The AfD policies are identical to those of the US Democratic Party when Obama took office! I don't think there is a single difference." The resulting flurry of dunks included a particularly damning one from fellow billionaire Mark Cuban, who apparently asked X's artificial intelligence chatbot to say which U.S. political party most closely resembles the AfD. "It's literally the reason I keep this app," Cuban wrote before sharing the bot's purported answer, which included this line: "The Alternative for Germany (AfD) most closely resembles the ****Republican Party**** in the United States, particularly in its current, more right-wing to far-right incarnation." (HUFFPOST)

12.20.24-DISORDER IN D.C. WITH TURMOIL TRUMP-Things are in full-blown chaos in Washington, D.C., as lawmakers race to negotiate a spending bill to avoid a government shutdown. And already, there are a couple things we can conclude about the coming Trump presidency. One is that Trump is going to screw over his voters very badly, including rural voters—we're already seeing the beginnings of that in this shutdown fight. Another is that Trump is going to humiliate Mike Johnson mercilessly going forward, and Republicans are going to have one heck of a time trying to minister to the whims of Trump and Elon Musk, which are already being revealed to be deeply dangerous and crazy.

12.19.24-DONALD PUTIN-Senator Chris Murphy, Democrat of Connecticut, sounded an extraordinary warning this week. After a House GOP report recommended that the FBI investigate Liz Cheney for activities related to the January 6 Committee, Murphy pointed out in a powerful social media thread that Trump is clearly putting in place a plan to cripple our democracy, one we might never recover from. What made Senator Murphy's warning particularly interesting was how he connected a series of dots to show the plan coming together and accelerating right before our eyes, even before Trump has taken office again. Kash Patel's is at the FBI to make the FBI an enforcer of Trump's political power. Pam Bondi is not going to stand in the way as the attorney general. And if they pick the right court with a Trump-appointed political judge, the courts won't stand in the way either. There is a very real possibility, increasing by the day, that one or many more of Trump's political opponents, perhaps starting with Liz Cheney, end up in jail in 2025. (excerpts from The New Republic)

12.18.24-CHAOS CENTRAL-Yesterday, Trump gave his first press conference since the election. It was exactly what Trump's public performances always are: attention-grabbing threats alongside lies and very little apparent understanding of actual issues. His mix of outrageous and threatening is central to his politics, though: it keeps him central to the media, even though, as Josh Marshall pointed out in Talking Points Memo on December 13, he often claims a right to do something he knows very little about and has no power to accomplish. The uncertainty he creates is key to his power, Marshall notes. It keeps everyone off balance and focused on him in anticipation of trouble to come. (Heather Cox Richardson)

12.17.24-THIS BRUTE IS NOT ABOVE THE LAW-The Supreme Court's ruling on presidential immunity does not require that Trump's hush-money convictions be thrown out, a judge ruled Monday. Judge Juan Merchan found that the evidence presented by the Manhattan district attorney was connected "entirely to unofficial conduct" by Trump and not to his actions as president, CNN reports. Trump's lawyers filed a motion to dismiss the 34-count felony conviction in light of the Supreme Court's decision. Merchan has not yet ruled on another motion to dismiss the case because Trump has again been elected president. (condensed from The New Republic)

12.16.24-TRUMP DOESN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS NOW-Former Georgia Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan (R) delivered a damning prediction of Trump's legacy — and slammed who the president-elect has picked for roles in his second term. Duncan, a longtime critic of Trump, argued that Trump's legacy "is more built on a Ponzi scheme of populist ideas" in that "every day it's got to get a little more edgy and a little bit more daring and bombastic." And you have to "look no further than these nominees to see part of that next step in the Ponzi scheme. If you told me that Trump was building an administration to run a frat house, I'd believe you," Duncan said in a withering metaphor. "Not necessarily to tackle the global issues that we're facing, the economic challenges we're facing. The intensity of the challenges that this country faces, I believe are more serious than Donald Trump is." *(Condensed from The Huffington Post)*

12.15.24-JUVENILE DELINQUENT- A Canadian lawmaker who recently gave a speech ripping Trump doubled down on his criticism following the U.S. president-elect's tariff threats and other remarks targeting Canada. Charlie Angus, a member of the left-leaning New Democratic Party who serves in the Canadian Parliament, said in an interview released Friday that his response was a "really simple" matter of "standing up and saying no." "We're going to have tough negotiations, fair play. But this kind of dismissive, idiotic behavior? I mean, he's a juvenile," Angus told Ben Meiselas of the MeidasTouch Network in reference to Trump. *(Huffington Post)*

12.14.24-FALSE PROMISES-During the campaign, Trump repeatedly promised he would "slash" the prices that soared during the post-pandemic economic recovery, although in fact they have been largely stable for the past two years. He hammered on the idea that he would erase transgender Americans from public life—the Republicans invested \$215 million in ads that pushed that theme, making it a key cultural battle. He and his surrogates attacked immigrants, lying that Haitian immigrants were eating local pets and that a suburb of Denver, had been taken over by Venezuelan gangs, and falsely claiming that the Biden administration had opened the southern border. A Time interview suggests that, now that he has won back power, Trump has lost interest in the promises of the campaign. It revealed a man who was so desperate to be reelected to the presidency that he constructed a performance that he believed would woo voters, but who has no apparent plans for actual governance. (Heather Cox Richardson)

12.13.24-COMING EVENTS-TIDBITS FROM THE NEW REPUBLIC

The Trump Era Came Into Sharper View This Week. Corporate tax cuts! Threatening Republicans! Arresting Democrats! Rethinking the polio vaccine?! People are about to find out what they voted for.
Trump's Rage at FBI Takes Dark Turn as GOPers Signal They Won't Resist. As Trump's threats to target enemies intensify and Republicans reveal they won't stand in his way. We can't let Trump's revenge tour erase the truth and replace it with lies.
One of Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s top attorneys helping him craft America's public health policy previously tried to push the government to scrap the polio vaccine.
Trumpworld stands ready to stamp out dissent. Not just the dissent itself, but the dissenters: those heretics who refute the Gospel of Trump and insist that his Second Coming, and his second administration, stands to deliver nothing but ill to the United States. Those with differing opinions are set to run afoul of those coming to power.

12.12.24-THESE ARE JUST (accurate) WORDS McCONNELL. FOLLOW UP WITH SOME ACTION-Mitch McConnell is still throwing jabs at Trump. "We're in a very, very dangerous world right now, reminiscent of before World War II," McConnell told the Financial Times. "Even the slogan is the same. 'America First.' That was what they said in the '30s." He went on to throw stones at Trump's isolationist tendencies, comparing them to the "raging" President Taft's. He also said he believes that the "America First" wing of the Republican Party will do irreversible damage to the U.S. standing on the global stage. "To most American voters, I think the simple answer is, 'Let's stay out of it.' That was the argument made in the '30s and that just won't work," McConnell said. "Thanks to Reagan, we know what does work—not just saying peace through strength, but demonstrating it." The longest-serving Senate leader also pushed back against Trump's "enemy within" rhetoric, noting that Russia and China are bigger threats than citizens on American soil. (edited from The New Republic)

12.11.24-CHAOS COMING-These are heady times for MAGA. Marjorie Taylor Greene and Elon Musk are teaming up to slash the government to ribbons as part of Musk's new Department of Government Efficiency. Marjorie and Musk, what could give MAGA a bigger thrill than that combination? But Politico now reports that some Republicans

quietly fear this could backfire. They believe Greene will become a distraction from the Trump and GOP agenda of spending cuts and shrinking government. Distraction is Washington speak for disaster. As it is, putting Musk's right-wing "techbro" worldview anywhere near serious governance is already dangerous, but throwing in MTG could make it even more combustible. And this could have major implications for all of us. MJT is a ticking time bomb. With Musk in the mix, you have two ticking time bombs together. The first thing that tells me about DOGE is that this is going to be crazy town. Greene has no filter and no standards, and Musk and Trump are planning to make this as outrageous as possible with little concern for public opinion. MJT being included is like throwing gasoline on a fire. (The New Republic)

12.10.24-BEST TRUTH EVER-Tom Nichols of NBC News pointed out that when Trump ran for the presidency this year, he "wasn't running to do anything. He was running to stay out of jail. The rest he doesn't care about."
AND THIS: YAY!

Alex Jones Isn't Getting Out Of \$965 Million Verdict To Sandy Hook Families, Appeals Court Says. The Connecticut Appellate Court determined there's "sufficient evidence" to support the damages awarded to relatives of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre victims and an FBI agent.

12.09.24-DONALD DICTATOR-A question for Americans concerns the fact that in six weeks, Trump is going to be the president. The surprising events in Syria serve as a harrowing reminder that there's a big, complicated world out there and Trump is going to be the single most powerful person in it—the "horse in a hospital" that comedian John Mulaney likened him to. And the weird, and worrying, thing is that even though Trump was president before, we don't really know all that much about his foreign policy instincts. We might wind up where the U.S. under Trump just becomes another member-state of the Global Authoritarian Caucus—Russia, China, Iran, Egypt, Turkey, Hungary, El Salvador, and so many others. These sorts of despots are the type of corrupt rulers the United States of America used to oppose. Under Trump—who said on Meet the Press Sunday that he might indeed look to leave NATO—it's a club of maniacs that the U.S. is very likely to join. *(edited from The New Republic)*

12.08.24-MORE POLICY FOR MAGA TO IGNORE-If Trump's public statements and the actions of his first administration are any guide, the new administration appears poised to expand detention facilities, attempt to reinstitute family separations, end programs like temporary protected status, deputize state and local officials and members of the military as immigration officers, and attempt to eliminate or limit the right to asylum for individuals fleeing persecution. But for those familiar with the nation's immigration system, a key question about mass deportations is how the administration will contend with the need to hold hearings for individuals apprehended within the U.S. Generally, noncitizens who are present in the country (as opposed to arriving at the border) may be deported only following a hearing at which they can present evidence that they're not deportable or are eligible for asylum. U.S. immigration courts have yearslong backlogs, so the need for hearings is likely to be a key choke point in Trump's plan to rapidly deport millions. Perhaps the administration will just ignore the hearing requirement, because it has no intention of operating a "precise, legal" deportation scheme. *(slate.com)*

12.07.24-EVEN NEWSMAX HAS A PROBLEM BUT WE SHOULD REALIZE THAT TRUMP JUST THROWS NAMES IN THE HAT AND DOESN'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THEIR MORALS OF FITNESS FOR THE JOB. Pete Hegseth's bid for defense secretary is so radioactive that even a Newsmax host who once worked for Fox News like Hegseth is railing against it. Greg Kelly on Thursday called Hegseth "blackmailable" after previously noting his "serious baggage." What's more, Kelly uncharacteristically took issue with Trump for nominating Hegseth in the first place. "I love President Trump, but he's not infallible," Kelly explained. "And from time to time, you know, personnel mistakes will be made." Despite disagreeing with Hegseth's support of the Iraq War, Kelly was prepared to back him until he heard that Hegseth agreed to pay a woman who accused him of sexual assault, although he denied wrongdoing. "I was once accused of sexual assault, falsely," Kelly said. "I would never in a billion years pay that person a dime. That doesn't sound like a fighter. That sounds like somebody who's blackmailable. And I'm not comfortable with that individual being the secretary of defense." *(edited from Huff Post)*

12.06.24-YOU BETTER HAVE A BIBLE WHEN THEY COME CALLING- From displaying the Ten Commandments to demanding that teachers use the Bible in their classrooms, conservatives seem determined to

blur the lines between church and state by infusing Christianity into public schools. And with Trump headed back to the White House and a conservative majority in the U.S. Supreme Court, reshaping the country's education system is looking increasingly feasible. Late last month, the Texas State Board of Education approved a Bible-based curriculum for public school students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The material uses the Bible in a variety of lessons, including directly quoting from it, as well as teaching about Creationism — the Christian belief that God created the Earth in one week — and the crucifixion of Jesus. “[Conservatives] have glommed onto schools as a place to indoctrinate students,” Rachel Laser, the president and CEO of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State told HuffPost. “They want to raise the next generation to learn false history, illegitimate science, and to favor Christianity over other faiths and nonreligion.” *(edited from the The Huffington Post)*

12.05.24-NEFARIOUS NOMINATIONS-Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Mass.) scorched Trump for wanting to make his Cabinet a “junk drawer” as he slammed the president-elect over his picks for top government roles in a speech on the House floor. “I mean, it looks like the requirements to be in the Trump White House are that you either abuse women or you’re an out-of-touch billionaire,” said McGovern, who has previously called Trump’s picks “beyond insane.” “What’s next?” he added. “Are they going to replace FBI background checks with a Fox News screen test?” McGovern knocked Trump for picking several men accused of sexual misconduct to join his administration including former Fox News host Pete Hegseth. “I mean, this guy is probably dropping out momentarily. Apparently, he drinks on the job and paid to cover up his sexual assault allegations. McGovern later sarcastically called it a “big surprise” that Trump named Howard Lutnick, billionaire CEO of investment bank Cantor Fitzgerald and co-chair of his transition team, to be his commerce secretary pick. “I don’t think this guy is capable of understanding what average people in my district deal with,” McGovern said. (HuffPost)

12.04.24-THIS GUY FITS RIGHT IN WTH THE OTHER MAGA MALADJUSTED MONSTERS -Pete Hegseth's Veterans for Freedom ran up huge debt for what appears to have been inappropriate expenses; the group's donors squeezed Hegseth out of his job and then shuttered the organization. He moved to Concerned Veterans for America. A whistleblower for Concerned Veterans for America reported that Hegseth was repeatedly so drunk at events that he had to be carried out, and that he once tried to join dancers on stage at a strip club to which he brought his work team. Their report said that Hegseth and other members of his team divided the female staffers in the organization into “party girls” and “not party girls” and sexually pursued them, leading to allegations of sexual assault. Another complaint said that at a bar in the early hours of May 29, 2015, Hegseth began to chant drunkenly: “Kill All Muslims! Kill All Muslims!” An email from one of the whistleblowers to Hegseth’s successor at Concerned Veterans for America said that “[a]mong the staff, the disgust for Pete was pretty high.” The letter detailed Hegseth’s “history of alcohol abuse” and said he had “treated the organization funds like they were a personal expense account—for partying, drinking, and using CVA events as little more than opportunities to ‘hook up’ with women on the road.” (Heather Cox Richardson) And then, an undeniably bizarre story about a private email in which his mother accused him of abusive misogyny (she later told The New York Times that she regretted the email and apologized to him for it)

12.03.24-JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO BECOME LEATHEL WEAPON-Trump has made his intentions crystal clear: He'll turn the FBI into his personal weapon. His latest move? Picking Kash Patel to run the agency. Who is Kash Patel? A Trump loyalist with a track record of undermining justice and peddling baseless conspiracies. His “qualifications”? Writing Trump fan fiction and spreading misinformation. Patel is just another cog in Trump’s plan to dismantle our democratic institutions to serve his agenda. The stakes couldn’t be higher. With Patel at the helm of the FBI, accountability, truth, and justice would be at risk. This isn’t just political theater—it’s a direct threat to the rule of law and democracy itself.

12.02.24-TRUMPERS SOLD THEIR SOULS FOR THIS-IT WILL BE THEIR REGRET-We’re about to enter a world where the rule of law is going to be turned inside out—where everything is converted into its bizarro-world version. It’s a world the conservative movement has been building for 50 years. It took Trump to dare to say the things that no other Republican president would quite say—about how the entire legal apparatus of the United States government is illegitimate and corrupt. But Trump said those things, and he opened the floodgates. For the next four years, we will be living, assuming Patel’s confirmation and that of Pam Bondi as attorney general, under a justice system where everything is the opposite of what your lying eyes saw for themselves, America. It involves

prosecutors, investigators, lawyers, and politicians. But complicit in all of it is the media. (edited from The New Republic)

12.01.24-COMING EVENTS-Elon Musk may be on the cusp of becoming something else: the country's first real oligarch. "There's certain lessons that I think we can learn from Russia in the '90s. The blurring of the lines between business and politics, which is called oligarchy by classical political philosophy — it's extremely dangerous," Garry Kasparov told HuffPost. Russia and some other post-Soviet countries, like Belarus or Kazakhstan, have struggled with democratic reforms and are run by strongmen able to subvert the law to reward their supporters and punish their opponents. "Musk could be the first oligarch," he said. "Having the largest private contractor of the U.S. government potentially being in the position of supervising the entire U.S. budget? I mean, just think about it. If this is not classical oligarchy, what is it?" "Oligarchy is not about the amount of money," he went on. "Oligarchy is about blurring the line, erasing the line, between business and government."

11.30.24-OF COURSE THIS PATHOLOGICAL LIAR LIED ABOUT PROJECT 25-During the campaign, Trump swore he had "nothing to do with" a right-wing policy blueprint known as Project 2025 that would overhaul the federal government, even though many of those involved in developing the plans were his allies. Mr. Trump even described many of the policy goals as "absolutely ridiculous." And during his debate with Vice President Kamala Harris, he said he was "not going to read it." Now, as he plans his agenda for his return to the White House, Mr. Trump has recruited at least a half dozen architects and supporters of the plan to oversee key issues, including the federal budget, intelligence gathering and his promised plans for mass deportations. The shift, his critics say, is not exactly a surprise. Trump disavowed the 900-page manifesto when polls showed it was extremely unpopular with voters. Now that he has won a second term, they say, he appears to be brushing those concerns aside. (NYT)

11.29.24-THE BEAST IS STIRRING-Now that Trump has threatened huge tariffs on Mexico, some MAGA figures are suddenly consumed with a dark new fantasy about Trump inflicting all manner of punishment on that country. One top MAGA ally claims Mexico should prepare for a U.S. military invasion. Another says that if Mexico doesn't do Trump's bidding, "pain and suffering will ensue." Trump's propagandists are laying the groundwork to cast Mexico as a major scapegoat for U.S. social problems. We talked to Douglas Rivlin of America's Voice, one of the best immigration and border observers out there, about how misguided Trump's threats are, why MAGA thrills to them, and what all this could portend about the horrors that are coming. (The New Republic)

11.27.24-THIS IS NOT A MANDATE-Trump almost certainly will not exceed 50 percent of the total vote by the time the election is certified next month, meaning a majority of Americans who cast ballots will have voted for someone else. His 1.6-percentage-point margin over Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris will be the smallest of any popular vote winner since Richard Nixon's 0.7 percent win over Hubert Humphrey in 1968. Further, his Electoral College margin will be smaller than both of Democrat Barack Obama's wins and both of Democrat Bill Clinton's victories. Indeed, the only true historic achievement Trump can claim is that America had previously elected neither a convicted felon nor someone who had earlier attempted a coup to remain in power, and now has done both in the same person. (Huffington Post)

11.26.24-MALICIOUS MUSK Environmental issues have plagued Elon Musk's Austin gigafactory since it began operating in 2022. Hazardous wastewater from production flowed — untreated — to Austin's sewer system, while the plant's casting furnace designed to melt metal for the Model Y's parts couldn't be properly closed. That left toxins to be spewed unhindered into the air and raised temperatures to as high as 100 degrees for shop floor workers. While Tesla was hosting a party — complete with thousands of drunk Tesla fans, cowboys gyrating in cages, and a Harrison Ford cameo — in April 2022 to show off its new factory, workers were worried about a pond Tesla had built to hold wastewater from chemical spills, its paint shop, and construction, the Journal reports. Not only was the pond filled with toxins and smelled of rotten eggs, but a dead deer had been found in it. For a while, water from that pond had been discharged into Austin's sewer system without permission from local regulators. Some of Tesla's attempts to remove waste turned nearly a mile of the Colorado River into a "mucky brown slick," the Journal reports.

11.25.24-A NEW SWAMP-With Matt Gaetz forced to pull his own nomination for attorney general, savvy Washington observers call it a win for norms. “I think it shows that Donald Trump cannot get anything he wants,” said a law professor in Politico the morning after. Yes, well, too bad that not getting what he wants has never taught Trump a lesson about anything. In fact, Trump’s typical response to being denied what he wants is even more outrageous demands. He respects that reaction in others, which is why he’s collected this Suicide Squad of Cabinet nominees—almost all of whom have a record of failing upward in one way or another—in the first place. For the members of this new administration, favor-trading is their most obvious skill and slick morals the defining character trait. In a normal situation, these things would be blots on a résumé. In the Trump world, consequence-free bad behavior is the résumé. Hell, given the propensity of Trump administrations to become a snake pit, it’s also a survival skill. *(The New Republic)*

11.24.24-CHRISTIAN NATIONALISTS WANT A THEOCRACY-Pete Hegseth made comments Monday on a right-wing podcast while discussing a book he published in 2022, in which he and his co-author vowed to give “patriotic parents the ammunition to join an insurgency that gives America a fighting chance” against educators. Hegseth has ties to Christian nationalists, who see religiously affiliated schools — some of which receive public funds — as key to their efforts to blur the line between church and state. On the podcast Monday, Hegseth agreed when one of the hosts suggested Christian schools should be seen as bootcamps to groom children for the so-called insurgency. Ask yourself: In a country where school violence is commonplace, do Americans really need a defense secretary who has promoted a war — figurative or not — on American schools? Consider the message this might send at a time when right-wing religious extremists already portray schools as enemy territory. And then consider how it looks to have the top civilian leader of the United States military affirming their views. *(MSNBC)*

11.23.24-THIS DISGUSTING CREEP JUST WON'T STOP-A civil contempt hearing is now on the books in Washington, D.C., for Rudy Giuliani — just a day after two election workers he defamed, Ruby Freeman and Shaye Moss, notified a judge that they believed he has continued to smear them publicly. Giuliani repeated his lie that the mother-daughter duo passed a USB drive to each other containing votes for Joe Biden when they were working the polls at an arena in Atlanta in Nov. 2020. Giuliani has long claimed the women somehow planned to upload phony vote records from the USB drive and tamper with the election results. Giuliani’s statements aired on Nov. 12 and Nov. 14, and according to the women’s lawyer, Aaron Nathan, they resemble the same lies he told about them in 2020. In one of the podcasts this month, Giuliani claimed the women were “quadruple-counting votes.” He also seemed to criticize Howell, who will oversee the civil contempt hearing, by calling her “bloodthirsty.”

11.22.24-STORM TROOPERS COMING-The man Trump would go on to tap as his “border czar” spent the last several years making appearances on some of the most extreme right-wing media outlets in the country — including a program hosted by an Adolf Hitler-admiring QAnon conspiracist — and promising to implement a brutal regime of mass deportations. Homan has also been a fixture in the fever swamps of far-right media, lending the imprimatur of his résumé to white nationalist, anti-Muslim and QAnon figures. These appearances and interviews, some of which have gone unreported in the mainstream press, indicate Homan is prepared to go to extreme lengths to stem the “invasion,” as he puts it, of the country by immigrants. *(Huffington Post)*

11.21.24-GULLIBLE GABBARD-Nikki Haley on Wednesday slammed former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard — Trump’s pick to be director of national intelligence — over her 2017 “photo-op” with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. “He was massacring his own people. She said she was skeptical that he was behind the chemical weapons attacks,” said Haley of Gabbard. “Now, this to me, is disgusting.” Haley, who served as United Nations ambassador under Trump, pointed to a 2017 speech she gave where she held up pictures of Syrian children who were victims of a chemical weapons attack in the town of Khan Shaykhun. Gabbard, just months before the attack, met with Assad during a secret trip to Syria and, in 2019, would declare that the Syrian president was “not an enemy” to the United States. “For her to say that Assad was not behind that, literally, everything she said about that were Russian talking points, every bit of that, that was Russian propaganda,” said Haley before adding that the Democrat-turned-Republican also blamed NATO for Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. *(Huffington Post)*

11.20.24-IT BEGINS-Texas Board Votes to Approve Controversial Curriculum. Critics say Bible-heavy public school curriculum is akin to 'religious indoctrination.' The K-5 curriculum incorporates lessons from the Bible as early as kindergarten, with a "Golden Rule" kindergarten lesson focusing heavily on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and making only brief mentions of other religions. A first grade "Sharing Stories" unit includes the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the New Testament, reports **CNN**. Critics say the Christian stories and ideas are presented without being introduced as religious beliefs. *(Newser)*

11.19.24- ACTING VICE PRESIDENT Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Should Eliminate Itself, The vanity agency the billionaire oligarch is getting from Trump probably won't accomplish much beyond giving him and partner Vivek Ramaswamy more of what they desperately crave—attention. There is one major problem for DOGE, however: It appears to be detached from reality. Much of what the group hopes to achieve would be impossible, impractical, illegal, or some combination thereof. It does not appear to be a serious attempt at overhauling the federal government, and it will most likely serve as a burden on and a distraction from more serious right-wing ambitions. *(The New Republic)*

11.18.24-HEGSETH IS PART OF THE NOT FUNNY CLOWN SHOW-Never Trumper Rick Wilson: Pete Hegseth is a guy who is a definitional lightweight. He is not a serious person. This is not a guy who you would pick to, as I like to say, run a Waffle House, much less run the Department of Defense. DoD is an enormously complex and difficult situation to manage on the best possible day. A guy like Hegseth who does not have managerial or experience beyond reading a teleprompter on Fox. And yes, I will grant you, he served in the national guard. He ran a platoon of 28 men. OK, God bless you. That's great. That's about like running a McDonald's in terms of the number of the head count. I'm not denigrating his service, but it is most certainly not the same level of engagement that you would think you would need. Also, Pete Hegseth paid an undisclosed amount to a woman who filed a complaint against him with authorities alleging sexual assault back in 2017. *(The New Republic)*

11.17.24-Bill Maher on Matt Gaetz: "Usually a president wants someone as attorney general who's familiar with Justice Department investigations, but not a target of them himself." Gaetz was previously the subject of a Department of Justice probe into whether he violated federal sex trafficking laws by allegedly paying a 17-year-old girl to travel across state lines with him. The former congressman denied the allegations, and the DOJ ended its investigation without filing charges against him. A House Ethics Committee investigation into Gaetz's alleged activity was ongoing, but his resignation from Congress this week ends that probe. How convenient!

11.15.24 Trump is wanting to create chaos and does not care what happens. He will sit in the White House eating french-fries and just laugh at it all. It's his revenge.

11.14.24-TRUMP HUMILIATES MUSK-GOODBYE ELON AND GO BLUESKY!-During his first meeting with Republican lawmakers on the Hill as president-elect, Trump asserted his power over Musk, mocking the tech billionaire for sticking around for so long. "Elon won't go home. I can't get rid of him," Trump said Wednesday. "Until I don't like him." MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell argued that Trump's comments about Musk were an assertion of his dominance, played before a room that has to play along. "They laughed that uncomfortable laugh. But they laugh when Trump makes a joke about someone on his team, a joke that everyone knows is true, a joke that paints that person as pathetic, as Trump's personal sense of superiority demands that he do." *(The New Republic)*

11.13.24-YEARS AGO I THOUGHT HALEY WAS A BRIGHT STAR AND MODERATE REPUBLIC, BUT NOW: Nikki Haley has lost every modicum of dignity, because after first criticizing Trump, she took it back, then she ran against him, then she endorsed him, then she practically begged him to let her campaign with him. "And now he's saying, so long Nikki I find it incredibly embarrassing — a woman who had such a bright future, was one of the rising stars in the Republican Party."

AND
Musk humiliated by having to work with a 'partner.' I wonder how long he will last?
(excerpts from The New Republic)

11.12.24-Watching Trump appoint white supremacists, conspiracy theorists and crazies to various positions. Elsie Stefanik??? WTH?.

GOP lawmakers are working to bypass the procedural safeguards that keep unqualified, radical figures from seizing high-level positions. Their goal? Push through Cabinet nominees who will not only echo Trump's agenda but could actively undermine our democratic institutions. This move threatens to put Trump and his allies above the law—and place our democracy at risk.

11.11.24-YOUNG MEN ARE BEING LIED TO-The Trump campaign seems to have done a decent job selling itself to the so-called manosphere: a sprawling informal online community encompassing a multitude of unrelated podcasts, YouTube channels, and Twitch streams whose content runs the gamut from half-baked, freshman dorm-style philosophical debates and anodyne self-help advice to virulent misogyny and fringe conspiracy theorizing. At its core is an aspirational masculinity loosely grounded in extreme notions of personal responsibility: rising and grinding, maximizing your physical attractiveness (“looksmaxxing”), driving up your own “Sexual Market Value,” etc. As Mother Jones and other outlets have noted, the sheer amount of that content means that young men looking to get in shape or upgrade their wardrobes can quickly get pulled into a bizarre web of right-wing propaganda stylized as lifestyle content.

11.10.24-KEEP YOUR DAUGHTERS AT HOME FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, THANKS TO THAT DISGUSTING TRUMP-The re-election of Trump—a court-described rapist who famously said he could do anything he wants to women, including “grab ‘em by the pussy”—to the White House is having immediate ramifications for gender relations across the country, with young boys and men alike weaponizing the misogynistic rhetoric of the country's soon-to-be 47th president against their female counterparts. Across social media, young men are parroting white supremacist, Hitler fan, and far-right political pundit Nick Fuentes, who wrote on X “Your body, my choice. Forever,” hours before the election was even called in Trump's favor. But the language has seemingly spilled from the digital ecosphere into daily life, as well, with parents reporting that young boys were caught leveraging the overtly objectifying language against girls in school. (The New Republic)

11.09.24-TOLD YOU THIS WAS COMING-With Trump's victory, some Christian extremists are celebrating what they see as a rare opportunity to take up roles inside government institutions and manipulate them — if not outright destroy them — after Trump takes office. Several notable Christian nationalist figures aren't hiding their excitement over the potential to impose their will on the nation. In October, Trump told an allied Christian group in Georgia that “the more powerful you become, the better the country is going to be.” And he told evangelical Christian broadcasters in February that they would experience “power at a level that you've never used before” if he were elected — a disturbing claim when you consider the history of bigots using Christianity to justify all kinds of injustices, up to and including slavery. (MSNBC)

11.08.24-LOONY BIN-Yesterday I listed the adjectives that apply to the people who will be running our country. Here are some names to attach to those adjectives. Regardless of which people are placed in cabinet positions these, and other handlers, will be the ones influencing policy.

Trump doesn't care about consequences, only that he has complete power and servile loyalty. He is a puppet of these people and doesn't understand, or even care about, the basics of policy issues.

Elon Musk...JD Vance...Robert F. Kennedy, Jr....Tucker Carlson...Joe Rogan...Steve Bannon...Laura Loomer...Stephen Miller...Ginni Thomas...Roger Stone...Vladimir Putin and (Hershel Walker?????)

Oh, and this: Fox News Hosts Suggest 'Death Penalty' For Donald Trump Prosecutors.

11.07.24-Pop Quiz:

On January 20, 2025, after the transfer of power, who will be running the country?

Lunatics...Fascists...Clowns...Liars...Charlatans...Misogynists...Xenophobes...Narcissists...Felons...Bullies...Self-aggrandizers...Hypocrites...Con Artists...Putin.....All the above

If you guess 'all the above' you are correct.

11.06.24-In mourning today-democracy died last night.

11.05.24-Today will end with either Democracy or Authoritarianism winning.

11.04.24-Why did Donald Trump simulate oral sex with his microphone at Milwaukee rally? Watch it here. Maga wants this pervert to be president! There is no "context" for performing fellatio on a microphone. He's gone batty. The only remaining question is whether enough voters recognize it.(The New Republic)

11.03.24-Tuesday: Kamala vs. Trump

- Good vs. Evil
- Sane vs. Insane
- Peaceful vs. Violent Rhetoric
- Soul vs. Soulless
- Truth vs. Lies
- Patriot vs. Fascist

11.02.24- DISGUSTING, DEMENTED DEMAGOGUE-Trump called Liz Cheney a war hawk who should be sent to a combat zone. "Let's see how she feels about it. You know, when the guns are trained on her face," he said. Kamala Harris called his language disqualifying. During an event in Arizona on Thursday, he called President Joe Biden a "stupid bastard," and Vice President Kamala Harris "a sleaze bag."

.01.24-HIDEOUS HEADLINES

- Trump Transition Co-Chair Floats Plan To 'Yank' Vaccines 'Off The Market.'
- Trump Tells New Mexico Crowd He's There For 'Simple Reason' — To Pander To Latinos.
- Tucker Carlson Goes Into Great Detail About Being 'Physically Mauled' By A 'Demon' The right-wing media personality claims he was "seized with this very intense desire to read the Bible" after the experience.
- Rudy Giuliani this week went on a shocking rant against Haitian immigrants who are living legally in Springfield, Ohio. Giuliani said they "shouldn't have been taken out of the jungle."
- Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) ranted Thursday that a Julia Roberts-narrated ad assuring women that they can vote discreetly is "sick."

AND THESE HILARIOUS ONES:

- Jimmy Kimmel's joke about Trump on Thursday just might touch a nerve with the Trump who this week put on an orange vest and rode around in a garbage truck for a photo op. "The garbage is driving the truck," Kimmel cracked.
- Jimmy Fallon showed "Tonight Show" viewers a new photo of Trump that makes him look nearly as orange as his hi-vis vest. "He's wearing a lot of makeup. We did not enhance that. That's a lot of makeup," the comic said of the image, taken in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

10.31.24-WAKE UP AMERICA!-Click-Once Top Advisers to Trump, They Now Call Him 'Liar,' 'Fascist' and 'Unfit'

AND

Trump Lacks 'Basic Principles Of Our Faith,' Says Famed Evangelist's Granddaughter. Jerushah Duford, whose grandfather was the late Rev. Billy Graham, criticized Donald Trump on CNN after endorsing Kamala Harris.

10.30.24-PLEASE LISTEN TO KAMALA-"One week from today, you will have the chance to make a decision that directly impacts your life, the life of your family, and the future of this country we love," she said. "[I]t will probably be the most important vote you ever cast. And this election is more just than a choice between two parties and two different candidates. It is a choice about whether we have a country rooted in freedom for every American or ruled by chaos and division." Harris outlined Trump's attempt to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and noted that he is "unstable, obsessed with revenge, consumed with grievance, and out for unchecked power." She continued: "Donald Trump has spent a decade trying to keep the American people divided and afraid of each other. That is who he is. But America, I am here tonight to say: that is not who we are." She called for Americans "to turn the page on the drama and the conflict, the fear and division." *(Heather Cox Richardson)*

10.29.24-HE IS ALL THESE THINGS-It is not wrong to identify fascist tendencies in Trump, such as ultranationalism, ethnocentrism, cronyism, persecution of internal enemies and comfort with violence. But these traits also qualify him for classification as a dictator, despot, autocrat and authoritarian. So why single out “fascist,” an inflammatory charge conjuring images of 20th-century mass murderers? A far better designation, one that sums up Trump with precision, is “demagogue.” The ex-president is a textbook case, the most striking and astonishing example of a demagogue in U.S. history. A demagogue is a popular leader, a leader of a mob, or rabble-rouser. A political leader in a democracy who gains popularity by arousing the common people against elites, especially through oratory that whips up the passions of crowds, appealing to emotion by scapegoating out-groups, exaggerating dangers to stoke fears, lying for emotional effect, or other rhetoric that tends to drown out reasoned deliberation and encourage fanatical popularity. Demagogues overturn established norms of political conduct, or promise or threaten to do so. *(WAPO, even though I cancelled)*

10.28.24-FASCIST RACIST RANTS BY MAGA TRASH-This was a hate rally. Trump’s closing rally at Madison Square Garden was a release of rage at a political and legal system that impeached, indicted and convicted him, a vivid and at times racist display of the dark energy animating the MAGA movement. A comic kicked off the rally by dismissing Puerto Rico as a “floating island of garbage,” then mocked Hispanics as failing to use birth control, Jews as cheap and Palestinians as rock-throwers, and called out a Black man in the audience with a reference to watermelon. Another speaker likened Vice President Kamala Harris to a prostitute with “pimp handlers.” A third called her “the Antichrist.” And the former Fox News host Tucker Carlson mocked Ms. Harris — the daughter of an Indian mother and a Jamaican father — with a made-up ethnicity, saying she was vying to become “the first Samoan-Malaysian, low IQ former California prosecutor ever to be elected president.” By the time the Trump took the stage the event had become a carnival of grievances, misogyny and racism. *(NYT)*

10.27.24-CAN YOU IMAGINE THIS HAPPENING BEFORE 2016?-Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio) on Saturday praised a New Jersey woman for allegedly verbally attacking an election worker who asked for her to remove her Trump gear just days after a Texas man in a MAGA hat reportedly punched an elderly man who made a similar request while working at a voting location. “What a patriot,” he wrote. The story stemmed from a Reddit user who describes a woman wearing Trump gear at a polling site, prompting workers to tell her she couldn’t wear it (it’s illegal to wear political merchandise within 100 feet of a voting location in the Garden State). “She calls one poll worker a d*ckhead and rips her shirt off. She told another poll worker to ‘suck her c**t’ and this is the reason she votes Trump,” wrote the Reddit user, who noted that a “no political merch” sign was posted at the site. The alleged encounter arrives amid concerns that election workers will face more threats this year than in years prior. *(edited from Huffington Post)*

10.26.24-

SPINLESS COWARDS-Washington Post and L.A. Times owners capitulated to Trump by not endorsing Harris amid their fear of retaliation. *(I cancelled my Post subscription)*
"Something in Him Broke": Ex–Trump Ally Warns He’s Totally Lost It
Donald Trump’s former deputy press secretary issued a dire warning about his mental state.
Thirteen former Trump administration officials have signed an open letter in support of Trump’s former chief of staff John Kelly, who warned earlier this week that Trump is a fascist who praised Hitler in private and wants to be a dictator.

10.25.24-EVERYTHING IS ABOUT HIM-At a Town Hall Meeting Trump was asked to “share a final message to those Christians to encourage them to go to the polls,” He could not even bring himself to offer such a message. He did not acknowledge or thank the voters who helped propel him to the White House eight years ago and stood by him throughout his scandalous presidency and insurrection. Instead, he said, “Christians are not tremendous voters,” and then rambled for nearly three minutes on themes of religious persecution by “not nice” and “stupid” people, guns and COVID restrictions, without completing coherent sentences or thoughts. *(MSNBC)*

10.24.24-THIS IS A HINT OF WHAT'S TO COME-U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon is reportedly being floated as an attorney general pick for Trump. If it's true, then it could break new ground, even for a Trump appointment. He would be potentially nominating a relatively inexperienced judge, confirmed in the waning days of his first presidency, who handled the documents case bizarrely and ultimately dismissed it in his favor. That dismissal is currently on appeal before a federal court that previously smacked down Cannon's Trump-friendly handling of litigation around the Mar-a-Lago search, before Trump was charged. That episode raised concerns about her handling of the prosecution after Trump was charged, and her handling of the case since then has vindicated those concerns. That is, Trump would be nominating as the nation's top lawyer and law enforcement official someone who not only has directly helped him avoid criminal liability but who has also been effectively told by more experienced judges that she doesn't understand the law. *(MSNBC)*

10.23.24-ANOTHER WARNING-John Kelly, Trump's longest-service chief of staff, made dire warnings Tuesday about what could happen if his former boss wins back the White House, and confirmed disturbing comments the former president allegedly made about Adolf Hitler. Kelly, a former Marine general who also served as Trump's homeland security secretary, spoke to both [The Atlantic](#) and [The New York Times](#) about his concerns, saying he was motivated to go on the record after Trump suggested he'd use military force against his domestic political enemies. Trump meets the definition of a fascist and would govern like a dictator, Kelly warned, telling the Times that Trump "never accepted the fact that he wasn't the most powerful man in the world — and by power, I mean an ability to do anything he wanted, anytime he wanted." The retired general pointed to the definition of a fascism — a government with a "dictatorial leader, centralized autocracy, militarism, forcible suppression of opposition, belief in a natural social hierarchy — and said that from his experience working with Trump, "those are the kinds of things that he thinks would work better in terms of running America." As Trump's chief of staff, Kelly spent more time behind closed doors with the former president than nearly anyone else who worked in his administration. *(Huffington Post)*

10.22.24-THIS MORONIC MAGA MANIAC HAS DESCENDED INTO A BABBLING IDIOT-Trump launched into a brief rant about how he'd cut the Department of Education, claiming "half the buildings" in D.C. belonged to the federal department and that he'd cut it to "one person and a secretary to just make sure they're teaching English." But then, he went off on a disturbing tangent. "No transgender, no operations, you know they take your kid. There are some places. Your boy leaves the school, comes back a girl, OK. Without parental consent. What is that all about? And they talk about a threat to democracy, they're a threat. Without parental consent. And first when I was told that was actually happening, I said, 'You know it's an exaggeration.' No: it happens, there are areas where it happens. We're not going to let it happen," the former president and convicted felon added. Trump's rant fits right into conservative plans, as outlined in the Project 2025 manifesto, to eliminate the federal Department of Education and curtail LGBTQ+ rights. For the record, there are no schools giving free, secret sex-change operations to children. Eliminating the Department of Education is also a right-wing fantasy, which would deprive school districts around the country of vital federal funds. *(The New Republic)*

10.21.24-THIS MONSTER WILL STOP AT NOTHING-Trump was sued by the Central Park Five Monday for defamation over comments he made during the September 10 presidential debate. During the debate last month, Trump repeated the false claim that the five pleaded guilty, that they killed someone, and that Mayor Bloomberg agreed with him, according to the legal filing. "Defendant Trump falsely stated that Plaintiffs killed an individual and pled guilty to the crime. These statements are demonstrably false," the civil suit read. "Plaintiffs never pled guilty to any crime and were subsequently cleared of all wrongdoing. Further, the victims of the Central Park assaults were not killed."

AND THIS
In a campaign stunt, Trump served fries in a McDonald's while wearing a shirt with gold cuff links. He has claimed without evidence that Harris never worked there

10.20.24-MORE INCOHERANT TRUMP-Trump spoke at a rally in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he told a long, meandering story about golfing legend Arnold Palmer that ended with praise for Palmer's... anatomy. He went on to call Vice President Kamala Harris—whose name he deliberately mispronounced—"a sh*t vice president. The worst. You're the worst vice president. Kamala, you're fired. Get the hell out of here, you're fired. Get out of here."

Get the hell out of here, Kamala.” As Trump’s remarks got weirder and weirder, the Fox News Channel cut away and instead showed Harris being cheered at a packed, exuberant, super-charged rally in Georgia. Trump’s speech comes on top of his repeated backing out of interviews and his bizarre appearances. Last night, his advice to an audience in Detroit to vote took its own wild turn: “Jill, get your fat husband off the couch,” he said. “Get that fat pig off the couch. Tell him to go and vote for Trump, he’s going to save our country. Get that guy the hell off our— get him up, Jill, slap him around. Get him up. Get him up, Jill. We want him off the couch to get out and vote.” Trump’s performances over the past few days seem to confirm that the 2024 October surprise is the increasingly obvious mental incapacity of the Republican candidate for president. (Heather Cox Richardson)

10.19.24-DISGUSTING BITCH-It seems Trump’s presidential campaign is required to have at least one despicable moment per day, and Thursday was no different. Staunch Trump ally Laura Loomer, an unhinged conspiracy theorist and social media bomb thrower closely linked to the former president, went after U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in supremely homophobic fashion, saying he’s not “a real father” because he and his husband adopted twins. “Homosexual men cannot give birth,” Loomer wrote. “Gay men can’t get pregnant or make breast milk. You aren’t even a real father.” She also wrote: “You incubated a baby in biological woman’s womb and pretended to breast feed with plastic nipples in a hospital bed like a psychopath.” Buttigieg and his husband Chasten adopted twins in 2021. They did not use a surrogate, and the breast feeding bit is a lie based on a doctored and thoroughly debunked photo, the kind of right-wing garbage Loomer is known to toss about like a rabid raccoon. (IndyStar)

10.18.24-MAGA MINUTIA-IT NEVER STOPS:

- A top election lawyer for the Republican Party said on a podcast Tuesday that she’s hoping for a “cleansing in our nation” and that “we can clean out the filth.” (Sounds Fascist to me)
- Trump is once again trying to pay Stormy Daniels to be quiet.
- McConnell defends calling Trump ‘despicable human being,’ throws Vance under the bus.
- For months, Republicans have practically begged Trump to focus on policy, not personal attacks. But he doesn’t talk about policy because he can’t.
- Even Fox News’s Bret Baier Admits Harris Outsmarted Him in Interview.
- JD Vance’s poll numbers are back to abysmally low levels, two weeks after they spiked following his debate against Tim Walz.
- Donald Trump abruptly dropped two public appearances after a series of bumbling speeches.
- Trump used his remarks at a Catholic charity banquet here on Thursday to skewer prominent Democrats, often in off-color terms.
- Fox News’s Bret Baier forced to admit he messed Up in Harris Interview by playing an edited clip of Trump during his interview with Kamala Harris.
- TRUMP: “They want to do things like no more cows and no windows in buildings.”

10.17.24-DEMENTIA IS SERIOUS AND WITH THIS MAN IT IS SYSTEMIC-Omarosa Manigault Newman, who served in the White House under Trump after previously competing on his reality TV show, said the former president’s mental “decline” is becoming more apparent. Trump’s health has come under scrutiny after a series of bizarre and rambling public appearances followed by the cancellation of multiple high-profile interviews. “The reason Trump is canceling these interviews is when he starts to stumble, he starts to pivot,” Manigault Newman told CNN’s Laura Coates. “He wants to talk about you. He’ll start attacking you, Laura, instead of talking about policy issues because he can’t recall what they are.” She said Trump is struggling even with his own message. “He cannot repeat consistently his position on key issues like the economy, like crime, or like immigration, that are key issues to voters, and that’s what you’re seeing in his decline right now,” she said. (Huffington Post) (With that said, I don’t wish this on anyone, and this fool is running for LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD!)

10.16.24-DUMP THAT CRASS, CALLOUS CRUZ-Texas Senator Ted Cruz’s massive grift was embarrassingly revealed during his debate against Representative Colin Allred Tuesday night. In his closing remarks, Allred didn’t hold back. “We’re all Americans, and we’re all Texans. We need a leader who will bring us together around our shared values. That’s what I’m trying to do during my six years in Congress. That’s the exact opposite of what

Senator Cruz has done,” Allred said. “Whatever he says tonight, you’ve seen it for 12 years. He’s been one of the most divisive senators in the entire country. If you don’t like how things are going in Washington right now, well, you know what, he is singularly responsible for it. “He has introduced this new kind of ‘angertainment’ where you just get people upset and then you podcast about it, and you write a book about it, and you make some money on it, but you’re not actually there when people need you. Like when the lights went out, when 30 million Texans were relying on a senator to spring into action, he went to Cancun. That’s who he is,” Allred said.

10.15.24-ALL HE NEEDS IS THE MUSTACHE-Longtime Democratic strategist James Carville on Sunday said Trump’s scheduled Madison Square Garden rally is mimicking the 1939 Nazi rally in the same venue, as he pointed to warning signs from the former president and those who once served under him. “See what happened there. They are telling you exactly what they’re going to do, they’re telling you, ‘We’re going to institute a fascist regime,’” Carville said, urging viewers to learn more about the Nazi rally. Trump’s Oct. 27 rally has already been likened to the 1939 event hosted by the German American Bund, a pro-Hitler and Nazi propaganda-spreading group who held a vision for the country that NPR described as a “cocktail of white supremacy, fascist ideology and American patriotism.” Bund leader Fritz Julius Kuhn — who spoke at the rally — “wanted to be the Hitler of America,” “Swastika Nation” author Arnie Bernstein told NPR in 2019. Trump, in an interview with Fox News’ Maria Bartiromo on Sunday, called his political foes “the enemy from within” before suggesting that he could round them up using the military. (Huffington Post)

10,14,24-TELL YOU KIDS-Columbus never set foot in North America. He captured natives to be sold as slaves in Spain, and he also tortured, mutilated and murdered them. He tried to push Christianity on them. Please forget him and celebrate the day as Indigenous People's Day.

10.13.24-WITH A CAPITAL 'F'-Retired Gen. Mark A. Milley warned that **Trump** is a “fascist to the core” and “the most dangerous person to this country.” Milley, 66, served for more than a year as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Trump before continuing in the role under Biden. Upon stepping down in September 2023 after more than 40 years in the military, Milley laid out his apparent concerns about Trump in a pointed retirement speech. “We don’t take an oath to a king, or a queen, to a tyrant or dictator or wannabe dictator,” he said. Woodward’s new book, “War,” due out Tuesday, follows Milley in the years after the Trump administration as he wrestles with escalating fears over the president he once served. (*The New Republic*)

10.12.24-MORE FACTS FOR MAGA TO LIE ABOUT-Washington Post economics columnist Heather Long noted that “[b]y just about every measure, the U.S. economy is in good shape.” Inflation is back down, growth remains strong at 3%, unemployment is low at 4.1% with the U.S. having created almost 7 million more jobs than it had before the pandemic. The stock market is hitting all-time highs. Long adds that “many Americans are getting sizable pay raises, and middle-class wealth has surged to record levels.” The Federal Reserve has begun to cut interest rates, and foreign leaders are talking about the U.S. economy with envy.

10.11.24-LUNATIC SPEAKS-Trump has again claimed, falsely, that schools are secretly providing gender-affirming surgeries to children, sparking backlash against his transphobic, fear-mongering and frankly ridiculous rhetoric. The Republican nominee went off on a tangent about “pushing transgender ideology on minor children” during a rally in Reading, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday. “Your child goes to school and they take your child. It was a he and comes back a she. And they do this. And they do it, and often without parental consent,” he said. The absurd claim was denounced by his critics on social media, who called it “ugly,” “hateful” and an “absolutely demented lie.”

10.10.24-AND THIS QUESTION WAS ASKED BY A MAN WHO WAS PRESIDENT? WHO'S DUMBER THAN A THIRD GRADER?

Trump: "Actually, now that you’re mentioning it, I think they should do a double 25th Amendment — just get ‘em both out. Who’s third in line? Because it’s just terrible."
Shapiro: "The speaker, Mike Johnson."

AND

As Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) put it: “What has this country come to if the revelation that Trump secretly sent COVID testing machines to Putin while thousands of Americans were dying, in part because of a shortage of testing machines here, doesn't disqualify him to be President?”

10.09.24-IS THIS NEWS TO YOU MITT?-Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah) criticized Trump on Tuesday for spreading falsehoods about immigrants and the federal government's response to devastating Hurricane Helene. “Trump told us that people in Springfield are eating dogs and cats. He likewise said that FEMA money, our emergency money, instead of helping people that were hit by the hurricane is being used to help illegals. I mean, he just makes it up,” Romney said.

Many of the people who wore “Auto Workers for Trump” shirts at a Republican rally in Detroit on Tuesday were reportedly not autoworkers at all.

10.08.24-PUTIN OWNS THIS DISGUSTING PIECE OF HUMAN TRASH-As the coronavirus tore through the world in 2020, and the United States and other countries confronted a shortage of tests designed to detect the illness, Trump secretly sent coveted tests to Russian President Vladimir Putin for his personal use. Putin, petrified of the virus, accepted the supplies but took pains to prevent political fallout — not for him, but for his American counterpart. He cautioned Trump not to reveal that he had dispatched the scarce medical equipment to Moscow, according to a new book by Washington Post associate editor Bob Woodward. Putin, according to the book, told Trump, “I don't want you to tell anybody because people will get mad at you, not me.” (*Washington Post*)

10.07.24-WAKE UP MEDIA COMPANIES-YOU MUST PUT TRUMP'S MENTAL STATE ON PAGE 1!-On Sunday, The New York Times published an extraordinary piece detailing Donald Trump's deteriorating mental state, singling out his deranged fabrications and outright fabulism as central to its exposé. Meanwhile, Trump held a weekend rally in Pennsylvania where he lied angrily in ugly new ways about the federal response to Hurricane Helene. Can Democrats capitalize on all this in the home stretch? Democratic strategist Maria Cardona suggests new ways to close out this race by highlighting Trump's profound mental unfitness for the presidency—and depicting his lying about disaster response as fundamentally disqualifying. The article puts it on the line: “He rambles, he repeats himself, he roams from thought to thought—some of them hard to understand, some of them unfinished, some of them factually fantastical. He voices outlandish claims that seem to be made up out of whole cloth. He digresses into bizarre tangents about golf, about sharks, about his own ‘beautiful’ body. He relishes ‘a great day in Louisiana’ after spending the day in Georgia. He expresses fear that North Korea is ‘trying to kill me’ when he presumably means Iran.” (*The New Republic*)

10.06.24-TRUMP LIES ABOUT EVERYTHING, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE AND TO ANYONE- Tariffs are essentially taxes on imported products, and they are paid not by foreign countries but by American consumers. Economists warn that Trump's tariff plan would cost a typical family an average of more than \$2,600 a year, with poorer families hardest hit; spike inflation as high as 20%; result in 50,000 to 70,000 fewer jobs created each month; slow economic growth; and add about \$5.8 trillion in deficits over ten years. It would tank an economy that under the Biden administration, which has used tariffs selectively to protect new industries and stop unfair trade practices, has boomed.

10.05.24-Thursday evening, Trump unleashed two all-caps social media missives that neatly captured the sophistication of his arguments on the economy. One vomited forth a bunch of scattershot promises to end taxes on untold numbers of people while falsely pushing the idea that Trump delivered the largest tax cut in U.S. history. The other raged that Kamala Harris will end “FRACKING,” featuring a video depicting her as a radical socialist who will destroy American energy production, and concluding: “Only President Trump will bring back Trump's strong economy.” In a case of spectacular bad timing, only eight hours later, we learned that in September, the economy added a stunning 254,000 new jobs, far surpassing expectations. In a new Cook Political Report poll of the seven key battleground states: Harris is now dead even with Trump on which candidate likely voters trust on “getting inflation under control.” (*The New Republic*).....YAY!

10.04.24-INSANE, CRAZY LUNATIC-Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene pushed a preposterous conspiracy theory Thursday that someone at the very top created Hurricane Helene. While many Republicans, like Trump,

have been quick to criticize the federal response to Hurricane Helene, Greene has started pointing fingers as to who could possibly be behind the weather event, which most normal people would understand to be caused by hot air and cold air. BITCH—"Yes they can control the weather," Greene wrote in a post on X. "It's ridiculous for anyone to lie and say it can't be done."

AND

DITTO-Trump keeps pushing the vile claim that federal officials are withholding disaster aid from GOP areas devastated by Hurricane Helene. This has now backfired, focusing media attention on Trump's own hyper-politicization of disaster relief as president. To wit: Two former Trump officials told Politico that Trump initially refused to approve disaster aid for California after wildfires in 2018 due to the state's Democratic lean.

(The New Republic)

10.03.24-TOAST-Trump was "fundamentally" acting as a private candidate for office and not as president of the United States when he sought to overturn his 2020 election loss, special counsel Jack Smith's team argued in a filing on Wednesday that revealed new details of the scheme at the heart of Trump's federal election interference case. "It's really hard to do highlights because this is bombshell after bombshell after bombshell," Former federal prosecutor Andrew Weissmann said of the 165-page brief prepared by special counsel Jack Smith's office.

10.02.24-MORE OF THE SAME:

- Trump once again dismissed traumatic brain injuries sustained by American troops during a 2020 ballistic missile strike in Iran, diminishing the injuries as mere "headaches" when asked if he should have been tougher on Tehran.
- Vance disqualified himself by being an election denier. If you can't honor the will of the voters, you have no business being Vice President.
- Vance floored critics with his suggestion during Tuesday's debate that the solution to school shootings lies, in part, with their buildings having stronger doors and windows.
- COWARD-Trump backed out of an interview with CBS after initially agreeing to it.

10/01/24-SOCIOPATH TRUMP LIES ABOUT HURRICANE RELIEF: As people are dying, he has begun pushing a menacing, self-serving conspiracy theory about the hurricane response and said that he received reports of "the Federal Government, and the Democrat Governor of [North Carolina], going out of their way to not help people in Republican areas."

- Much of North Carolina votes Republican, so it would be near impossible for any relief efforts to occur that would neglect conservatives. Roy Cooper, the state's Democratic governor since 2017, has deployed the National Guard and undertaken statewide efforts to help those affected by the hurricane.
- "The president just called me yesterday afternoon. I missed him and I called him right back," Georgia Republican Governor Kemp told reporters. "And he just said, 'Hey, what do you need?'"
- Republican governor of Virginia Glenn Youngkin told reporters that he was "incredibly appreciative of the rapid response and cooperation from the federal team at FEMA."
- Asheville, North Carolina, mayor Esther Manheimer told CNBC "We have support from outside organizations, other fire departments sending us resources, the federal government as well. So it's all-hands-on-deck, and it is a well-coordinated effort, but it is so enormous...."
- Footnote: Trump denied relief to Puerto Rico and repeatedly withheld federal aid from Democratic governors—including that of North Carolina—after disasters in their states.
- "As a Homeland Security Advisor in the Trump White House, I witnessed firsthand how Trump politicized disaster relief, leaving devastated Americans waiting for help," Olivia Troye wrote Monday.

09.30.24-TRUMP:ENEMY OF THE FREE PRESS-At a rally in Wisconsin over the weekend, Trump really cranked up the rage and hate speech about immigrants, and viciously savaged Kamala Harris as "mentally impaired." But this deserves special attention: Trump also attacked Fox News for the mere act of carrying a recent Harris speech

about immigration on the network, seething that Fox shouldn't be "allowed" to do that. We talked to Salon columnist Amanda Marcotte, a skillful interpreter of Trump's violent threats, about the clear signals that this and other recent Trump utterances are sending about his intention to suppress dissent and persecute MAGA's enemies during a second term.

09.29.24-DESPERATION SETTING IN

- JD Vance spoke Saturday at an event hosted by a self-described Christian "apostle" who believes Trump is destined to save America from Kamala Harris, who was sent by the devil to "take Trump out."
- Trump: "The people that you see leaving? Because nobody ever leaves," the former president said. "And when they do, I finish up quick."
- Trump's Answer to Harris's Border Trip: Calling Her 'Mentally Disabled'
He assailed Vice President Kamala Harris in harshly personal terms.

09.28.24-

REALTY BASED WORLD VIEW VS. MAGA WORLD VIEW-CLICK
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!-Marjorie Taylor Greene Rips Fellow Republicans: Don't 'Deserve to Be Reelected' For House Majority.

09.27.24-Bits and Pieces

- OMG-A ROUGE'S GALLERY OF RIGHT-WING NUT CASES-Tucker Carlson is on the road, with fans lining up to watch him in conversation with the likes of JD Vance, Russell Brand, Alex Jones and Roseanne Barr.
- Trump campaign ads are stuck in an economic time warp. The Fed is cutting interest rates, inflation is down, stocks are soaring, but Trump acts as if it's still 2022.
- National security prime target of Trump's plan to weaken civil service. National security federal employees would be hit most by Trump's plan to weaken job protections for civil servants. (Whaaaat?)
- Trump keeps talking about criminalizing dissent. Four times in recent weeks, the former president said it is or should be illegal to criticize judges, despite his long history of doing just that.

09.26.24-IT'S ABOUT TIME-MAYBE WE CAN ALSO FORCE HIM INTO POVERTY FOR WHAT HE DID TO THOSE TWO ELECTION WORKERS-Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani was disbarred in Washington on Thursday, months after he lost his law license in New York for pursuing false claims that Trump made about his 2020 presidential election loss. The brief ruling from Washington D.C.'s appeals court said Giuliani did not respond to an order to explain why he should not be disbarred in Washington after he was in New York last summer.

09.25.24-Trump-This week has seen so many lies from this demented lunatic that I won't try to provide details. Too many. He is spreading hate among the ignorant MAGA voters, and they happily suck it up! If you know a MAGA voter, please beg them to listen to facts instead of this hateful rhetoric. I know, it's a lost cause, because they are morons.

09.24.24-THIS FROM A PERSON WHO WAS FOUND LIABLE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND PAID OFF PORN STARS. Trump addresses women: "I am your protector. I want to be your protector ... you will no longer be abandoned, lonely, or scared. You will no longer be in danger ... you will no longer be thinking about abortion." What a creep!

09.23.24-There is a sickness in this country that has taken over the Republican party and threatens what this country was meant to be. On Tuesday, November 5, you will have the opportunity to keep this sickness from spreading.

And one more thing for Trump to lie about: U.S. violent and property crimes declined in 2023: FBI. And, thanks to him, hate crimes are at an all-time high.

09.22.24-MORE MAGA MISCHIEF

- Trump is running as a candidate who is openly for sale. He has said he'll offer plum jobs to major donors like Elon Musk, promised favors to oil executives, bragged to the wealthy about the tax cuts he can deliver and has even taken time away from his campaign to pitch a cryptocurrency project for his sons.
- Conspiracy theorist and pillow-pusher Mike Lindell is facing backlash online after his company marked down some of its pillows to \$14.88, a figure seen as symbolic for white supremacists and neo-Nazis.
- Trump has chosen to stand by Mark Robinson, even though that man allegedly self-described as a "Black Nazi!" in a comment on a porn-site message board.

09.21.24-SERIOUSLY LOSING IT

- After opining that the Democratic Party has "a hold, or curse" on Jewish Americans, Trump said: "I'm not going to call this as a prediction, but in my opinion, the Jewish people would have a lot to do with a loss if I'm at 40 percent.... If I'm at 40, think of it, that means 60 percent are voting for Kamala [Harris], who, in particular, is a bad Democrat. The Democrats are bad to Israel, very bad." First of all, as always, he's lying. He's not at 40 percent. He's at 25 percent. But lies are par for the course. What isn't par for the course is to show up to a constituency and serially berate them. (The New Republic)
- Said in an interview that the audience at the debate "went crazy" for him. Uh, there was no audience.
- in one of his more bizarre rants ever, said he was "greater even than Elvis." Trump: "Nobody can draw crowds like me.... I'm the greatest of all time. Maybe greater even than Elvis."

09.20.24-MAGA MISTAKE-Trump endorsed North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson, running for governor, is a Hitler-quoting, gay-bashing, conspiracy-touting antisemite, and has drawn immediate comparisons to Trump for his bombastic orations and loyal GOP following, along with his own laundry list of controversies. Robinson has shared a host of his disturbing positions online, including posts in which he minimized the horrors of the Holocaust, claimed a "satanic marxist" had made the movie Black Panther to pull "shekels" out of Black audiences, likened women getting abortions to murderers, and derided gay people as "filth" and "maggots." Robinson has also expressed archaic views about women's role in society, telling a Charlotte-area church in 2022 that Christians are "called to be led by men." Robinson has also suggested that "schools wouldn't be getting shot up" if Christian teachings were forced into the classroom and told a congregation at Asbury Baptist Church that public schools had taken a "nosedive" since mandatory prayer had been excised from curriculums. (The New Republic)

09.19.24-DESPARATE LIES BY TWO VILE LIARS-Prepare to be shocked: At around the time J.D. Vance started dissembling about Haitians eating people's house pets, a Vance campaign staffer privately spoke with the city manager of Springfield, Ohio, where thousands of Haitians have settled. The Wall Street Journal reports that the official informed Vance's staffer that online rumors of pet eating in the city were flatly false. But Vance then amplified the claim. Trump followed suit, adding—because nobody out-embellishes Trump—that along with cats, Haitians are also consuming Springfield's dogs. They knew it was all a lie. But they kicked off this whole campaign of hate and demagoguery anyway. These revelations should prompt a reconsideration of one of this campaign's ugliest moments: Vance's defense of the pet-eating fabrication on CNN last Sunday. "If I have to create stories" to get the media to cover the impact of immigration, he said, "then that's what I'm going to do."

09.18.24-I'M SORRY, BUT WHAT A BITCH! -"It's okay, mommy, one day you can be pretty too," Sarah Huckabee Sanders said her daughter told her. "So my kids keep me humble. Unfortunately, Kamala Harris doesn't have anything keeping her humble."

AND

Trump said being the president was a “dangerous business.” YES, IN HIS CASE, DANGEROUS FOR THE COUNTRY!

09.17.24-TRUMP'S NAZI PAL-Twice this past summer, Trump’s golf club in Bedminster, N.J. has featured speeches from a rioter convicted of participating in the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, who has a well-documented history of extreme antisemitic and racist rants. One of those events — a fundraiser for a controversial nonprofit group that supports Capitol riot defendants — was personally endorsed by Trump himself in a video message that was played for the room. “All of the people there, you’re amazing patriots,” Trump said in the video. “Have a great time at Bedminster.” As part of his criminal case over Jan. 6, federal prosecutors described the rioter, Timothy Hale-Cusanelli, as a “white supremacist and Nazi sympathizer,” who told his coworkers at a naval weapons station that “Hitler should have finished the job” and “babies born with any deformities or disabilities should be shot in the forehead.” (npr.org)

09.16.24-MUSK IS SLOWLY LOSING IT-THAT'S DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF HIS WEALTH AND INFLUENCE-Following the apparent assassination attempt, the user @cb_doge wrote on X, “Why they want to kill Donald Trump.” Musk, the owner of X who endorsed Trump in July, replied, “And no one is even trying to assassinate Biden/Kamala” followed by the thinking face emoji on Sunday. Musk’s post, which appears to have since been deleted, had been viewed over 30 million times and liked 151,000 times, Newsweek reported. He also reacted with 100% emoji to a post on X that wrote, “Trump threatens the machine. Biden/Kamala are the machine.” Musk’s posts drew condemnation on X, including from Republicans. Conservative commentator Jonah Goldberg called it “appalling and indefensible” while Adam Kinzinger, a former Republican congressman from Illinois, wrote on X, “What the f*** is wrong with you? Do you think before you press post?” (Time Magazine)

09.15.24-DISGUSTING LIE BY A DISGUSTING SOCIOPATH-Trump and some on the Right have been spreading a lie about what they’re calling “post-birth abortion”. They claim that Kamala Harris and other Democrats want to allow, as Trump puts it, the “execution of babies”. What Donald Trump is describing...is murder, not abortion. And it’s not happening. The lie fits right in with decades of dangerous rhetoric by anti-abortion extremists. The "post-birth abortion" lie was designed to justify the brutal regime of forced birth under which millions of American women are now suffering.

09.14.24-It’s been a very bad, no-good week for Trump, and between his poor performance during Tuesday night’s debate and his racist conspiracy theory about Haitian migrants coming back to bite him, he appears to have lost some of his composure. During a rambling and largely nonsensical presser in Los Angeles on Friday, Trump constantly tripped over himself, outright rejecting important questions from reporters while making absurd claims, such as the fact that the country was “perfect” in January 2021. In one portion of his speech, Trump badly botched the name of his opponent by referring to her as “Comrade Howard” while shaking his head. He also referred to Harris as a “radical left Marxist Communist fascist,” an ideological combination that is technically impossible, and attacked her for her “woman-made destruction.v” He dropped an undeniable detail: "Not all states have a Pacific Ocean." (edited from The National Review)

09.13.24-DEMENTED DON-Psychiatrist Richard A. Friedman wrote in The Atlantic today that Trump is showing signs of cognitive decline. His tangents and inability to get to a point suggest “a fundamental problem with an underlying cognitive process.” “If a patient presented to me with the verbal incoherence, tangential thinking, and repetitive speech that Trump now regularly demonstrates, I would almost certainly refer them for a rigorous neuropsychiatric evaluation to rule out a cognitive illness,” he wrote. Trump continues to try to dominate the political debate by refusing to back off any of his assertions, doubling down on the lies about immigrants eating pets and teachers giving students sex change operations. He called Harris a “Marxist communist fascist socialist,” clearly just stringing words together. (Heather Cox Richardson)

09.12.24-MAGA STUFF

- DERANGED DON-Mary Trump Says Uncle Suffered 'Narcissistic Injury' In Debate And Won't Recover.
- LOONEY LAURA LOOMER, a right-wing activist who posted last year that 9/11 was an "inside job," joined Trump in events commemorating the anniversary of the attacks.

- GRIMY GRAHAM-On Wednesday, South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham had just one word to describe the MAGA leader's performance: "disaster," according to The Bulwark Podcast's Tim Miller.
- TOOTHLESS TRUMP on the ACA: "I have concepts of a plan. I would only come up with something that's better ... there are concepts and options we have to do that. And you will be hearing about it in the not-too-distant future."
- REPULSIVE RFK JR: "Vice President Harris clearly won the debate in terms of her delivery, her polish, her organization and her preparation,"

.11.24-CLEAR WINNER-KAMALA

- It took less than 15 minutes for Kamala Harris to get under Trump's skin in their first (and maybe last) face-to-face encounter — and the result was a seething, unhinged, incoherent onstage meltdown. Trump questioned Harris' racial identity... again. He repeated a vile lie about immigrants. He spewed a truly outlandish claim about Democrats and abortion, and was hit with an instant fact-check. He refused to say whether he hopes Ukraine will win the war with Russia. And that's without even touching on his freakout over Harris' rally comments. *(HuffPost)*
- Conservative pundits acknowledged on Tuesday that **Kamala** got the better of Trump.
- Drudge Report described it as "The Night Trump Lost It All." Calls it 'The End.'

09.10.24-TRUMP'S MIND IS A SPACE ENTIRELY DEVOID OF MATTER-Besides stumbling through his speeches onstage, it appears that Trump is also struggling to keep up with basic facts this election season. And even his team has given up. In a wide-ranging interview with New York magazine, Trump seemed to be unaware of major news events, as well as basic details about Kamala Harris. During one part of the conversation, Trump predictably went on a tangent about Harris's Marxist background. "She's actually—you know, her father is a big promoter of Marxism," said Trump. Nuzzi pushed back and attempted to fact-check Trump: Harris was raised by her mother and does not have an active relationship with her father. Trump seemed genuinely surprised by the correction. "I don't know ..." Trump said. "Maybe that's true, yeah. I just don't know anything about it. I just know that he's a Marxist professor," he responded. When Nuzzi asked a Trump adviser how it could be the case that Trump appears to have not done his research, the longtime adviser gave a troubling anecdote about Joe Biden's post-debate interview with George Stephanopoulos. "I called [Trump] and said, 'I know a little about what happened in the interview. Do you want me to read it to you?' He said, 'What interview?' He didn't even know about it. I'm like, 'Mr. President, there's absolutely no possibility that you don't know?'" Trump then reportedly asked the adviser what network the interview was airing on so he could TiVo it. *(edited from The New Republic)*

09.09.24-THE MEDIA IS COMPLICIT-Twitter User: How are we ok with this? How are we sleepwalking into a presidency where the guy is openly promising to be a dictator, terminate the constitution, put the military on the streets, round up his political opponents, and violently deport undocumented immigrants? How media, how?

In an unhinged weekend rant on social media, Trump made his most expansive threats yet to prosecute his enemies if he wins. He also **flatly threatened** at a rally to unleash "bloody" mass removals of migrants.

09.08.24-

WAR CRIMINAL Dick Cheney: Trump 'Can Never Be Trusted With Power Again'

PROOF OF HIS CRUELTY-Trump, while president, speaking about people with disabilities: "Those people. ... The shape they're in, all the expenses, maybe those kinds of people should just die."

DEMENTED DON-Trump held a rally in Mosinee, Wisconsin, a small city in the center of the state, where he addressed about 7,000 people. A number of us who have been watching him closely have been saying for a while that when voters actually saw him in this campaign, they would be shocked at how he has deteriorated, and that seems to be true: his meandering and self-indulgent speeches have had attendees leaving early, some of them bewildered. In today's speech, Trump slurred a number of words, referring to Elon Musk as "Leon," for example, and forgetting the name of North Dakota governor Doug Burgum, who was on his short list for a vice presidential pick. He was in a fantasy world, and his rhetoric was apocalyptic. It was also bloody in ways that raise huge red flags for scholars of fascism. *(Heather Cox Richardson)*

09.07.24-FECKLESS FASCIST J.D. Vance won't change who he is in order to win the election in November. And that means aligning with frightening far-right weirdos unapologetically—even if they're pushing pro-Nazi propaganda. On Thursday, Vance sat down for a recorded interview with Tucker Carlson as the former Fox News host continues facing backlash for platforming a pro-Nazi podcaster. In fact, Vance joined Carlson just hours after the White House condemned the "Nazi propaganda" interview.

09.06.24-MISCELLANEOUS:

- Goldman Sachs projected that the economy would shrink under Trump and grow under Harris. Harris's plans could also cost ~\$2 trillion less than Trump's, according to the latest analysis from the nonpartisan Penn Wharton Model, which came before Harris's policy announcements this week.
- FINALLY! Top Journalist Erupts at Media for Ignoring Trump's Mental State. Mike Barnicle's throw-down Wednesday should open the floodgates: Coverage of Donald Trump's mental fitness for office is not just fair game. It's necessary. "We have a damaged, delusional, old man who again might get reelected to the presidency of the United States," Barnicle said on Morning Joe early Wednesday. He continued that Trump frequently says "deranged" things in public that "you wouldn't repeat" on "American television" or "in front of your children."
- TELL THAT TO THE PARENTS OF DEAD CHILDREN, YOU SCUM-J.D. Vance completely fumbled his response to Wednesday's mass shooting at Apalachee High School in Georgia, in which he resigned to school shootings as a bleak "fact of life."

09.05.24-Today's Stuff

- Damning Audio Exposes Ginni Thomas's Real Thoughts on Supreme Court. A new report reveals Ginni Thomas's secret work to stop Supreme Court reform efforts, after her husband's many ethics scandals.
- YAY!-Liz Cheney, said on Wednesday she would be voting for Vice President Kamala Harris in November.
- Former Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.) got a little too specific when he attempted to describe Trump's body odor while speaking to Jimmy Kimmel this week. "What did it smell like specifically?" Kimmel asked. "So, if you take, like, armpits, ketchup, makeup and a little butt, it's probably like that, all mixed up," he said.
- YAY!-Trump Election Subversion Case Back in Court as Judge Holds Hearing That Could Set Its Path Forward.

09.04.24-CRAZED CONSPIRACIST-Trump ran with a podcast host's unfounded speculation of an "inside job" behind the attempt on his life recently, saying, "You do have to wonder." Former Fox News personality Monica Crowley stoked the conspiracy chatter by accusing officials of "slow-walking" the investigation. "Does it look increasingly to you like this was a suspicious, maybe even inside job?" she asked the Republican nominee. Trump suggested without proof that Democrats are paying for the legal fees of the father of the dead gunman Thomas Crooks. While the FBI unlocked Crooks' phone fairly easily after his July 13 assassination attempt, Trump claimed the FBI couldn't open the apps and that was "suspicious." Trump also said FBI Director Christopher Wray's early disclosure that the agency wasn't sure if Trump had been hit by shrapnel or a bullet was perhaps a sign of something afoot. (The FBI later confirmed it was a bullet.) "There's so many things going on here, that you do have to wonder," Trump said. "I wasn't thinking this way three weeks ago, but the more you see it, the more you start to say there could be something else and that's really dangerous for the country." (HuffPost)

09.03.24-BRUTAL BESTIES

- Over the weekend, Trump did a long, bizarre Fox News interview, flatly declaring he had a "right" to interfere in the last presidential election. He also mused that "God" may have chosen Trump to fix our "sick" country," and seethed about an "enemy within" that's out to get him. It's unhinged stuff that gets at a bigger story: Trump's feeding of his MAGA audience's various pathologies has been getting darker and uglier.
- J.D. Vance gave heavy praise to a 2017 Heritage Foundation report that suggested restricting reproductive rights and called hunger a "great motivation" for Americans to work.

09.02.24-SOUNDS LIKE A CONFESSION:

Trump: "Who ever heard you get indicted for interfering with a presidential election where you have every right to do it."

Twitter: Are you seriously this stupid? You think President Biden has the right to interfere in the upcoming election? Do you want VP Harris to do what you tried to get former VP Mike Pence to do? Are you really this dumb? Also, interfering in elections is illegal.

09.01.24-THIS FOOL REALLY HAS NO REAL BELIEFS, ONLY THOSE THAT, AT THE TIME, WILL BENEFIT HIM-Trump on Friday said he will vote no on a Florida ballot measure that would repeal the state’s six-week abortion ban, a day after he seemed to indicate he would vote in favor of the measure. Trump has said he thinks Florida’s ban is a mistake and said in an interview with Fox News Channel on Friday, “I think six weeks, you need more time.” But then he said, “at the same time, the Democrats are radical,” and he repeated false claims he has frequently made about late-term abortions and said that he opposed allowing abortions up to nine months.

AND

MISERABLE DENIGRATOR -JD Vance again described women who prioritize their careers as “miserable.”

08.31.24-SULLIED SUPREMES-Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has now filed articles of impeachment against Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, citing millions in undisclosed gifts from right-wing billionaires and their failure to recuse themselves from cases where they have conflicts of interest. Most major news outlets have dismissed AOC’s push to impeach Thomas and Alito as a nonstory, a fever dream of the left wing not to be taken seriously. We believe that’s a mistake — and the news media needs to stop treating the Supreme Court with kid gloves. It ought to be a front-page national scandal that far-right extremists have hijacked the court to advance a deeply undemocratic and unpopular agenda. (*The Intercept*)

08.30.24-DISGUSTING PIECE OF TRASH-JD Vance is refusing to apologize for attempting to mock Kamala Harris by posting an embarrassing clip of a teen beauty pageant contestant struggling to answer a question — even after he learned the subject of the video once contemplated suicide. On Thursday night, Trump’s much-beleaguered running mate posted a video on social media Thursday that he “jokingly” claimed was the full Harris CNN interview.

08.29.24- CRAZED LUNATIC ON THE LOOSE!-On Wednesday morning, Trump had some kind of meltdown on his Truth Social profile, all before 10 a.m. His many Posts and “ReTruths” were conspiracy laden, crude, and calling for the death or imprisonment of his enemies. One showed Harris, Bill Gates, Anthony Fauci, and other Democrats wearing orange jumpsuits captioned with: “HOW TO ACTUALLY ‘FIX THE SYSTEM.’” Multiple posts had QAnon themes, particularly the slogan “WWG1WGA.” Other posts called for a military tribunal for former President Barack Obama, and attacked the FBI, the Justice Department, and the House January 6 committee. (The New Republic)

08.28.24-

- **TYPICAL MAGA BULLYING-**Trump’s campaign team clashed with an official at Arlington National Cemetery during the former president’s visit. Federal law prohibits political campaigning there.
- **ONCE AGAIN, PROVING HE IS A MORON-**Trump fails to understand the concept of linear time. If the “White House” really did “SUPPRESS THE HUNTER BIDEN LAPTOP STORY (& much more!)” in 2020 then that means that Trump’s White House suppressed the Hunter Biden Laptop Story.
- **WHAT A GIANT DICK!**- Vance called out Randi Weingarten, the president of the American Federation of Teachers, accusing her of trying to “brainwash” children while not having “a single child.” “Weingarten, who’s the head of the most powerful teaching union in the country, she doesn’t have a single child,” he added. “If she wants to brainwash and destroy the minds of children, she should have some of her own and leave ours the hell alone.”

08.27.24-NO SHAME-Trump Brags About Endorsement From Man Who Called Him a “Sociopath.” He is so desperate, he called Robert F. Kennedy Jr. a “great guy” even though Kennedy allegedly called him “a terrible human being” and “barely human.”

TRUMP WILL DENY-Retired Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, who served as national security adviser under Trump, said Monday Trump bears some responsibility for the US' chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021. He told CNN that Trump had made a decision in 2017 to maintain a US presence in Afghanistan, but that Trump then changed his mind. The Trump administration ultimately entered into an agreement with the Taliban requiring US troops to withdraw from the country by May 2021. President Joe Biden, after he took office, pushed that withdrawal date back to August. Asked by Cooper if Trump bears some responsibility for the heavily criticized withdrawal during the Biden administration, McMaster responded, "Oh, yes."

08.26.24-PROVES HE IS A MORON-Trump boasted of building the "Rolls-Royce" of walls during a visit to a segment of border barrier in Montezuma Pass, Arizona, last week. There was just one problem: That segment of wall was actually built by the administration of President Barack Obama, according to The Washington Post. **AND PROVES HE IS UNDISCIPLINED**- Harris campaign: "Our understanding is that Trump's handlers prefer the muted microphone because they don't think their candidate can act presidential for 90 minutes on his own."

08.25.24-MAGA REALITY-Children are more likely to be poor, to die young and to drop out of high school in red states than in blue states. The **states** with the highest divorce rates are mostly Republican, and with some exceptions like Utah, it's in red states that babies are more likely to be born to unmarried mothers (partly because of lack of access to reliable contraception). One of President Biden's greatest achievements was to cut the child poverty rate by almost half, largely with the refundable child tax credit. Then Republicans killed the program, sending child poverty soaring again. Can anything be more anti-child? Well, maybe our firearms policy is. Guns are the leading cause of death for American children and teenagers, largely because of Republican intransigence and refusal to pass meaningful gun safety laws. It's because of the G.O.P. that the United States is one of only a few countries in the world without guaranteed paid maternity leave. Republicans fought universal health care and resisted the expansion of Medicaid; that's one reason a child in the United States is three times as likely to die by the age of 5 as a child in, say, Slovenia or Estonia. Think of it this way: We'd be saving the life of one American child between the ages of 1 and 5 every three hours if we had the same child mortality level as Norway or Finland. *(New York Times)*

08.24.24-TODAY'S MAGA IDIOCY:

- Trump Declares Harris' Speech No Good Because She Said Thank You Too Much. Harris repeated "thank you" a number of times because of a three-minute standing ovation from the audience at the packed United Center arena in Chicago.
- Knuckle Dragger MTG Lies. 'Kamala will make abortion up to the day of birth the law of the land as a major part of her presidency.' But Democrats, Harris included, do not support terminating healthy pregnancies up until birth.
- **Trump** interrupted the head of a police union to tell him to bring his endorsement speech to a close during a campaign rally in Glendale, Arizona on Friday.

08.23.24-AMEN!-Last night. Republican Adam Kinzinger's remarks were aimed at his longtime adversary: Trump, whom he excoriated as a toxic force in American politics. "Donald Trump has suffocated the soul of the Republican Party," he said. "His fundamental weakness has coursed through my party like an illness, sapping our strength, softening our spine, whipping us into a fever that has untethered us from our values."

08.22.24-SICKENING FOX LIES CONTINUE-Fox Business anchor Maria Bartiromo has repeatedly been **saying** this week that Democrats have been pushing to register "massive lines of illegals" to vote in Texas. As it turns out, she never did any actual reporting on the topic. The Texas Department of Public Safety debunked Bartiromo's claims, with Sergeant William Lockridge, a spokesperson for the department, **calling** the claims "simply false" and "kind of racist" in a statement Tuesday. Brady Gray, the chairman of the Parker County GOP, also said such reports were "erroneous" after investigating Bartiromo's claims. Bartiromo first brought up the alleged voter registration in an **X post** on Sunday, citing a "friend of mine's wife." It turns out that this was all the sourcing that the Fox anchor needed to repeat the claim ad nauseum on TV.

08.21.24-THE HITS JUST KEEP ON COMING:

- Trump has now embraced a supposed benefit of rising oceans that defies both topography and common sense: Higher sea levels will somehow create more oceanfront property. *[HuffPost]*
- Stephanie Grisham, Trump's former White House press secretary, came out strongly against Trump. He mocks his supporters and calls them basement-dwellers." She said that one time while Trump was at a hospital visit to see dying patients, he was upset that the camera wasn't on him. "He has no empathy, no morals and no fidelity to the truth," she said. "He used to tell me, 'It doesn't matter what you say, Stephanie, say it enough and people will believe you.'" *(Huff Post)*
- Grisham asking Melania Trump on Jan. 6, 2021, if the first lady wanted to tweet that there is no place for lawlessness and violence. Grisham said Melania Trump simply responded, "No." *(Huff Post)*

08.20.24-CRAZY TIMES:

- Trump plans to offer a job to his billionaire buddy Elon Musk if elected. What, as Secretary of Assholes?
- Please, please, please! Alex Jones suggested he might leave the U.S. for Russia.
- "I'm a better-looking person than Kamala," Trump boasted. Weird!
- Republicans Wrap Up Impeachment Inquiry Against Joe Biden With No Impeachment.
- Conservative Legal Scholar Endorses Harris. J. Michael Luttig, a retired federal judge, called Trump a threat to Democracy and said he is deeply unfit for office.
- Trump's Nephew Speaks On Family History Of Dementia And Notes 'Warning Signs.'
- Late Queen Thought Trump Was 'Very Rude,' New Book Claims. And crude!

08.19.24-SCUM REPORT-Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.) called Trump "despicable" after he said the nation's highest civilian award was "much better" than the highest honor in the military because soldiers had to die or be severely wounded to receive it. "Donald Trump is despicable. He doesn't deserve to be commander in chief," Duckworth, an Iraq War veteran who lost her legs when her Black Hawk helicopter was attacked in 2004, said on ABC News' "This Week." "And certainly those remarks are consistent with where he's always been. He thinks that we're suckers and losers and, frankly, he's not fit to be commander in chief." "There is an endless pattern of Trump's hideous degree of just spleen and hatred for the military, because he thinks they are desperate to be in the military because of their socioeconomic circumstances. He thinks it's like a welfare program that they should be ashamed of." *Huff Post* (Remember his John McCain remark, also)

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08.17.24-TRUMP OPENS MOUTH-LIES-According to CNN fact-checker Daniel Dale, Trump claimed that the state of California allows people to rob stores as long as the thieves take less than \$950. "It's thieves going into stores with calculators calculating how much it is," he said. He then claimed it was Harris who implemented that rule. "First of all, shoplifting continues to be illegal in California at any amount," Dale said. "What actually happened was that in 2014 there was a referendum, a proposition on the ballot, passed by California voters that made it a misdemeanor rather than a felony to steal under \$950 worth of goods. But it's still illegal. It's still punishable by up to six months in jail." "Now, as for the claim that Harris was the one who did that, in fact, she did not do it," Dale continued. "She was attorney general and said it would be inappropriate for her to even take a public position on this initiative, so she stayed neutral on the matter."

08.16.24-Today's Headlines:

A key author of a controversial blueprint for a second Trump administration said he maintains close contact with Trump, despite the former president's disavowals of his work.

Biden's new trump nickname: "Donald Dump."

As Trump warned that the country was on the brink of a crash as big as 1929, a graphic on Fox News quickly compromised his claim. Dow Jones numbers appeared at the bottom right corner of the screen, showing the market had gained 554.67 points and ticked up 1.4% that day.

Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.) attacked Kamala Harris' womanhood while she declined to condemn Trump's racist attacks toward the vice president in a chaotic appearance on a CNN panel that went off-the-rails Thursday.

Republicans Rip Into "Foolish" Trump for Losing Focus. His approach is too unhinged for even his allies.

08.15.24-LOONEY TUNES-In Trump's version of reality, Vice President Harris' crowds are AI-generated. He's leading in nearly all the "real" polls. And President Biden might reclaim his spot on the ticket at any moment.

Spoiler: None of those things is true.

AND THIS:

Kamala Harris on immigration: "I was the attorney general of a border state. In that job, I walked underground tunnels between the United States and Mexico on that border with law enforcement officers," she said Saturday in Las Vegas. "Earlier this year, we had a chance to pass the toughest bipartisan border security bill in decades. But Trump tanked the bill because he thought it would help him win an election. Well, when I am president, I will sign that bill into law."

08.14.24-OH, THAT EXPLAINS MAGA-It may sound like an insensitive statement, but the cold hard truth is that there are a lot of stupid people in the world, and their stupidity presents a constant danger to others. Some of these people are in positions of power, and some of them have been elected to run our country. A far greater number of them do not have positions of power, but they still have the power to vote, and the power to spread their ideas. We may have heard of "collective intelligence," but there is also "collective stupidity," and it is a force with equal influence on the world. It would not be a stretch to say that at this point in time, stupidity presents an existential threat to America because, in some circles, it is being celebrated. (msn.com)

08.13.24-MORE BLATANT LYING ABOUT HARRIS BY THIS CREEPY, OILY VANCE:

"She has said things like, 'it's reasonable not to have children over climate change.'" There is zero evidence that Harris said that. Instead, Vance appears to be channeling a misleading Facebook post by Trump Jr. "She wants to take away your gas stoves." This is false. Harris has never advocated taking away gas stoves and in fact has tweeted photos of herself cooking with a gas stove.

"She even wants to take away your ability to eat red meat." Sorry, we fact-check this as false. (We should note that Donald Trump also makes this claim, often adding that she wants "to get rid of cows.") Harris has never said anything like this. (Washington Post)

08.12.24-BIDEN'S SUCCESS-Instead of wanting to destroy democracy, ala Trump, Biden set out to invest in ordinary Americans. Under his administration, Democrats passed landmark legislation like the American Rescue Plan that rebuilt the economy after the devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic; the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that is rebuilding our roads, bridges, ports, and airports, as well as investing in rural broadband; the CHIPS and Science Act that rebuilt American manufacturing at the same time it invested in scientific research; and the Inflation Reduction Act, which, among other things, invested in addressing climate change. Under his direction, the government worked to stop or break up monopolies and to protect the rights of workers and consumers. (Heather Cox Richardson)

08.11.24-DISGUSTING WORDS FROM A DISGUSTING SOCIOPATH-Trump has often been in a foul mood the past few weeks. He has ranted about Ms. Harris. He has called her "nasty," on "Fox & Friends," and a "bitch," repeatedly, in private, according to two people who heard the remark on different occasions. (NYT)

08.10.24-TRUMP'S "NEWS CONFERENCE"-more like "Narcissistic Sociopathic Rage." "This is what you would call a public nervous breakdown." "Flailing Rage." (from various news sources)

and this:

Mesa Arizona GOP Mayor John Giles said his party has been taken over by "extremists" committed to forcing "people in the center of the political spectrum out" of the GOP.

08.09.24-DON DEMENTIA-Trump's spontaneous press conference at Mar-a-Lago was riddled with lies. He claimed that his crowd size was bigger than Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington (it wasn't even close). He claimed that Democrats want to gut Social Security (they don't, but Republicans are trying to). He claimed that no one died on January 6 (four of his own supporters died from the events, including Ashli Babbitt, whom Trump and his allies attempted to morph into a MAGA martyr). But possibly the weirdest lie that Trump told Thursday was a tall tale about nearly dying in a helicopter crash with Vice President Kamala Harris's old boyfriend, former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown. He told me terrible things about her. Instead, the man in the helicopter was reportedly former California Governor Jerry Brown. "There was no emergency landing and no discussion of Kamala Harris," a spokesperson for the former governor told the Times, while Newsom laughed the whole thing off, calling it "complete B.S." (The New Republic)

08.08.24-OLD MAN RANT-"What are the chances that Crooked Joe Biden, the WORST President in the history of the U.S., whose Presidency was Unconstitutionally STOLEN from him by Kamabla, Barrack HUSSEIN Obama, Crazy Nancy Pelosi, Shifty Adam Schiff, Cryin' Chuck Schumer, and others on the Lunatic Left, CRASHES the Democrat National Convention and tries to take back the Nomination, beginning with challenging me to another DEBATE," Trump wrote.

And This:

VIDEO SHOWS TRUMP PRAISING WALZ'S HANDLING OF GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS In a 2020 recording of a phone call between Trump and a group of governors, the former president can be heard praising Walz for his handling of the George Floyd protests that engulfed Minneapolis, undercutting his recent criticism of the governor. [HuffPost]

8.07.24-MAGA OPPOSITE-Minnesota Gov. **Tim Walz** is a schoolteacher turned politician, Walz was first elected to public office nearly two decades ago. He's been busy since. His response to MAGA name calling:

"(In Minnesota) Kids are eating and having full bellies so they can go learn, and women are making their own health care decisions, and we're a top five business state, and we also rank in the top three of happiness.... The fact of the matter is," where Democratic policies are implemented, "quality of life is higher, the economies are better...educational attainment is better. So yeah, my kids are going to eat here, and you're going to have a chance to go to college, and you're going to have an opportunity to live where we're working on reducing carbon emissions. Oh, and by the way, you're going to have personal incomes that are higher, and you're going to have health insurance. ([Heather Cox Richardson](#))

08.06.24-MAGA MOUTHPIECE MUSK IS A DANGER-Elon Musk-backed PAC investigated for possible state election law breaches. Michigan is **looking into** possible violations committed by America PAC, a political action committee backed by the billionaire Trump supporter. The investigation stems from the PAC collecting detailed information on voters in swing states via a section of its website labeled "register to vote," which does not actually help those voters register. North Carolina is also considering an inquiry, according to CNBC. Separately, five secretaries of state drafted a letter urging Musk to update X's chatbot, Grok, to stop spreading election misinformation after the bot said Kamala Harris was ineligible for many states' ballots. X has become just another right-wing disinformation feed. (*Morning Brew*)

08.05.24-MAGA-BEFORE YOU START THE FAKE NEWS, READ THIS: Today's plunge in global markets seems to have been driven by complex international trades — not by a loss of confidence in the U.S. economy, Axios Macro co-author Neil Irwin writes.

There's no reason that a 0.2 percentage point rise in the U.S. unemployment rate should trigger a 12% collapse in the price of Japanese stocks — the selloff that touched off a day of chaos worldwide.

The S&P 500 ended the day down more than 2%, its biggest one-day drop in nearly two years.

But there's more going on than fallout from Friday's jobs report. Several of the biggest tech stocks were down because Wall Street is worried those companies are spending too much money on AI, for example.

The bottom line: There are moments when markets just have a wild and woolly feel to them — when the scale of the moves is unmoored to the changes happening on the ground.

It often happens when players with big, leveraged positions are forced to unwind them all at once.

This looks like one of those times.

Go deeper. (from Axios)

08.04.24-Fresh off what may have been the **worst week of his campaign, Trump just had ... maybe an even worse week. How else could you describe this:** (Daily KOS)

- Trump can't figure out what to do about Harris**
- Only one candidate is ready to debate—and it isn't Trump**
- Trump digs deeper hole after vowing Christians 'won't have to vote'**
- Project 2025 has not been 'shut down,' much to Trump's dismay**
- Vance praises a key leader behind Project 2025, a conservative effort Trump has disavowed**
- Inside the GOP meltdown over JD Vance: 'Unforced errors'**

Trump unleashes his racism on Harris in front of Black journalists

Trump campaign scrambles to blame Black journalists for Trump's racism

Harris campaign raises \$310M in July—with no sign of momentum slowing

08.03.24-WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE-Aaron C. Davis and Carol D. Leonnig of the Washington Post reported that there is reason to believe that when Trump's 2016 campaign was running low on funds, Trump accepted a \$10 million injection of cash from Egypt's authoritarian leader Abdel Fatah al-Sisi. It is against the law to accept direct or indirect financial support from foreign nationals or foreign governments for a political campaign in the United States. Of course, the investigation was closed by Barr. [click for more](#)

08.02.24-SUCH AN EASY ANSWER-CNN's Dana Bash on Thursday described President Joe Biden's witty retort to a reporter's question about Trump as a "mic-drop moment." Biden had just announced the U.S.-Russia prisoner swap — which saw the release back to the United States of unjustly detained Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, among others — when a reporter reminded the president about his predecessor's claims that he could have gotten the prisoners freed "without giving anything in exchange." "What do you say to that? What do you say to Trump?" the reporter added. Biden immediately replied, "Why didn't he do it when he was president?" (Huff Post)

08.01.24-ANOTHER BLATENT LIE BY THAT FAT-ASS-Republicans are freaking out after Donald Trump questioned Vice President Kamala Harris's race on Wednesday. At the National Association of Black Journalists convention, Trump claimed that Harris chose to suddenly "turn" Black. The reality is that, in her youth, she attended Howard University, a historically Black institution in Washington, DC, and joined Alpha Kappa Alpha, the nation's oldest sorority established for Black college women in 1908. Harris became a member of the Congressional Black Caucus after entering the Senate in 2017. "I'm Black, and I'm proud of being Black," Harris said in 2019. "I was born Black. I will die Black, and I'm not going to make excuses for anybody because they don't understand."

07.31.24-VICIOUS VANCE-

JD Vance In 2021: 'We Have To Go To War' Against The Idea That Women Don't Have To Have Kids "You're going to be a sad, lonely, pathetic person" if you support women prioritizing their careers over making babies, he said.

On the same day the director of the far-right presidential transition plan known as Project 2025 stepped down — and amid Donald Trump's attempts to distance himself from it — news outlets published a book excerpt tying Vance directly to the project's organizers.

Vance also said that Americans without children should not have "nearly the same voice" as parents when voting.

Vance has previously called Democratic leaders "childless sociopaths" who "don't have a direct stake in this country."

07.30.24-SUPREME COURT TERM LIMITS AND A BINDING AND ENFORCEABLE CODE OF ETHICS-WHO WOULD OBJECT TO THIS? OH, I FORGOT. LITTLE HITLER AND HIS MAGA MINI-ME JD. [Click](#)

07.29.24-LITTLE HITLER-Trump took his authoritarian threats in a dark new direction during two new public appearances. He suggested our next election might be our last, reiterated in advance that the election will be rigged against him, and admitted all the post-assassination "unity" talk was nonsense, openly declaring:

“Maybe I’ve gotten worse.” Trump’s form of politics requires keeping his followers in a frenzy of excitement about what the authoritarian leader plans to inflict on their imagined enemies.

7.28.24-The Olympics pushed the Trump/Vance insults and attacks off TV. Yay! And, yes, the Olympics Opening Ceremony stuff was way out of line. It will really hurt the legitimate LGBT movement. The big question is WHY someone approved this trash. Needless controversy.

07.27.24-MINDLESS MAGA UAW president Shawn Fain: "I truly find it pathetic when I hear Trump—a scab—talk about how he's going to bring back the auto industry and bring it back fast. When he was president, he didn't do a damn thing to help the auto industry. Plants were closing and left this country, and he did nothing to help it."

JD Vance three year ago: the country is being run “by a bunch of childless cat ladies who are miserable at their own lives and the choices that they’ve made, and so they want to make the rest of the country miserable, too. It’s just a basic fact.”

In years-old emails to a transgender friend, JD Vance called Trump a demagogue, described attending a Pride parade and wrote “I hate the police.

Usha Vance told friends she was outraged by Trump’s incitement of the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol and lamented the social breakdown that fueled his political support, according to one friend.

07.26.24-VILE VANCE-JD Vance is wildly inexperienced and widely loathed. With Joe Biden out of the race, he’s a huge liability. He was a reckless and stupid pick even in an election that was believed to be a blowout, before Kamala came along. He is not only one of the greatest frauds in American politics, he is the most obvious fraud in American politics. As Election Day fast approaches and Harris mounts a forceful challenge, Trump’s regrets will only grow.

As for his book: Touted by its many boosters (a number of whom now repent) as an insightful work of sociology, it is in fact a rags-to-riches parable perfectly calibrated to pander to elite ideas about rural whites. In truth Hillbilly Elegy actively discourages readers from trying to understand the people it is ostensibly about. In Vance’s cold narrative, the white working-class voters now flocking to Donald Trump were largely responsible for their own innumerable misfortunes. If Vance, a hillbilly himself, thinks they aren’t worth saving, why should we? (condensed from an article in The New Republic)

07.25.24-THIS GOES ALONG WITH HIM CALLING AMERICANS WHO DIED IN WAR LOSERS AND SUCKERS.

While in the White House, Trump suggested that disabled people “should just die,” and in the 1970s, he used the N-word, his nephew Fred C. Trump III **claims in a coming memoir**. Fred Trump claims, his uncle pulled him aside and said, “maybe those kinds of people should just die,” given “the shape they’re in, all the expenses.” The remark wasn’t a one-off, according to Fred Trump. A couple of years later, when he called his uncle for help because the medical fund that paid for his son’s care was running out of money, Fred Trump claims his uncle said: “I don’t know. He doesn’t recognize you. Maybe you should just let him die and move down to Florida.”

07.24.24-SHE IS SO BAT-ST CRAZY**-Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) was among far-right Republicans who this week called for “proof of life” for Joe Biden after the president dropped out of his 2024 reelection campaign

and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to become his replacement. THIS IS A UNITED STATES CONGRESSPERSON!!!

07.23.24-Stuff

- Nikki Haley: “The first party to retire its 80-year-old candidate is going to be the party that wins this election.”
- Harris vs. Trump: prosecutor versus felon.
- Trump is scrambling to get out of the next presidential debate.
- WTH? RFK Jr. Discussed Endorsing Donald Trump In Exchange For Position In Admin.
- About JD Vance, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said "I mean, he first says that Donald Trump is like Hitler, and now he’s acting like he’s Lincoln,”
- Trump dismissed Harris as “dumb as a rock." Critics reminded him of some of his most infamous claims and comments, from injecting disinfectant as a potential COVID-19 treatment to windmill cancer to the time he looked up at the sun during an eclipse.
- Harris: “Can you think of any laws that give the government the power to make decisions about the male body?”

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07.19.24-FALSE FACT FIASCO-CNN’s fact-checking reporter Daniel Dale on Thursday debunked and corrected just some of the false claims made by Trump during his address at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. Trump’s 92-minute speech was “remarkably long” and “remarkably dishonest,” Dale told anchor Jake Tapper. Dale counted “at least 22 false claims from Donald Trump on first listen,” he said. One of the “wildest” was about the state of the world when Trump was in office, said Dale, before explaining why Trump’s claims of global peace were far from the truth. Dale also busted Trump’s spin on crime, inflation, trade with China, gas prices and more. “It just went on and on and on in terms of falsehood just like the speech went on and on and on itself,” he said. [Watch Dale’s full analysis here:](#)

07.18.24-LIARS LIE-At the RNC convention the speaker’s podium was the rhetorical equivalent of a wrench-opened fire hydrant, as one speaker after another recklessly sprayed lies, fear and demagoguery in every direction. Sen. Ted Cruz’s undiluted rage was particularly dishonest, and because it was Ted Cruz, it was as awkward as it was angry. His clumsy attempt to coax the crowd into a refrain of “every damn day” — a reference to how often he claimed that “teenagers, girls and boys” are raped, murdered and “sold into a life of sex slavery” because of “our open border” — mostly fell flat. But on the whole, immigrants both legal and undocumented commit crimes (violent crimes, in particular) at rates lower — often much lower — than the native-born population. The much-maligned “sanctuary cities” have *lower* crime rates than other cities. Cities that have been hospitable to migrants seeking asylum have seen less crime than other cities. Crime in most of those cities has *dropped* since they began receiving migrants from the most recent wave of immigration, including the cities where Republican governors have been shipping migrants. (MSNBC)

07.17.24-VILE VANCE-I07.17.24-VILE VANCE-In the past, J.D. Vance was a never-Trumper, saying that Trump “might be America’s Hitler,” “might be a cynical a**hole,” and is “cultural heroin,” “noxious,” and “reprehensible,” In 2016, Vance **warned** that Trump threatened to take the white working class to a “very dark place.” In short, Vance once understood that MAGA ideology, at its core, is really, really toxic. But he came around to embrace the Big Lie that the 2020 election was stolen and to say that if he had been vice president on January 6, 2021, he would have done what former vice president Mike Pence would not: he would have refused to count the certified electoral ballots for President Joe Biden. He says the president can ignore the rulings of our courts. He would capitulate to Russia and sacrifice the freedom of our allies in Ukraine. Vance has repeatedly elevated Hungarian prime minister Viktor Orbán’s destruction of democracy in favor of a strong leader imposing Christian family structures, ending abortion rights, enforcing anti-LGBTQ+ policies and encouraging attacks on immigrants, and seizing universities.

07.16.24-ALL HAIL THE DICTATOR-Radio host Dean Obeidallah shared a video of the scene from the convention on X, “Bone chilling to see at #RNCConvention people chanting ‘Fight’ in unison with one arm punching in the air,” he wrote. “Instantly conjures up rallies from 1930s Germany. There is no other way to put it.” Ben-Ghiat, a history professor at New York University and the author of “Strongmen: Mussolini to the Present,” who has frequently warned of the authoritarian aspects of a potential second Trump presidency wrote “You know what to do, Americans. We can avoid this nightmare. Never become resigned or fatalistic. That’s what they want.” (Huff Post)

07.15.24-THIS IS MTG-SHE IS RIGHT ABOUT GOOD AND EVIL BUT HAS WHO IS EVIL WRONG-We are in a battle between GOOD and EVIL The Democrats are the party of pedophiles, murdering the innocent unborn, violence, and bloody, meaningless, endless wars. They want to lock up their political opponents, and terrorize innocent Americans who would tell the truth about it. The Democrat party is flat out evil, and yesterday they tried to murder President Trump.

07.14.24-Extra-Sens. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio) and Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) blamed the media and President Joe Biden immediately following Trump’s apparent assassination attempt at a Pennsylvania campaign rally. **WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP, CONSIDERING THAT TRUMP HAS VICIOUSLY ATTACKED SO MANY PEOPLE, WITHOUT THEM HAVING ENDURED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS. TRUMP’S OWN VIOLENT RHETORIC CAUSED THIS ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE!**

07.14.24-THEY'RE COMING TO GET US-To his most zealous Christian supporters, Trump’s campaign is a crusade against “evil” liberal forces that must be vanquished by any means necessary to save the republic. Democrats aren’t opponents, but enemies to be “smited.” VP Harris is depicted as Jezebel, the epitome of womanly wickedness who meets a grisly end. Teachers, librarians, drag queens — all perceived as introducing dangerous ideas to children — are condemned to drowning with millstones around their necks, a la Matthew 18:6. Spiritual warfare is a central theme of Christian nationalist movements that are reshaping the GOP by preaching that the country’s theological identity is under attack and in urgent need of a revolution to put the faithful in charge. Their rhetoric has been galvanizing crowds at conservative gatherings all year, and is likely to be woven into messaging at the Republican National Convention., which starts Monday. The movements’ biblical references, extremism monitors warn, soften violent and racist messaging, and offer plausible deniability should believers turn into vigilantes, as hundreds did during the storming of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. “You are either on the side of God or the side of the Devil,” said Miranda Zapor Cruz, a theologian at Indiana Wesleyan University, summing up the rhetoric. “If you are on the side of the Devil, then

just about anything can be justified to cast you out, to eradicate your influence. And, for some people, that 'just about anything' would include physical violence."

07.13.24-MAGA MENTALITY-Representative Glenn Grothman (R-WI) said yesterday that if Trump wins reelection, the U.S. should work its way back to 1960, before "the angry feminist movement...took the purpose out of the man's life." Grothman said that President Johnson's War on Poverty was actually a "war on marriage," in a communist attempt to hand control of children over to the government. Grothman was waxing nostalgic for a fantasy past when laws and society discriminated against women, who could not get credit cards in their own name until 1974—meaning that, among other things, they could not build credit scores to borrow money on their own—and who were forced into dependence on men. The 1960 date Grothman chose was notable in another way, too: it was before the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act with which Congress tried to make the racial equality promised in the 1868 Fourteenth Amendment and the voting rights promised in the 1870 Fifteenth Amendment become real.

07.11.24-READ ABOUT TRUMP'S SELF-DECLARED 'SECRETARY OF RETRIBUTION' AND THE LIST OF 350 PEOPLE HE WANTS ARRESTED AND PUNISHED FOR TREASON. [Click here.](#)

07.10.24-MAGA MASTERS-Trump couldn't care less about Christain Nationalism. I doubt if he even knows what it means. He will follow whatever his MAGA masters tell him. Anything to get elected. His masters will actually run the United States and they will implement Project 2025, which will destroy this country. I don't think our Constitution can save us.

07.09.24-TOLD YOU THIS WAS COMING. GET READY FOR THE DOGMA THEY WILL TRY TO SHOVE DOWN YOUR THROAT AND MAYBE EVEN DEMAND YOU FOLLOW! -Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) is under fire after a speech Monday night in which he advocated "Christian nationalism" for the good of the nation. The Missouri Republican was speaking in Washington, D.C., when he attempted to put a positive spin on "Christian nationalism," a far-right ideology that promotes the belief that America was founded as a Christian nation and that policy should be decided using a fundamentalist interpretation of the Bible. As such, Christian nationalist goals include banning abortion in the U.S., overturning laws protecting marriage equality and the rights of LGBTQ citizens and removing books from libraries. During his speech, Hawley claimed that "Christian nationalism founded American democracy" and that "the Christian political tradition is our political tradition" before going on the attack.

07.08.24-Okay, MAGA voters. It sounds like you want a candidate who is a lying, sociopathic lunatic instead of a candidate that is a decent person who had a bad day?

07.07.24-MAGA VOTERS, HE IS ONE OF YOU-WAKE UP!-North Carolina Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, the state's Republican nominee for governor, declared that "some folks need killing" in a bizarre rant at a church Sunday. "It's time for somebody to say it. It's not a matter of vengeance. It's not a matter of being mean or spiteful. It's a matter of necessity," said Robinson, a conspiracy theorist who is endorsed by Trump. "When you have wicked people doing wicked things, torturing and murdering and raping, it's time to call out those guys in green and go have them handled. Or those boys in blue and have them go handle it," he said at Lake Church in the town of White Lake. Robinson, whose speech was first reported by The New Republic, has a history of controversial remarks. In the past, he's [said](#) that he'd "absolutely want to go back to the America where women couldn't vote." He's also called the 1960s Civil Rights Movement "crap," shared Islamophobic posts on

social media, quoted Adolf Hitler, denied the Holocaust, suggested that transgender women should “find a corner outside somewhere” instead of using their preferred public bathroom, and described school shooting survivors as “spoiled, angry, know it all CHILDREN.” (HuffPost)

07.06.24-WHINEY LITTLE B*H**-When the adjudicated rapist, fraudster and convicted felon Donald Trump was booked in Atlanta, the malignant narcissist and perpetual victim lamented the torturous fingerprinting and mugshot process. “I want you to remember what they did to me. They tortured me in the Fulton County Jail, and TOOK MY MUGSHOT.” The messiah wannabe even suggested that you would see all of the wounds on his “beautiful, beautiful person” *if he took his shirt off.* (thecrazyeight.org)

07.05.24-MAFIA NATION AHEAD-Former CIA director John Brennan on Thursday, the Fourth of July, slammed the U.S. Supreme Court’s granting of total immunity to Trump for “official” acts conducted when president. “This is certainly not the America I thought we would live in as we celebrate the 248th anniversary of our country’s independence,” Brennan, who led the CIA from 2013 to 2017 and served six presidents, wrote in a stinging opinion piece for MSNBC. What “appalls and worries me most are the abject ignorance and apparent indifference of the six” conservative justices who made the ruling, said Brennan. It will have “deeply disturbing practical consequences if an unprincipled and politically corrupt individual (*i.e. Trump*) is ever elected president of the United States in the future,” he warned. [Read Brennan’s essay here.](#)

07.04.24-ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE YOU CAN! The freedom we enjoy will be jeopardized if Satan defeats Biden.

07.03.24-FROM RICHES TO RAGS-Rudy Giuliani Being Disbarred In New York. "FINALLY, some accountability for 1/6 leaders who tried to overthrow our country," one person exclaimed. Tuesday’s news announcing that Rudy Giuliani is now prohibited from practicing law in New York state made quite an impact on social media. A New York appeals court in Manhattan ruled that the former New York City mayor was ineligible to practice law in the state because of the repeated false statements he made about Trump’s 2020 election loss. Giuliani’s law license was previously suspended because of the false election claims. One Twitter user summed it up nicely: *"The fact is you are a crook and you can't take accountability for your crimes. Sad."* (Huff Post)

07.02.24-Supreme Court crowns a king!

Goodbye Constitution.

07.01.24-THIS IS A MADMAN WHO WANTS TO JAIL HIS OPPONENTS-Former Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) fired back at Trump after the former president shared an image saying she is guilty of treason and calling for “televised military tribunals.” “Donald - This is the type of thing that demonstrates yet again that you are not a stable adult—and are not fit for office.” Trump also shared a message calling for jail for a number of Democratic leaders as well as several Republicans including Cheney; former Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), who, like Cheney, voted for the second impeachment and served on the Jan. 6 committee; Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), who endorsed Trump for president but also blamed him in part for Jan. 6; and Mike Pence, who as vice president drew Trump’s ire for refusing to block the certification of the 2020 election.

06.30.24-OMG-THIS BOX OF ROCKS MIGHT BECOME PRESIDENT-Trump on Friday dropped some confusing remarks about electric planes while criticizing Democrats at a rally in Chesapeake, Virginia. “All they know is electric. They want electric army tanks. They want electric planes. What happens if the sun isn’t shining while you’re up in the air?” (he asked), apparently referring to solar-powered aircraft. Twitter members explained

"Electric planes run ON BATTERIES. His question is like asking, 'How can you use an iPhone if it's dark outside.'" (Huff Post)

06.29.24-MORE MAGA BIGOTRY- Ja'han Jones from MSNBC: "The word of the day is "discernment," which is the ability to judge well. That's my takeaway from Thursday night's presidential debate: It was a true test of the public's discerning fact from fiction. That's what came to mind as I listened to Trump's racist comments about immigrants purportedly taking "Black jobs," which came in response to a question about some Black voters feeling left behind." Here is his quote:

The fact is that his big kill on the Black people is the millions of people that he's allowed to come in through the border. They're taking Black jobs now — and it could be 18, it could be 19 and even 20 million people. They're taking Black jobs, and they're taking Hispanic jobs, and you haven't seen it yet, but you're gonna see something that's going to be the worst in our history.

"To be clear, that is *not* a fact. The "Black jobs" remark is a false claim that aligns with Trump's strategy of pitting Black people against immigrants. And it was just one of several big, Black lies (as opposed to the little white ones) and misleading claims Trump spun about himself and Black folks Thursday." (MSNBC) [Click for more.](#)

06.28.24-Of course, MAGA Country will not care about the lies Trump told during the debate. Yes, Biden had a rough time but he summed it up well : "Trump has the morals of an alley cat." Trump lied about the economy on his watch, claiming he created "the best economy in history." (Trump created fewer new jobs in his first three years than Barack Obama did in his final three years.) He lied about veterans care, saying he passed the Veterans Choice act — when that measure passed under Obama. Trump claimed crime is skyrocketing, when in fact crime peaked in Trump's final year in the White House. Trump actually insisted he had done nothing wrong in his handling of the violent Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol. He even repeated his same old abortion lies, saying "everybody" wanted to overturn Roe v. Wade and inventing an outrageous claim about abortion "in the ninth month and even after birth."

06.27.24-DOWN WITH DEBATES-I will not watch the debates. Not because I think Biden will 'lose' but because it is a circus. I learn nothing from debates. Quit doing them! Should we really choose a president based on the results of a debate, where lies will be repeated by you-know-who? How about on character and past accomplishments? If so, Biden is already the winner! Let's hope that CNN's live fact-checking will be a success.

06.26.24-GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL, DO NOT PASS GO-Steve Bannon, the former adviser to Donald Trump, was convicted of contempt of Congress in July 2022. He lost his first appeal this past May. He lost his second appeal last week. He is due to report to prison on Monday. Republicans in the House are making an extraordinary effort to repudiate a past Congress, disowning the whole investigation of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, in hopes this will somehow make Bannon's conviction no longer count. That House Republicans are willing to erase history should come as no surprise. After all, this is the same group that tried to unimpeach Trump. But what's amazing is that they're willing to go to such lengths for a third-rate podcaster who is likely to be in prison by Election Day no matter what they do. (Daily KOS)

06.25.24-MAGA MALFEASANCE-Inflation will soar once again if Trump wins back the White House, a group of 16 Nobel prize-winning economists have predicted in a letter obtained by Axios. Biden's economic agenda is

“vastly superior” to that being put forward by presumptive GOP presidential nominee Trump, argued the Nobel laureates. A second Trump term would “have a negative impact on the U.S.’s economic standing in the world, and a destabilizing effect on the U.S.’s domestic economy,” and his “fiscally irresponsible budgets” would reignite inflation that has “come down remarkably fast” in recent weeks, they warned. Inflation, a key political talking point ahead of the 2024 election, has leveled off following its peak in 2022. Trump’s proposals to extend tax cuts and introduce higher tariffs, including 10% on all imports and between 60% and 100% for products from China and Mexico, could hike it once again, though, the economists claim. Earlier this month, Clinton-era Treasury Secretary Larry Summers said there has “never been a presidential platform so self-evidently inflationary as the one put forward” by Trump. “I have little doubt that with the Trump program,” he warned, “we will see a substantial acceleration in inflation, unless somehow we get a major recession first.” (Huff Post)

06.24.24-THE MONSTER SPEAKS-Trump said in an address to an evangelical group that he had suggested starting a sports league for migrants to fight one another. He described migrants with the dehumanizing terms he often uses to refer to them, saying they were “tough,” “come from prisons” and are “nasty, mean.” (New York Times)

06.23.24-It is irresponsible to obsess over President Biden’s tendency to mangle a couple of words in a speech while [Trump](#) is out there sounding detached from reality. Biden, who is old, at least makes sense. Trump, who also is old, rants like someone you’d cross the street to avoid. Example: a fund-raising pitch he sent-“1 MONTH UNTIL ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE! THEY WANT TO SENTENCE ME TO DEATH.”

06.22.24-I GUESS THE DEAD REALLY CAN VOTE-[Trump](#) — who complained about thousands of dead people voting — suggested that [Joan Rivers](#) voted for him in the 2016 election despite the comedian’s death in 2014, according to an audio clip.

06.21.24-MAYBE A TREND?-Fox News released a new poll Wednesday showing a three-point shift toward President Joe Biden, putting him ahead nationally at the highest number since October. Biden is ahead of Trump at 50% to 48%, and there was an even bigger swing in an extended poll that included Robert Kennedy, Jr., Cornel West, and Jill Stein. In that poll, Biden now edges out Trump by 42% to 41%, a four-point shift from May. Not only does this poll indicate that Trump's conviction was *not* an automatic boost for his campaign as so many Republicans have claimed, it also shows the best numbers on the economy that Biden has received in a Fox poll. Meanwhile, Trump has discovered that he hates Fox News. (DailyKOS)

06.20.24-NOW HE IS A POSSIBLE VP CANDIDATE AFTER HE PLEDGED FEALTY TO TRUMP-HE'S A COWARDLY, WEAK, SPINELESS, JELLYFISH-FOX News host Bret Baier reads J.D. Vance a list of things he’s said about Donald Trump: "I'm a never-Trump guy" "I never liked him" "Terrible candidate" "Idiot if you voted for him" "Might be America's Hitler" "Might be a cynical a**hole" "Cultural Heroin" "Noxious" "Reprehensible" (Huff Post)

06.19.24-Trump World + Others

- Trump Is Now Openly Threatening CEOs Who Don’t Support Him. He is warning CEOs to fall in line—or else.
- Trump Just Made His Most Extreme Threat Yet for If He Loses Election. He warned of “World War III.”
- Author Who Interviewed Trump 6 Times Offers Damning Examples Of Cognitive Struggles. Ramin Setoodeh said Trump even seemed to think he still had foreign policy powers after leaving office.

- Fox News is helping Trump and Project 2025's dystopian mission. The network is shielding its viewers from Republican assaults on IVF and contraception.
- Trump once screamed at Dr. Fauci, told him he cost the U.S. economy 1 trillion effing dollars, and then immediately offered him a job running one of his companies.
- Trump's rally in Wisconsin on Tuesday was marked by so many falsehoods that [CNN](#) fact-checker Daniel Dale's attempt to list them rapid-fire still took three full minutes.
- The research of one Georgetown professor is cited frequently in legal cases against gun restrictions. He never disclosed that the gun lobby funded his work.
- Texas Megachurch Pastor Resigns After Sexual Abuse Allegations.
- The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has formally apologized for the church's role in inflicting trauma and abuse on generations of Native American children and families through its participation in Indian boarding schools.

06.18.24-I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS A SLEEZ-The House Ethics Committee is still investigating allegations against Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), including that he may have engaged in sexual misconduct and illegal drug use, and accepted improper gifts. It has opened up new lines of inquiry into the Florida lawmaker, according to a statement released by the bipartisan panel on Tuesday. (Washington Post)

06.17.24-Today's Snippets:

- "You got Donald Trump in Detroit talking to 8,000 people at a Black church," Kellyanne Conway boasted to Fox News' Maria Bartiromo. *(It was actually in the hundreds, half of which were estimated to be white)*
- Laara Trump claim: "And that's the difference between Republicans and Democrats. We speak in truth and facts on this side. The other side is all emotion-based. Bring people back to the truth. Bring people back to the facts." *(Wow, what a joke)*
- Trump posted yet another bizarre all-caps holiday rant on Sunday, this time using Father's Day to attack "radical left degenerates." *(A repulsive way to honor dads)*
- This past week, the RNC feed has misleadingly called attention to two video clips of Biden. One was so distorted that it resulted in a "community note" on the X platform calling out its dishonesty. *(Blatant distortion of what actually happened)*
- Trump on Saturday night suggested President Joe Biden "should have to take a cognitive test," only to confuse who administered the test to him in the next sentence. He said it was Ronny Johnson several times. *(Should have been Ronny Jackson who is one of Trump's most vociferous defenders on Capitol Hill.)*
- *And, the best: Biden said "I could have done nothing and done better than him. We're trying to give ordinary people a chance, just a chance."*

06.16.24-ALSO HEAD HYPOCRITE-Head of the House Oversight Committee Rep. James Comer has used the power of his position to produce an evidence-free investigation into what he has called the "Biden family cover-up." Warping half-truths in order to drive an investigation into old and debunked conspiracy theories has resulted in virtually no meaningful evidence of wrongdoing by President Joe Biden. It has, however, exposed the world to how much of a raging hypocrite Comer is. In August, Comer told Newsmax that "Joe Biden was using pseudonyms to hide the fact that he was working with his son to peddle access to our enemies around the world." The Kentucky congressman has repeatedly implied Biden's use of aliases, a "common practice" in government correspondence, is proof he was involved in shady activities connected to

his son Hunter Biden’s business dealings. The Daily Beast reports that when he was Kentucky’s commissioner of agriculture in 2011, Comer was sending pseudonymous emails for government business. In fact, he was bungling hemp seed deals with China, and sending those emails from a government account, named after his 7-year-old son, to a big campaign donor who had a possible interest in the hemp product. (Daily KOS)

06.15.24-HE LOST IT A LONG TIME AGO-Trump failed to impress everyone in a room full of top CEOs Thursday at the Business Roundtable’s quarterly meeting, Multiple attendees told CNBC. “Trump doesn’t know what he’s talking about,” said one CEO who was in the room, according to a person who heard the executive speaking. The CEO also said Trump did not explain how he planned to accomplish any of his policy proposals, that person said. Several CEOs “said that [Trump] was remarkably meandering, could not keep a straight thought [and] was all over the map,” CNBC’s Andrew Ross Sorkin reported Friday on “Squawk Box.” A spokesman for the Trump campaign did not reply to a request for comment from CNBC on the CEOs’ remarks. Among the topics on which Trump offered scant details were how he would reduce taxes and cut back on business regulations, according to two other people in the room who spoke to CNBC. Meeting attendees and people who spoke with them were granted anonymity in order to speak freely about the private event. The same CEOs who were struck by Trump’s lack of focus “walked into the meeting being Trump supporter-ish or thinking that they might be leaning that direction,” Sorkin reported. “These were people who I think might have been actually predisposed to [Trump, but] actually walked out of the room less predisposed” to him, Sorkin said.

06.14.24-DISGUSTING CULT-SPEAK-“Morning Joe” showed a montage of Republican lawmakers gushing over Trump after their meeting with the him on Capitol Hill Thursday. Willie Geist said. “These are grown men, supposed leaders, who just cannot be more excited to be in the same room to breathe the same oxygen as Trump.” House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) recalled that Trump “said complimentary things about all of us”; “Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.) breathlessly recounted how “electric” Trump was; Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) praised him for being “so sweet” and “recognizing” her, and Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) enthused, “We were glad he was leading us.” “In case you’re keeping score at home, they were saying this about a man convicted of 34 felonies, found liable for sexual assault against a woman — and this is who the Republicans are throwing their arms around.” (Edited from Huff Post)

AND

Jimmy Kimmel rolled footage from 2021 of McConnell saying “there’s no question” that Trump was “practically and morally responsible” for the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. Trump, in turn, not only attacked McConnell but hurled racist insults at McConnell’s wife, Elaine Chao.

Yet on Thursday, McConnell was part of a group of GOP lawmakers who met with Trump in Washington, D.C., and told reporters he supported the former president. “What a spineless little Mitch you are,” Kimmel said.

06.13.24-LUNATIC AT LARGE-MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow on Tuesday slammed Trump, saying the former president is now “really, really, frequently incoherent.” “And when he’s not incoherent, he’s speaking in terms that are pornographically violent when he is trying to rile up his audience.” Trump “speaks in ways that I think would be shocking to a lot of the public if people could stand to listen to him for longer than they do and if news organizations could responsibly broadcast him more than we do, but we responsibly often can’t because of the lies and threats that he’s floating,” Maddow noted. Talking about Trump’s ramblings on sharks and

electrocution during a campaign rally in Las Vegas last weekend, Maddow said he'll now double down on them and Republicans will fall in line. It's "hilarious as it is scary," she said. (Huff Post)

06.12.24-TRUE WORDS-Former Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan tore into Trump on Tuesday, saying he won't be voting for him and calling out his lack of character and principles. "If you put yourself above the Constitution, as he has done, I think that makes you unfit for office," he told Fox News host Neil Cavuto. Cavuto asked if that was because of "the whole Jan. 6 thing." "That's a part of it," Ryan said. "I think it really is just character at the end of the day, and the fact that if you're willing to put yourself above the Constitution — an oath you swear when you take federal office, whether as president or a member of Congress, you swear an oath to the Constitution — and you're willing to suborn it to yourself, I think that makes you unfit for office." Ryan also blamed Trump for GOP election losses in recent years. "He's cost us a lot of seats," Ryan said. "He cost us the Senate twice. He cost us the House because he is nominating, he is pushing through the primaries people who cannot win general elections but who pledge fealty to him." (Huff Post) *Paul Ryan still sucks*

06.11.24-Snippets: (Huff Post)

- Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) told MSNBC host Katy Tur that recent Jan6 footage is "a stark reminder for everybody about the chaos, the brutality, the violence of that day. We can't forget what happened. We can't forget the fragility sometimes of our system. ... This was an insurrection. There's no other way to classify it."
- Former GOP strategist Stuart Stevens: "I think Trump is like a guy walking around with a paper bag full of water," he said. "It's probably not going to leak that much but when it goes, it's going to be hell to pay to get it back. I think that's where he's headed."
- Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) on Monday offered some all-too-blunt advice to Trump. "I got a message to Donald Trump and all his negativity and his whining," he told MSNBC's Jen Psaki. "Stop shit-talking America. This is the greatest country on Earth, and it's time that we all start acting like it."
- "Here's the deal," Stephen Colbert said. "If you're willing to stand out in the desert listening to some maniac ramble until your skull bursts open like a pan of Jiffy Pop, you're in a cult! And take off the stupid hat"
- [CNN's](#) Kaitlan Collins to Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes: I just wonder what your response is to hearing Rudy Giuliani say that he has no regrets about the efforts to try to overturn the election. Fontes: I stopped taking Rudy Giuliani seriously after the Borat tape.

06.10.24-MAGA KOOL-AID-Conspiracy theorist Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) is taking heat on social media after comparing Trump to Jesus Christ. "The Democrats and the fake news media want to constantly talk about, 'Oh, President Trump is a convicted felon, Well, you wanna know something? The man that I worship is also a convicted felon and he was murdered on a Roman cross.'" Greene, who spoke at a white nationalist event in 2022, has compared Trump to Jesus before. In 2023, after the former president was arrested, she likened him to Christ. "Jesus was arrested and murdered by the Roman government," she said at the time. And Trump just last month shared a social media post comparing himself to Jesus. Criminally charged Nevada Republican Party Chair Michael McDonald told MAGA supporters to "worship" Trump. Then Trump himself suggesting suicide to a voter as an option instead of picking President Joe Biden in their rematch. (Edited from Huff Post)

06.09.24-MAGA MALFEASANCE-The widespread media condemnation of a shoddy front-page WSJ article about President Biden "slipping" with age suggests we may have reached a journalistic inflection point. The Journal article relied almost entirely on the views of two highly partisan Republicans to support its

Biden-is-slipping thesis: House Speaker Mike Johnson and former speaker Kevin McCarthy. Maybe the overwhelmingly negative response by other journalists to what was essentially the promotion of a right-wing meme will reduce such irresponsible reporting as the election year continues. The issue, certainly, goes beyond being influenced by MAGA narratives or failing to adequately examine the mental and emotional state of felon and former president Donald Trump. (But, given Trump's innumerable unhinged rants, it just might be time to rethink whether a candidate's psychiatric state is journalistically out of bounds.) Rather, the Journal's faceplant should lead to a much larger discussion: *to what extent and in what way age matters to the performance of the chief executive*. Frankly, it has nothing to do with the sort of factors Biden's critics obsess over (e.g., verbal slips, how fast he moves). (Washington Post)

06.08.24-TARNISHED THOMAS-Justice Clarence Thomas amended a financial filing from 2019, acknowledging that he should have reported two free vacations he accepted from Texas billionaire Harlan Crow. While in the past he said he did not need to disclose such gifts, in today's filing he claimed he had "inadvertently omitted" the trips on earlier reports. ProPublica broke the story of these and other gifts from Crow, including several more trips than Thomas has so far acknowledged. Fix The Court, a nonprofit advocacy group that seeks to reform the federal courts, estimates that Thomas has accepted more than \$4 million in gifts over the last 20 years. As economic analyst Steven Rattner pointed out, that's 5.6 times more than the other 16 justices on the court in those years combined.

06.07.24-EMPTY THREAT-After Trump was found guilty in his first criminal trial last week, a group of eight Republican senators decided to fight back by throwing a tantrum. So far, that tantrum, The New York Times reports, has done a whole lot of nothing. In an open letter addressed to no one, the senators threatened to obstruct the White House agenda by refusing to vote for certain Democratic legislation or judicial appointees—something, the Times notes, the signatories to the letter were already doing. It's a protest that even some of their fellow Republican senators realize is pretty dumb. "If you have a handful of people who vote no all the time, then the threat to vote no really doesn't come with a lot of leverage," said North Dakota's Kevin Cramer, not exactly a squishy moderate. (Daily KOS)

06.06.24-MORE MAGA MENACES- House speaker Mike Johnson elevated Ronny Jackson (R-TX) and Scott Perry (R-PA) to the House Intelligence Committee, giving them oversight of the entire U.S. intelligence community and access to the nation's most sensitive foreign intelligence. It oversees the F.B.I, and that oversight is likely a key reason Johnson put Jackson and Perry on the committee. A former Navy admiral, Jackson was Trump's White House physician. In 2022 the U.S. Navy demoted him from admiral to captain after a 2021 report by the inspector general of the Defense Department showed he had "disparaged, belittled, bullied, and humiliated" his staff and abused alcohol on at least two occasions when he was supposed to be providing medical care to government officials. Perry is more problematic than Jackson. Cassidy Hutchinson said that Perry was "central to the planning of January 6," and she has said repeatedly that Perry asked Trump for a pardon before he left office. Federal authorities from the FBI seized Perry's cell phone in 2022 as part of their investigation into the effort to seize the presidency; he is the only member of Congress whose cell phone was seized. Former director of the CIA General Michael Hayden wrote: "That's unbelievable. Both of them. Intelligence Committee? God help us." (Heather Cox Richardson)

06.05.24-THEY WANT TO CONTROL WHAT YOU SAY, WHAT YOU DO, WHAT YOU THINK, WHAT YOU CAN HEAR-A growing Christian supremacist movement that labels its perceived enemies as "demonic" and enjoys

close ties to major Republican figures is “the greatest threat to American democracy you’ve never heard of,” according to a new report from the Southern Poverty Law Center is. [Read more.](#)

06.04.24-Top sports talk host Colin Cowherd pushed back on the idea that Trump's trial was rigged, telling his listeners: “If everybody in your circle is a felon, maybe it’s not rigged. Maybe the world isn’t against you.” “Donald Trump is now a felon,” Cowherd said. “His campaign chairman was a felon. So is his deputy campaign manager, his personal lawyer, his chief strategist, his National Security Adviser, his Trade Advisor, his Foreign Policy Adviser, his campaign fixer, and his company CFO. They’re all felons. Judged by the company you keep. It’s a cabal of convicts.” Cowherd went on: “[Trump’s] trying to sell me an America that doesn’t exist.” “Stop trying to sell me on ‘everything’s rigged, the country’s falling into the sea, the economy’s terrible,’” he continued. “The America that I live in is imperfect. But compared to the rest of the world, I think we’re doing okay.”

06.03.24-IT NEVER STOPS.

- Donald Trump’s campaign and the Trump Organization paid off nine witnesses called to testify in criminal cases against Trump, an explosive new report from ProPublica reveals. Witnesses who testified in defense of Trump for his numerous criminal cases received massive raises, new jobs, cushy severance packages, and more, all conveniently coinciding with being called to testify or after providing testimony favorable to Trump.
- Now that Trump has been found guilty of 34 felony counts of falsifying business records, his old arguments against allowing felons to cast a ballot have not aged well.

06.02.24-Jamie Raskin ripped Trump for his takes on judges, calling them a "fascist way of looking at things." “I mean this is like an Atlantic City mob understanding of people who go into federal or state courts as judges, that somebody owns them. I think Trump’s position is either he owns the judge, he controls the judge — he feels that way about [Judge] Aileen Cannon, obviously. Or, there’s someone who can’t be trusted, they’re a political enemy. The whole world is friend or foe which, of course, is a fascist way of looking at things.” Trump declared that he was in a “rigged trial” with a “corrupt” judge in a district where he was at around 5-6%. Andrew Weissmann’s take on Trump is “he cannot imagine that a jury can actually do its job.” "This was a Democratic district and hence these jurors could not have actually been able to be jurors and do their job and adjudicate this case fairly. I’m just afraid that his kind of authoritarian extremist approach to jurors prudence has begun to infect judges and justices as well as large parts of the population." (Huff Post)

06.01.24-DISGUSTING, SICK ANTI-AMERICAN MAGA CULT POLITICIANS-For all their fuming, Republicans **aren’t denying the allegations** against Trump. Instead, they are blaming Biden, calling the case a “selective prosecution,” whining that Cohen is a liar (while not disputing his actual testimony), complaining that the charges should have been misdemeanors rather than felonies or saying that the judge was corrupt because his daughter earns a living in Democratic politics.

05.31.24-LOSER!-If a jury returns 34 guilty counts in less than 10 hours of deliberation, it’s pretty clear that the prosecutor made his case. The jury of Donald Trump’s peers found Daniels and Michael Cohen to be credible witnesses. That must really frost the MAGA elites on Fox. Trump lawyer Todd Blanche tried and tried to discredit them, especially Cohen. Obviously, the jury wasn’t buying what he was selling. And by the way: If Cohen and Daniels were such terrible witnesses, you know what action by the defense could have

immediately canceled them out? Having Trump take the stand! He threatened that he was going to, but that was obviously bullshit, just like everything he says. Trump can't take a witness stand, as any credible lawyer knows, because he lies every time he opens his jowly mouth. All those felonies went from 'allegedly' to 'proven.' (The New Republic)

05.30.24-EXACTLY!-From Robert De Niro-"I still can't believe Donald Trump got elected president. Four years of sucking up to tyrants, supporting racists, ending *Roe v. Wade*, lying about the election when he lost, and calling for insurrection to stop the peaceful transfer of power. Thank God Joe Biden defeated him and restored decency, compassion, and honest, intelligent leadership to the presidency. Now Trump is trying to claw his way back. Frankly, it scares the hell out of me. I have said before that Donald Trump is a monster. And just imagine how dangerous it will be if he becomes President again. It's going to take all of us to make sure Donald Trump never returns to the White House."

05.29.24-LUNATIC SPEAKING:

- Is it cognitive decline? Just last week, Trump was bragging at his Bronx rally about successfully putting on his pants and, less than two weeks ago, seemed to freeze while giving a speech at the National Rifle Association's annual convention. (The New Republic)
- Over the past week, Trump rallied alongside two rap artists accused of conspiracy to commit murder. He promised to commute the sentence of a notorious internet drug dealer. And he appeared backstage with another rap artist who has pleaded guilty to assault for punching a female fan. (The New Republic)
- Trump rambled, as he does, about an estimated 15 to 17 million people he wants to deport—numbers that contradict existing data and that he seems to have just made up—who've entered the United States for asylum and job opportunities, baselessly accusing them of being “murderers ... drug dealers ... coming from mental institutions,” before finally saying he wants to use “local police” to enforce his mass deportation plans. (The New Republic)

05.28.24-Chump's Memorial Day Message: "Happy Memorial Day to All, including the Human Scum that is working so hard to destroy our Once Great Country, & to the Radical Left, Trump Hating Federal Judge in New York that presided over blah, blah, blah." At no point did Trump reference, even in passing, American service members who perished. He instead apparently confused Memorial Day with Festivus and decided it was time for him to air some grievances. it's worth pausing to imagine what the political world's reaction would be if a presumptive Democratic presidential nominee issued a Memorial Day statement that (a) ignored fallen troops; (b) referred to his foes as “human scum”; (c) and suggested he saw the national holiday as all about himself and his grievances. (MSNBC)

05.27.24-A MESSAGE FROM JOE BIDEN:This week, Donald Trump's official account shared a video saying he'd create "a unified Reich" if he wins this election. That's Hitler's language. It's not America's. And so long as I'm your President it never will be. Trump aims to destroy the America we know. Listen to what he says: He praises Putin as a "genius," celebrates the criminals who assaulted our Capitol as "patriots," attacks opponents as "vermin," and goes off about immigrants "poisoning the blood" of our country. Trump isn't running to lead America. He's running for revenge, to punish his enemies, to be a dictator -- not a president. We all see who Trump is. Now we must confront the threat he represents. We need to defeat Trump and the danger he poses to our country. We did it four years ago, and we can do it again in November -- but only with your help.

05.26.24-MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND-Trump previously called fallen soldiers "losers and suckers," and some want this disgusting traitor to be reelected. Gold Star parents, individuals who have lost children in service to their country adamantly reject Trump's characterization emphasizing the honor and sacrifice their children made for their nation.

- Trump said at a 2017 Memorial Day event in Arlington National Cemetery: "I don't get it. What was in it for them?"
- John Kelly said Trump did not want to include military amputees at a White House military event in 2018 because it would make spectator's uncomfortable, and added that Trump had said their presence "doesn't look good for me."
- Kelly also noted that Trump in 2016 publicly belittled the parents of Humayun Khan, an Army captain and Gold Star recipient who was killed in Iraq in 2004, after they criticized him for his anti-Muslim rhetoric.
- He accused retiring Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Gen. Mark Milley of treason and suggesting that the punishment for such an act would have once been death.

05.25.24-WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO SAY THIS-Former GOP presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy, who quickly endorsed Trump after dropping out, was booed during his convention remarks Friday night when he mentioned Trump. "I'm speaking to you as a libertarian at my own core. I have gotten to know Donald Trump over the course of the last several years and the last several months," Ramaswamy said as many in the crowd booed in response. Separately, as Libertarian party members reviewed procedures and motions, a person at a microphone proposed that "we go tell Donald Trump to go f--- himself." and the crowd all applauded. Trump is scheduled to speak tomorrow. (Huff Post)

05.23.24-SUPREMELY SAD-The shocking scandals now tainting Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas are just the tip of a dark iceberg. Trump's right-wing judges have transformed the bench in his MAGA image, releasing rulings in the middle of the night with no explanation, taking cases through a secretive process known as the "shadow docket," and hacking away at the civil rights of millions of Americans—from voting rights and abortion rights to environmental protections and safeguards against gerrymandering. Next month, the court will hand down decisions on huge, historic cases—on access to abortion medication, gun control, January 6, and presidential immunity—while multiple justices are embroiled in financial corruption scandals and entanglements over Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election. (The New Republic)

05.22.24-DEMENTED DON

- Trump is falsely claiming that President Biden was prepared to kill him during the FBI's search for classified documents at Mar-a-Lago—a nefarious lie given that Trump wasn't even at the residence on the day of the search. In a Truth Social [post](#) on Tuesday evening, the former president said that after his hush-money trial adjourned for the day, he learned that "Crooked Joe Biden's DOJ, in their Illegal and UnConstitutional Raid of Mar-a-Lago, AUTHORIZED THE FBI TO USE DEADLY (LETHAL) FORCE."
- Like his colleagues who advanced lies to shape a narrative, Trump insisted that he would testify in his own defense. "I'm testifying," he said before the trial. "I tell the truth, I mean, all I can do is tell the truth. And the truth is that there is no case."

05.21.24-OPEN MOUTH-LIE COMES OUT-Trump was called out for telling another big fib about security outside the Manhattan courthouse where his criminal hush money trial is taking place. Speaking at the courthouse on Monday, he claimed, “Outside looks like it’s supposed to be Fort Knox. There’s more police than I’ve ever seen anywhere because they don’t want to have anyone come down. There’s not a civilian within three blocks of the courthouse.” That’s not true, according to people who were there. “This is an amazing lie, even for Trump. There is virtually complete freedom of movement around that courthouse,” conservative attorney George Conway, a vocal Trump critic, posted on X. MSNBC host Stephanie Ruhle said Trump’s claim was “categorically FALSE.” “Today is my first day attending the trial and Mr Trump’s description of the area surrounding the courthouse does not resemble the truth,” she tweeted. HuffPost’s S.V. Date reported that just about “nothing” was happening on the streets outside the court, despite Trump’s warnings that the prosecution against him could trigger major protests and uprisings. Since the start of the trial, Trump has repeatedly suggested, falsely, that a heavy security presence is to blame for the lack of turnout from his supporters.

05.20.24-MAGA LIES CREATED THIS SITUATION-Weeks after winning a school board seat in her deeply red Texas county, Courtney Gore immersed herself in the district’s curriculum. She was searching for evidence of the sweeping national movement she had warned was indoctrinating schoolchildren. Gore pledged to inspect educational materials for inappropriate messages about sexuality and race and remove them. “Over the years our American Education System has been hijacked by Leftists looking to indoctrinate our kids into the ‘progressive’ way of thinking,” she wrote in 2021. “I cannot sit by and watch their twisted worldview infiltrate Granbury ISD.” But after taking office and examining hundreds of pages of curriculum, Gore was shocked by what she found—and didn’t find. The pervasive indoctrination she had railed against simply did not exist. Children were not being sexualized, and she could find no examples of critical race theory. She’d examined curriculum related to social-emotional learning, which has come under attack by Christian conservatives who say it encourages children to question gender roles and prioritizes feelings over biblical teachings. Instead, Gore found the materials taught children “how to be a good friend, a good human.” (Daily KOS)

05.19.24-GOT YOU GRUESOME!-Rudy Giuliani on Friday taunted prosecutors shortly before he was served with an indictment over his efforts to undermine the results of the 2020 presidential election. He was partying with dozens of guests in Palm Beach, Florida, when officials with the Arizona Attorney General’s Office crashed the shindig to serve him with the indictment. In April, Giuliani and more than a dozen others were indicted by a grand jury over an alleged scheme to have fake electors claim that Trump won Arizona in the 2020 election. Following the grand jury’s decision, prosecutors had been unable to find and serve Giuliani with the indictment, leading him to claim that if authorities couldn’t serve him by Saturday, they would have to dismiss the charges he faces. “If Arizona authorities can’t find me by tomorrow morning: 1. They must dismiss the indictment; 2. They must concede they can’t count votes,” he wrote Friday on X. Giuliani later deleted that tweet, and his birthday bash was soon stormed by officials “like it was Normandy,” a person at the event told the New York Post. (Huff Post)

05.18.24-THERE WAS NEVER A DOUBT IN MY MIND-IT'S TRUMP-*The following by Frank Vyan Walton-*"It's my opinion, subject to confirmation, that Donald Trump will lose the election interference case. He will be convicted. The defense is attempting to undermine Michael Cohen's testimony and that seems to be falling flat. Cohen is calm, confident and contrite over his role in the "capture and kill" scheme and he's unapologetic about honestly wanting Trump prosecuted and jailed. He's admitted that he lied under oath repeatedly to protect Trump. Proving that he lied for Trump, only verifies that the documents involving his repayment for the Stormy Daniels NDA — *was just another one of those lies .*" Speaking on "The Cafe Insider Podcast," Joyce Vance and Preet Bharara honed in on the falsification of documents. "Even before Michael Cohen took the stand, they had pretty much proved beyond a reasonable doubt that these documents were false records. And to put a fine point on it, Cohen testified ... 'I created a document called an invoice.'"

05.17.24-WELL, WE ALL KNOW THAT CHUMP IS A DUMBASS WHO JUST OPENS HIS MOUTH WITHOUT HIM EVEN KNOWING WHAT HE IS SAYING-President Joe Biden is trolling Trump over a prediction by the former president that hasn't aged very well at all. Just ahead of the 2020 election, Trump claimed that a Biden victory would lead to "a stock market collapse the likes of which you've never had." Instead, the stock market has recovered from post-COVID lows — and on Thursday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average topped 40,000 for the first time. Biden's campaign responded by sharing a video of Trump during a 2020 debate predicting that "the stock market will crash" if Biden wins, along with a second video showing Thursday's record stock high. Biden retweeted it from his personal account, adding a meme of himself with an ice cream cone serving up an "L" to the former president. (Huff Post)

05.16.24-OMG! OMG! OMG!-On Tuesday, Rep. Lauren Boebert co-sponsored a bill, H.R. 8386, to award indicted felon Donald Trump the Congressional Gold Medal for his "dedication to strengthening America's diplomatic relations." Trump was impeached for extorting Ukraine, and encouraged Russia to "do whatever the hell they want" to our allies.

05.15.24-TRUMP 'HATE-AMERICA' CULT MEMBERS SHOW UP AT COURTHOUSE: Mike Johnson, Vivek Ramaswamy, J.D. Vance, Eric and Laura Trump, Rick Scott, Tommy Tuberville, Doug Burgum; Reps. Byron Donalds, Nicole Malliotakis, and Cory Mills; Attorneys General of Alabama and Iowa; absent: Melania Trump. They all drank the Kool-Aid, Clown show!

05.14.24-KRAZY KARI-It's clear Kari Lake is all-in on election denialism, but evidence suggests Arizonans (voting majorities, at least) are not. No statewide candidate in Arizona has won a race on an election denial platform since 2020. And Lake's legal Hail Mary to ban mail-in voting, electronic voting machines and ballot tabulators has gone nowhere in court — not to mention the fact this was an ill-advised crusade in a state where three out of every four voters cast absentee ballots. These are the kinds of extremism-inspired missteps that have GOPers wincing as they watch the Lake campaign. And for good reason.

05.13.24-MONDAY MAGA MADNESS:

- Roger Stone Blasted For Claiming '90s Concert Photo Was Actually Trump Rally.
- Another World Leader Claim From Kristi Noem's Book Has Been Disputed.
- 'Jaw Dropped In Horror': Trump's Praise Of Fictional Serial Killer Has People Worried. The former president delivered a bizarre aside about Hannibal Lecter from "Silence of the Lambs."
- Critics Slam Ex-Trump WH Aide's 'Deeply Evil' Homeless Claim: 'This Is Who They Are.'

- Lara Trump said it's "pretty obvious" the former president accepts the results of the 2020 election.
- "We're a good family. Never have done anything wrong," Eric Trump said on Fox News.

05.12.24-GOSH, I'M SURE IS WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE THAT TRUMP DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT-Trump used a dubious accounting maneuver to claim improper tax breaks from his troubled Chicago tower, according to an Internal Revenue Service inquiry uncovered by The New York Times and ProPublica. Losing a years-long audit battle over the claim could mean a tax bill of more than \$100 million.

05.11.24-BLATANT INFLUENCE PEDDLING-SURPRISED?-As Trump sat with some of the country's top oil executives at his Club last month. Trump's stunned several of the executives in the room: You all are wealthy enough, he said, that you should raise \$1 billion to return me to the White House. He reportedly vowed to immediately reverse dozens of President Biden's environmental rules and policies and stop new ones from being enacted. Giving \$1 billion would be a "deal," Trump said, because of the taxation and regulation they would avoid thanks to him, according to the people. Trump's remarkably blunt and transactional pitch reveals how the former president is targeting the oil industry to finance his reelection bid. At the same time, he has turned to the industry to help shape his environmental agenda for a second term, including rollbacks of some of Biden's signature achievements on clean energy and electric vehicles.

05.10.24-LOCK HIM UP!-A federal appeals court on Friday upheld the contempt-of-Congress conviction of Steve Bannon, the ex-adviser to former President Donald Trump who was found guilty after failing to comply with a subpoena from the House January 6 committee. Bannon's conviction — and now, the DC Circuit's affirmation of that conviction — is a boost to Congress' leverage in its efforts going forward to obtain cooperation in its investigations. The US DC Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously rejected several challenges Bannon made to the case, including his claim that the trial court excluded evidence he should have been allowed to put before the jury in his defense. Bannon was sentenced to four months in federal prison, and that sentence was also upheld Friday by the appeals court. The ruling could pave the way for Bannon to eventually report to prison, though the timing is unclear.

05.09.24-WHAT!!!!-At a press conference Wednesday, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson pushed a right-wing conspiracy theory that undocumented immigrants are voting in elections—and then in the same breath admitted that there was no proof. Johnson was speaking about the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility, or SAVE, Act, introduced by Republicans Wednesday in the House of Representatives and the Senate, which would require proof of citizenship to be able to vote in elections. "We all know, intuitively, that a lot of illegals are voting in federal elections. But it's not been something that is easily provable. We don't have that number," Johnson said.

05.08.24-

- OMG, NOW WE KNOW WHY-R.F.K. Jr. says a parasite ate part of his brain.
- INJUSTICE-Ty Cobb, former White House attorney under Trump, accused judge Cannon of "bias and incompetence" and said she is trying everything she can to stop the trial from proceeding. "The things that she has done here are inexplicable," he said. (Huff Post)

05.07.24-CONSERVATIVE DOUBLESPEAK-Paul Krugman's column this morning includes a perfect description of what the far far right has become. "Florida governor DeSantis just signed a "save our beef" law: Florida has

banned making and selling meat that is grown in a laboratory, a move several other states have considered amid worries about consumer safety and concerns that the technique could hurt the beef and poultry industries. The new Florida law is a perfect illustration of how crony capitalism, culture war, conspiracy theorizing and rejection of science have been merged — ground together, you might say — in a way that largely defines American conservatism today. It puts the lie to any claim that the right is the side standing firm for limited government; government doesn't get much more intrusive than having politicians tell you what you can and can't eat."

05.06.24-DUMBO-Robert F. Kennedy Jr. spends the first minute and change of his new promotional video trashing an unexpected candidate: himself. new 30-minute spot features the independent presidential candidate reading attacks on himself, almost like the "Mean Tweets" segment on "Jimmy Kimmel Live." Instead of criticism from randos on social media, Kennedy reads attacks from analysts, pundits and media critics. "He's nuts and clearly disturbed, The Standard," Kennedy reads. "Kennedy is a humorless bully living in a paranoid fantasy, Vanity Fair. What the f**k is wrong with Bobby Kennedy?" Kennedy reads critics slamming him as a crank and conspiracy theorist. "I wouldn't vote for that guy, either," says Kennedy.

05.04.24-KING TRUMP-In an interview with Time magazine published this week, Trump put some meat on the bones of his most extreme proposals for a second term. When asked about his dictatorial aspirations, all he could say is: "I think a lot of people like it." But it hardly stopped there. Trump said he would treat migrants as enemy combatants, using the U.S. armed forces to detain and deport millions of undocumented immigrants, in violation of the law. Trump said states should be allowed to prosecute women for obtaining abortions, and also be allowed to monitor women's pregnancies. And once again he vowed to personally interfere in the administration of justice, saying he could fire U.S. attorneys who don't obey his orders. While Trump has never hidden his authoritarian tendencies and dictatorial aspirations, this interview marked a shift toward a new, almost casual, openness about those intentions, however cruel or oppressive they may be. It also was published amid a similarly disturbing trend from Trump's allies, who are not only parroting his brand of rhetoric, but taking similar pride in cruelty and lawlessness. Just take Arizona GOP Senate candidate Kari Lake, who last month encouraged MAGA vigilantism, asking supporters to "strap on a Glock" ahead of the November election. Or South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, who bragged about killing her 14-month-old puppy Cricket, simply because "it had to be done." Trump and his MAGA allies equate cruelty with power. Somehow that has become a core part of a major political party's messaging. (MSNBC, Jen Psake)

05.03.24-SICK!-MAGA governor of South Dakota bragged about shooting her family's puppy because she "hated" that dog, and it seems that Rep. Lauren Boebert openly fantasizes about shooting wolf puppies. Research in psychology and criminality shows that people who commit acts of cruelty to animals often don't stop there... So maybe we shouldn't turn them loose in our government where they can exact their cruelty on the nation! Psychopaths lack empathy, remorse, and guilt, and they tend to cut their teeth on defenseless animals. Those traits seem to be a feature rather than a bug within the MAGA cult. Rep. Boebert said she and Rep. Matt Gaetz talked about gunning down reintroduced wolf pups in Colorado with her glock to make "little hats out of the baby's fur." Boebert, who rabidly supports sexual predator Donald Trump, says it is time to put people before predators... if only she would! The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

(Crazy Eight PAC)

05.02.24-JUDGE SHOULD ISSUE HIM THE 'GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL' CARD-Trump returned briefly to the campaign trail Wednesday and called the judge presiding over his hush money trial “crooked” a day after he was held in contempt of court and threatened with jail time for violating a gag order.

05.01.24-

- "There are at least 53 Republican officials and lawyers and activists who are facing felony criminal counts other than Trump himself," *Related to the election fraud.* (Rachel Maddow)
- According to the FBI, gun sales in the United States have declined for three straight years. The Trace estimates that Americans bought 665,000 fewer guns in 2023 than in 2022. That trend is continuing. Comparing year-over-year data, sales in March of 2024 were down 5% from the same month in 2023. (*Good news, but a little late. Everyone already has one, statistically. How many more guns do we need anyway?*)
- JUSTICE SYSTEM FAIL-The man who killed four law enforcement officers and wounded four others in Charlotte on Monday has been identified as Terry Clark Hughes Jr., a 39-year-old man with a long criminal history in the state. The *Charlotte Observer* reports that according to court records, Hughes had faced 49 criminal charges since 2001. His convictions include breaking and entering, reckless driving, eluding arrest, and illegally possessing a gun as a former felon. He spent time in prison in 2011 and 2013. (Newser)

04.30.24-Today's Headlines:

- Hunter Biden Is in Full Revenge Mode for Fox News Revenge Porn. The embattled first son is suing the network.
- Ron DeSantis' cowardly surrender to Trump is now complete. The Florida governor met his subjugator for breakfast this weekend with the promise to help raise cash.
- Biden wants voters to know Trump thinks football is 'boring as hell.'
- Trump Is Fine With States Monitoring Pregnant Women So They Don't Get Abortions, (The Handmaids Tale??)

04.29.24-TWO DISGUSTING THINGS IN THIS ARTICLE-Trump’s “God Bless the USA Bible” has been condemned as “disgusting,” “blasphemous,” and a “cheap ploy” by evangelical Christian pastor Loran Livingston. Livingston ripped Trump’s \$59.99 Bible during a sermon at the Central Church of North Carolina in Charlotte on April 14. Livingston also made and slammed people who “get politics mixed up with church.” (msn.com)

04.28.24-HOW TWO UN-ELECTED A-HOLES (T&T) CAN DO A LOT OF DAMAGE-Mitch McConnell Blames Tucker Carlson For The GOP’s ‘Demonization of Ukraine.’ The Kentucky Republican said the problem largely stemmed from one person: Carlson. “I think the demonization of Ukraine began by Tucker Carlson, who in my opinion ended up where he should’ve been all along, which is interviewing Vladimir Putin,” McConnell said, referring to Carlson’s disastrous interview with the Russian president in February. “He had an enormous audience, which convinced a lot of rank-and-file Republicans that maybe this was a mistake,” he said of Carlson. McConnell also blamed Trump for delaying congressional efforts to help Ukraine. For months, with Trump’s support, House Republicans demanded that any bill providing aid to Ukraine also include border security reforms — an issue that Trump and others were routinely using to attack President Joe Biden. So a bipartisan trio of senators, led by Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.), spent months crafting a bill to do just that.

But when they unveiled it, Trump intervened and personally directed GOP senators to “kill” it because he didn’t want them to hand Biden a win ahead of the November election. (HuffPost)

04.27.24-TURNING MY STOMACH-Arizona 'fake elector' indictments make it tough for Turning Point USA's 'election integrity' push. The far-right organization that's embraced Trump's election fraud lies is being rocked by election fraud scandals. Turning Point USA, the extremist-friendly, Trump-loving organization for MAGA youth, is having one of its worst weeks yet from a public relations perspective. Last week, Arizona state Rep. Austin Smith, a Republican and a senior director at TPUSA’s nonprofit arm Turning Point Action, suspended his re-election campaign after accusations of election fraud. Smith is accused of forging signatures to qualify for re-election. It's a seeming act of karmic justice, given he’s shamelessly peddled the right-wing conspiracy theory that Maricopa County officials have fraudulently altered ballot signatures to Republicans’ detriment. But the election fraud allegations looming over TPUSA don’t end there. Less than a week later, two men with deep ties to the organization are among the 11 "fake electors" (18 people in total) who were indicted in Arizona over their alleged role in the Trump campaign’s so-called fake elector scheme. One of those accused is Tyler Bowyer, a Turning Point higher-up. (msnbc)

04.26.24-Trump has repeatedly complained that having to attend his hush money trial is preventing him from campaigning. Trump spent Wednesday playing golf at his Bedminster club.

04.25.24-BONKERS!-MUST BE JOKING-Trump’s attorney on Thursday argued that a president could order the assassination of his political rival and stage a military coup without being prosecuted for it. Jack Sauer, Trump’s lawyer, made the “absolute immunity” argument in a Supreme Court hearing in the Department of Justice election interference case against the former president. Trump’s team has repeatedly claimed that the ex-president can’t be prosecuted for “official acts” he did while in office. (HuffPost)

MORE BONKERS!-Trump hasn’t set foot in the White House since leaving office more than three years ago, but that didn’t stop him from pretending it’s still his residence this week when he offered a visitor a key to the building. Trump gave the baffling gift to former Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, who visited him at Trump Tower. (HuffPost)

04.24.24-HE JUST DESCRIBED THE CRIME-THANKS JESSE-Jesse Watters seemed to inadvertently describe what Donald Trump allegedly did wrong in the hush money case. "His lawyer paid Stormy and, after the campaign was over, the money was reimbursed and booked as a legal expense," the Fox News host remarked on April 22, shortly after the commencement of opening statements in the former president's significant trial. (msn.com)

04.23.24-MORE TRUTH-If you haven’t noticed, Hillary Clinton still exists. She even speaks, saying "What Trump really wants" is to "kill his opposition" Which is kinda funny if you know anything about Trump, because I think he’d be just fine with that. What with his trying to get the Military to “crack skulls” and “just shoot” protestors during the Floyd Riots. His suggestion that we use alligator moats and “shoot migrants legs” and also an “electrified wall” with “spikes to pierce human flesh” at the border. He famously took out a \$Million ad calling for using the Death Penalty against children. He also wants death against “drug traffickers” and “human traffickers” using firings squads and group executions. His call to imprison reporters and his lawyer’s suggestion he could legally use “Seal Team 6 to assassinate his rivals.” And of course, “Bloodbath.”

You'd think the Right-wing would dutifully nod in acknowledgment that Clinton has simply stated the obvious. But yeah, they don't. (Daily Kos)

04.22.24-THE ART OF THE FRAUD-Trump likes to think of himself as a great businessman, but at least one official who served under him says that's not the case at all. Donald Trump is not a great businessman," former Homeland Security chief of staff Miles Taylor told MeidasTouch. "He is a failed businessman across the board. Trump Steaks and Trump Vodka and Trump Airlines and we could go on and on." Taylor also dispensed with the argument that the former president's wealth is proof of his business acumen. "Al Capone was incredibly rich," he said. "You can be rich and not be a great businessman. You can be a fraud. And we've seen this with Donald Trump throughout his history. Even people who've been huge supporters of his have come away saying, 'He's a total fraud.'" Taylor said Trump took all of his worst tendencies from the world of business with him into the White House. "And in a lot of ways, he made the U.S. government his largest failed venture yet," he said, adding that Trump's "volatility and corrupt nature" made it difficult for government departments and agencies to function. (HuffPost)

04.21.24-JUST ANOTHER FOX NEWS SNAKE-Former Republican National Committee chair Michael Steele wasn't having it with Jesse Watters on Saturday after the [Fox News](#) host used his show this past week to go through descriptions of the jurors in Trump's hush money trial. Steele, co-host of MSNBC's "The Weekend," took aim at Watters for "literally trying to gin up crap" about the jurors during his prime-time show on the conservative network. "He's being a pathetic little tool right now as far as I'm concerned," Steele said. Watters read off information about the jurors, whose names have remained anonymous, and suggested that Trump wouldn't be acquitted, according to a report by The Daily Beast. Steele pointed out how a juror was excused this past week after loved ones figured out she had been selected. "There's a reason why the judge has made sure these jurors are not known, and there's a reason why, as we've seen and talked about, certain jurors are like, 'You know what? I don't even want to be a part of this,'" said Steele. (HuffPost)

04.20.24-SPACE LASER LOSER-Former Rep. Ken Buck (R-Colo.) on Friday knocked Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) for "acting completely irresponsibly" amid her opposition to delivering aid to Ukraine. Greene has threatened to oust the house speaker over his support for passing a bill that provides aid to the country in its war against Russia. She's also shared false claims about the presence of Nazism in Ukraine, echoing some of the talking points embraced by Russian President Vladimir Putin. Buck used his "Moscow Marjorie" nickname for Greene during an interview with CNN's Erica Hill. "Well, 'Moscow Marjorie' has reached a new low," Buck said, after Hill showed footage of Russian TV personalities claiming that Greene is "running Congress" and "believes that Americans should help Putin win." He added that during the Russian Revolution, "American journalists who were writing glowing reports about Russia at the time" were called "'useful idiots,' and I don't even think that Marjorie reaches that level of being a 'useful idiot' here." Buck said that Greene is "mouthing the Russian propaganda" and "really hurting American foreign policy in the process."

04.19.24-PUY PENCE**-Mike Pence was asked by CNN's Jake Tapper on Thursday why he hasn't ruled out voting for Trump in the 2024 election. Pence said last month he could not "in good conscience" endorse Trump, the presumptive GOP nominee, but declined to say he would not vote for him. The sidestepping response drew a sharp rebuke from former Rep. Joe Walsh (R-Ill.), a Trump critic, who said "there is just no defense for this." "Pence, who said he won't ENDORSE Trump, refuses to say whether or not he'll VOTE for Trump. Huh? Huh? Huh?" he posted on X. "My God man, get some gumption and take a stand. Take a stand man."

04.18.24-Bits and Pieces

- Kari Lake, a die-hard MAGA Republican who's running for Senate in Arizona, told a rally this week that it's time for supporters of her and Donald Trump to "put on the armor of God and maybe strap on a Glock just in case."
- Fox News contributor Liz Peek has slammed Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) as "an idiot" who is "trying to wreck the GOP."
- In Truth Social's Corporate Governance Guidelines, there is a whole section touting the importance of diversity and inclusion at the company. The truth is, this all sounds kind of woke.

04.17.24-MORE GIBBERISH-Civil War historian has called the remarks Trump made about Gettysburg during a campaign rally "unhinged." Writing on Twitter, T.J. Stiles said the former president's take on the Battle of Gettysburg, which was fought between July 1-3, 1863, and killed an estimated 51,000 people, was "inarticulate" and "reductive." "Gettysburg, what an unbelievable battle that was," Trump said during a Saturday rally in Schnecksville, Pennsylvania. "It was so much, and so interesting, and so vicious and horrible, and so beautiful in so many different ways—it represented such a big portion of the success of this country," he continued. "Gettysburg, wow—I go to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to look and to watch," he said. "And the statement of Robert E. Lee, who's no longer in favor—did you ever notice it? He's no longer in favor. 'Never fight uphill, me boys, never fight uphill.' They were fighting uphill, he said, 'Wow, that was a big mistake,' he lost his great general. 'Never fight uphill, me boys,' but it was too late," Trump added.

04.16.24-SOUNDS LIKE SHE THINKS HE IS GUILTY!-Laura Ingraham tried to attack the credibility of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, Judge Juan Merchan and star witness Michael Cohen, Trump's former attorney. But then she appeared to make an admission about the former president, who has denied any dalliance with Daniels. "Stormy Daniels thought she had leverage over Trump back in 2016 and she used that leverage to extract some money," Ingraham said. "And like other politicians who had made embarrassing mistakes, Donald Trump was apparently trying to get that episode behind him."

04.15.24-LIARS LIE!-"I'm not running to terminate the ACA." WRONG Trump has said: "We're going to terminate it." "We're going to win by knocking the hell out of Obamacare, terminating it." "When we terminate it, all we'll do is say it was a bad experience for the American people." "We are decimating Obamacare." "We want to terminate Obamacare because it's bad." Et cetera. Trump also said that he will make the ACA "much better, stronger and far less expensive" if he's elected. Sound familiar? It did to CNN's Tami Luhby, who pointed out that he had four years to do that and failed. "Trump is now making many promises to improve the Affordable Care Act," Luhby writes, "but once again he has not said much about how he would actually accomplish that goal." Meanwhile, about 60% of American adults continue to support the ACA, including 30% of Republicans. That's up from 24% last May. It would definitely help Trump to stop talking about the issue. But he won't, and Biden knows that. This is a button he can keep pushing to force Trump to keep the issue alive, and Trump is always going to fall for it.

04.14.24-DON'T FORGET-Once in office, Trump threw economic populism overboard and resurrected the Republican emphasis on tax cuts and deregulation. His signature law was the 2017 tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy at a cost of at least \$1.9 trillion over ten years. At the same time, Trump continued to feed his base with racism and sexism, and after the Unite the Right rally at Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017, he

increasingly turned to his white nationalist base to shore up his power. On January 6, 2021, he used that base to try to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

04.13.24-LOCK HIM UP!-Former U.S. Attorney Harry Litman predicted Thursday that Hope Hicks would be a “devastating witness” for Trump at the former president’s upcoming criminal hush money trial, which is due to begin Monday. Hicks, a former longtime aide to Trump, “will be so credible” on the stand, Litman told MSNBC’s Nicolle Wallace. She was “present for all these conversations” that took place before the 2016 election when Trump allegedly paid off porn actor Stormy Daniels to keep quiet about their alleged affair, said Litman. “And under the rules of evidence, anything Trump says is fair game.” Trump is “desperate to hide” the underlying facts in the case and there’ll be “something really theatrical and real at the same time about him in the chair, glowering all day” when Hicks testifies against him, he added. “It just really drives it home.”

04.12.24-LOW-LIFE SCUZ-Representative Matt Gaetz has a reputation as a provocateur and MAGA ideologue on Capitol Hill, with an active ethics investigation against him. After a new profile in *The Atlantic*, he might be known for other, worse reasons. One such revelation in the piece, published Thursday, was that he’d show videos of his sexual conquests to other staffers and members of Congress on Capitol Hill. “He used to walk around the cloakroom showing people porno of him and his latest girlfriend,” one former Republican lawmaker said, speaking anonymously. “He’d show me a video, and I’d say, ‘That’s great, Matt.’ Like, what kind of a reaction do you want?” He also, early in his career as a state legislator in Florida, was allegedly involved in a “points game,” in which he and other Republican lawmakers earned points for sleeping with women, with one point for doing so with a lobbyist, three points for a fellow legislator, six for a married fellow legislator, and so on. (The New Republic)

04.11.24-CRENSHAW NAILS IT!-Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas) on Wednesday slammed Tucker Carlson as a “click-chaser” and “cowardly, know-nothing elitist who is full of s**t.” Crenshaw’s comments on Twitter came amid conservative backlash to Carlson’s latest interview with Palestinian Christian pastor Munther Isaac in which Carlson talked about Christians affected by the Israel-Hamas war. “Tucker’s MO is simple: defend America’s enemies and attack America’s allies,” wrote Crenshaw. “There isn’t an objective bone left in that washed up news host’s body. Mindless contrarianism is his guiding principle, buttressed by his childish tactic to ‘juSt aSK quEsTiOns!’” Carlson, who is a frequent peddler of conspiracy theories, racist and far-right talking points, “uses his platform to sow doubt and paranoia and false narratives” to boost engagement and just make money, Crenshaw added. But Carlson “will eventually fade into nothingness, because his veneer of faux intellectualism is quickly falling apart.” (Huff Post)

04.10.24-REGARDLESS OF ONE'S POSITION ON ABORTION, THIS SEEMS A LITTLE CRAZY-The Arizona law that will begin to be enforced in 14 days was written by a single man in 1864. In 1864, Arizona was not a state, women and minorities could not vote, and doctors were still sewing up wounds with horsehair and storing their unwashed medical instruments in velvet-lined cases. And, of course, the United States was in the midst of the Civil War. (excerpt from Heather Cox Richardson)

04.09.24-PUTIN'S PUPPETS-On Sunday, Representative Michael R. Turner (R-OH), chair of the House Intelligence Committee, said it is “absolutely true” that Republican members of Congress are parroting Russian propaganda. “We see directly coming from Russia attempts to mask communications that are anti-Ukraine and pro-Russia messages, some of which we even hear being uttered on the House floor,” he said. Turner was being questioned about an interview in which Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), chair

of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told Russia specialist Julia Ioffe that “Russian propaganda has made its way into the United States, unfortunately, and it’s infected a good chunk of my party’s base.” McCaul blamed right-wing media. When asked which Republicans he was talking about, McCaul answered that it is “obvious.”

04.08.24-DEJA VU-1984-MAGA Rage Targeting Local Librarians Is Getting Uglier. The culture warriors are inventing new ways to make public libraries and schools into nastier, angrier, more divided, less inclusive spaces. It’s a new trend: GOP legislatures are advancing bills that place onerous new kinds of restrictions on public or school libraries in states like [Idaho](#), [Alabama](#), [Georgia](#), and [others](#).

04.07.24-LOSER, LOSER AND LOSER-With his criminal trial in the New York hush money case set to begin on April 15, Trump this week suffered a series of setbacks in his efforts to delay and dismiss his various legal cases. On Monday, Trump moved to adjourn the case in New York indefinitely due to "pretrial publicity" (that didn’t work). On Wednesday, responding to an earlier pretrial motion, Judge Juan Merchan ruled that Trump cannot invoke his presidential immunity claim to preclude the admission of certain evidence. Then, in a motion made public on Friday, Trump's lawyers argued that the judge must recuse himself due to his daughter’s political clients — despite the state court’s ethics committee having previously found no reason to recuse. Meanwhile, in Georgia, Judge Scott McAfee rejected Trump's motion to dismiss the election interference case on First Amendment grounds. The same day (still Wednesday), another judge denied Trump’s bid to dismiss the classified documents case, rejecting Trump’s assertion that the papers were considered “personal” under the Presidential Records Act. That defeat marked Trump’s third major legal loss in 24 hours.

04.06.24-MORE LOONEY TUNES-MTG:“God is sending America strong signs to tell us to repent,” she wrote. “Earthquakes and eclipses and many more things to come. I pray that our country listens.”

04.05.24-I AM USUALLY PRO ISRAEL, BUT: Netanyahu has only grown more arrogant over the years, which is astonishing. Consider: He’s extremely unpopular in Israel. He’s running a hard-right government that was the target of massive demonstrations since the time it was formed. He’s holding onto his office—and thus prolonging the war—to stay out of jail. His government and military let October 7 unfold for hours with no response. Beyond that, he’s been fine with Hamas running Gaza and letting Qatar finance that for years. And on top of all that, between now and November, he’s going to be playing a game of chicken with Biden. Cut me off, he’ll taunt, and I’ll be more open about my presidential preference (which, obviously, is Donald Trump). Biden needs to show Netanyahu, to go back to Clinton’s question, who the superpower is here. (Excerpt from The New Republic)

04.04.24-CRIMINAL BACKS CRIMINAL-The company underwriting Trump’s \$175 million bond is owned by a man whose seedy business practices were flagged by Trump’s own administration. Billionaire Don Hankey, also known as the “king of subprime car loans,” was sued by the Justice Department just nine months into Trump’s presidency, after it was discovered that another one of Hankey’s companies, Westlake Services, had illegally repossessed 70 cars belonging to service members, violating the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Westlake settled with the Trump administration in just 10 days, according to a settlement agreement, with the company agreeing to pay \$700,000 in damages to affected members and getting fined more than \$60,000 by the federal government. “Westlake and Wilshire specifically target servicemembers, including junior

enlisted servicemembers, as customers for their subprime and near-subprime loan products,” prosecutors wrote.

04.03.24-TODAY'S HEADLINES:

- Trump said he spoke to murder victim’s family. The victim’s sister said it never happened.
- Trump Again Invokes ‘Blood Bath’ and Dehumanizes Migrants.
- Trump Goes Off the Rails With Gross Rant About “Sick” Migrants.
- Trump Might Free Jan. 6-ers Who Attacked Cops.
- Trump Claims U.S. Will 'Cease To Exist' If He's Not Reelected.
- Trump’s Lunacy Raising GOP Fears of Down-Ballot Losses.
- Trump’s Truth Social Play Is Already Failing. As of the close of trading on Tuesday, Trump, who owns 57% of the newly public company, has lost \$2.2 billion — at least on paper — because of the stock slide.

04.02.24-DERANGED TRUMP'S EASTER MESSAGE (his caps)-HAPPY EASTER TO ALL, INCLUDING CROOKED AND CORRUPT PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES THAT ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO INTERFERE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 2024, AND PUT ME IN PRISON, INCLUDING THOSE MANY PEOPLE THAT I COMPLETELY & TOTALLY DESPISE BECAUSE THEY WANT TO DESTROY AMERICA, A NOW FAILING NATION, LIKE “DERANGED” JACK SMITH, WHO IS EVIL AND “SICK,” MRS. FANI “FAUNI” WADE, WHO SAID SHE HARDLY KNEW THE “SPECIAL” PROSECUTOR, ONLY TO FIND THAT HE SPENT YEARS “LOVING” HER, LONG BEFORE THE GEORGIA PERSECUTION OF PRESIDENT TRUMP BEGAN (AND THEREBY MAKING THE CASE AGAINST ME NULL, VOID, AND ILLEGAL!), AND LAZY ON VIOLENT CRIME ALVIN BRAGG WHO, WITH CROOKED JOE’S DOJ THUGS, UNFAIRLY WORKING IN THE D.A.’s OFFICE, ILLEGALLY INDICTED ME ON A CASE HE NEVER WANTED TO BRING AND VIRTUALLY ALL LEGAL SCHOLARS SAY IS A CASE THAT SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT, IS BREAKING THE LAW IN DOING SO (POMERANTZ!), WAS TURNED DOWN BY ALL OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, AND IS NOT A CRIME. HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

04.01.24-WAKE UP AMERICA! -Prominent conservative judges are warning that Trump is posing a threat that’s like “nothing in American history.” Trump’s attacks on the judges and court staff overseeing his criminal trials have much deeper legal implications than petty fines. Instead, the attacks—and the responding “passivity, acquiescence, and submissiveness by the nation”—are actively undermining the entire judicial system, prominent conservative judges are warning. In a CNN interview Thursday evening, Republican-appointed federal District Judge Reggie B. Walton felt compelled to announce that Trump’s continued attacks could result in “tyranny.” Just hours later, former Appeals Court Judge J. Michael Luttig, also a conservative, issued his own warning cry, declaring that Trump is responsible for the “dismantling” of the nation’s “system of justice.”

03.31.24-PLANNING FOR HIS ARMY OF THUGS-At a recent rally, Trump openly embraced the convicted violent J6 insurrectionists as “heroes” and “unbelievable patriots” while playing the national anthem that he recorded with them! He promised to pardon these ultimate betrayers of our democracy, who brutally beat Capitol police and tried to overturn our 2020 election, if he is reelected. The rule of law means nothing to twice impeached, four-time indicted fraudster Donald Trump, and it will mean nothing to MAGA if he retakes the White House. (The Crazy Eight)

03.30.24-SHOWING HIS TRUE CHARACTER-At Johnathon Diller's wake, Trump was uninterested in trying to bring the country together to make sense of the tragedy. In other words, he was himself. Trump's picture of a national hellscape in which law and order have disappeared is false.

Every president is forced to respond to unexpected tragedy, whether it's a single police officer gunned down, a mass shooting that kills dozens or a natural disaster that takes hundreds of lives. The messages they send at those moments tell us a good deal about how they view themselves in relation to the country. Most presidents usually grasp for unity, trying to find in shock and grief something that can transcend political differences and forge some common purpose, even if only temporarily. Trump is incapable of even trying to create unity out of tragedy. He sees death and despair only as a means of setting Americans against each other or aggrandizing himself. (edited from MSNBC)

03.29.24-I HOPE THIS RIGHT-WING DUMBASS LOSES EVERYTHING SOME DAY-Tesla's "nightmare" of a first quarter will likely be followed by even more disappointment, capping months of struggles for Elon Musk's electric vehicle maker. The Austin, Texas-based company is largely expected to miss Wall Street's expectations for both deliveries and revenue after three months marked by the slowed global demand for EVs and a poor performance in China. On average, analysts expect deliveries of 457,000 units. Tesla "is a growth company with no growth," Wells Fargo analyst Colin Langan wrote in a note to investors on March 13, downgrading the stock to the equivalent of a sell rating. (Quartz)

03.28.24-I AM GAGGING AS I READ THIS-Trump lashed out Wednesday at the judge overseeing his criminal trial in New York — and attacked his daughter as well — just a day after the judge imposed a gag order barring him from speaking about the case. Trump posted messages on his Truth Social media platform that attack Judge Juan Merchan, who is overseeing the criminal trial centered on hush money payments made to block allegations against him in the final days of the 2016 presidential election. Merchan imposed a gag order on Tuesday that bars Trump from making any public statements about witnesses, prosecutors, court staff or jurors in the trial, citing the former president's history of tirades about the case.

03.27.24-THE BIGLIEST OF HYPOCRITES- Melania Trump sponsored her mother to immigrate to the United States through a family-based process that Trump aggressively sought to end, according to federal immigration records released Monday. The records detail for the first time the full path that the former first lady's mother, Amalija Knavs, followed from Slovenia to the United States — and how the Trump administration's policies would have made that far more difficult for others. The Trump campaign declined to comment through a spokeswoman. Melania Trump used a legal pathway that her husband and his top advisers had repeatedly disparaged as "chain migration," the right of U.S. citizens to bring their parents to the United States.

03,26,24-SHE SAYS IT ALL-NBC F**D UP-**MSNBC host Rachel Maddow said Monday that it was "inexplicable" her network had hired former Republican National Committee chair Ronna McDaniel, joining a chorus of program hosts and reporters who have condemned the decision. Maddow: "I want to associate myself with all my colleagues both at MSNBC and at NBC News who have voiced loud and principled objections to our company putting on the payroll someone who hasn't just attacked us as journalists but someone who is part of an ongoing project to get rid of our system of government." "Bad decisions will inevitably happen. Mistakes will be made. But part of our resilience as a democracy is going to be us

recognizing when decisions are bad ones and reversing those bad decisions." Rachel Maddow encourages her colleagues at NBC News to 'take a minute' on their decision to employ Ronna McDaniel.

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03.23.24-JUST LET THEM BURY THEMSELVES!-When it comes to Social Security and Medicare, Republicans just can’t help themselves. Even after years of attempted cuts have backfired, they continue to attempt to sabotage the popular entitlement programs — and in doing so sabotage themselves. The Republican Study Committee insists these changes are necessary to save the programs, which is false. If Social Security’s solvency is the concern, it’s much easier to lift the payroll tax cap, which currently lets high earners pay a smaller share of their income. As for Medicare, Biden’s proposal to raise Medicare taxes on people making more than \$400,000 would extend that program’s solvency into the 2050s. (edited from MSNBC)

03.22.24-I NEED A CROSS TO PUT ON MY FRONT DOOR TO KEEP THE FUTURE JUDGEMENT POLICE AWAY-In the past few weeks, Josh Kovensky of *Talking Points Memo* has deepened our understanding of the right-wing attempt to impose Christian nationalism on the United States through support for Trump and the MAGA movement. On March 9, Kovensky explored the secret, men-only, right-wing society called the Society for American Civic Renewal (SACR), whose well-positioned, wealthy, white leaders call for instituting white male domination and their version of Christianity in the U.S. after a “regime” change. Russ Vought, a key architect of the plans for Trump’s second term, argued that the U.S. should model immigration on the Bible’s Old Testament, welcoming migrants only “so long as they accepted Israel’s God, laws, and understanding of history.”

03.21.24-TESTIMONY FOR MAGA TO IGNORE-Lev Parnas, a convicted criminal and former associate of Rudy Giuliani, said during testimony in the House of Representatives on Wednesday that he and Giuliani knowingly spread misinformation from Russia about President Joe Biden. What's more, said Parnas, the two men knew at the time that this misinformation came from Russian intelligence operatives. "Were you aware, was Mr. Giuliani aware, that these people were basically just doing the bidding of Vladimir Putin?" Raskin asked him. "Absolutely," Parnas replied. "So he had no hesitation about spreading lies that were concocted by Russian agents?" Raskin asked. "As long as it fit the narrative," Parnas said. (Daily Kos)

03.20.24-Bill Clinton-era Labor Secretary Robert Reich compared the tactics and rhetoric once used by Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler with those currently being deployed by Trump, as well as his plans should he win back the White House. These include using threats of violence to gain power, consolidating that power after an election victory by turning “every arm of government into a tool of the party” (which Trump and his allies reportedly want to do), establishing a police state (also an apparent Trump desire), jailing the political opposition (ditto) and undermining the free press. “Once fascism takes hold, those freedoms are gone and

cannot easily be won back,” warned Reich, who has previously explained in a separate video why he [believes Trump is a fascist](#). (HuffPost)

03.19.24-WE ALL KNOW WHAT HE MEANT-Sarah Matthews, a former press aide to Trump, on Monday said that she had no doubts about the message the former president was sending with his weekend warning of a “blood bath” if he doesn’t win back the White House. Trump allies have claimed that the his remark was just about the auto industry and the economy under Biden. But critics — now including Matthews — have highlighted how it’s part of a pattern of incendiary comments from the four-times-indicted ex-POTUS. It follows Trump’s “proven track record of these kinds of unhinged comments,” Matthews told MSNBC’s Jen Psaki, pointing also to his “increasingly violent rhetoric and apocalyptic rhetoric, almost.” These serve as a “warning call” or even marching orders for his supporters, she added. But he “helped incite a deadly insurrection on our nation’s Capital,” she recalled. “So when he’s using terms like ‘blood bath,’ it’s really hard for me to give him the benefit of the doubt.”

03.18.24-THERE IS ONLY ONE ANIMAL AND BAD PERSON IN THIS ARTICLE-Trump demonized immigrants during a campaign rally, telling supporters he thinks of some crossing the border as “animals” or not even “people. In a speech, he described an epidemic of immigrant-committed crimes and claimed, without evidence, that foreign leaders were offloading their prison populations at the southern U.S. border. Trump baselessly suggested other countries were sending gang members and other undesirables to the United States before telling supporters, “I don’t know if you call them ‘people,’ in some cases. They’re not people, in my opinion.” “But I’m not allowed to say that because the radical left says that’s a terrible thing to say,” he defended, later referring to the hypothetical criminal migrants as “animals” and “bad people.” (HuffPost)

03.17.24-TRUMP IS FOSTERING A CIVIL WAR-“Now, if I don’t get elected, it’s going to be a blood bath for the whole — that’s going to be the least of it. It’s going to be a blood bath for the country.” *Is this a person you want to be president? Republicans: make your voice heard against this type of rhetoric!*

He claims he was talking about the destruction of the auto industry. Read about it and make your own decision. ([msn.com](#))

03.16.24-HE NOW OWNS THESE PEOPLE-WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY WILL DO NEXT?-In an attempt to clean up comments he made this week about “cutting” entitlement programs, Trump has vowed in recent days that he would reduce spending on Social Security and Medicare by targeting waste and fraud in those programs. However in the closing months of his presidency, he used his clemency powers to help several people convicted in major Medicare fraud cases, including commuting the sentence of a man the Justice Department had described as having “orchestrated one of the largest health care fraud schemes in U.S. history.” Trump commuted the sentences of at least five people who collectively filed nearly \$1.6 billion in fraudulent claims through Medicare or Medicaid. Among them was Judith Negron, the former owner of a Miami-area mental health company who was sentenced in 2011 to 35 years in prison for her role in filing \$205 million in fraudulent Medicare claims and ordered to pay more than \$87 million in restitution. Trump also granted clemency that year to Daniela Gozes-Wagner, a Houston woman who was sentenced in 2019 to 20 years in prison for helping falsely bill more than \$28 million in claims to Medicare and Medicaid for medical tests that either never happened or were unnecessary. Those tests supposedly took place at 28 testing facilities that turned out to be empty offices — and prosecutors said Gozes-Wagner went so far as to hire “seat warmers” at those offices who were instructed to notify her if Medicare investigators arrived. (Washington Post)

03.14.24-LYING BY MAGA POLITICIANS IS NOW DE RIGUEUR-Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.) tried to defend Trump over his handling of classified documents by basically lying about where the former president stored the boxes of material he took from the White House, by stating they were “in one location behind a locked door.” However, Comer’s claim was bogus, and Rep. Jared Moskowitz helpfully came to his aid with a super-cut showing the places where boxes of classified documents were found at Mar-a-Lago. He captioned the clip: “I spy with my little eye, more than one.” The super-cut

showed that boxes of White House documents were in a variety of places, including a bathroom that was accessible to the public and in a ballroom.

03.13.24-ANOTHER MAGA FAIL-The House Judiciary Committee heard testimony from Robert Hur, the special counsel who investigated Biden for keeping classified materials after leaving the vice presidency. Representative Veronica Escobar walked Hur through some of the major differences between Trump and Biden's cases, primarily that Trump had stored the documents in places that were easily accessed by “tens of thousands of people.” When the government asked Trump to return the documents, he allegedly had his aides hide boxes of files. At another point, Representative Madeleine Dean asked Hur to read out a section of his own report. “Unlike the evidence involving Mr. Biden, the allegations set forth in the indictment of Mr. Trump, if proven, would present serious aggravating facts, most notably, after being given multiple chances to return classified documents and avoid prosecution, Mr. Trump allegedly did the opposite.” AND A former Mar-a-Lago employee has revealed that Donald Trump shared information on the classified documents he kept after leaving the presidency with anyone he felt like. (The New Republic)

03.12.24-WE CAN'T LET THIS LUNATIC LOOSE

- Update-Trump backtracked on comments he made suggesting that he was open to cutting Social Security and Medicare. He told Breitbart News that he wouldn't “jeopardize or hurt” either program. *Do I believe him? NO!*

Trump has offered a new way to win over older voters: suggesting that the government gut Medicare and Social Security spending. He brought up the idea of cutting “entitlements” such as Social Security and Medicaid. “There is a lot you can do in terms of entitlements, in terms of cutting and in terms of also—the theft and the bad management of entitlements,” Trump said. “There's tremendous amounts of things, numbers of things you can do,” he continued, without further elaborating. Trump's mention of the “bad management of entitlements” brings to mind the [Project 2025](#) policy agenda to eliminate and defund social programs. The plan, created by the Heritage Foundation and several other conservative groups to guide a transition to a Trump White House, states firmly that “our deficit problem is a Medicare and Medicaid problem.”

03.11.24-UPDATE to yesterday: OF COURSE, A MAGA FREAK WOULD DISTORT ANYTHING-Sex Trafficking Survivor Calls Out Sen. Britt For Inaccurate SOTU Story. Karla Jacinto Romero, whose experience was distorted by the Alabama senator in a prime-time address, said she believes Britt used her story for political purposes.

AND

MORE VILE, DISGUSTING TRUMP-Critics on X slammed his taunting of Biden, who has worked to overcome his lifelong speech impediment. They also ripped the laughing response of Trump's supporters, who lapped the comment up.

03.10.24-TYPICAL LYING MAGA DISTORTION-If you were watching Katie Britt's speech on Thursday night, you likely would have thought she was talking about a recent victim of sex trafficking who was abused in the United States and suffered because of President Biden's policies. If you did, you would have been wrong. Sean Ross, Britt's communications director, confirmed that she was talking about Karla Jacinto Romero — who has testified before Congress about being forced to work in Mexican brothels from 2004 to 2008. The way Britt sets up the story, there is no indication that she is talking about a woman who was working in brothels in Mexico during the George W. Bush administration. This is how the passage unfolds.

- She first blames Biden for the surge of migrants at the border.
- Then she says she visited the border shortly after she took office. That would be 2023.
- At length, she details the story of an unnamed victim that she says she met on her trip. The implication is that the woman recently crossed the border — because of “sex trafficking by the cartels.”

- She strongly suggests that her abuse took place in the United States: “We wouldn’t be okay with this happening in a Third World country. This is the United States of America, and it is past time, in my opinion, that we start acting like it.”
- She ends by reinforcing that such alleged trafficking is Biden’s fault: “President Biden’s border policies are a disgrace.”

But Biden has nothing to do with Romero’s story. As she testified nine years ago, her mother threw her out of her house at age 12 and she “fell prey to a professional pimp.” Romero was never trafficked to the United States. (Washington Post)

03.09.24-THE REPUBLICAN PARTY NO LONGER EXISTS-Traditionally, members of an opposing party will remain seated when they disagree with the president, and stand up — or at least clap — on matters of bipartisan consensus. Thursday night, many Republicans refused to stand when Joe Biden celebrated even the most fundamental American values and accomplishments. House Speaker Mike Johnson was a particularly awkward example of this, as he grimaced in his chair through the majority of the speech. Johnson and his peers refused to stand to celebrate job growth, plummeting inflation, or Biden’s pledge to buy American goods and products. They didn’t stand up to support literacy or increased access to preschool. They didn’t stand in support of removing lead pipes for clean drinking water, ending cancer or protecting our troops. They refused to stand for IVF, even though most claim they now support it. They refused to stand up against fentanyl traffickers. (MSNBC)

03.08.24-GROTESQUE AND GAUCHE-Last night [Marjorie Taylor Greene](#) again proved that she is total trash!

AND

Great job Joe! You picked the right path. Your speech needed to be aggressive and partisan in order to fight the MAGA freaks. You proved you still have it. The republican response was laughable and theatrical. BTW, don't debate Trump. He would make it a circus.

03.07.24-SYNCOPHANT GRAHAM-THE GOLD STANDARD OF FLIP-FLOPPING-Lindsey Graham said Trump’s 2016 anti-NATO remarks “make the world more dangerous and the United States less safe.” After Trump expressed the same sentiment in 2024, Graham said, “President Trump is right to want NATO nations to meet their obligation.” This is just one of the flip-flops by this little weasel.

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- Kari Lake pals around with white nationalists—and GOP leaders are behind her.
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03.05.24-HUMILITY AND RESTRAINT?-TRUMP DOESN'T KNOW THESE WORDS- Fox News host Trey Gowdy on Monday encouraged Trump to “show humility” after the Supreme Court overturned a Colorado court’s decision to bar the former president from appearing on 2024 ballots. “I would encourage him to do something that he doesn’t often do, which is show humility, because there are other decisions that are coming that he may not agree with,” the former GOP congressman from South Carolina said. “I don’t think he’s going to win the presidential immunity case before the court,” he added. “So, you know, it’s confusing when you say ‘I love you’ on one day and ‘I hate you’ the next. Show a little restraint when you win. Show a little restraint when you don’t win.”

03.03.24-NEVER WAS A CASE-Rep. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, issued the following statement after Committee Republicans released the transcript from the deposition of Hunter Biden: *“Hunter Biden’s testimony debunked and demolished—once more—all the false claims and conspiracy theories that make up this hopeless impeachment inquiry. “Hunter Biden repeatedly made clear that Joe Biden was not involved in, did not profit from, and took no official actions to benefit any of his business ventures. Hunter Biden supported this testimony with specific evidence throughout the deposition about a variety of his own business ventures. “More than 100,000 pages of documents and dozens of hours of testimony from more than a dozen witnesses have definitively established that there has been no wrongdoing by President Biden, much less an impeachable offense. It’s time to fold up the circus tent and send all the jugglers, clowns, and elephants home.”*

03.02.24-TRUMP STUDENT-Offensive comments by N.C. Republican Mark Robinson, favored to win the Republican nomination for governor stand out even in Trump’s party. There was the time he called school shooting survivors “media prosti-tots” for advocating for gun-control policies. The meme mocking a Harvey Weinstein accuser, and the other [meme](#) mocking actresses for wearing “whore dresses to protest sexual harassment.” The prediction that rising acceptance of homosexuality would lead to pedophilia and “the END of civilization as we know it”; the [talk of](#) arresting transgender people for their bathroom choice; the use of antisemitic tropes; the Facebook posts calling Hillary Clinton a “heifer” and Michelle Obama a man. (HuffPost)

03.01.24-MAGA DICTATORS ARE COMING-Large parts of the Republican Party now treat Vladimir Putin as if he were an ideological ally. Putin, by contrast, continues to treat the U.S. as an enemy. Trump and many other Republicans seem to feel ideological sympathies with Putin’s version of right-wing authoritarian nationalism. They see the world dividing between a liberal left and an illiberal right, with both themselves and Putin — along with Viktor Orban of Hungary and some other world leaders — in the second category. Whatever the explanation, the situation threatens decades of bipartisan consensus about U.S. national security. Trump has suggested that he might abandon the U.S. commitment to NATO, an alliance that exists to contain Russia and that Putin loathes. He recently invited Russia to “to do whatever the hell they want” to NATO countries that don’t spend enough on their own defense. Trump has also avoided criticizing Putin for the mysterious death this month of his most prominent domestic critic, Aleksei Navalny, and has repeatedly praised Putin as a strong and smart leader. In a town hall last year, Trump refused to say whether he wanted Ukraine or Russia to win the war. (NYT)

02.29.24-PLEASE DUMP THIS IDIOT-Rep. Lauren Boebert went on the attack accusing the Biden's of being a corrupt crime family just hours before her son was arrested on 22 separate charges. Boebert and the MAGAs have wasted taxpayer time and money on a Trump inspired crusade to impeach President Biden, but in over a year, they have produced NO evidence! Boebert is an embarrassment to Colorado and America. She's obstructing the work of the people to carry out retribution for Trump. MAGA's star witness in the impeachment hearing is a twice arrested and admitted liar with ties to Russian intelligence officers. Maybe that's the crime family Boebert meant to tweet about? Lauren's ex husband was arrested last month for assault, and Lauren herself has a history of arrests. Maybe she meant to say the Boebert Crime Family?

02.28.24-SEVERAL REPUBLICANS HAVE DONE THIS WITH BILLS THEY VOTED AGAINST, I SEEM TO REMEMBER-Rep. Maria Salazar (R-Fla.) this month celebrated delivering \$1.4 million to a children's hospital in her district. Except Salazar voted against the bill that provided this money. "I am thrilled to have secured over \$1.4 million to provide cutting-edge medicine to children and help the hospital confront our nation's growing mental health crisis." But as her own press release states, this money came from the Fiscal Year 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act — a bill she opposed. What's strange is that Salazar is not just trying to take credit for money that she voted against, she openly cites where this funding came from — and it's very easy to look up her vote on this bill. It's as if she is just hoping nobody notices. It's not the first time the Florida congresswoman has been caught taking credit for bills she opposed. Last month, a CBS News Miami reporter called her out for doing this with two other bills, the CHIPS and Science Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Both of those bills delivered money to Salazar's district that she touted, despite her votes against them. Pressed on those votes, Salazar said she forgot about them."Listen I, that was, I think, last cycle. I cannot really remember right now," she said. (HuffPost)

02.27.24-THEIR INFLUENCE IS GROWING IN REPUBLICAN CIRCLES-NBC Journalist Shows CPAC Head Matt Schlapp The Nazis Who Attended. The head honcho of (CPAC) went scorched-earth on an NBC News report that noted the number of Nazis at its annual gathering this weekend. But Matt Schlapp's furious denial of a Nazi presence at CPAC seemed to fall apart after the reporter who wrote the article brought the receipts. Ben Goggin's article noted that, unlike in previous years, when conference organizers ejected well-known neo-Nazis and white supremacists, such as Nick Fuentes, the extremists didn't face any resistance this time. Goggin's article, published Saturday, included photos from the event that showed people who've admitted being Nazis. But even though Goggin's article linked to a video of a self-proclaimed Nazi, Ryan Sanchez, giving the Nazi salute in the hotel lobby, CPAC angrily denied that white supremacists had a presence at CPAC in separate posts on X.

02.26.24-WHEN WILL THE TRUMP SUPPORTERS WISE UP?-Former Trump White House staffer Sarah Matthews on Sunday sounded the alarm on Trump's increasingly disturbing comments. The former president has "gotten more unhinged in his rhetoric," Matthews told MSNBC's Jen Psaki. "Obviously, Donald Trump's first four years in office were marked by lots of controversies but I think that the type of rhetoric that he is using today, it's really concerning," Matthews said. "It's almost Hitler-esque in a way, especially when he talks about things like immigration, saying things like, 'Poisoning the blood of our country.'" Matthews acknowledged that it may sound "pretty alarmist" to warn of her former boss' threat to democracy if he wins a second term. But she urged voters to listen to Trump's own words, like when he said he'd be a dictator on day one, and think about his actions, such as his efforts to overturn the 2020 election result. (MSN)

02.25.24-SICK FAR-RIGHT MAGA CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM-Alabama Chief Justice Tom Parker, who wrote the concurring opinion in last week's explosive Alabama Supreme Court ruling that frozen embryos have the same rights as living children, recently appeared on a show hosted by self-anointed "prophet" and QAnon conspiracy theorist Johnny Enlow. "God created government," he told Enlow, adding that it's "heartbreaking" that "we have let it go into the possession of others." That a state's chief Supreme Court justice would associate himself with Enlow is a cause for alarm. Enlow is a prolific conspiracy theorist, often weaving QAnon apocrypha with prophecies he claims to receive

directly from God. Enlow has claimed that Trump “is on assignment” from God to work with the angels Michael and Gabriel to take down George Soros and Bill Gates, among others; he has claimed that Russian President Vladimir Putin is fighting “Luciferian pedophiles” in Ukraine, in a battle to stop them from deploying vaccines and 5G that would turn people into transhumanist semi-robots; and he has claimed that the majority of other world leaders are “satanic” pedophiles who “steal blood” and “do sacrifices.” (HuffPost)

02.24.24-MY LAST REFERENCE TO THIS LOSER-Top aides to Florida Gov. DeSantis blocked the release of records detailing his taxpayer-funded travel and retaliated against those who favored making them public, according to sworn statements from two former Florida Department of Law Enforcement officials. The statements were filed Wednesday in Leon County Circuit Court as part of a Washington Post lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a new Florida law limiting release of the governor’s travel records. The officials describe DeSantis’s staff demanding a close review of many requests from media organizations, often hampering the release of public information. (Washington Post)

02.23.24-NO SURPRISE!-A bipartisan ethics panel in Wisconsin has recommended felony charges against one of Trump’s fundraising arms in relation to an alleged scheme that it says was meant to circumvent campaign finance laws to take out a powerful GOP lawmaker who has turned against Trump. The prosecution referrals became public Friday and add to the legal troubles of the former president, who is already facing 91 charges in four cases in other jurisdictions. The Wisconsin Ethics Commission this week found probable cause that Trump’s Save America committee and several state and local Republican officials committed felonies and recommended several district attorneys investigate and prosecute them, according to records released Friday. (Washington Post)

02.21.24-SOME DAY IT WILL BE REVEALED WHAT PUTIN HAS ON TRUMP-Trump, who didn't have the courage to condemn Russian President Vladimir Putin for Navalny's death, instead tweeted out a mopey, self-obsessed, and abjectly delusional screed likening Navalny's treatment in a Russian penal colony to his own here at home. (Washington Post)

02.20.24-ANOTHER PART OF HIS FASCIST PLAN-Trump has promised his supporters that in a second term he would launch “the largest domestic deportation operation in American history.” To deport as many as ten million of what he called “foreign national invaders,” Trump advisor Stephen Miller explained on a November podcast, the administration would federalize National Guard troops from Republican-dominated states and send them around the country to round people up, moving them to “large-scale staging grounds near the border, most likely in Texas,” that would serve as internment camps. (Washington Post)

AND THIS:

WTH?-Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita just launched a portal for people to report what he called “socialist indoctrination from classrooms.”

02.19.24-WE DIDN'T NEED HISTORIANS TO TELL US THIS-Presidential historians in a new survey rank President Biden as the 14th best president in American history — and put Trump last.

- The tally came from 154 presidential specialists who are current and recent members of the American Political Science Association. They were asked to give every president a score, from 0 to 100.
- Abraham Lincoln topped the list with an average score of 95; Biden scored an average of 62.66, putting him two spots above Ronald Reagan. Trump averaged just under 11 points.

02.18.24-\$354M. If he pays, let's see who he screws out of the money!

02.17.24-ANOTHER BLOW TO THE MAGA WHICH HUNT-An FBI informant has been charged with lying to his handler about ties between President Joe Biden, his son Hunter and a Ukrainian energy company. Alexander Smirnov falsely told

FBI agents in June 2020 that executives associated with the Ukrainian energy company Burisma paid Hunter and Joe Biden \$5 million each in 2015 or 2016, prosecutors said Thursday. Smirnov told the FBI that a Burisma executive had claimed to have hired Hunter Biden to “protect us, through his dad, from all kinds of problems,” prosecutors said. He repeated some of the false claims when he was interviewed by FBI agents in September 2023 and changed his story about others and “promoted a new false narrative after he said he met with Russian officials,” prosecutors said. Smirnov, 43, was indicted on charges of making a false statement and creating a false and fictitious record. (Daily Kos)

02.16.24-SO WELL SAID-A veterans group hammered Trump as “Putin’s puppet” in an ad released Thursday, calling out the former U.S. president’s latest attack on the NATO military alliance. Trump over the weekend said that he’d encourage Russia, led by President Vladimir Putin, to do “whatever the hell they want” to “delinquent” NATO members that don’t pay their “bills” — seemingly ignoring the fact that member countries don’t actually pay fees but instead promise to spend 2% of their gross domestic product on defense. “Putin’s puppet is back with a vengeance and Republicans are marching in lockstep, following orders to strangle the freedom fighters in Ukraine, threatening to break the NATO alliance that’s kept the West safe, and encouraging Putin to invade our European allies,” began the narrator of the new ad, released by the VoteVets political action committee. “Just ask the people of Poland, Finland and the Baltics whose borders are already under assault from Russia whether they trust Putin the way Trump does,” the narrator continued. “Ask the parents of American service members if they are ready to sacrifice their kids’ lives for Trump’s weakness.” (HuffPost) *Let alone his degrading comments referring to American Military members as losers and suckers.*

12.14.24-ANOTHER DUMBASS REPUBLICAN POLITICIAN-How convinced is Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.) that Joe Biden deserves all the blame for the current issues at the U.S.-Mexico border? So convinced that he’s willing to use a photo taken in 2018 — when Trump was president — to make his point. On Tuesday night, around the time House Republicans were voting to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for no good reason, Edwards posted a photo of a road filled with a large crowd of people, implied to be seeking asylum in the U.S. Overlaid on the photo was a little image of Biden seemingly exclaiming “I Did That!” (Huffington Post)

12.13.24-BEFORE YOU MAGA FANS GET TOO EXCITED-The Black National Anthem was written in 1900 and performed for the first time at a celebration of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. It has been called the “Black national anthem” since 1919, 12 years before “The Star-Spangled Banner” was officially chosen as the national anthem. And, it is National Black History Month!

02.12.24-THE MONSTER SPEAKS-UNAMERICAN, APPALLING AND UNHINGED-Trump said on Saturday that, when he was president, he told leaders of NATO countries he would look the other way if Russia were to invade an ally he felt wasn’t spending enough on defense. When Trump was in office in 2017, he was initially critical of the agreement’s Article 5 clause, which states an attack on any NATO member will be treated as an attack against all members, before reversing course. But the US’ commitment to its NATO allies will come into question again if Trump retakes the White House, particularly after his speech raised alarm on both sides of the Atlantic. The White House called Trump’s comments “appalling and unhinged,” and the head of NATO said his suggestion “undermines all of our security.” (Morning Brew)

.11.24-SLIMY OPPORTUNIST-Senate Republicans rejected the most conservative immigration policy bill in recent decades Wednesday. Just four of them voted for the combined border security and Ukraine aid package. And South Carolina’s Lindsey Graham was not one of them. Graham had argued in favor of the deal just days before on Fox News. He said it would bring “real change” immigration laws and stem border crossings. “I hope people keep an open mind,” Graham said Sunday, before he voted against the bill on Wednesday. Now the Senate is set up to pass the supplemental aid bill to Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan without the border provisions. What does the bill need to include to pass muster with Graham? Border security. You’ll really can’t make this shit up. (Daily Kos)

02.09.24-MAGA BILL RECAP-REALY???

- Republicans have been hyperventilating about the "border crisis" on TV ever since Donald Trump left office
- Three-and-a-half-month Speaker Mike Johnson refused to consider further aid to Ukraine without tackling the border
- Democrats and Republicans negotiated a bipartisan border bill in which Democrats conceded a *lot*
- Then Donald Trump, seeing a bipartisan bill actually coming together, opposed it because he wants to keep yelling about the "border crisis" on TV while running for president
- Republicans, completely subservient to their lord and master Trump, *killed their own bipartisan bill*
- Then, just a day later, House Republicans tried to impeach Homeland Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas because of the "border crisis"—and in typical House Republican fashion, they failed, LOL

Let that sink in: Republicans demanded action, stopped action from happening, then tried to impeach someone because there had been no action. Republicans have a razor-thin majority in the House and they don't deserve it. Democrats only need to flip five seats to take back the House.

02.08.24-SICK POLITICS-Conservative radio host Jesse Kelly stepped forward to boast that he is who Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.) said had threatened to “destroy” him over his push for the now-nixed bipartisan bill on immigration. In a Senate floor speech on Wednesday, Lankford said an unnamed “popular commentator” had “told me flat out, ‘If you try to move a bill that solves the border crisis during this presidential year, I will do whatever I can to destroy you because I do not want you to solve this before the presidential election.’ The lawmaker added, “By the way, they have been faithful to their promise and have done everything they can to destroy me in the past several weeks.” The bill came under relentless fire from Trump and his allies, who see immigration as key to his reelection in November. (HuffPost)

02.07.24-DISGUSTING TRAITOR-CNN's Abby Phillip on Tuesday crushed Tucker Carlson’s lies one by one. The claims he makes in a video would not surprise those familiar with the fired Fox News star’s opposition to funding for Ukraine. Phillip introduces Carlson’s clip from Moscow by declaring he is “lying from the streets of Russia, no less.” Carlson asserts that “not a single Western journalist has bothered to interview” Putin in the war. “That’s a lie,” Phillip counters, noting that CNN and other outlets have requested an interview repeatedly. (Even the Kremlin acknowledged the multiple requests, essentially debunking the man whom Phillip dismissed as another propaganda arm of Russian state media.) Phillip destroys Carlson’s claim that he’s in journalism. “Tucker Carlson is not a journalist,” she says. “Not even close.” The host referred to a court case in which Fox News admitted that Carlson was “not stating actual facts” and was “engaging in exaggeration and nonliteral commentary. (HuffPost)

02.06.24-WTH?-GOP SET TO TORPEDO BILL IT DEMANDED In a stunning reversal, Senate Republicans on Monday signaled their plan to filibuster bipartisan legislation that paired border policy with more U.S. aid to Ukraine. Republican Sen. James Lankford, who spent months negotiating the border provisions the GOP demanded, said he may vote against his own bill this week. [HuffPost]

02.05.24-PAYBACK FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE HE SCREWED OUT OF MONEY-Anthony Scaramucci suspects Trump will start feeling the pinch in 2024 as he faces a verdict in his civil fraud trial and mounting legal bills. Last month, a New York jury ordered Trump to pay \$83.3 million to writer E. Jean Carroll in the defamation case she brought against him. The judge overseeing his fraud case, in which New York’s attorney general is seeking \$370 million in damages, is also poised to hand down a verdict in the coming weeks. Scaramucci, a Wall Street financier who served briefly as Trump’s White House press secretary in 2017, said his former boss may be able to put up the money for the Carroll damages, but “if he gets hit with another 370 or so million, I think he is going to be forced to liquidate assets or expand the balance sheet in terms of taking loans on his assets.” He noted that Trump will soon have to pay tens of millions, perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars in legal fees as he battles four criminal indictments. “And so there’s an avalanche about to hit him on the financial side,” Scaramucci said, noting that the Republican National Committee is also dealing with

cash flow problems. “They’re looking for loans themselves,” he added. “The big donors don’t want to support [Trump](#) or be anywhere near him. And so I think there’s a cataclysm coming in the second half of 2024.” (HuffPost)

02.03.24-MINDLESS MAGAS-“Weekend Update” co-host Colin Jost clowned MAGA world on Saturday for pushing a Taylor Swift conspiracy theory. He explained the theory, which claims the upcoming Super Bowl is being rigged so the Kansas City Chiefs can win and make way for Swift to come onto the field with Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce to endorse President Joe Biden.“ Man, MAGA people have so many enemies to keep track of,” Jost said. “You have to hate the NFL, Taylor Swift, Bud Light, Disney, Kristen Stewart for some reason, electric stoves, windmills, the concept of rainbows and the green M&M.” Jost then added to his list of MAGA world’s frustrations by going after Trump. “And you have to think that everybody in the government is a secret pedophile except for this guy dancing with Jeffrey Epstein,” said Jost, who pointed to a 1992 clip of Trump dancing next to the disgraced financier at his Mar-a-Lago estate. “I mean, isn’t that the happiest you’ve ever seen Trump? He’s dancing like nobody is checking IDs.”

02.02.24-

- **BIDEN REPORTEDLY UNLOADS ON TRUMP IN PRIVATE** President Joe Biden has reportedly been dropping some major f-bombs when speaking in private about Trump. “The president has described Trump to longtime friends and close aides as a ‘sick fuck’ who delights in others’ misfortunes.”
- **'MEA CULPA'** Larry Kudlow, one of Trump’s leading economic advisers, now admits he was wrong about the predictions he made for the economy under Biden. "I was wrong about the slowdown and the recession, so was the entire forecasting fraternity," he said. (HuffPost)
- **Fox News White House correspondent Peter Doocy** had some bad news for “Fox & Friends” on Thursday — and that meant it was good news for President Joe Biden. From the White House, Doocy, who’s been known to get on Biden’s nerves, reported on a new Quinnipiac poll showing the incumbent ahead of Donald by six points in their probable November rematch. (HuffPost)

02.01.24-SANCTIMONIOUS MAGA: America is not and has never been a Christian Nation. In this country people can worship how they please — what they can’t do is make *other people* worship the way they like, and they can’t try to implement their religious morals onto other people who aren’t part of that religion. MAGA isn’t talking about Christian freedom - they are talking about *Christian Supremacy*, where Christians make the rules and everyone else has to submit to them. Most Americans do not support this idea. 73% of us believe that Religion should be kept separate from government policies according to Pew Research. (Daily Kos) *First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;* (Daily Kos)

01.31.24-YOU MEAN CRAZIER!-Conservative attorney George Conway has some blunt advice on dealing with Trump. “Make him crazy,” he told MSNBC’s Jen Psaki on Monday. Conway said the former president is already unstable but added that there’s a way to get even deeper under his skin: through his insecurities. “The reason why he is the way he is, the reason why he is this pathological narcissist, is because he’s deeply insecure,” Conway said. “He knows that he’s a fraud. He knows he’s not as smart as he says he is, he knows he’s not as good as he says he is, he knows he’s a rapist, he knows he’s a liar.” Conway said that when Trump is confronted with this reality, “he melts.” (HuffPost)

01.30.24-OMG!-Newsmax host Greg Kelly said Monday that the passion of Taylor Swift’s fans constitutes idolatry and is, therefore, a sin. MSNBC’s Jen Psaki on Monday mocked the “MAGA meltdown” among right-wingers over pop superstar Taylor Swift. “Guys. I mean, are you all OK?” asked the former Biden White House press secretary. “Seriously,” she added. “Take a walk, shake it off, as she would say.” Psaki examined growing conservative outrage over Swift’s political pronouncements in recent years, from her public endorsement of Democratic candidates in the 2018 midterms to her backing of Joe Biden against Trump in 2020.

01.29.24-DONALD DEMENTIA-Dr. Jonathan Reiner put the former president on blast for his claim about cognitive testing. "If you think a dementia screening test is very difficult, you may have early dementia," Reiner wrote on X: Trump has repeatedly insisted that the test is very hard, and earlier this month claimed it contains advanced math such as "multiply 3,293 times 4, divide by 3." It does not, as can be seen on a sample test here. The test was created to help doctors detect the warning signs of the cognitive impairments that can lead to dementia. "It is supposed to be easy for someone who has no cognitive impairment," Dr. Ziad Nasreddine, who developed the test, told MarketWatch in 2020.

01.28.24-MUST BE GOOD IF FOX THINKS SO, RIGHT MAGAS?-News that the U.S. economy grew at a brisk 3.3% annual pace since October wasn't just good: It was great in a lot of ways. On average, the economy grew a robust 2.5% in 2023—a year in which analysts practically tried to speak a recession into reality. No such luck. In fact, from the fourth quarter of 2022 to the fourth quarter of 2023, the economy grew 3.1%. The combination of increasing consumption, low unemployment, and falling inflation even had a Fox Business reporter gushing over President Joe Biden's economy. "It's a sweet spot," remarked Fox Business' Lauren Simonetti, calling consumption "formidable" over the holidays. "We're seeing an economy that is proving resilient—growing as inflation is moderating. That's why I'm calling this the sweet spot, right? Enough growth to cool inflation."

01.27.24-ARE THERE ANY NORMAL REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS LEFT?-Bitter divisions between Republicans in the Missouri Senate culminated in a proposed rule change that would allow senators to settle their differences by challenging each other to a duel. Missouri's Senate Democrats posted details of the suggested amendment on X on Wednesday. "If a senator's honor is impugned by another senator to the point that it is beyond repair and in order for the offended senator to gain satisfaction, such senator may rectify the perceived insult to the senator's honor by challenging the offending senator to a duel," the proposal read.

01.26.24-FOOLS RUSH IN-Rep. Jamie Raskin and the Democrats have been joined by a new set of critics attacking Comer and his pointless Biden investigation. As Kerry Eleveld reported earlier, Republicans are none too happy that this absurd "investigation" has gone on so long and come up so dry. "James Comer continues to embarrass himself and House Republicans. He screws up over and over and over," said a source identified as "close" to House GOP leadership, who appeared to be playing CYA for the leadership team. The source's big fear was that Comer would ultimately fail to provide the foundation necessary (i.e. evidence) to follow through with impeaching Biden. These anonymous Republicans don't seem to be seriously considering that maybe Comer is failing not because he's incompetent (or at least, not *only* because he's incompetent) but because Joe Biden did nothing wrong. But then, they are Republicans. They're used to having leaders whose closets are jam-packed with skeletons.

01.25.24-FALLING APART!

- Trump on Wednesday privately pressured Senate Republicans to "kill" a bipartisan deal to secure the U.S. border because he doesn't want President Joe Biden to chalk up a win ahead of the 2024 presidential election.
- Sarah Matthews, who briefly served as Trump's deputy press secretary, happily defied Trump's warning to Nikki Haley donors by giving money to Haley's campaign on Wednesday.
- Trump missed an opportunity after winning New Hampshire's GOP presidential primary against Nikki Haley on Tuesday, according to a conservative commentator for CNN. "He could've walked out there and just said: 'This race is over. I appreciate all my opponents. I appreciate Ambassador Haley. And he just couldn't do it.'"
- Mary Trump explained on Thursday why reported "shrinking" crowd sizes and low attendances at some of Donald Trump's 2024 campaign rallies will infuriate him.
- Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.) on Wednesday suggested he had no problem with the derogatory nicknames that Trump gives his opponents and perceived enemies. But he said Trump had crossed the line attacking his Republican presidential primary rival Nikki Haley in his New Hampshire GOP primary victory speech.
- Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) has been one of Trump's staunchest supporters in public, but an upcoming book reportedly claims he was anything but during his secret testimony to a grand jury. Graham "turned on a dime 'and

threw Trump under the bus” during his testimony in the Georgia election subversion case, according to a Politico account of an upcoming book.

- Trump on Wednesday stepped up his attacks on Nikki Haley as he issued a threat to every single person who donates to her campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. But his threat against Haley’s donors may have had the opposite effect of what he intended as his critics jumped on Twitter, to slam the “mob boss” tactics, with some announcing that they were donating to her campaign in spite of him.

01.24.24-EMPTY ELISE-Former Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) slammed Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) for her ongoing efforts to downplay the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S Capitol. Stefanik has referred to the Trump supporters arrested for attacking the Capitol as “hostages” and on Tuesday called the special committee that investigated the attack a “sham” in a statement. In response, Cheney, the former vice chair of the Jan. 6 committee, pointed to Stefanik’s statement from the day of the attack, where she called it a “tragic day for America” and said, “The perpetrators of this un-American violence and destruction must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.” Cheney described the past statement as a “rare moment of honesty” from Stefanik. “One day she will have to explain how and why she morphed into a total crackpot,” Cheney wrote on Twitter.

01.23.24-TRUMP TRUMPED-President Joe Biden on Monday marked record-high stock market numbers with a dig at Trump. Just before the 2020 election, Trump predicted a Biden win would lead to “a stock market collapse the likes of which you’ve never had.” Biden tweeted a clip of Trump’s prediction alongside a separate clip from Fox News on Monday announcing record closes for both the Dow and the S&P 500.

01.22.24-I HEARD THIS TODAY-"Ron DeSantis is Ted Cruz without the personality!"

THIS IS LIKE TRUMP VOTING FOR DeSANTIS!-Meet the Press” moderator Kristen Welker pressed New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu (R) for being open to supporting Trump despite his criticism of the former president. Welker asked Sununu, who has backed Republican candidate Nikki Haley and slammed the former president on several occasions, about Trump’s call for the president to have “total immunity” from prosecution for crimes they may commit in office — even for matters that “cross the line.” Sununu, when asked about the former president’s argument, disagreed with him. “The amazing thing about that clip is he was dead serious. He wasn’t even making one of his ridiculous jokes. He was dead serious about that,” Sununu said of the GOP front-runner. “And that should give everybody — I don’t care what political party you’re from, whether you’re an extreme conservative or a socialist liberal — everybody should be concerned with that type of mentality going into the White House.” Welker stepped in to add a footnote to Sununu’s criticism. “And yet, you are saying if he is the nominee that you are going to support him. How can you say that you’ll support him, given that you disagree with that statement?” she asked Sununu, who said he’d support Trump as the GOP nominee even if he’s convicted.

01.21.24-MORE TRUMP GIBBERISH REFLECTS HIS COGNITIVE DECLINE-“We’re...going to place strong protections to stop banks and regulators from trying to debank you from your—you know, your political beliefs, what they do. They want to debank you, and we’re going to debank—think of this. They want to take away your rights. They want to take away your country. The things they’re doing. All electric cars.”

AND THIS;

Attorney Joe Tacopina, who represented Trump until last week, stated that his former client is very likely to be convicted by special counsel Jack Smith.

01.20.24-DESPERATE RACIST MADMAN-In a lengthy post on his social media platform Friday, Trump gave his GOP rival a nickname that appeared to be yet another racist dog whistle. Writing on Truth Social, Trump repeatedly referred to Haley as “Nimbra,” an apparent intentional misspelling of her birth name. Haley, whose parents moved to the United

States in the 1960s, was born Nimarata Nikki Randhawa. Reminiscent of his spurious claims about former president Barack Obama's citizenship, Trump also last week spread a false "birther" claim about Haley when he shared a post on Truth Social from the Gateway Pundit, a far-right website that propagates baseless accusations. The post falsely suggested Haley was ineligible to be president or vice president because her parents were not U.S. citizens when she was born. This is not true. The Constitution states that a natural-born citizen can be president, and Haley automatically became a U.S. citizen when she was born in South Carolina in 1972.

01.19.24-HE WANTS TO BE ABLE TO EXECUTE PEOPLE-Hannity questioning Trump: What is your closing message to the people of New Hampshire? Trump: ... You take immunity from the president, so important, you will have a president that's not going to be able to do anything.

Twitter users' comments:

- His answer to a totally unrelated question. Dude is terrified. Wow. Is all he can think about.
- If Trump is innocent like he claims, then why does he need immunity?
- Can anyone name another American President in history who NEEDED immunity?

01.18.24-IF HE IS ELECTED KISS THE FREE PRESS GOODBYE-“Last night, it was amazing,” Trump said, referring to what was actually an underwhelming victory in the sparsely attended Iowa caucuses. “NBC and CNN refused to air my victory speech—think of it—because they are crooked, they’re dishonest, and, frankly, they should have their licenses, or whatever they have, taken away.” Unsurprisingly, that was a lie. Both networks [aired portions](#) before cutting away to the other candidates’ speeches, which is how these things are typically covered. But Trump insisted he’d been unfairly singled out. “They put on Nikki Haley. She came in third, a distant third—like, I mean, a distant third,” Trump continued. “And they put on Ron DeSanctimonious [DeSantis], who came in a boring second.”

01.17.24-DISGUSTING BEHAVIOR BY A REVOLTING LUNATIC-Trump is directly responsible for the harassment of officials involved in his multiple criminal and civil cases, Obama-era acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal said Tuesday. Amid a recent uptick in threats, bomb hoaxes and fake swatting reports, MSNBC’s Jen Psaki asked Katyal if the harassment would be taking place “if not for” the Republican 2024 front-runner’s divisive comments. “There’s no question in mind [it] wouldn’t,” Katyal replied. “Judges, prosecutors, witnesses, court officials, they shouldn’t need round-the-clock protection and it’s defendant Trump’s hateful and dishonest rhetoric that’s fueling these kind of threats,” he added. Katyal suggested Trump could “put an end to all this with a single social media post.” “The public knows it, officials know it, Trump knows it,” he added. But Trump is “making a deliberate decision to stay quiet about these threats and stir it up and then pretend, ‘Oh, who me? I had nothing to do with it.’” He added, “It’s preposterous and horrible.”

01.15.24-I GUESS TRUMP DID NOT REALIZE HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF-In Iowa he said “These caucuses are your personal chance to score the ultimate victory over all of the liars, cheaters, thugs, perverts, frauds, crooks, freaks, creeps and other quite nice people.”

Oh, and this: Jesse Waters of Fox News wonders if Taylor Swift is a psyops Pentagon asset because she is trying to help people register to vote.

01.13.24-WHAT MORE IS THERE TO SAY?

---Former Fox News host Bill O’Reilly was a rather staunch supporter of Florida’s book ban laws. That is until two of his own books were temporarily removed from the Escambia County School District — pending further investigation.

---A New York judge ordered Trump to pay nearly \$400,000 in legal fees to The New York Times and three of its reporters after his failed lawsuit in 2021 over the newspaper’s bombshell reports on his tax records.

---Fifteen Republican-led states have declined to participate in a new federal program from the Biden administration aimed at combating food insecurity among low-income families. No Democratic-led states declined.

---Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) demanded Trump return the \$7.8 million foreign governments paid to his company while he served as president in a letter released on Friday.

01.12.24-LOONEY LOOMER-Far-right and Islamophobic activist Laura Loomer put up this post on X, Is the Deep State activating HAARP to disrupt the Iowa Caucus? We all know Nikki Haley has a lot of friends in the defense industry and Military industrial complex. She's losing in Iowa, and now Iowa is set to get hit with a ONCE IN A DECADE blizzard as Donald Trump is set to dominate the Iowa Caucus. Looks like weather manipulation to me. Take a look at this weather radar below and how the incoming snow storm accelerated out of nowhere.

The High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) is a University of Alaska Fairbanks program which researches the ionosphere – the highest, ionized part of Earth's atmosphere.

01.11.24-THEY JUST DON'T CARE-Republicans consistently vote against child care. They vote against universal pre-K. They vote against expanding child tax credits. They vote against SNAP, even though nearly half of SNAP recipients are children. They vote against Medicaid, when, *again*, around half of recipients are children. When Republicans stripped women of their reproductive rights, we read in horror about young girls forced to give birth after being assaulted. Of the 10 states with the highest child poverty rates, eight voted for Trump in 2016 (and 2020). The facts are clear: Haley and her fellow Republicans are simply lying when they claim to prioritize "helping" children and mothers.

01.10.24-DESPARATE DINGBAT-Law professors, attorneys and legal analysts have roundly dismissed Trump's claim to have "absolute immunity" from prosecution for any acts he committed when president. The argument was greeted with skepticism from the panel. As it was by legal experts commenting on the claim. Harvard University constitutional law professor Laurence Tribe told MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell it was "a ridiculous argument." He said, "It would be absolutely astonishing if any panel of judges, let alone a panel as qualified and smart as this one, were to give the Trump argument the time of day." He added, "It's not an argument that any real lawyer would have come up with" and "makes no sense."

01.09.24-LIAR'S LIE-Trump's latest untruth received a swift fact check on Twitter. He claimed gas is now selling for "5, 6, 7 and even \$8 a gallon" during an interview with former Fox News host Lou Dobbs.

AND THIS:

Former U.S. Attorney Harry Litman explained why newly emerged testimony — including from Dan Scavino, former deputy chief of staff for communications in the Trump White House — is the final "nail in the coffin" that proves Trump had no intention of calling off his supporters during their attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Trump "was just not interested" in halting the violence, Scavino told special counsel Jack Smith's investigation into Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election and Trump's role in the insurrection, per a new report from ABC News on Sunday.

01.08.24-RELENTLESS STUPIDITY-Trump's weird campaign rally tangent about magnets attracted mockery on social media. The Republican 2024 front-runner on Friday complained to a crowd of supporters in Mason City, Iowa, about electric catapults and magnetic elevator systems for U.S. aircraft carriers. The four-times-indicted former president polarized with this line: "All I know about magnets is this, give me a glass of water, let me drop it on the magnets, that's the end of the magnets." *Magnets work underwater and are not affected by water. (Magnetic fields are not the same as electrical circuits.)*

01.07.24-DISGUSTING VERMIN-Meghan McCain slammed Trump for mocking her late father, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), over injuries he sustained during his career in the military. "My dad was an American hero. An icon. A patriot

that will be remembered throughout history. I cannot buy a bagel without someone approaching me about how much they loved and miss him.” “Trump is a piece of shit, election denying, huckster whose own wife won’t campaign with him.” Trump name-dropped McCain as he remarked on efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act during his administration. “Obamacare is a catastrophe, nobody talks about it. You know, without John McCain, we would’ve had it done,” said Trump of McCain, who voted against a Republican measure that would’ve repealed parts of the act in 2017. Trump later made a thumbs down gesture, imitating McCain’s vote at the time: “John McCain, for some reason, couldn’t get his arm up that day, remember? He goes ... like that. That was the end of that.” McCain spent 5 1/2 years in a North Vietnamese prison, where he was subjected to torture after his Skyhawk dive bomber was shot down in 1967. At the time, he was a lieutenant commander in the Navy.

01.05.24-REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS ARE A BUNCH OF ZEROS-Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) slammed his own party on Thursday, bemoaning its lack of accomplishments in 2023. “In my opinion, we have nothing to go out there and campaign on, Chris. It’s embarrassing,” Biggs told Newsmax host Chris Salcedo. “The Republican party and the Congress of the Majority has zero accomplishments,” Salcedo agreed. Biggs made the remark after he was asked about the House Republican majority’s “complete failures” to pass 12 annual spending bills on time. “How many of those 12 bills have been completed?” Salcedo asked. “None. None have been completed,” Biggs replied. “There’ve been a few of them. Seven I think have been sent to the Senate from the House. The Senate has not taken up a single one of those bills.”

01.04.24-PROBABLY ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG-Trump’s businesses received nearly \$8 million in payments from foreign governments while Trump was president, according to new research by Democrats on Capitol Hill. Trump refused to divest from his business empire when he became president, creating an opportunity for anyone hoping to win his favor to put money straight into his pocket by staying at his hotels. Since 2019, Democrats on the House oversight committee have sought records from Trump’s accounting firm reflecting his foreign income.

The first article of the U.S. Constitution reads: “[N]o Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under [the United States], shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument [that is, salary, fee, or profit], Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.”

01.03.24-HAVE THEY ORDERED THE SWASTIKAS?-Trump and the GOP are "not even bothering to try to hide their authoritarian aims anymore," says Bryann Tannehill in The New Republic. Trump is calling opponents "vermin" out to "destroy America," and arguing that immigrants are "poisoning the blood of our nation." Instead of condemning his "Hitlerian overtones," Republicans are lapping it up. "The horrifying conclusion is that there is plenty of appetite within the party for this sort of rhetoric."

01.02.24-YAY!-Blue-collar workers won big in 2023, defying bleak predictions. The year began with a recession forecast but ended with substantial wage growth and record union contracts for hundreds of thousands of workers. (*The Middle Class exists because of unions*)

01.01.24-DESPERATE LOSER-Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is now promising that if he’s elected president in 2024, he’ll pardon Trump if the former president, who is facing 91 felony charges in four indictments, has been convicted.

12.31.23-ILLINOIS SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE-BAN ON SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS The U.S. Supreme Court has failed to take up the case of Illinois’ ban on the sale, possession or manufacture of automatic weapons like the type used in a mass shooting at a 2023 July Fourth parade in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park. The law bans dozens of specific brands or types of rifles and handguns, including .50-caliber guns, attachments and rapid-firing devices. No rifle will be allowed to accommodate more than 10 rounds, with a 15-round limit for handguns. Those who previously purchased such guns must register them with the Illinois State Police by Jan. 1. **BOOK-BAN PROHIBITION** Libraries that indiscriminately ban books will not be eligible for state funds. They must adopt the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights stating “materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those

contributing to their creation.” The library association reported that attempts to censor books reached a 20-year high in 2022, especially those with LGBTQ+ themes and those written by people of color.

12.30.23-THIS SLIMY WORM WILL TRY ANYTHING TO STAY IN CONGRESS AND SPEW HER VENOM-Lauren Boebert announced Wednesday she was entering the GOP primary for retiring Rep. Ken Buck’s seat in the state’s east, leaving the district she won by a hair last year.

12.28.23-AMAZING, BUT NOT UNEXPECTED- presidential candidate Nikki Haley on Wednesday declined to say slavery was a cause of the Civil War, arguing instead that it came down to “the role of government.” At a New Hampshire town hall, a voter bluntly asked Haley, “What was the cause of the Civil War?” The South Carolina Republican certainly said a lot of words in response to the question, but Haley never got around to mentioning slavery. STATEMENTS LIKE THIS REINFORCE THE BELIEF THAT REPUBLICANS ARE RACIST.

UPDATE: THIS HAPPENED ONLY AFTER SHE WAS CRITICIZED-Nikki Haley said this morning that she believes slavery was the cause of the Civil War, after failing to say so yesterday when asked at a town hall.

12.27.23-SOME MORE DATA FOR MAGA FREAKS TO IGNORE-Joe Biden has kept his central promise in the 2020 election: that he would lead the nation to the other side of Covid, successfully. The pandemic has receded. Our economic recovery has been better than any other G7 nation. GDP grew at an annual rate of 4.9% last quarter, and more than 3% for the Biden presidency. We have the best job market since the 1960s and the lowest uninsured rate in U.S. history. The Dow Jones broke 37,000 this month for the first time. Wage growth, new business formation and prime-age labor participation rates are all at historically elevated levels. Prices fell — yes, fell — last month. Rents are softening, and gas prices and crime rates are falling. Domestic oil and renewable production are at record levels. The annual deficit, which exploded under Trump, is trillions less today.

12.26.23-WHAT WE ALL KNEW-Now, after the conviction of four members of the Proud Boys for Seditious Conspiracy — following the previous conviction of members of the Oath Keepers on the same charge — there can be NO DOUBT under the law, and under the facts that *January 6 was an act of Insurrection*. It was an *act of Sedition*. 18 U.S. Code § 2384 - [Seditious conspiracy](#)

12.24.23-AMEN!-Nikki Haley: 'Normal people aren't obsessed with Trump'

12.23.23-TYPICAL MAGA FREAK DUMBASS-Joe Rogan labels Biden mentally incompetent for talking about “airports during the revolutionary war” — then fact-checks himself... and slowly realizes TRUMP SAID IT.

12.22.23-OUR SUPREME COURT HAS BECOME A RIGHT-WING JOKE-In the matter of Justice Clarence Thomas and the suite of [Jan. 6](#)-related cases now heading toward the Supreme Court. The extensive — indeed, passionate — involvement of the justice’s wife, Virginia “Ginni” Thomas, in challenging the election results is a textbook example of a situation that requires recusal.

12.21.23-THIS SLIME-BALL WILL FIND A WAY TO NEVER PAY-A federal judge ordered that Rudy Giuliani immediately begin paying the \$148 million he owes Ruby Freeman and Wandrea Moss because the judge said that the former New York City mayor is likely to try to hide the assets. Ordinarily, plaintiffs have to wait 30 days before trying to seize any assets. As a result, Giuliani declared bankruptcy on Thursday, claiming debts of as much as \$500 million and assets of up to \$10 million. Yet the judge noted that Giuliani owns properties in New York and Florida, and had enough money to pay a spokesman that follows him everywhere he goes. But it must be said that the appeals process and bankruptcy filing will likely delay any actual payments to the two women for some time.

12.19.23-TYPICAL INCOHERENT MAGA FREAK- At a MAGA event, Roseanne Barr appears to have had several cocktails and is screaming about Stalinists and communists and Nazis and by the time she gets to a Muslim Caliphate taking over

the world the crowd is left in stunned silence. In an interview she claimed that “nobody died in the Holocaust.” And added: “That’s the truth. It should happen. Six million Jews should die right now because they cause all the problems in the world. But it never happened. It never happened.”

12.18.23-WHAT MORE DO MAGA FREAKS NEED TO KNOW?-On Saturday, in Durham, New Hampshire, Trump echoed Nazi leader Adolf Hitler’s attacks on immigrants, saying they are “poisoning the blood of our country”—although two of his three wives were immigrants—and quoted Russian president Vladimir Putin’s attacks on American democracy. Trump went on to praise North Korean autocratic leader Kim Jong Un and align himself with Hungarian prime minister Viktor Orbán, the darling of the American right wing, who has destroyed Hungary’s democracy and replaced it with a dictatorship.

12.27.23-GOSH, I WONDER WHO MIGHT HAVE THIS FOLDER?-A binder containing highly classified information related to Russian election interference went missing at the end of Trump’s presidency, raising alarms among intelligence officials that some of the most closely guarded national security secrets from the US and its allies could be exposed, sources familiar with the matter told CNN. Its disappearance, which has not been previously reported, was so concerning that intelligence officials briefed Senate Intelligence Committee leaders last year about the missing materials and the government’s efforts to retrieve them, the sources said.

12.15.23-The DOW hit a record high on Wednesday and prompted critics of Trump to remind the former president of previous comments he’s made about the stock market. Trump warned voters during a 2020 presidential debate with now-President Joe Biden that the markets would “crash” if Biden won. Other detractors dug up Trump’s April 2019 post on Twitter boasting about the then-record-breaking market and complaining he was under threat of impeachment for trying to extort Ukraine in exchange for dirt on Biden. “You mean the Stock Market hit an all-time record high today and they’re actually talking impeachment!?” he asked. “Will I ever be given credit for anything by the Fake News Media or Radical Liberal Dems?”

12.14.23-JORDAN-DEFINITION OF HYPOCRITE!-Former Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.) ripped House Judiciary Committee chair Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and his “mind-numbing” hypocrisy on Wednesday. Kinzinger, in an interview with CNN’s Kate Bolduan, criticized Jordan who threatened to hold Hunter Biden in contempt of Congress after he didn’t appear at a closed-door deposition and instead called to have a public hearing. “He said, ‘When Congress asks you to come testify, you are supposed to come testify.’ As someone who served on the committee who issued a subpoena to Jim Jordan, which he defied, what are people supposed to take from this?” Bolduan asked Kinzinger, who served on the Jan. 6 committee. “Well, they’re supposed to take that Jim Jordan is an absolute hypocrite,” Kinzinger replied. He later continued: “He’s for the sanctity of the subpoena by the U.S. Congress until he’s the one that gets subpoenaed by U.S. Congress. He also votes against enforcing subpoenas against people like Steve Bannon and against people like Mark Meadows. I mean, this is — the hypocrisy is mind-numbing.”

12.12.23-SHADY SHEEHY-Tim Sheehy, a front-runner for the Republican Senate nomination in Montana, sold off thousands of dollars’ worth of stock in companies with reported ties to the Chinese Communist Party before launching a campaign that, like those of many other Republicans, has been full of “tough on China” rhetoric.

12.11.23-DO YOU THINK WE WILL EVER SEE HIS EVIDENCE? NO!-Sen. Ron Johnson claimed Democrats had done the same “repeatedly in all kinds of different states” during a back-and-forth about the 10 Wisconsin Republicans who, in 2020, served as fake electors for Trump, who last week settled a lawsuit brought by the state’s legitimate electors in which they acknowledged President Joe Biden won the election. Those Republicans “did nothing different than what many Democrats have done in many states throughout our history,” Johnson argued. “They certainly did, senator,” Collins responded. “There were multiple slates of fake electors, including in your home state. They’re acknowledging that they were playing a role in trying to improperly overturn the election. That’s what they said.” Trump-loving Johnson, though, called it a “nuisance lawsuit” and again insisted Democrats have also declared themselves electors in

several states. “Which ones, sir?” asked Collins. “I’m not prepared to give you the exact states, but it’s happened repeatedly. It has happened repeatedly. Just go check the books,” he replied. “Which books?” Collins fired back. Johnson tells Collins “This wasn’t what this interview was gonna be about. I’ll come in, and I’ll provide you the information, but I’m absolutely certain about that.” “I look forward to your office sending that information,” Collins replied. “We’ll publish it if it’s accurate.”

12.11.23-THIS SCUMBAG DESERVES TO LOSE EVERY CENT HE HAS-Rudy Giuliani will go to trial Monday where a jury could decide if he must pay tens of millions of dollars in damages to two Georgia election workers he repeatedly defamed. He has already been found liable for defaming mother and daughter Ruby Freeman and Shaye Moss in the aftermath of Trump’s electoral loss to Joe Biden. But he will stand trial beginning Monday to determine how much he may have to pay the two Georgia election workers. Giuliani conceded in July that he had lied about Freeman and Moss while he was acting as an attorney for Trump, saying his statements were “actionable” and “false” in an attempt to stem a crush of legal bills related to the case. The pair sued the lawyer in federal court in 2021, alleging Giuliani repeatedly spread conspiracy theories that they had brought in illegal ballots while counting votes in 2020, as well as a flash drive used to alter digital tabulation machines. But he did not say at the time the lies had caused any damage to the pair and claimed the statements were protected under the First Amendment. While those claims were repeatedly proven to be lies, they quickly spread through the Trump orbit, with the former president himself calling Freeman a “professional voter scammer” in a call with Georgia’s secretary of state in 2021.

12.10.23-UNIONS ARE WHY WE HAVE A MIDDLE CLASS YOU DOPE!-How much does GOP presidential hopeful Nikki Haley hate unions? The former South Carolina governor once devoted more than three minutes of her “State of the State” address to a diatribe against organized labor, boasting about her state’s low unionization rate. “We don’t *have* unions in South Carolina because we don’t *need* unions in South Carolina,” she said. She waged a years-long personal crusade against a union organizing a Charleston-area factory, putting an anti-union lawyer in her administration expressly to help her “fight” the campaign. She later lent her voice to radio ads urging factory workers to reject the union effort. And she once declared that she didn’t want jobs coming to her state at all if they were going to be union jobs. “We don’t want to taint the water,” she said.

12.09.23-SUPPORTER OF RELIGIOUS FAIRY TAILS-Mike Johnson has a long history of supporting and promoting creationist causes, acting as a lawyer for the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky where dinosaurs are seen as passengers on a re-creation of Noah’s Ark. But perhaps most important is his key role as a lawyer for the religious-right forces in Louisiana, which successfully passed legislation enabling teachers to inject creationism into public school classrooms and aided his rise to become speaker of the House. When the law faced challenges to its implementation and schools faced lawsuits for teaching creationism, Johnson, who worked as a senior litigator for the Alliance Defending Freedom and sat on the Louisiana Family Forum’s attorneys resources council, was the one to swoop in with legal memos, letters threatening lawsuits, and prayer rallies on behalf of the religious-right groups opposed to secular education.

12.08.23-BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS-“The Daily Show” guest host slammed Republicans after Wednesday’s GOP primary debate offered zero discussion on mass shootings in America. The radio and TV personality, on Thursday, pointed to high-profile mass shootings that occurred prior to the debate, including a killing spree that left three people dead at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas this week. “But it’s also not surprising they didn’t talk about it because it’s the same thing after every shooting — Republicans want to talk about anything except guns,” he said.

12.07.23-CLOWN SHOW-Republican presidential candidate Ramaswamy falsely suggested Wednesday that the violent attack on the U.S. Capitol by hundreds of Trump supporters was somehow orchestrated by federal agents, echoing a pervasive conspiracy theory on the far right. “Why am I the only person on this stage at least who can say that Jan. 6 now does look like it was an inside job?” Ramaswamy asked at the GOP presidential debate in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

[The claim from the conspiracy-curious candidate drew no pushback from the debate moderators or his fellow presidential candidates.](#)

12.06.23-I WANT TO SEE TRUMP RIDE A BICYCLE LIKE BIDEN DOES-The latest ad from The Lincoln Project is titled “Feeble,” and it strings together a collection of Donald Trump’s “greatest hits” when it comes to stumbling over words, lurching around the podium, and repeatedly forgetting that Barack Obama is no longer president. Trump complained that, “The perverts and losers at the failed and once disbanded Lincoln Project, and others, are using A.I.(Artificial Intelligence) in their Fake television commercials...” But after reviewing the contents of these ads, it seems the only artificial thing in them is Trump’s skin color. These clips are certified natural Trump. [Check It Out.](#)

12.05.23-HOW STUPID CAN COMER GET?-THIS STUPID-House Oversight Committee Chair James Comer dropped what was supposed to be a big bombshell on Monday. As he put it, “Hunter Biden's business entity, Owasco PC, made direct monthly payments to Joe Biden.” The response he was looking for was: “Direct monthly payments! Wow, sounds like evidence of corruption to me!” The response he got was: “Uh, that was car payments Hunter was making after his father got him a vehicle at a time when his credit was in the toilet. And it was three monthly payments of \$1,380. And Joe Biden was not in office at the time.”

Here’s The Washington Post, apparently having lost all patience for Comer’s misleading claims. Headline: “Comer mischaracterizes Hunter Biden car payment reimbursement to his dad.” Opening paragraph:It goes on like that, tying Comer’s claims on this story to his broader pattern: “Comer has consistently oversold or misrepresented the committee’s investigative findings as he has argued to initiate impeachment proceedings.”

Here’s a headline from the Murdoch-owned Wall Street Journal: “GOP Sees Skulduggery in Hunter Biden Paying His Father Back for Truck.”

12.02.23-TRUMP IS IMMUNE TO THE TRUTH-The Supreme Court has held that presidents are immune from civil liability for actions related to their official duties, but the justices have never grappled with the question of whether that immunity extends to criminal prosecution. Special counsel Jack Smith’s team has said there nothing in the Constitution, or in court precedent, to support the idea that a former president cannot be prosecuted for criminal conduct committed while in the White House.“The defendant is not above the law. He is subject to the federal criminal laws like more than 330 million other Americans, including Members of Congress, federal judges, and everyday citizens,” prosecutors wrote in court papers.

12.01.23-A GREAT WAY TO START DECEMBER-R.I.P. George Santos, who was a clown, but somehow still had the support of 112 members of the Republican congressional delegation, including its leaders, in today's expulsion vote. WHAT!!!

11.30.23-HENRY KISSINGER, WAR CRIMINAL-The most infamous crime Kissinger committed: a secret four-year bombing campaign in Cambodia that killed an untold number of civilians, despite the fact that it was a neutral nation with which the United States was not at war.During his time in charge of the American foreign policy machine, Kissinger also directed illegal arms sales to Pakistan as it carried out a brutal crackdown on its Bengali population in 1971. He supported the 1973 military coup that overthrew a democratically elected socialist government in Chile, gave the go-ahead to Indonesia’s 1975 invasion of East Timor, and backed Argentina’s repressive military dictatorship as it launched its “dirty war” against dissenters and leftists in 1976. His policies during the Ford administration also fueled civil wars in Africa, most notably in Angola. Anthony Bourdain said that “you’ll never stop wanting to beat Henry Kissinger to death with your bare hands” after visiting Cambodia

11.29.23-MORE MAGA BULLSHIT-Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) called Chicago the “largest outdoor shooting range.” Actually, Chicago is behind 13 other US cities in homicide rate. Two of these are from Kennedy’s home state. New Orleans is #4. Baton Rouge is #5. Both of these have murder rates twice that of Chicago. For the record, Louisiana is

the second most murderous state. It is also the third lowest in life expectancy — one of the nine red states on the top ten list of places where citizens die young.

11.28.23-AS SHAKESPEARE'S QUEEN GERTRUDE SAID "The lady doth protest too much, methinks"-On Monday, disgraced Trump went to his failing Truth Social account to post a rant about how “the Democrat’s Radical Left ‘Disinformation Machine’” is taking his public gaffes and blowing them out of proportion. Specifically, Trump was referring to his last few months of mixing up the names of the people he’s running against (or *has* run against in the past), world leaders, and even where he is at any given time.

11.27.23-PLEASE, SOMEONE, USE THE EVIDENCE COLLECTED TO THROW THIS MONSTER IN JAIL-The smoking gun Letitia James was looking for. A document allegedly riddled with fraud that includes this handwritten note: “DJT TO GET FINAL REVIEW.” And even worse for Donald, the document was NOT among the discovery documents the Trump Org was supposed to turn over to Letitia James.

11.26.23-MORE OF RADICAL JOHNSON'S EFFORTS-As a lawyer for hate group Alliance Defending Freedom, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson worked closely with Exodus International, a group that targeted LGBTQ+ Americans for abusive and dangerous “*conversion therapy*.” Johnson opposes same-sex marriage, champions a nationwide “Don’t Say Gay” bill, and presided over a Republican effort to defund Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg’s salary because he’s gay.

11.25.23-THESE PEOPLE ARE COMING FOR YOU-Ultraconservative Christian organization Family Leader doesn’t hide its goal of merging U.S. politics with its conservative Christian worldview. The group's website says its mission is “Inspiring the Church to engage Government for the advance of God’s Kingdom and the strengthening of Family.” The site also says, “The FAMILy Leader seeks to encourage the election of Christ-like leaders and promote righteous policy that honors God and blesses people, adding that the group “equips voters and elected representatives to be a voice for biblical values in government.” These are widely understood as Christian nationalist themes.

11.24.23-DESPERATE TO BLAME LIBERALS FOR ANYTHING-New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu (R) tried to blame the “liberal media” for an article that CNN’s Abby Phillip reminded him was written by a Republican. Phillip had asked Sununu for his reaction to an essay published in The Atlantic on Wednesday arguing that Trump is leaning more and more into authoritarian rhetoric. It was written by Peter Wehner, who served as an aide in the administrations of three Republican presidents.“ When you look at articles like that, that is liberal media doing everything they can to distract from the fact that the left-wing progressives...” Sununu began. Phillip interrupted: “This is a conservative, by the way. This is someone who worked for a Republican president.”

11.23.23-THIS LUNATIC EVEN MAKES THANKSGIVING ABOUT HIMSELF-Early Thursday, Trump — as has become his custom in recent years — used a post on his Truth Social platform to wish “Happy Thanksgiving to ALL, including...”The four-times-indicted Republican 2024 front-runner. He then ranted about New York Attorney General Letitia James, who has brought a \$250 million civil fraud lawsuit against Trump and his business, Judge Arthur Engoron, who is overseeing the case and its ongoing trial, and President Joe Biden.Oh, and “all of the other Radical Left Lunatics, Communists, Fascists, Marxists, Democrats, & RINOS, who are seriously looking to DESTROY OUR COUNTRY.”

11.22.23-AMERICA MUST NOT ALLOW THIS MONSTER TO BE RE-ELECTED-Joe Scarborough went through a New York Times article detailing what he described as “boilerplate” aspects of fascism. And each trait applied to Trump and his MAGA movement, Scarborough argued. “Fascism is generally understood as an authoritarian far-right system of government in which hyper-nationalism is a central component. Check. It also features a cult of personality around a strongman leader. Check. The justification of violence or retribution against opponents. Check. And the repeated denigration of the rule of law. Check,” he said. He continued: “Past fascist leaders appeal to a sense of victim-hood to justify their actions. Check. We’re entitled because we’ve been robbed, we’ve been victimized, we’ve been cheated and robbed. Check, check, check.”

11.21.23-HITLER WANNABE-Guess who said this and then guess who it sounds like: He vowed to eliminate left-wing “vermin” from America. Yesterday he said “With you at my side, we will demolish the Deep State, we will expel the warmongers from our government, we will drive out the globalists, we will cast out the Communists, Marxists, and Fascists, we will throw off the sick political class that hates our Country, we will rout the Fake News Media and we will FINISH THE JOB ONCE AND FOR ALL!”

11.20.23-BUSTED BOAST?-Trump may have boasted at a weekend rally about a judge’s ruling against a bid to ban him from Colorado’s primary ballot in the 2024 election. But Obama-era acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal and former Watergate prosecutor Jill Wine-Banks have suggested how the decision could actually be seriously bad news for the former president. Colorado state District Judge Sarah B. Wallace on Friday ruled Trump engaged in insurrection during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. But she ruled against an effort to nix Trump’s name from the state’s ballot, citing a lack of clarity over whether the constitutional amendment that stops insurrectionists from holding public office actually applies to the highest office of the land, the presidency. Katyal wasn’t buying it. “If I were to put the headline on Friday night, as an appeals lawyer, it would be: This is the very worst decision Donald Trump could get from the trial court,” the former Department of Justice official told MSNBC’s Jen Psaki on Sunday. “Because it’s going to go on appeal to the Colorado Supreme Court, perhaps the U.S. Supreme Court, and there, Trump is going to face extreme headwinds.” Katyal noted the difference between the “factual finding” that Wallace said Trump committed insurrection and the “legal part” of her ruling that it doesn’t apply to the presidency.

11.18.23-MAGA MISFITS-On Wednesday, Rep. Chip Roy of Texas, a third-term member of the House Freedom Caucus, took to the House floor to vent his frustration. "One thing. I want my Republican colleagues to give me one thing — one — that I can go campaign on and say we did. One. Anybody sitting in the complex: if you want to come down to the floor and come explain to me one material, meaningful, significant thing the Republican majority has done."

11.17.23-MORE MAGA MATH-Republicans have given Americans the impression that we’ve been experiencing an “invasion” at our borders. But a new Pew Research Center report released Thursday not only shatters that myth but also reveals that the opposite is true. According to the report, the country’s unauthorized immigrant population peaked at 12.2 million in 2007, that is, when George W. Bush was president, and that population has been steadily decreasing since then. The Pew report found that the unauthorized immigrant population in the United States stood at 10.5 million in 2021, a 14% decrease from what it was in 2007.

11.16.23-WILL WE FINALLY GET RID OF THIS GUY AND DEPOSIT HIM IN JAIL? Embattled Rep. George Santos (R-N.Y.) allegedly spent campaign funds on a host of products and services to maintain his appearance, according to a House ethics committee report released Thursday. “He blatantly stole from his campaign,” the report says, alleging that Santos inappropriately spent money raised for his House campaign on beauty treatments, makeup and designer items, and to pay down his personal credit card debt. The report concluded that Santos “cannot be trusted,” and recommended him to the Department of Justice for prosecution. Santos is already under federal indictment for conspiracy, wire fraud and other alleged crimes related to misusing money for his campaign and lying in reports. But the new ethics committee report adds another layer to his problems. Santos announced Thursday that in light of the report, he will not run for reelection next year. And the House might still move to expel him before his term is up.

11.15.23-REPUBLICAN THUG SHOW!

---Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (Ga.) called fellow GOP Rep. Darrell Issa (Calif.) a pussy Tuesday after he attacked her for lacking ... “maturity and experience.”

---On the same day as Greene’s foul-mouthed outburst, reporters witnessed Rep. Tim Burchett lunging at Rep. Kevin McCarthy, spluttering that McCarthy hit him first.

---And across the Capitol, an enraged Sen. Markwayne Mullin threatened to fight the president of the Teamsters on live TV.

Republican jokers in Congress are disrespecting their jobs, our democracy, and the American people. It's time to return sanity to Washington and end the clown show.

11.14.23-DISGUSTING, AWFUL PERSON!-MSNBC's Joy Reid on Monday took a bite out of ex-Trump White House policy adviser Stephen Miller as "one of the chief architects" of Trump's reported plans to curb immigration to the U.S. with mass deportations and holding camps if he returns to the White House. Miller is a key figure behind the plans, Reid pointed out. The anchor then described Miller as "the white nationalist Dracula" who was behind "draconian and cruel Trump immigration policies like the Muslim ban and separating immigrant children from their families and putting them in cages." "That Stephen Miller," she added, "has even more disgusting, racist immigration plans for a second Trump term." Miller drew condemnation during the Trump presidency for his hardline anti-immigration stance. MSNBC's Mehdi Hasan ripped Miller as "probably the most repugnant individual to serve" in the Trump White House.

11.13.23-CHILLING!-Mehdi Hasan Reveals 1 Word Used By Trump That Should 'Terrify' Everyone. The MSNBC host said the former president is showing exactly what he intends to do if elected again. He said Trump borrowed language from Nazi leader Adolf Hitler when he vowed over the weekend to eliminate left-wing "vermin" from America if elected president next year. "That's not a word we often hear used in everyday conversation," Hasan said. "It was a word frequently used by Nazis to dehumanize Jewish people during the Holocaust." He noted that Trump said recently that undocumented immigrants were "poisoning the blood of our country," which is similar to language found in Hitler's "Mein Kampf." "So there you have it: An ex-president and current front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination not once but twice in just the last few weeks taking a page right out of Hitler's Nazi propaganda playbook," Hasan said.

11.12.23-WHO IS TOO OLD?-In recent speeches, Trump has incorrectly described Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban as the leader of Turkey and falsely suggested Hungary shares a border with Russia. He has repeatedly referred to the Obama administration when he meant the Biden administration, and at one point he inaccurately suggested he'd beaten Obama — rather than Hillary Clinton — in the 2016 election. Trump has also mispronounced "on purpose" as "on perfect" and "Marxist" as "markers," and he has combined the names of Florida Democrat Andrew Gillum and Florida Republican Adam Putnam to get "Pullam." At the end of one speech, he warned that the world must not slide into World War II, when he meant World War III. Such verbal stumbles are hardly new for Trump, who in 2016 referred to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks as "7/11" and in 2019 addressed Apple CEO Tim Cook as "Tim Apple." Speaking to voters in New Hampshire last month, DeSantis argued that Trump has to be glued to a teleprompter to speak coherently. During Trump's stop in Sioux City, Iowa, he said hello to Sioux Falls, which is in South Dakota. etc., etc., etc.

11.11.23-AN UPDATE ON ONE OF THE WORST-This Veteran's Day, we're condemning Rep. Lauren Boebert's constant, unending disrespect of our troops and veterans. She:

--Heckled President Biden during the State of the Union as he honored the service of his deceased son, Major Beau Biden

--Voted NO on the PACT Act, which extended health benefits to veterans exposed to carcinogenic, toxic burn pits and Agent Orange

--Insulted a transgender veteran and DOD official as a "delusional man, thinking he is a woman"

That's not all. Boebert's disrespect extends to those currently serving and their families.

--Voted to BAN LGBTQ+ books from military schools

--Sponsored a BAN on coverage for gender-affirming health care for military families

--Voted to cut health care for 49,000 veterans in her district

--Voted for Trump's insurrection on January 6, 2021, threatening to end the democracy our veterans honorably serve

America has had enough of Boebert's antics - and in 2022, she came within just a few hundred votes of losing.

11.10.23-GOOD ONE JOE!-President Joe Biden broke out his "Dark Brandon" persona at an event in Chicago on Thursday as he took direct aim at Trump. Biden noted the string of victories for Democratic causes and candidates around the nation as a result of Tuesday's election, then mocked his predecessor. "We haven't stopped winning, and he hasn't stopped losing," Biden said, according to CNN. "The truth is, this guy can't get tired of losing." Trump made "winning" a signature vow during his 2016 campaign. "We're gonna win so much that you're gonna get sick and tired of winning," Trump frequently vowed. On Thursday, Biden turned that promise against Trump as he celebrated what he called "an incredible night" for his party, with more to come. According to the Chicago Sun-Times, he said, "Maybe Donald Trump sees a dark and divisive future, but I don't."

11.09.23-ANOTHER TYPICAL MAGA HYPOCRITE-According to Kentucky property records, James Comer, *who is fishing to find something on Biden-to no avail*, and his own brother have engaged in land swaps related to their family farming business. In one deal involving \$200,000, as well as a shell company—the more powerful and influential Comer channeled extra money to his brother, seemingly from nothing. Other recent land swaps were quickly followed with new applications for special tax breaks, state records show. All of this, perplexingly, related to the dealings of a family company that appears to have never existed on paper. But unlike with the Bidens, Comer's own history actually borders a conflict of interest between his official government role and his private family business—and it's been going on for decades.

11.08.23-LOVE THIS!-Democrats had plenty of good news to celebrate in Tuesday's off-year elections and more evidence that they can win races centered on the national debate over abortion. Abortion rights supporters won an Ohio ballot measure and the Democratic governor of beet-red Kentucky held onto his office by campaigning on reproductive rights and painting his opponent as extremist. A Democrat won an open seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court after campaigning on his pledge to uphold abortion rights. And Democrats took full control of the Virginia statehouse, blocking Republicans from being able to pass new abortion restrictions and delivering a defeat to Gov. Glenn Youngkin. *And Mayor Hogsett easily won despite huge amounts spent by his, now forgotten, opponent.*

11.07.23-YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP:

--Mark Meadows admitted his tell-all book was full of lies, so now his publisher is suing him

--Mike Johnson says he and his 17-year-old son monitored each other's porn access.

--MSNBC's Mehdi Hasan on Sunday mocked as a "pretty amazing excuse" Ivanka Trump's claim of "undue hardship" because taking the stand would fall "in the middle of a school week."

--Kayleigh McEnany Whines About Donald Trump's Courtroom Sketch. She suggested Trump "ask for a better sketch artist because that does not look like my former boss there."-*Wow! Call in the sketch lawyers.*

--In a line of questioning Monday, Trump distanced himself from a statement of financial condition from 2021, claiming he was busy at the time "keeping our country safe" from the likes of China and Russia. "Just for the record," An AGA replied, "you weren't president in 2021?" "No, I wasn't," Trump acknowledged.

11.06.23-WE KNOW HE IS A TYPICAL MAGA HYPOCRITE-SO, NO SURPRISE-New York Times opinion columnist David French accused Speaker Mike Johnson of forgoing the biblical value of honesty despite claiming last month the Bible dictates his entire worldview. In a column published in the Times on Sunday, French, who describes himself as “a Never Trump evangelical conservative,” pointed to Johnson’s leadership of a legal effort behind Trump’s bid to overturn the 2020 election. “There is a reason that effort is called the Big Lie. It was one of the most comprehensively and transparently dishonest political movements in American history. And Johnson was in the middle of it,” French wrote. The Bible does not contain guidance on immigration or foreign policy, French wrote, “but it does condemn dishonesty, it does condemn cruelty, and if there is a clear theme that echoes throughout its pages, it’s one that ‘MAGA Mike Johnson’ and his legion of evangelical supporters should take to heart: The ends do not justify the means.”

11.05.23-HORRIBLE HAWLEY-MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough on Thursday accused Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) of having “no shame” after he performed a misguided “victory lap” following his viral clash with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. At a Senate hearing Tuesday, Hawley implied the DHS endorses antisemitism after one of its employees reportedly posted anti-Israel comments on social media following the attack by Hamas militants. Mayorkas called the suggestion “despicable” and informed Hawley that he was the “child of a Holocaust survivor.”

11.04.23-MOB TACTICS-Judge Arthur Engoron expanded a limited gag order Friday to include attorneys in the New York state civil fraud trial involving former U.S. President Donald Trump and his two sons. Engoron issued a written order explicitly prohibiting the Trumps’ legal team from making any further comments regarding confidential communications between the judge and his staff within and outside the courtroom. In issuing the order, Engoron said that his chambers has been inundated with “hundreds of harassing and threatening phone calls, voicemails, emails, letters and packages,” and that the move was made to protect his staff. Engoron said that defense attorneys Chris Kise, Alina Habba and Clifford Robert had engaged in “repeated and inappropriate comments” regarding his principal law clerk and made baseless allegations of bias.

11.02.23-MAGA MATH-In one of his first moves as Speaker, Rep. Mike Johnson is offering \$14B in aid to Israel, but only if the same amount comes out of IRS funding allocated in President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act. Johnson claims this is an “offset,” but the Congressional Budget Office projects his bill will add billions to the national debt. The White House said of the bill, “Politicizing our national security interests is a nonstarter.” MSNBC’s Brian Tyler Cohen argues why the GOP’s so-called concerns over the deficit is all smoke and mirrors.

11.01.23-TRUMP STUFF:

-“We’re gonna have a great country. It’s gonna be called the United States of America,” Trump said, neglecting the obvious fact that the country is already called the United States of America.

--Trump left a New York courtroom in a huff on Wednesday as former attorney Michael Cohen testified against him in his fraud trial there. He was also fined \$10,000 for insulting one of the judge’s clerks, a direct violation of a gag order in the case. Nicolle Wallace said on Wednesday, “couldn’t take the heat — lost any ability to control his impulses.”

--Ivanka Trump’s upcoming testimony in the New York civil fraud trial for her father, Trump, is likely stressing out the former president, Seth Meyers said on Monday. “You know Trump is freaked out about Ivanka having to testify because she seems like she might actually know shit,”

--MSNBC’s Joy Reid asked Harvard University constitutional law professor Laurence Tribe if Trump’s actions met the Section 3 standard. “It is clear that Section 3 by itself says that anyone who ‘engages in an insurrection or rebellion against the Constitution of the United States,’ that’s the phrase, not just against the government, but against the Constitution of the United States, is not entitled to another bite at that apple,” Tribe replied. Trump’s claim it “might apply to a county commissioner in New Mexico, but it doesn’t apply to him, because it doesn’t apply to the president” is

“an absurd argument,” he added. And Trump’s stated belief that he “never really took the kind of oath that Section 3 talks about” is “how ridiculous the arguments get,” Tribe lamented.

10.31.23-SCARIEST MONSTER-TRUMP Leon Cooperman, who has mainly donated to Republican campaigns in the past, had harsh words for the former president. He said it would be “terrible for the country” if Trump was reelected in 2024, according to CNN. “He’s a divisive human being who belongs in jail,” the Wall Street titan told the network in an interview.-

AND:

WE CAN ONLY HOPE-Ty Cobb, a former White House attorney under Trump, said on [CNN](#) on Monday that he expects his old boss to end up in jail soon due to a gag order violation. The ex-president is facing two such orders related to his social media attacks on people involved in his various court cases.

10.30.23-JACKASS JOHNSON-PART 4-Speaking about the mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine, Johnson insisted, “At the end of the day, the problem is the human heart. It’s not guns. It’s not the weapons. As is *always* observed when Republicans claim that mental illness—or, in this case, “the human heart”—is the real cause of mass shootings, we know it’s the guns. Other countries have mental illness (and human hearts) and they don’t have mass shootings like we do. It’s a claim that’s so false it’s insulting, and yet Republicans continue to lead with it. IT’S THE GUNS, STUPID!

10.29.23-THE REPUBLICAN PARTY’S AUTHORITARIAN VIEWS LAID BARE-Bat-shit crazy MTG thought Rep. Tom Emmerhi's shows of support for **human rights, civil rights, and voting rights disqualified him from leading the Republican Party.**

10.28.23-JACKASS JOHNSON-PART 3-Johnson is so bad that it’s impossible for any summary to do him justice. He is a virulently anti-abortion Christo-fascist zealot who was a key cog in Donald Trump’s efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election. Heck, he doesn’t even believe in democracy, saying, “You know, we don’t live in a democracy [but a] Biblical [republic].” He views LGBTQ+ people as “a deviant group.” As Mark Sumner writes, “Johnson believes that Christians have an exclusive right to rule the United States.”

10.26.23-JACKASS JOHNSON-PART 2-Not only is Johnson an election denier and an anti-abortion extremist, but he is also one of the GOP’s most homophobic members. Last year, Johnson introduced a national version of Florida’s abhorrent 'Don’t Say Gay' law and shamefully voted against a vital law safeguarding both same-sex and interracial marriages across state lines. The depths of Johnson’s homophobia clearly know no bounds. CNN uncovered that, “in editorials that ran in his local Shreveport, Louisiana paper, The Times, Johnson called homosexuality 'inherently unnatural' and a 'dangerous lifestyle' that could lead to legalized pedophilia and possibly even destroy 'the entire democratic system.'”

10.25.23-JACKASS JOHNSON-PART 1-ARE THE F....G REPUBLICANS DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND? THEY HAD A CHANCE TO RESTORE SANITY TO OUR GOVERNMENT AND THEN VOTED THIS GUY IN-WTF?-HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN IN THE USA?-MAGA FREAK Rep. Mike Johnson, the next Speaker is an **election denier**, a supporter of the Big Lie, and has played a key role in the attempts to overturn the 2020 election. But we’re not allowed to ask about his insurrectionist involvement. When Rachel Scott of ABC News tried, she was shouted down by a chorus of boos from House Republicans. One member even told her to “shut up,” and Johnson quickly said, “next question.” Johnson wasn’t just a guy who signed onto a letter opposing certification—he was the guy who came up with the argument: (Daily Kos)

NO PROOF ANYWHERE THAT BIDEN IS NOT THE PRESIDENT, SO HOW CAN REPUBLICANS VOTE TO INSTALL THIS LIAR?

10.24.23-MAGA FOOLS LOSE AGAIN-ANOTHER GOP 'BOMBHELL' ABOUT BIDEN TURNS OUT TO BE A DUD The GOP's Biden impeachment inquiry continues to limp along in the background of their speaker drama. While Republicans claimed they had uncovered a "direct payment" to Biden linking him to his family's foreign business deals, it turns out the payment in question came from Joe Biden's brother James, not a Ukrainian oligarch or Chinese tycoon. [HuffPost]

10.23.23-WHAT HE SAID-ABOUT A PARTY RULED BY A FEW MAGA FREAKS-In spite of his hopes that "everyone would come together, put the country before the politics, and actually solve this," the fact that the House has reached this point of infighting and ineffectiveness is "embarrassing for the Republican Party" and "embarrassing for the nation" former Speaker McCarthy told NBC's Meet the Press on Sunday.

10.21.23-FILTH-A Texas judge has ruled that Infowars host Alex Jones cannot use bankruptcy protection to avoid paying nearly \$1.1 billion to families who sued over his conspiracy theories that the Sandy Hook school massacre was a hoax. The decision is another significant defeat for Jones in the wake of juries in Texas and Connecticut punishing him over spreading falsehoods about the nation's deadliest school shooting. U.S. District Judge Christopher Lopez of Houston issued the ruling Thursday. Relatives of the victims testified at the trials about being harassed and threatened by Jones' believers, who sent threats and even confronted the grieving families in person, accusing them of being "crisis actors" whose children never existed. Jones' personal spending topped \$93,000 in July alone, including thousands of dollars on meals and entertainment.

10.20.23-SERIAL LIAR-The cohorts of MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Thursday mocked Trump for telling a lie — and then contradicting himself just four minutes later. The former president falsely claimed during a break in his civil fraud trial in New York on Wednesday that it was keeping him from being on the 2024 campaign trail. "I have to be here instead of Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, lots of other great places," Trump whined to reporters. "They want me to be here." Trump, however, does not have to be at his trial. And he gave the game away less than 240 seconds later when asked if he'd return to the courthouse on Thursday. "Probably not," he replied. "I have a very big professional golf tournament at Doral, so probably not." "Oh my God," exclaimed host Mika Brzezinski. Joe Scarborough sarcastically mocked the "injustice of it all." "You can't make it up," he said. "You can see his mind. He can't even remember who he is running against. He thinks he is running against Barack Obama, so how do you expect him, four minutes later, to remember the lie he told four minutes ago?"

10.19.23-ONE MAGA CREEP TO SNITCH ON ANOTHER MAGA CREEP-A lot of people were shocked by former Trump attorney Sidney Powell's guilty plea to misdemeanor charges linked to election interference in Georgia in 2020 — but not as much as the Trump camp. New York Times reporter Maggie Haberman told CNN's Dana Bash on Thursday that Powell's plea deal "caught Trump world by surprise, as it did all of us." Haberman said Powell's agreement with prosecutors was "one of the best-kept secrets" out of the Fulton County District Attorney's office and that Trump insiders don't know what to make of it. As part of the deal, Powell will be asked to testify as a witness in the trials of other defendants in the case, perhaps including the former president.

10.18.23-TRUMP ASSOCIATE=LIAR-The most important moment in the second week of the New York attorney general's ongoing civil fraud trial against Trump, his companies and others may not have even happened in the courtroom. Instead, it likely happened last Thursday morning when Forbes published a report accusing former Trump Organization CFO and co-defendant Allen Weisselberg of having perjured himself on the stand, citing emails and reporters' notes not yet in the public domain and some of which are not in the possession of New York Attorney General Letitia James' office either. The alleged perjury occurred, in Forbes' account, when Weisselberg testified on Oct. 10 that he was not involved in or focused on the valuation of Trump's triplex apartment in Trump Tower in Manhattan.

10.17.23-Gym Jordan: Another MAGA lunatic.

--Given Jim Jordan's key role in Donald Trump's election subversion scheme, Rachel Maddow points out, "it becomes basically an open question as to whether a House under Jordan's leadership would ever certify the election results of an election in which Donald Trump ran but lost.

--"Michael Fanone, a former Washington, D.C., police officer who was assaulted during the U.S. Capitol riot, excoriated House Republicans for nominating Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) as their speaker-designate. "Jim Jordan is an insurrectionist who has no place being second in line to the presidency."

--Republican Accountability Project: "The world needs Congress led by someone who stands for democracy — not someone who tried to overthrow it."

--Stephen Colbert: "You could not pick a worse man to be speaker of the House," Colbert said. "And keep in mind, the GOP just had Kevin McCarthy, so they tried."

--Former Rep. David Jolly (R-Fla.) on Monday slammed the possible ascension of his former colleague Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) to the House speaker role. "House Republicans may elevate someone who indeed plotted an insurrection against the republic," Jolly, who quit the Republican Party in 2018, told MSNBC's Joy Reid.

--Former Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) on Monday envisioned a short House speakership for Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) should he gain enough support to win the leadership role. McCaskill told MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace it was "astounding" that House Republicans want to elevate Jordan, who played a key role in Donald Trump's failed efforts to overturn the 2020 election result, to the top job.

10.16.23-DON'T FORGET-Several former Ohio State wrestlers did accuse Gym, er, Jim Jordan of knowing about the abuse by the team doctor when he was an assistant coach for the Buckeyes from 1987 to 1995. The wrestlers said they were present when Jordan either heard or responded to sexual misconduct complaints about Dr. Richard Strauss, who committed more than 1,429 sexual assaults and 47 rapes in his 20-year tenure, according to a school crime report. Jordan has denied any knowledge of the abuse.

10.13.23-Trump Headlines:

--He may have said the most chilling thing to date when he sought to dismiss a lawsuit seeking to have him thrown off the ballot in Colorado for his role in inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection. He claimed the lawsuit had no merit because—wait for it—presidents are not obligated to support the Constitution.

--He spent years making claims like "No President has done more for Israel than I have." But at a Wednesday rally in Florida and in comments on Fox News, Trump bitterly criticized Netanyahu, making clear that, like just about everything else, Trump's focus on Israel was always about his own ego.

--He called the Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah "very smart"

--Hannity, after dumping Vivek Ramaswamy following a VERY heated exchange: "I think people who never held public office, like you, maybe they're not qualified to be president!" Yes, Hannity actually said that.

10.12.23-TRUMP HATES ANYONE WHO IS NOT DONALD TRUMP, EVEN MAGANUTS-Olivia Troye—who worked for Pence: "I think Trump has done a great job of sort of marketing himself as the champion for all of these people who are behind him in this movement. But we've sat in these meetings. What is so frustrating and angering to me is the fact that he has nothing in common with any of his supporters. And I detest the way he speaks about them. Like, when he would talk about them in meetings, it was so disparaging to them."

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10.08.23-BE SCARED!-Trump’s mention of “poisoning the blood” directly echoes Nazi propaganda about the “blood” of the Aryan nation. One of the party’s slogans was simply “blood and soil,” which is an expression supporting supposed racial purity (blood) and an expanded Nazi state (soil). It was also a slogan shouted by the more recent Nazis at a racist march in Charlottesville, Virginia. “For Jews, it’s chilling to hear this language, which echoes the ‘race science’ used by the Nazis to justify the extermination of so many of our ancestors,” Carin Mrotz, the executive director of Jewish Community Action, a racial and economic justice nonprofit, said. “But we recognize that Trump is choosing this

language intentionally, celebrating the supposed genetic superiority of European immigrants on land that has become home to immigrants from all over the world, to sow division and hatred between us.” (Daily Kos)

10.06.23-TRAITOR TRASH-IF TRUE SEND DIRECTLY TO JAIL-Trump reportedly shared details about America’s nuclear submarine program with an Australian billionaire, who then went on to tell journalists, foreign officials and others about the sensitive information, according to multiple reports. ABC News first reported that special counsel Jack Smith had learned about Trump’s disclosure to the billionaire — a cardboard magnate named Anthony Pratt — as part of his investigation into the former president’s handling of classified documents. Trump allegedly told Pratt several government secrets about the submarines during an event at his Mar-a-Lago club and residence in Florida, where the billionaire is a member. Pratt reportedly told prosecutors and [FBI](#) agents that he brought up the submarine fleet in April 2021, after Trump had left the White House. The former president then revealed the supposed number of nuclear warheads that are on board U.S. submarines at any time and how close the vessels can get to a Russian submarine without detection.

10.05.23- EVEN CLUELESS MAN CRITICIZES THE DISGUSTING ASSHOLE-Mike Pence on Tuesday criticized his former boss-turned-rival, Trump, for calling retired Gen. Mark Milley, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a traitor over phone calls he made to China in the final stormy months of their administration.“Frankly what Donald Trump said about him in that tweet, about treason and death, was utterly inexcusable,” he said.

10.04.23-MORE OF DISGUSTING ASSHOLE-“A person who is not truthful regarding his position on the protection of unborn life, on women, on minorities, on evangelical Christians, on Jews, on working men and women,” Kelly continued. “A person that has no idea what America stands for and has no idea what America is all about. A person who cavalierly suggests that a selfless warrior who has served his country for 40 years in peacetime and war should lose his life for treason – in expectation that someone will take action. A person who admires autocrats and murderous dictators. A person that has nothing but contempt for our democratic institutions, our Constitution, and the rule of law.“There is nothing more that can be said,” Kelly concluded. “God help us.”

10.03.23-SUCH A DISGUSTING ASSHOLE-John Kelly, who served as [Trump](#)’s chief of staff, unleashed a blistering attack against his former boss on Monday, confirming on the record that many of Trump’s critical remarks about veterans and injured service members were true. “What can I add that has not already been said?” Kelly told CNN in an exclusive statement. “A person that thinks those who defend their country in uniform, or are shot down or seriously wounded in combat, or spend years being tortured as POWs are all ‘suckers’ because ‘there is nothing in it for them.’ A person that did not want to be seen in the presence of military amputees because ‘It doesn’t look good for me.’ “A person who demonstrated open contempt for a Gold Star family — for all Gold Star families — on TV during the 2016 campaign and rants that our most precious heroes who gave their lives in America’s defense are ‘losers’ and wouldn’t visit their graves in France.”

01.02.23-I WOULD HAVE KICKED IN A THOUSAND-Sam Bankman-Fried was ready to shell out some major cash to stop [Trump](#) from running for president in 2024, according to author Michael Lewis.The fallen crypto billionaire, who is set to stand trial over the collapse of his cryptocurrency exchange FTX, was willing to put up \$5 billion to keep Trump out of the 2024 presidential race, having deemed him an “existential” threat to democracy, Lewis told “60 Minutes” in an interview broadcast Sunday.

09.29.23-DICTATOR COMING!=President Biden slammed Trump's plans to centralize control of the executive branch in the White House, bring the Department of Justice under presidential control and purge the civil service in favor of partisan actors. Billed as a defense of democratic institutions, Biden quoted from a New York Times article on Trump's plans for centralizing control over the executive branch to call out his likely 2024 opponent's efforts to "alter the balance of power by increasing the president's authority over every part of the federal government." "Erode the power of independent agencies. Put them under the thumb of a president. Give the president the power to refuse to spend money the Congress has appropriated if he doesn't like what it's being spent for. Get rid of long-standing protections for civil service," Biden said, listing Trump's plans. Biden zeroed in on one Trump policy in particular, the reassignment of tens of thousands of federal civil servants to positions without long-standing civil service protections. At the tail end of Trump's presidency, he signed an executive order establishing Schedule F, a new class of federal worker who could be fired at will by the president and replaced by someone more amenable to the president's wishes. Now, he is running to put it back in place if he wins in 2024.

09.27.23-RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU ARE SURPRISED. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT-JUDGE RULES TRUMP COMMITTED FRAUD FOR YEARS WHILE BUILDING REAL ESTATE EMPIRE A judge ruled Tuesday that Donald Trump committed fraud for years while building his real estate empire, and ordered some of the former president's companies be dissolved. The judge found Trump repeatedly lied about his wealth to reap rewards like favorable loan terms.

09.26.23-WELL, THE MAGA CULT DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THE TRUTH-The idea that Ukraine Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin was fired to protect Burisma has been debunked so many times that de bunk is exhausted, but it has seldom gone down with as much grim satisfaction as it did on Sunday when Fox News' Brian Kilmeade interviewed former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.Kilmeade:
Is that why he got fired? Because of the billion dollars and the former vice president, now president? Poroshenko: First of all, this is a completely crazy person. This is something wrong with him. Second, there is not one single word of truth. And third, I hate the idea to make any comments and to make any intervention in the American election. We have very much enjoyed bipartisan support. Please do not use such person like Shokin to undermine the trust between bipartisan support and Ukraine.

09.25.23-MANGLED MAGA MELTDOWN-Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Sunday that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy was "too weak" to stand up to far-right Republicans calling for the impeachment of President Joe Biden.Clinton spoke with MSNBC's Jen Psaki, telling the host some in the GOP were using impeachment as a political weapon to keep their base "all riled up while they make up stuff that has no basis in fact." "There's no there there," Clinton said. "They know there's no there there, and sadly the speaker of the House is too weak to stand up to the most rabid block of his members who don't care what the truth or the facts are." "They just want to be able to grandstand and try to cause President Biden problems," she added.

09.24.23-JACKASS JORDAN-At one point during Congressional hearings, Republican Rep. Thomas Massie suggested the attorney general could be held in contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about ongoing investigations—something Garland reminded Massie would fly in the face of our Constitution's separation of powers. Eric Swalwell responds "So if we're going to talk about contempt of Congress, let's get real. I mean, are you serious that Jim Jordan, a witness to one of the greatest crimes ever committed in America, a crime where more prosecutions have occurred than any crime committed in America, refuses to help his country and we're going to get lectured about subpoena compliance in contempt of Congress?" He continued, saying that there is no credibility coming from Republicans on the committee, and that Jordan and his fellow House Republicans were busy holding these "clown

show” hearings instead of passing gun safety laws and helping support Ukraine’s fight against Russia. Every pathetic conspiracy theory being peddled by the likes of Jordan is so easily refutable by the most basic logic at this point. One wonders if just the *sound* of conspiracy is all MAGA-Kool-Aid drinkers need in order to throw another \$5 down the toilet of Republican fundraiser emails.

09.23.2-MORE EXTREME MAGA RIGHT-WING CRAP-On Thursday, House Republicans were unable to get themselves together and agree to *debate* a military funding bill, to say nothing of a continuing resolution to avert a government shutdown. Democratic Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries held a press conference to make sure the message to the American people is clear: This will be the “unnecessary Republican shutdown of government.” This is an inherent problem with the Republican Party’s inability to govern.After walking through the facts and calling out House Republicans for trying to tack right-wing “riders” onto a funding bill, Jeffries summed up what needs to happen: “We need the extreme MAGA Republicans to get their act together in the civil war that's happening on the Republican side of the aisle.”

[Republicans controlled the House and the Senate in December of 2018. They shut themselves down.](#) That's how much it's in their DNA.

09.22.23-THE WSW SAID THIS???-“What is the former president afraid of?” The Wall Street Journal asked Wednesday in an editorial slamming Trump’s “ducking” of the Republican debates while roasting his policy comments. “Why is Mr. Trump afraid to confront other Republicans without the aid of a teleprompter? Is he worried he’d look his age at 77 next to younger candidates?” the Journal wrote. The newspaper taunted Trump’s unwillingness to clarify at what point he thinks a woman should be prevented from having an abortion. “We’ll come up with a number,” he said in an interview with NBC. “How? By spinning a giant wheel, like on a TV game show, except marked with ‘10 weeks,’ ‘15 weeks,’ and so forth?” the Journal cracked. “The public takes the abortion question seriously, and Mr. Trump owes a serious answer.” The newspaper made sport of the 77-year-old Trump’s age and competence, which has been overshadowed by concerns over the 80-year-old Biden. “Mr. Trump would be 82 at the end of his second term in 2029, and he isn’t exactly in shape to set records at the YMCA senior triathlon,” the WSJ wrote. “Do the concerns about age not apply to him?” The publication beseeched Trump to answer questions about Jan. 6, his COVID-19 policies, and his boast that he could end the war in Ukraine in 24 hours. That’s what debates are for. “Mr. Trump’s advisers may be telling him he shouldn’t appear lest he say something that hurts his legal defense,” the Journal wrote. “But that’s a sign of weakness, not strength, and he’ll have to answer those questions eventually. What is the former President afraid of?”

09.21.23-G.overnment Q.f P.andimonium-A Republican consultant has offered [a damning critique](#) of the current state of the GOP, summarizing in a withering essay that it now “offers nothing.” Traditional conservative values have been “corrupted and abandoned,” Alfredo Rodriguez III wrote in an essay. Instead, previous conservative standards have been replaced with “anger about everything, immovable thinking and rationale, conspiratorial theories and extreme skepticism, hatred of the opposition, and a lukewarm defense of democracy,” said the founder of Republican political consultants Dyce Communications. The GOP “possesses no vision, optimism or ideas,” he added.

09.20.23-THE WOMEN OUTDID THEMSELVES TODAY-
--Jeanine Pirro suggested Tuesday that the death of a New England Patriots fan after allegedly being punched in the stands was due in part to participation trophies. [Click](#)

--Denver TV news anchor Kyle Clark is putting Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) on blast for the antics that got her tossed from a performance of the "Beetlejuice" musical as well as her behavior afterward. "I haven't seen a single person say, 'Why, I am shocked that Lauren Boebert was rude, disruptive and belligerent,'" Clark said. "This is, after all, the congresswoman who suggested that a Muslim colleague was a suicide bomber."

--NON-EVENT-Far-right Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) announced her upcoming memoir on Tuesday, prompting immediate backlash and mockery from critics on social media. "MTG" will tell Greene's "side of the story," the firebrand Republican told the conservative Washington Examiner in promoting the book, which has a Nov. 21 publication date.

09.19.23-DEMENTIA DONALD-MSNBC's Mehdi Hasan said all the "chatter" about President Joe Biden's age ignores the real problems with his potential opponent: Trump. Hasan played a series of clips of Trump's gaffe-filled speech on Friday in which — among other things — the former president claimed he beat Barack Obama in 2016, warned of a pending "World War II" and insisted that Americans need ID to buy a loaf of bread. "If Joe Biden had said any of those things, I guess it would've been front-page news on every paper in the country," Hasan said to author Wajahat Ali. "But we just give a pass to the 77-year-old openly delusional Trump. The age debate is very weird, is it not?" "Joe Biden, criticize him for his age, I do," Ali said. "But he just finished an international trip, answered questions, and he knows that you don't need voter ID to buy bread, he knows that he ran against Trump, not Barack Obama, and he also knows that we fought in World War II and won.

09.18.23-WHY EVEN INTERVIEW A PATHOLOGICAL LIAR AND THEN WHY BROADCAST IT?-Trump revived one of his most egregious lies about abortion, repeatedly making the easily debunked claim that multiple states allow physicians to "kill the baby after birth." The former president and 2024 Republican front-runner made the claims during a pretaped sit-down interview with NBC's "Meet the Press." Trump insisted on this being true eight times throughout the interview, despite moderator Kristen Welker's repeated corrections. "You have some states that are allowed to kill the child after birth, and you can't allow that," Trump insisted. "Look, the Democrats are able to kill the baby after birth," he doubled down. "Even after birth, you're allowed to terminate the baby," he claimed. All of these statements are categorically false. It is not legal in a single state to willfully end the life of a newborn.

09.17.23-STUPID, STUPID MAN-MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace appeared visibly shocked by what she described as the latest display of ignorance from Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) as he continues to block military promotions in the Senate in protest of the Pentagon's abortion policies. Tuberville told reporters on Tuesday that he was sure that Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Mark Milley would remain in the role, even after his official Oct. 1 departure date, until a replacement was named. "I'll call Milley and wish him good luck, but I don't know whether he'll go anywhere until they get somebody confirmed," said the Alabama Republican. The reporters explained that Milley was required to leave by law. "He has to leave?" Tuberville asked. "He's out. We'll get somebody else to do the job. But hopefully, it's done by then." Wallace couldn't believe the exchange. "Hopefully what's done? You're the problem," she said on Tuesday. Tuesday's exchange was just "another layer of Tuberville's profound and embarrassing ignorance about the U.S. military," Wallace said.

09.16.23-HORRIBLE THAT THESE TWO DESPICABLE PEOPLE REPRESENT THE TOP TWO REPUBLICAN CONTENDERS-During a FOX News appearance DeSantis said all the things you might expect from a presidential candidate, but there was just one little problem: The network's news ticker kept dropping "truth

bombs” that seemed to explode his contention of viability. During the interview, the ticker noted the following:

- “DeSantis has not polled above 20% in a national poll since July.”
- “Fox Poll: Trump leads DeSantis by 47 points in 2024 GOP field.”
- “Fox Poll: 13% GOP support for DeSantis marks his lowest level to date.”
- “Fox Poll: GOP support for DeSantis has fallen by 15 points since Feb.”
- “Fox Poll: Biden leads DeSantis 47% to 44% in hypothetical matchup.”
- “August: DeSantis replaced campaign manager as part of campaign reset.”
- “DeSantis trails Trump by 30+ points in both Iowa and New Hampshire.”

09.14.23-MACHIAVELLIAN MARK-MSNBC’s Nicolle Wallace came up with a colorful way to describe just how “exposed” Mark Meadows is in the Georgia election interference case. “I forgot how exposed he is,” Wallace said. “But he is, y’know, naked with his rear end hanging out on the fake electors plot. He’s essentially its quarterback.” Wallace played footage from the Jan. 6 committee hearings making the case that Meadows went far beyond his official duties as he helped push the fake electors plot at the center of the Georgia case. Timothy Heaphy, who was the Jan. 6 committee’s lead investigator, said Meadows didn’t deny his role when questioned. “He essentially agreed with the factual allegations that are in the indictment,” he said, adding that Meadows argued that he was doing his job, which includes keeping an eye on what the president was doing. But Heaphy said Meadows wasn’t a passive observer. He was an “active participant turning the wheels of the conspiracy, facilitating this fake elector plan.”

09.13.23-MORE ON THIS RIDICULOUS IMPEACHMENT ATTEMPT-On the first day back from summer recess, Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy declared, without evidence, or a floor vote, to open a formal impeachment inquiry into President Biden. Why? Not really sure. Republicans have already wasted TONS of taxpayer money and resources in hopes of uncovering some wrongdoing by Biden. House Republicans have gotten 12,000 pages of subpoenaed records and documents along with more than 2,000 pages of suspicious activity reports. They’ve interviewed multiple witnesses, and they have found *nothing*. But, hey, if they throw even more taxpayer money and resources at it, I am sure Jim Jordan can find *something* that Biden did wrong. With so many other pressing issues that our Congress needs to address, this vengeful impeachment inquiry is nothing more than a wasteful political stunt.

09.12.23-FOOLS RUSH IN-As House Republicans gear up to impeach President Joe Biden, Rep. Jamie Raskin has released a thorough statement debunking the supposed basis for an impeachment. It has been a complete and total bust—an epic flop in the history of congressional investigations. The voluminous evidence they have gathered, including thousands of pages of bank records and suspicious activity reports and hours of testimony from witnesses, overwhelmingly demonstrates no wrongdoing by President Biden and further debunks Republicans’ conspiracy theories. Republicans have found:

- [No bank records showing payments to the president.](#)
- [No suspicious activity reports alleging potential misconduct by the president or that he is involved in his son’s business dealings.](#)

- **No witnesses testifying to misconduct by the president.**

09.11.23-[LOOK UP MJT IN THE DICTIONARY](#)-Rep. Ken Buck (R-Colo.) didn't hold back when asked Sunday about conspiracy theorist Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) and her relentless push to impeach President Joe Biden. MSNBC's Jen Psaki noted a shift in tone from Greene, who over the weekend posted on X that there shouldn't be a "rush" impeachment vote. But Buck — a staunch conservative and a member of the hard-line Freedom Caucus — pointed out that Greene filed to impeach Biden one day after he was sworn in to office. "The idea that that she is now the expert on impeachment or that she is someone who should set the timing on impeachment is absurd," he said. Impeachment, he added, should come if and when there is evidence of high crimes and misdemeanors. "That doesn't exist right now," he said.

09.09.23-THE BEST WALLS ARE THOSE IN WHICH WE COULD PUT TRUMP-The construction of Trump's wall along the U.S.-Mexico border desecrated Indigenous cultural sites, hurt wildlife, destroyed vegetation, dried up key water resources, exacerbated the risk of flooding and triggered erosion that has left mountain slopes "unstable and at risk of collapse," according to a new report. Among other things, construction of the wall fragmented wildlife habitats, cut off species' migration routes and destroyed ancient cacti and other native vegetation. "These border walls haven't done a thing to address immigration or smuggling, but they did drive endangered species closer to extinction, butcher thousands of iconic saguaro cacti and dynamite Indigenous sacred sites and burial grounds,"

09.08.23-YOU KNEW WHAT HE WAS WHEN YOU SUCKED UP TO TRUMP-Chris Christie is firing back at after the former president dismissed him as a "crazed lunatic" during a radio interview on Wednesday. "I feel bad for Donald. I really do," Christie sarcastically began. "You know, he's on there saying that I'm not very smart, that I'm very deranged. Look, he didn't think that in 2018 when he offered me White House chief of staff," Christie said. "He didn't think that in 2016 when he made me chairman of his transition." Christie said Trump made him chair of the opioid commission, offered him Cabinet-level jobs as homeland security secretary and labor secretary. He also helped prep Trump for presidential debates in 2016 and 2020. "If I was so useless and dumb and deranged, how did all that stuff happen?" Christie asked. "It's sad. He's under a lot of stress and a lot of pressure, and saying these things makes me really concerned for his mental health."

09.07.23-BURN THAT TOAST-An audio recording made by one of Donald Trump's criminal defense lawyers could seal the former president's fate if used as evidence at his trial for allegedly mishandling classified documents after leaving the White House, former U.S. Attorney Harry Litman said on Wednesday. "It's going to be incandescent evidence," Litman told MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell of a voice memo made by Evan Corcoran noting a colleague had told him Trump would "go ballistic" if urged to comply with a subpoena to give up top-secret documents allegedly stashed at his Mar-a-Lago resort. "It's all admissible, all against Trump," Litman explained. "And, man, that sort of 45 seconds of dialogue is just murder for Trump." O'Donnell said he didn't understand how the defense of the Republican 2024 front-runner could survive "this kind of evidence coming in." "If this gets to trial, Trump is toast at trial," said attorney Bradley Moss. Trump's team would do its best to make it inadmissible, he said. "Trump has got to get that stuff out, because if it does get in at trial, yeah, he's toast, it's over."

09.06.23-EVEN ANOTHER MAGA FREAK-THEY ARE EVERYWHERE-Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy had an awkward moment on MSNBC on Wednesday night when he seemed either unable or unwilling to explain his own past criticism of Trump. Host Mehdi Hasan asked Ramaswamy about a tweet calling Trump's actions on Jan. 6, 2021, "downright abhorrent" that he wrote one week after the then-president's supporters attacked the U.S. Capitol. Hasan asked Ramaswamy to explain what Trump did that day that he considered "downright abhorrent." He didn't answer, despite being asked repeatedly. "You're avoiding my question," Hasan asked after the first attempt went south. "What did Donald Trump do, in your view, that was 'downright abhorrent'?" "No, I'm not avoiding your question," Ramaswamy said, then he avoided the question. Hasan tried again. "Unless you're scared of him, why won't you say what he did that was 'downright abhorrent'?" Hasan asked. "It's a simple question. It's your words. It's on the screen."

09.05.23-ANOTHER WACKED-OUT MAGA FREAK-Scott Baugh, a Republican attorney hoping to flip a Democratic-held U.S. House seat in Orange County, California, said that "wokism" is more threatening to the country than the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, both world wars and the Civil War. Baugh made the remarks while speaking in June to the International Christian Ambassadors Association, an ecumenical Christian nonprofit. "What's the greatest threat to religious freedom? We were born in the Revolutionary War. We survived civil wars, World War II, World War I, a lot of wars, 9/11," Baugh said. "None of those were that threatening to our country compared to the war that we're fighting now. That war is about wokism and the lack of common sense." "That wokism — it's communism, wokism, whatever you want to call it — it's infected our churches. I like to tell some of our pastors that Jesus came to offend. That was his purpose," he added. "How would you know you needed a savior unless your sins were pointed out? And our churches aren't doing that."

09.04.23-PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE-Conservative attorney George Conway said Trump should be locked away for good if he's found guilty in the two federal cases currently pending against him. Conway shared a tweet from former federal prosecutor Elizabeth de la Vega, who wrote that Trump should be given a prison sentence "equal to or greater than" the sentences handed down in other key Jan. 6 cases if convicted in Washington. That would make 18 years a starting point — but Conway said the 77-year-old former president's potential prison time could be much longer than that if he's convicted in the classified documents case. "It's beyond question he should spend the rest of his natural life in prison," Conway wrote.

09.03.23-TRUMP MINI-ME-Vivek Ramaswamy lies a lot. Last month, at the first Republican presidential debate, he called climate change a "hoax" and said "more people are dying of bad climate change policies than they are of actual climate change," which is not remotely true. He also has claimed we don't know "the truth about Jan. 6" and spread baseless conspiracy theories about Sept. 11 — and when caught with his hand in the proverbial cookie jar, he said that he was misquoted (which is also a lie). He has denied criticizing Trump's actions on Jan. 6, even though he did so in a book published just last year. And he has supported masking during the COVID-19 pandemic, pardoning Hunter Biden and cutting U.S. aid for Israel. When asked about each claim, Ramaswamy denied making them — all easily provable falsehoods. Indeed, Ramaswamy lies so much that even Trump thinks "he's starting to get out there a little bit."

09.02.23-PAC PROBLEMS-A conservative super PAC is launching a major ad campaign urging voters to pick someone other than Trump in next year's Republican presidential primary. A super PAC backed by billionaire conservative activist Charles Koch, is spending \$1.68 million on ads in North Carolina, Arkansas and Tennessee, according to Carolina Journal. All three are among the 15 "Super Tuesday" states, or states that will host nominating contests on March 5. Given the number of states in play, a strong showing can make a candidacy, while a weak one can kill it off. Christine Ravold, regional communications manager for the political action committee, told the Journal that "it's time to turn the page"

on Trump. *(I say let Trump win the nomination. He will be easily beatable)*

09.01.23-PROUD MEMBER OF MAGA FREAKS-A man who is now an official for [Trump's](#) presidential campaign was caught on video urging police to kill themselves near the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection, NBC News reported Thursday. Dylan Quattrucci, the deputy state director of Trump's campaign in New Hampshire, made the obscenity-laced rant after Trump loyalists stormed the building to interrupt the certification of Biden's victory. "If you are a police officer and you are going to abide by unconstitutional bullshit, I want you to do me a favor right now and go hang yourself, because you're a piece of shit," Dylan Quattrucci [said in the clip](#), shared by the Sedition Hunters on X last month. "Go fuck yourself." Quattrucci's identity was confirmed to NBC by two people familiar with him.

08.31.23-FOX JUST HAS TO LIE-IT'S IN THEIR DNA-Fox News apologizes to Gold Star family for false story Marine Corps called 'disgusting. Fox News apologized to the family of Marine Sgt. Nicole Gee for an article it published falsely reporting they had to pay \$60,000 to transport Gee's remains from California to Arlington National Cemetery after she was killed in Afghanistan, the network said late Saturday. The Marine Corp had contacted Fox News several times about the July 25 article, seeking a full retraction and apology to Gee's family, according to emails obtained by Military.com and The Washington Post. Fox first modified the article, written by Michael Lee and based on since-retracted allegations from Rep. Cory Mills (R-Fla.), then deleted it. "The now unpublished story has been addressed internally and we sincerely apologize to the Gee family," a Fox News spokesperson said, a month after the story was "unpublished."

08.29.23-GRAB SOME POPCORN-'No One Is Above The Law': Republican Group Hits Trump Hard In Damning Fox News Ad. The group will also have a billboard in Times Square showing all 91 felony charges against the former president.

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08.15.23-LET'S HOPE THEY CONVICT THIS FOOL-Rudy Giuliani, a key figure in [Trump's](#) effort to remain in power after the 2020 election, was indicted in Georgia on Monday for his role in what prosecutors called a sweeping conspiracy to overturn the state's results and subvert the will of the people. Fani Willis, the Fulton County district attorney, leveled 13 charges against Giuliani as part of the state's yearslong investigation into election tampering. He is charged with a violation of Georgia's RICO Act (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations), soliciting the violation of oath by a public official, false statements and conspiracies to commit forgery and file false documents, among other charges.

08.14.23-INDICTMENT #4-He can't pardon himself out of any conviction in Georgia.

08.12.23-EVANGELICALS HAVE JOINED THE CULT-Why don't they see Trump for what he is: the complete betrayal of everything the church had taught. A moral reprobate who didn't even pretend to go to church, misquoted scripture, slept with porn stars while his wife was at home with a baby, bragged about sexually assaulting women, never donated to charity but used charity funds to commission full-size paintings of himself, and never once apologized or showed remorse for any of this. (Daily Kos)

08.11.23-PLEASE LET THEM BE RIGHT!-Two conservative law professors argue that Trump is ineligible to serve as president again due to a section of the Constitution that prohibits anyone who has engaged in insurrection from holding

office. William Baude of the University of Chicago and Michael Stokes Paulsen of the University of St. Thomas explain their conclusion in an article set to be published in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. The constitutional scholars, both active in the conservative Federalist Society, studied the question for more than a year, according to The New York Times. (huffpost)

08.10.23-EVEN FRIENDS FINALLY TAKE A STAND-Preston Padden served long-time friend Rupert Murdoch as both his chief lobbyist and the organizer of Fox's affiliated stations. He has now joined with a nonprofit group called the Media and Democracy Project (MAD) to urge the Federal Communications Commission to deny Fox's renewal of its license to operate one of its largest stations, WTXF in Philadelphia, known as Fox 29. Padden and MAD argue that Fox lacks the "character" required by the FCC to be a license holder, because of post-election misinformation spread by another company entity: Fox News. "Fox has undermined our democracy and has radicalized a segment of our population by presenting knowingly false narratives about the legitimacy of the 2020 election," Padden wrote in a statement supporting MAD's petition, which accuses Fox of "intentional, knowing news distortion." (Washington Post)

08.09.23-HEY MAGA FREAKS. MAYBE YOU CAN LEAVE WITH HIM! Trump admitted that he would like to leave the U.S. and live overseas. He has frequently expressed disdain for America and Americans, made the confession during a campaign rally in New Hampshire on Tuesday as he griped about the criminal charges against him and lamented ever getting into politics. "I could have been relaxing at Mar-a-Lago or in the south of France — which I would prefer to being in this country, frankly." (huffpost)

08.08.23-NO NEWS TODAY-JUST WAITING FOR THE NEXT INDICTMENT. THAT WILL MAKE FOUR, WON'T IT?

08.07.23-DISGUSTING MAGA STUFF-Emails have revealed that Texas state troopers were ordered to push small children and nursing babies back into the Rio Grande River, where they faced the very real risk of drowning, heat exhaustion, and other dangers. Miles of razor wire were deployed by state troopers along the shores of the Rio Grande and in the river itself. It's crystal clear that these obstacles, placed in the river and along its banks, were designed to cause injury and even death.

These individuals are not wild animals. They are human beings, each one deserving of empathy, respect, and a fair chance at life. Enough is enough. People should not be treated this way. We need to hold Abbott and Texas law enforcement accountable for abusing their power and authority in such a cruel and heartless manner. (Daily Kos)

08.05.23-TRUMP/TRAITOR-Former Rep. Joe Walsh (Republican-Ill.) doesn't mince words in a new column arguing that Trump deserves prison time for his actions after the 2020 election. "He wanted violence. He wanted chaos. He wanted his supporters to be so damn pissed off that they would use violence to keep him in office." According to the indictment, one Justice Department official was prepared to use the Insurrection Act to deploy the military against Americans if they took the streets to protest Trump's attempts to remain in power. "Please don't breeze past this fact: The former President of the United States believed violence was ultimately how he could execute his attempted coup," Walsh wrote. "He incited that violence for months, and he exploited that violence on Jan. 6." Walsh called the mob's violence of that day "the traitor's final play." Trump waited hours to finally ask his supporters to end the attack, watching the events unfold on TV with approval. "People have long been confused about why Trump just sat there in the White House all afternoon, completely unperturbed by what was happening," Walsh wrote. "There should be no

confusion: This is what he wanted. This was the plan. "Walsh called it "bad enough" that Trump refused to concede the election and attempted to block the peaceful transition of power. "But it's traitorous that he relied on the threat of violence rather than concede he lost a free and fair election in the United States of America," the former lawmaker wrote as he reached an inescapable conclusion: "Trump's ass belongs in jail."

08.03.23-PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE BE RIGHT!-Conservative pundit and former federal prosecutor Andrew McCarthy is warning Republicans that nominating Trump could backfire in a big way in 2024. "Trump doesn't have a prayer of being elected president again," McCarthy wrote in *The National Review* in a column posted online before the former president was hit with new indictments connected to the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021. McCarthy, who also appears on Fox News, said Trump cost his party the House in 2018 and the Senate in 2020, and his involvement in the 2022 midterm elections caused a projected "red wave" election to fall short.

08.02.23-AWESOME!

- Conspiracy to defraud the United States;
- Conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding;
- Obstruction of and attempt to obstruct an official proceeding;
- Conspiracy against the right to vote and have one's vote counted.

08.01.23-JUST THE BEGINNING-A former Republican attorney general candidate and another supporter of Trump have been criminally charged in Michigan in connection with accessing and tampering with voting machines after the 2020 election, according to court records.

07.31.23-LOONEY TUNES-[Click for a running list of RFK Jr.'s controversies.](#)

07.29.23-AMEN!-There's been a lot of coverage devoted to the perpetrators behind Trump's plot to steal the 2020 election. However, as another indictment looms, we should not lose sight of the victims of Trump's scheme. And there are many. In conspiring to reverse the legitimate results of the election in multiple states, Trump effectively tried to revoke the votes of millions of Americans — depriving them of their most sacred right under the constitution. Then there were the countless election officials who were subjected to harassment campaigns and death threats, the targets of the Capitol insurrection, including every sitting member of Congress as well as Donald Trump's own vice president, and of course the Capitol Police, Metropolitan Police and other law enforcement officers who suffered the most direct and severe physical harm at the hands of the insurrectionists. Harry Dunn, Michael Fanone, and more than 140 other officers risked their lives on January 6, and have the scars to prove it. Trump loves to play the victim card. Don't fall for it. (from Jen Psaki)

07.28.23-AWFUL ALDEAN-A perspective of a real small town person — Reed Anfinson, editor of the *Swift County Monitor-News*, in Benson, Minnesota, population 3379 — which one would think should qualify as small. "While Aldean's lyrics may seem flattering to small towns, they do the opposite. They do damage to our efforts to be welcoming communities. The song doesn't inspire, it divides. It doesn't promote small towns, it stereotypes and diminishes them. Portraying small towns as "Full of good ol' boys, raised up right" ignores the fact that our rural courts

have their share of these “boys” charged with a wide variety of crimes. There are plenty of these “boys’ who show little respect for law enforcement, their neighbors, or their community. Those “gold ol’ boys” can be seen as a group of white males filled with prejudices and ready to run those out of town who disagree with them.”

07.27.23-NEVER FORGET WHAT HE IS-Congressman Ted Lieu wrote: "On July 19, 2023, federal Judge Lewis Kaplan rejected Donald Trump’s request for a new trial and confirmed that Donald Trump raped E. Jean Carroll. I’m going to submit this Court ruling into the Congressional Record, and now I going to read you what the judge found. "On page 43 the judge 'wrote Miss Carroll testified that the sexual assault, the rape, of which she accused Mr Trump involved especially painful forced digital penetration.' The judge further writes 'The testimony of the outcry witnesses, Miss Bernbach and Miss Martin, corroborated the essence of Miss Carroll’s account of a violent traumatic sexual assault.' "On page 44 the judge wrote 'The jury’s finding of sexual abuse, therefore, necessarily implies that it found that Mr Trump forcibly penetrated her vagina.' The judge further writes 'In other words that he raped her.'"

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07.25.23-TODAY'S HEADLINES-OMG

- Colorado Businessman Sentenced For 'We Build The Wall' Fundraiser Fraud
- RFK Jr. vaccinated all his children. Why doesn't he want you to vaccinate yours?
- Ahead of Texas AG's impeachment trial, his PAC donates millions to lieutenant gov. running trial
- Republicans cling to traitorous Confederate names
- Texas A&M suspended professor accused of criticizing Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in lecture
- Vaccine rejection may be linked to excess deaths among Florida, Ohio Republicans
- Biden's Emmett Till monument fights back against GOP whitewashing. The monument was announced on what would have been Till's 82nd birthday, had he not been kidnapped and lynched as a teenager in Mississippi
- Rudy Giuliani has admitted to making false and defamatory statements about Georgia election workers

07.24.23-TYPICAL MAGA STATE-Indiana is a state of many contradictions — at least, according to CNBC. As part of its annual ranking for the top states for business, the news outlet found that Indiana was the seventh-worst state to live and work in. The Hoosier state garnered a D- for life, health and inclusion, with the lack of available, affordable child care and its anti-abortion and anti-LGBTQ laws cited as the driving factors. But despite this damning figure, Indiana still made the top 15 most business-friendly states, at No. 13, moving up one spot from its 2022 ranking. Indiana was even No. 1 in infrastructure last year, with Indiana's strength in the freight-shipping industry a major reason.

07.23.23-GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL, DO NOT PASS GO-It was (yet another) tumultuous week for Trump’s lawyers,

with a seemingly endless deluge of setbacks, roadblocks, and full-blown losses, beginning with the target letter Trump received from prosecutors in special counsel Jack Smith's investigation into the 2020 election and Jan. 6, 2021, signaling that a third indictment — and a significant one — could be imminent for the former president. On Tuesday, Michigan's attorney general filed criminal charges against 16 pro-Trump fake electors. In addition to being the first charges of their kind ever filed, the fake electors could be facing both state and federal charges, a development which doesn't bode well for the former president they were attempting to reinstate. Meanwhile, things weren't looking much brighter in Georgia where Trump's lawyers tried and failed in spectacular fashion to derail District Attorney Fani Willis' probe. In Florida, Judge Aileen Cannon set Trump's classified documents trial for May 2024, putting it on a direct collision course with his 2024 campaign calendar. (MSNBC)

07.21-23-ALWAYS HAS BEEN A MOBSTER-THIS REALLY IS AN EXPLICIT THREAT-MSNBC's Joe Scarborough tore into Trump on Friday after the former president said it would be "dangerous" for special counsel Jack Smith to send him to jail. Trump had told an Iowa radio station this week that the possibility of jail time is a "very dangerous thing to even talk about, because we do have a tremendously passionate group of voters (vicious MAGA freaks mob) — much more passion than they had in 2020 and much more passion than they had in 2016." Scarborough said Trump was "talking like a mobster."

07.21.23-SCUM ALERT!-In a video posted Tuesday on Twitter, when gun violence advocates handed Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) a pin of the green Converse a Uvalde victim was wearing when she was murdered in a mass shooting, Boebert threw it away. Brett Cross, whose 10-year-old son Uziyah Garcia was also killed during the Uvalde mass shooting, said on TikTok that Boebert throwing away the pin was "beyond infuriating." "You people elect these types of people," Cross said. "Are you fucking serious? She didn't even have enough couth or wherewithal to even hold on to it until she got to her office to throw it away. She threw it away in plain sight, going to show once again that she does not give a damn." Maite Rodriguez's green Converse became a symbol for Uvalde victims when actor Matthew McConaughey, who is from Uvalde, Texas, spoke at the White House about how Maite's green Converse was the "only clear evidence" used to identify the 9-year-old after the shooting.

07.18.23-A REAL THREAT TO THIS COUNTRY-The *New York Times* is out with a story sure to simultaneously delight the supporters of former President Trump and strike fear into his critics. The lengthy piece, based on his campaign's public proposals and interviews with insiders, lays out how Trump plans to dramatically increase the power of the presidency should he be elected to a second term. The goal is to "alter the balance of power by increasing the president's authority over every part of the federal government that now operates, by either law or tradition, with any measure of independence from political interference by the White House," write Maggie Haberman, Jonathan Swan, and Charlie Savage. For example:

- Independent agencies such as the FCC and the FTC would operate under the president's control.
- Presidents would be able to refuse to spend money authorized by Congress on programs they don't like—the practice is called "impounding" funds, and lawmakers banned it under Richard Nixon.
- Tens of thousands of civil servants would lose their job protection, making it easier for a president to fire them.

07.15.23-WATCH THIS GUY-HE MAY BE INSANE BUT HE IS SMART-Absolutely disgusting and insane. The

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obtained video from a recent RFK Jr. event where he suggested COVID is a Chinese bioweapon “ethnically targeted” to “attack Caucasians and Black people” and to spare “Ashkenazi Jews and Chinese” people. He then falsely claimed the U.S. has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on labs in Ukraine to develop similar bioweapons that target people by their race.

07.14.23-YES, BUT DANGEROUS-MSNBC guest Eddie S. Glaude Jr. rified on Nicolle Wallace’s takedown of Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) on Tuesday, drawing cackles from the host. Tuberville has invited scorn for blocking military promotions in the Senate while at the same time reinforcing his support for white nationalists.

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07.13.23-ANOTHER FAILED MAGA WITCH HUNT-*Gone in 60 seconds: At FBI director hearing, Republican conspiracies about Biden go 'POOF!'*, Rex Huppke, USA Today. So the Republicans who want to defund and discredit the FBI, the ones who eagerly dragged the FBI director through the mud Wednesday with absurd allegations grounded in zero facts, want you, the American people, to believe this: The nation’s premier law enforcement agency has been weaponized against Republicans under a director who is a lifelong Republican and who reached his current post by being selected and confirmed to positions by two Republican presidents and two Republican-led Senate bodies.

Forget that all this is in defense of former President Donald Trump, a one-term, twice-impeached lifelong con artist who now faces more than 70 felony charges in two cases, with more indictments on the horizon.

Forget that Hunter Biden was actually charged with two misdemeanor tax offenses and a felony firearm offense.

Forget that, despite relentless investigation, Republicans have produced nothing linking President Biden to his son’s activity, or the fact that the person they touted as a key whistleblower was just charged with arms trafficking and acting as an unregistered agent for China.

07.12.23-THIS IS MAGA'S SO-CALLED HUNTER BIDEN WHISTLEBLOWER-U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said:

“As alleged, Gal Luft, a dual U.S.-Israeli citizen and co-head of a Maryland think tank, engaged in multiple, serious criminal schemes. He subverted foreign agent registration laws in the United States to seek to promote Chinese policies by acting through a former high-ranking U.S. Government official; he acted as a broker in deals for dangerous weapons and Iranian oil; and he told multiple lies about his crimes to law enforcement. As the charges unsealed today reflect, our Office will continue to work vigorously with our law enforcement partners to detect and hold accountable those who surreptitiously attempt to perpetrate malign foreign influence campaigns here in the United States.” This guy is currently a fugitive. (Huff Post)

07.11.23-KRAZY KAREN-Former Rep. David Jolly (R-Fla.) said the emergence of Casey DeSantis on the campaign trail on behalf of her husband, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, could actually backfire. “For many, she’s the brighter side to Florida’s angry governor. To others, she’s become America’s Karen,” Jolly said Sunday on MSNBC. He called her a “more effective messenger” than her husband as he battles for the GOP presidential nomination. The problem is the message itself. “If all she’s doing is amplifying the wrong message, she’s actually clarifying Ron DeSantis’ weaknesses,” he said, pointing specifically to DeSantis’ attempts “to terrify voters” with his culture war rhetoric. “It doesn’t matter if it’s presented in heels or boots, the DeSantis doctrine’s a losing one,” he said. “We’re gonna learn that the more Casey DeSantis gets out there.” (Huff Post)

07.10.23-WHEN TRUMP SPEAKS, HE LIES-Chris Christie pushed back on claims that “tens of thousands” of people still show up to Trump’s rallies, calling estimates for a recent South Carolina event “absurd.” “Tens of thousands don’t show up anymore. That’s another one of the big lies that happen. Look, all you have to do is look at the pictures.” Christie was responding to reports, citing a local police chief, that Trump drew a crowd of 50,000 people to a town of 3,400 in South Carolina over the July 4 weekend. That claim has since been called into question. Christie also lambasted Trump’s campaign stop in Iowa last week, where he said the ex-president “droned on for an hour and a half,” “lied” about a farm deal with China, and “spent the rest of the time” discussing his indictment. “This is not somebody who’s fighting for the American people and their future,” Christie concluded. “This is all about his ego.” (Huff Post)

07.09.23-Please Joe, no cluster bombs!

07.08.23-LEAVE THESE PEOPLE ALONE-Republican-and Democratic-appointed federal judges are pushing back against state laws that ban gender-affirming care for minors. Courts are doing so for the reasons these laws should never have been passed in the first place: They are unconstitutional and infringe upon the rights of American citizens. The systematic effort to use the power of government to marginalize transgender people and deny young people health care services based on ideology and against scientific consensus in states such as Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Indiana and Florida has been rebuffed by jurists in the past several weeks. (USA Today)

07.07.23-PRISONER # 123trump-MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell and his panel of legal experts went through some of the claims Trump has been making in his defense as he faces a 37-count indictment in the classified documents scandal. In one clip played by O’Donnell, Trump claimed that charging him under the Espionage Act is “one of the most outrageous and vicious legal theories ever put in an American court of law, there’s never been anything like this.” “Has there ever been anything like this?” O’Donnell asked former acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal “Hell yeah,” Katyal replied without hesitation, the immediately cited the recent

example of Robert Birchum who was recently sentenced for keeping classified documents at his home. “Notably, unlike Trump, Mr. Birchum — who was a highly decorated Air Force officer — expressed remorse for what he did, he took full responsibility, and Lawrence, yet, he still got 3 years in prison just last month.” Katyal also cited several other recent examples of people getting prison time after being convicted on the same charges that Trump is now facing. Trump, he suggested, “should just look at the language of the Espionage Act — it describes him to a T.”

07.06.23-LOSER NEWS-Longtime Fox News analyst Brit Hume is suggesting that Republicans think twice before supporting Trump in the 2024 GOP presidential primaries. “The case can be made that he’s a loser because, since he got elected in 2016, he’s compiled a string of them,” Hume said. “Either he or his supported candidates have lost too many races.” Hume said Republicans who support Trump are voting for the candidate they feel closest to and not voting strategically to support that candidate with the best chance of winning. “That may come back to haunt the Republican Party in 2024,” he said. “You look at the Democrats and what they think of the race. They think that Trump is going to win the nomination, and they think Biden will beat him because he did beat him.”

07.05.23-Hot dog eating contests-A disgusting display of gluttony. People are starving. Give them the hot dogs.

07.04.23-Happy Birthday to the country that the MAGA FREAKS are trying to destroy.

07.03.23-1984, AGAIN=DeSantis is pandering to an aging Republican base that wants to roll back the clock to when people like them controlled everything and there were no uncomfortable reminders of the humanity and worth of Black people, brown people, LGBTQ+ people, disabled people, and white women who for some inexplicable reason refuse to fit the Casey DeSantis model. It’s telling about the Republican Party that merely calling for the elimination of four federal agencies is not enough, that DeSantis felt he also had to link that to his ongoing high-pitched whine about “woke ideology” and the campaign against an education that allows LGBTQ+ kids and Black kids to see themselves and their histories as legitimate, let alone valued.

07.02.23-SCUM REPORT-Trump Pressed Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey To Overturn 2020 Election Results: Trump is also currently under investigation for telling the governor of Georgia to “find” extra votes for him. Seeing his prospects for a second term rapidly dimming in late 2020, Trump pressed Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) to procure made-up votes that could tip the scales in his favor, The Washington Post reported Saturday citing three people familiar with their call. The now-former president enacted a similar pressure campaign against Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp (R) with an order to “find” votes, which was recorded and is currently the subject of criminal investigations. Ducey did not record his call with Trump, the newspaper said. Trump also tried to use Pence, to coerce Ducey into changing the results of the election, according to the Post, which noted that Pence called Ducey but did not pressure him.

07.01.23-SCREWED-UP JUSTICE-SCOTUS on Friday greatly expanded the rights of people who want to discriminate against same-sex couples in a case involving an amateur website designer who was never even

asked to make a website for a same-sex wedding. In 303 Creative v. Elenis, amateur web designer Lorie Smith asked the court to grant her the right under the First Amendment to refuse service to gay and lesbian couples due to her Christian religious beliefs. But Smith's request was wholly speculative. She had not been hired to make a website for a same-sex couple and, therefore, had never refused such work. In fact, she's never made a single wedding website.

06.30.23-THIS MAN IS CLUELESS AND OBLIVIOUS TO THE REAL SITUATION-Mike Pence bizarrely pointed to his own white family of college graduates while praising the U.S. Supreme Court's decision Thursday to end affirmative action across most institutions of higher education. "There may have been a time 50 years ago when we needed to affirmatively take steps to correct long-term racial bias in institutions of higher education," Pence added. "But I can tell you, as the father of three college graduates, those days are long over."

06.29.23-SHAMEFUL-The administration of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) steered \$92 million last year in leftover federal coronavirus stimulus money to a controversial highway interchange project that directly benefits a top political donor, according to state records. The decision by the Florida Department of Transportation to use money from the 2021 American Rescue Plan for the I-95 interchange at Pioneer Trail Road near Daytona Beach fulfilled a years-long effort by Mori Hosseini, a politically connected housing developer who owns two large tracts of largely forested land abutting the planned interchange. The funding through the DeSantis administration, approved shortly after the governor's reelection, expedited the project by more than a decade, according to state documents.

06.28.23-NOT A BIG FAN OF CHRISTIE, BUT PLAN TO VOTE FOR HIM IN THE PRIMARY, SO AS TO CANCEL ONE TRUMP VOTE. ALL DEMOCRATS SHOULD DO THIS. Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie tore into Trump over a report that the former president has been using campaign contributions to pay his personal legal fees. Trump is "the cheapest SOB I've ever met in my life," Christie, who is challenging Trump for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, told Politico. "What Donald Trump is good at is spending other people's money." Christie said Trump — a billionaire — should be able to pay his own legal fees, and demanded that he stop sticking donors with the bills. "He is the richest candidate in this race, yet he is using public money to pay his legal fees. He should be ashamed of himself."

06.27.23-GOP IS A CULT-Michael Luttig, a retired federal judge, said the GOP may be "beyond saving itself." Once lauded by the right for his conservative legal opinions, he delivered a scathing rebuke of the Republican Party for its continued fealty to Trump. He wrote in a New York Times op-ed that the GOP's "spineless support" has enabled the former president, despite his role in the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol and his Espionage Act indictment in the classified documents scandal. "Building the Republican campaign around the newly indicted front-runner is a colossal political miscalculation, as comedic as it is tragic for the country," Luttig wrote, adding that the campaign is essentially one running against the U.S. Constitution. "If the indictment of Mr. Trump on Espionage Act charges — not to mention his now almost certain indictment for conspiring to obstruct Congress from certifying Mr. Biden as the president on Jan. 6 — fails to shake the Republican Party from its moribund political senses, then it is beyond saving itself," Luttig declared. "Nor ought it be saved."

06.26.23-SEND HIM TO A RED STATE TO BE AMONG THE CRAZIES-New York, I hear you are happy to have anti-vaxer Rodgers, who criticizes scientists, on your football team. One of them answers: "Disappointed he took a cheap shot vs me this wk. In 2021 during our awful delta wave we were losing 2,000 Americans/day, >80% among unvaccinated, when vaccines were 90% protective vs death/serious illness, I criticized him for his public antivaccine stance. . . . This is so unnecessary, I have no bad thoughts for Aaron, I needed to speak out in 2021 to try and save lives. 200,000 unvaccinated Americans needlessly perished during those delta BA.1 waves in last half of 2021 early 2022."

06.25.23-COMING TO ALL OF AMERICA UNLESS.....-Ron DeSantis wields near-dictatorial sway over his state, which he has used to grant special interests a breathtaking list of favors. He has helped them evade accountability, steamrolled regulations, funded their pet projects, and foisted bailouts and tax breaks onto ordinary taxpayers. Often he does so quite openly. One day after launching his 2024 presidential campaign in a live event on Twitter with its owner, Elon Musk, he signed a law relieving private space companies like SpaceX, another Musk company, from liability for accidentally killing its employees.

06.24.23-TODAY'S HEADLINES:

--MUSK LIED ABOUT THIS-New video undercuts claim Twitter censored pro-Trump views before Jan. 6. In the internal video call from Jan. 5, 2021, workers were told not to take tougher action against a growing wave of tweets they feared were veiled incitements to violence.

--BONKERS BLACKBURN-Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) has appeared to suggest that an announcement about the fate of the missing Titan submersible was somehow planned to distract from accusations against the president's son Hunter Biden.

--PRETTY TYPICAL-Fox News analyst Juan Williams dismissed growing claims by GOP lawmakers that whistleblowers have damning evidence on the Bidens. The allegations amount to "a bunch of rumors and innuendo and no hard evidence,"

06.23.23-JACKASS JORDAN-Rep. Jim Jordan states: "Remember, if the FBI can do it to a presidential candidate, they can do it to you too." Rep, Nadler replies: "Absolutely correct, Mr. Chairman. Anyone in this country who steals classified documents and then lies repeatedly to the government about returning them will probably get a visit from the FBI."

06.22.23-WASTED TAX-PAYER MONEY-Follow-up to story below: On Wednesday, America was treated to the incredible spectacle of House Republicans attacking John Durham. The peak moment of that event may have been when Rep. Matt Gaetz, whose own experience comes mainly in the form of being the subject of investigations, told the veteran prosecutor that he didn't know how to conduct an investigation.

John Durham's investigation found nothing to discredit special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. At no point in his congressional testimony did he take the bait from Republicans to give credence to Trump's "Russia hoax" rhetoric. If anything, Durham went out of the way to praise his predecessor. Durham confirmed that current Attorney General Merrick Garland didn't interfere with his investigation or tell him that any potential

targets were off-limits. He admitted that the reason that Obama and Hillary Clinton still walk free, no matter how much Trumpworld wants them behind bars, is that there's simply no evidence of wrongdoing. Of the three measly indictments the report brought forward, two were "slam dunk acquitted," while the one guilty plea was for something "unrelated to the origins of the FBI investigation." Johnson further noted that the investigation did not reveal any criminal undertakings to perpetrate a hoax in the hopes of taking down Trump.

06.21.23-TRUMP'S IGNORANT CULT MEMBERS DON'T CARE ABOUT HIS EVIL PERSONALITY OR DEEDS-THEY HAVE A MESSIAH COMPLEX-Ex-Bush Aide Rips Evangelical Trump Supporters For 'Obvious' Hypocrisy. Peter Wehner said evangelical support for Trump is a "tremendous indictment" of that religious community. Peter Wehner accused evangelicals of hypocrisy for their continued support for Donald Trump. "You have in Donald Trump the person who probably most embodies the antithesis of the Sermon on the Mount, the person of Jesus, and the teachings of Jesus," Wehner, a prominent conservative Christian, said on MSNBC on Tuesday. "And this guy's a rock star and has been for year after year."-Wehner, who served in the administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush and as a senior aide to George W. Bush, said evangelicals could have argued in 2016 that they didn't know who Trump really was. But not anymore. "And by the time we got to 2020 it was so obvious what he was," Wehner said. "And yet they stayed and it's a tremendous indictment of them" and of the evangelical movement overall.

06.19.23-THE WORMS ARE TURNING:

--Chris Christie Says Trump Is A 'Petulant Child' When Someone Disagrees With Him

--William Barr Labels 'Very Petty' Trump As A 'Defiant' Child In Explosive Remarks

--Staunch Pro-Trump Lawmaker GOP Rep. Mike Turner, chair of the House Intelligence Committee, admits that Mar-A-Lago documents are of 'grave concern.'

06.18.23-All this anti-woke crap is just hate masquerading as morality!

06.17.23-NO SANITY HANNITY-California Gov. Gavin Newsom refused to bow out in defense of his home state as he pushed back at Fox News host Sean Hannity who hit the governor with questions on business in California. Newsom replied we have a 47% increase in business startups this year compared to last year." Hannity later argued that businesses were "paying that high tax bill" in the state before the California governor went after the host's take. "This is on its way to becoming the fourth-largest economy in the world. What are you arguing for? Mississippi's economic policy?" asked Newsom as he spoke over Hannity's attempts to interject.

"Literally, that's what you're arguing for. The great Sam Brownback's Kansas policy? It was a debacle, no economic growth. Seventy one percent of the GDP in America are [in] blue counties. Seventy one percent of the GDP in America are [in] blue counties. Seventy one percent of the country's wealth. Seven of the top-ten dependent states are your states. We're subsidizing your states, Sean, because of your policies."

06.16.23-TIT FOR TAT-MSNBC's Mehdi Hasan needed just 60 seconds to dismantle one of the most common lines of defense used by Trump and his supporters. It's the notion that if Trump can be indicted and prosecuted, so can anyone else. "If they can come for President Trump, they can come for you too," Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), a Trump loyalist, wrote on Twitter after the former president was indicted on 37

federal charges in the classified documents scandal. Some version of that line has been repeated by many others in Trump's corner. But Hasan made short work of the argument by listing people the Trump administration sent to prison for the very same charges the former president now faces. And he did it in a minute: [Video](#)

06.15.23-AND HE'S FULL OF IT-Former President Donald Trump's ex-chief of staff said the twice-impeached Republican is intimidated by the possibility he may finally face accountability for his actions. "He's scared shitless," John Kelly, the chief of staff from 2017 to 2019, told The Washington Post on Tuesday.

06.14.23-LIBS OVER MAGAS-YES!-The Wall Street Journal, the newspaper that has the same overlord as Fox News, wrote Tuesday that if Republicans nominate Donald Trump again, "they won't 'own the libs' ... The libs will own them." The editorial sounded the alarm on the impact of Trump's possible success in the 2024 presidential race.

06.13.23-ANOTHER MAGA SLEAZEBALL-According to Punchbowl News, the House Ethics Committee has reopened an inquiry into one of the ringleaders of the House revolt, Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida. The Department of Justice previously asked the committee to back off while it conducted a federal sex trafficking investigation involving underage girls. That investigation concluded without charges against Gaetz, but now the committee has reportedly opened its inquiry back up. The committee announced the investigation in April 2021 to look into public reports that Gaetz "engaged in sexual misconduct and/or illicit drug use, shared inappropriate images or videos on the House floor, misused state identification records, converted campaign funds to personal use, and/or accepted a bribe, improper gratuity, or impermissible gift." Expect Gaetz to scream that this is leadership's retribution against him for his role in shutting the House down.

06.12.23-THAT'S A GOTCHA!-The two indictments filed so far against former President Donald J. Trump — one brought by the Manhattan district attorney, the other by a Justice Department special counsel — charge him with very different crimes but have something in common: Both were based, at least in part, on the words of his own lawyers.

06.11.23-THE ANSWER IS YES! I KNOW SOME OF THEM-Bruce Maiman, Guest Writer for HUFFPOST asks: Are Americans Really That Dumb? People still wrongly believe that Barack Obama is not a U.S. citizen, the Parkland shooting victims were crisis actors, and the 2020 election was rigged.

06.10.23-COMMON SENSE PROPOSAL-SO OF COURSE THE MAGA PEOPLE WILL REJECT IT-Our ability to make a more perfect union is literally written into the Constitution," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "So today, I'm proposing the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution to do just that. The 28th Amendment will enshrine in the Constitution common sense gun safety measures that Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and gun owners overwhelmingly support – while leaving the 2nd Amendment unchanged and respecting America's gun-owning tradition." The 28th Amendment will permanently enshrine four broadly supported gun safety principles into the U.S. Constitution:

- Raising the federal minimum age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21;

- Mandating universal background checks to prevent truly dangerous people from purchasing a gun that could be used in a crime;
- Instituting a reasonable waiting period for all gun purchases; and
- Barring civilian purchase of assault weapons that serve no other purpose than to kill as many people as possible in a short amount of time – weapons of war our nation’s founders never foresaw.

06.09.23-OH GOODY!-Trump has been indicted on 37 felony federal charges related to his handling of classified documents after he left the White House, according to the unsealed indictment released on Friday. The charges against Trump include conspiracy to obstruct justice, willful retention of national defense information and making false statements, according to the document, filed in federal district court in Miami.

06.08.23-I AM NOT A CHRISTIE FAN BUT HERE HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH-Former New Jersey governor Chris Christie had news about Trump for attendees of his presidential campaign kickoff event Tuesday night in New Hampshire. "If you think for one minute, when he says, 'I am your retribution'—if you think he wants to be your retribution, forget it," Christie told them, referring to Trump's signature 2024 campaign pledge. "He's going to be retribution for one person and one person only: himself." Trump, he said, was a "bitter, angry man" who wanted to get back in the seat of power so he could look out for No. 1.

AND CHRISTIE ALSO SAID THIS:

The grift from this [Trump] family is breathtaking. Jared Kushner and Ivanka Kushner walk out of the White House and months later get \$2 billion from the Saudis. Two *billion* dollars from the Saudis. You think it’s because he’s some kind of investing genius? Or do you think it’s because he was sitting next to the POTUS for 4 years doing favors for the Saudis? That’s your money. That’s your money he stole, and gave it to his family. You know what that makes us? A banana republic. That’s what that makes us.

06.07.23-BLATANT LYING (WHAT'S NEW?)-Fox News host Harris Faulkner is getting called out on Twitter for uttering a “blatant” falsehood about the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic as she criticized the protective measures imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Faulkner, who is getting a tryout in former host Tucker Carlson’s old prime time slot, claimed schools didn’t close in 1918. Much like her predecessor, who became infamous for spreading COVID-19 misinformation, she was wrong. School closures were not only common in 1918, studies have found they were effective in reducing the excess death rate from the so-called Spanish flu — and so many people responded that a “community note” correcting the misinformation was appended.

06.06.23-DISGUSTING-ONLY MONEY MEANS ANYTHING TO THE GOLF INDUSTRY-In what can only be described as a huge win for the Saudi Arabian monarchy that has so desperately tried to paper over human rights abuses including the assassination of critics, the PGA Tour, the European DP World Tour, and Saudi-owned LIV Golf have announced that they will be merging into a single golf entity. In the short term, that means the flurry of lawsuits between the PGA and LIV Golf are now moot, but that's nothing compared to the long-term results.

06.05.23-LIAR TRUMP ATTACKS LIAR McENANY-FUN TO WATCH-Conservative CNN commentator S.E. Cupp on Thursday suggested right-wing criticism of Trump’s attack on his former White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany may be “a canary in the coal mine” moment for the former president. Trump this week accused

now-Fox News personality McEnany of understating his poll numbers against 2024 Republican rival Ron DeSantis and insulted her as “milktoast.” The move drew backlash from conservative figures, who dubbed the comments “insane,” “pathetic” and “unacceptable,” noted Cupp. The pushback suggested the Republican 2024 front-runner was “no longer above reproach” from people who previously applauded his petty cruelty, argued Cupp. Attacking McEnany showed “Trump can go too far in shooting inside the tent,” she added (Couldn't even spell milquetoast correctly)

06.04.23-DON'T BE FOOLED BY THIS GUY-HE IS SOLID RED-Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee's administration accused the National Rifle Association of wanting to use involuntary commitment laws “to round up mentally ill people and deprive them of other liberties,” according to documents drafted by the Republican's staffers as part of their initial attempt to pass a gun control proposal earlier this year. The memos, provided by Lee's office as part of a public records request, reveal a rare criticism of the powerful gun lobby made by the Republican governor. Lee has previously praised the NRA's efforts to protect the Second Amendment. But he has since faced opposition from the group as he works to pass gun control legislation in response to a deadly Nashville school shooting that took place in late March.

AND THIS:
WHO IS SURPRISED?-In a shock resignation, the ACU/CPAC Treasurer says the organization is riddled with cancer.

06.03.23-THIS IS NOTHING NEW. HORSES DIE ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY DUE TO THE QUEST FOR WINS BY RICH AND POWERFUL HORSE OWNERS. Churchill Downs Racetrack, home of the Kentucky Derby, announced Friday that it's suspending racing at its facilities following the deaths of a dozen horses.

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06.02.23-LOCK HIM UP!-Former federal prosecutor Andrew Weissmann, who investigated Trump's role in Russian interference in the 2016 election, told MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace it could be “game over” for Trump. “There is no way that he will not be charged,” said Weissmann. The audio differentiated Trump's classified documents case to those of President Joe Biden and former Vice President Mike Pence. Both also were found to have classified materials in their possession, but unlike Trump handed them over when asked, said Weissmann. If reports about the tape are accurate, Weissmann said, “There will be an indictment and it is hard to see how given all the evidence that we've been talking about that there will not be a conviction here. I mean, this is a tape recording.”

06.01.23-EVIL TWINS THREATS-Former Rep. David Jolly (R-Fla.) on Wednesday jumped feet-first into the debate over which GOP 2024 presidential candidate is more dangerous for America: Trump or Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. Jolly said DeSantis, his home state governor, poses a much “greater threat.” “Donald Trump is a brutish, transactionalist politician who will walk into a room, try to crush the Constitution, likely fail and be

stopped by the courts,” Jolly said on MSNBC’s “Deadline: White House.” “It leads to violence. He is a unique danger himself.” “But in Ron DeSantis, you have somebody who bears the same fragile vanities of Donald Trump, the paranoia and the executive abuse of Richard Nixon, a view of religion and church and state like Pat Robertson, and the discreet methodologies of Attorney General Bill Barr,” the former congressman told anchor Nicolle Wallace.

05.31.23-DUMB AND DUMBER

Nicolle Wallace Literally Laughs Out Loud At Ron DeSantis' (DUMB) bizarre promise. The MSNBC host has a blunt fact-check for DeSantis who has made taking on “woke” a central part of his identity and a key to his 2024 presidential aspirations, even using the word seven times in 20 seconds during an event last month. But she wasn’t having his latest attempt to use it as a talking point. On Tuesday’s “Deadline White House,” she played a clip of DeSantis once again vowing to end “woke” if elected. “I will be able to destroy leftism in this country and leave woke ideology on the dustbin of history,” DeSantis said on Fox News. After the clip, Wallace let out a loud laugh. Then she got serious. “A woke mob did not storm the U.S. Capitol. A woke mob did not shoot up Uvalde. A woke mob does not represent the threat that domestic violent extremism does, but OK, Ron, you go get the woke mob,” she said,

AND THIS;

Trump (DUMBER) vowed in a campaign video released Tuesday to end birthright citizenship on “Day One” of his presidency if he wins the 2024 election. The former president claimed the constitutional guarantee of U.S. citizenship for anyone born on U.S. soil, regardless of their parents’ immigration status, was “not working” in a lengthy, dog whistle-filled screed in which he fearmongered about criminals and people with mental health issues invading the country. Trump, the current GOP front-runner, vowed to nullify the clause of the 14th Amendment via a simple executive order, even though the actual process required to make an amendment is “quite onerous,” per the White House,” and much more complicated.

04.28.23-MCDANIEL IS A DEEP FAKE-The Republican National Committee released an anti-Biden advertisement that featured ... computer-generated (i.e. fake) images of a future apocalyptic world run amok, thanks to Joe Biden. They really did that. The choice by the brainiacs at the RNC to concoct something entirely out of thin air is not surprising. It lines up perfectly with the decades-long trajectory of a political party hellbent on minority rule and authoritarianism. On Wednesday, RNC chair Ronna McDaniel took time away from trying to scare parents about “rainbow fentanyl” Halloween candy to go on Fox News and talk about the completely fake attack ad Republicans unveiled the day before. McDaniel explained to the Fox News audience that not only did they *not* see what they just saw, she was going to tell them what they saw—and they were going to say they saw it. “So first of all it is A.I.-generated. So we’re sharing that up front, ethically, so it’s not a deepfake*. Every single image was A.I., but we are painting a picture of a future Biden America.”

04.26.23-CARLSON'S LEGACY-Some call it conservative populism, or national conservatism, while critics say it’s akin to white nationalism. It’s an ideology that panders to many Americans’ bigoted and xenophobic impulses, their resentments and their grievances. It welcomes in voices denounced by others as racist, and delights in mocking “woke” liberals. It promotes conspiracy theories. It admires foreign leaders denounced by others as authoritarians. It denounces “elites,” the traditional establishments of both parties, and the long-held commitments of US foreign policy.

04.24.23-MAYBE THERE IS A GOD, AFTER ALL-Tucker Carlson is no longer a Fox News host.

04.23.23- MAGA WANTS TO CONTROL HOW VOTING IS PERFORMED-As Neil Vigdor wrote for The New York Times in late March, Republicans nationwide are pushing for laws that are likely to restrict the student vote if and when they're enacted, all while taking measures to suppress other voter groups that often favor Democrats — like Black and Indigenous voters.

04.20.23-NATIONAL DISGRACE-Don't knock on the wrong door, or let your ball roll into someone's yard, or our gun crazy culture will get you killed.

04.19.23-PLEASE, PLEASE UNSEAT THIS WITCH-Far-right Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) raised \$1 million less than her 2024 Democratic challenger Adam Frisch in the first three months of 2023, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission. Boebert, the Trump-loving firebrand, only narrowly beat former Aspen councilmember Frisch in the 2022 midterms following a recount. She took victory with just 50.06% of the vote. Frisch raised \$1.7 million from mainly small donors, and money flowed into his campaign from across the country, reported the Colorado Sun. Boebert, who has caused controversy with a string of stunts, including heckling President Joe Biden during his State of the Union speech, raised \$667,000, per the Denver Post.

04.17.23-GET READY FOR THE STORM TROOPERS-Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich warned of the Trump-inspired GOP's progression "toward becoming the American fascist party" to maintain power in a new essay for The Guardian.Reich, who served as labor secretary in President Bill Clinton's administration, contrasted the Democratic Party as "still largely committed to democracy" to the GOP as "careening at high velocity toward authoritarianism. OK, fascism."

04.15.23-THEY DON'T REALLY CARE-After 100 days in office, House Republicans as a party are so disconnected from reality that their governance is entirely useless in the eyes of most Americans. New polling from Navigator Research shows that the priorities of House Republicans are completely out of sync with voters, leading to a brutal assessment of their performance. In terms of overall job approval, House Republicans are 24 points underwater, 35% approve and 59% disapprove. But even more importantly, among independents, House Republicans are 48 points underwater—10 points worse than earlier this year when Republicans first assumed control of the lower chamber. Now, just 18% of independents approve of how they are handling their jobs, while 66% disapprove. In fact, among 17 specific issues tested, congressional Republicans weren't above water with independents on a single one of them. Independents were most dissatisfied with Republicans on abortion (-33), Social Security and Medicare (-31), corruption in government (-28), inflation (-27), and climate change/environment (-26). Bottom line: Republicans are truly living in a different world than roughly two-thirds of the electorate.

04.13.23-THE ONLY ONE CRYING WAS LYING TRUMP-Trump made some of his patented claims at the beginning of an interview with Tucker Carlson. One of those claims described his experience when he was booked for dozens of federal charges against him in New York City. Trump claimed that basically everybody booking him was apologizing and crying; in fact, "tears were pouring down their eyes." Not only is this an

unbelievable story (and also a strange way to describe crying), but Yahoo! News has a source that says this story is “absolute BS.”

04.12.23-SLIMY SYNCOPHANT-Tucker Carlson called Trump a “demonic force,” admitted that he hated him “passionately” and said he couldn’t wait for the day when he could ignore the former president in private text messages. Now, the Fox News host is singing a very different tune with a softball Trump interview in which he hailed the former president as “moderate, sensible and wise.” Carlson’s critics on Twitter were quick to remind him of what he said in private messages released as part of the Dominion lawsuit against the right-wing network — and taunt him for such a brazen turnaround: “a demonic force, a destroyer.” *“He could easily destroy us if we play it wrong.” “We are very, very close to being able to ignore Trump most nights. I truly can’t wait.” “I hate him passionately.”*

04.10.23-JACKASS JORDAN-Glenn Kirschner, a former U.S. Army prosecutor and legal analyst for MSNBC, said House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) broke a New York law forbidding “obstructing governmental administration” with his attempt to probe Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg’s indictment of Trump. Kirschner slammed Jordan’s efforts in a recent episode of his “Justice Matters” podcast and referred to him as a “man who intentionally violated a congressional subpoena” who has started issuing congressional subpoenas. Jordan, a fierce defender of Trump, defied a House Jan. 6 committee subpoena to testify about the insurrection and was referred to the Justice Department for prosecution. “Boy, does that make a mockery of the Judiciary Committee and of Congress and of the rule of law,” Kirschner said.

04.08.23-FOX IN THE HENHOUSE-Robert F. Kennedy Jr.—one of the most prominent anti-vaxxers in the world and Nazi cavorter, who’s been condemned by several members of his own family—declared this week that he will challenge President Biden for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2024. If that wasn’t hilariously pathetic enough, here’s the kicker: Kennedy was recruited into the race by Steve Bannon, one of the masterminds of the Trump 2016 campaign, to be a “useful chaos agent.” RFK Jr. rocketed from the fringes into the mainstream with the rise of anti-vaxx hysteria during the pandemic and has been derided as a “quack” and “healthcare menace.” from Daily Kos.

04.06.23-OF COURSE HE DID-Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas accepted luxury trips around the globe for more than two decades, including travel on a superyacht and private jet, from a prominent Republican donor without disclosing them, according to a new report. ProPublica reported Thursday on an array of trips funded by Harlan Crow, a Dallas businessman. The publication said Thomas typically spends about a week every summer at Crow’s private resort in the Adirondacks. It said the justice also has vacationed at Crow’s ranch in East Texas and has joined Crow at the Bohemian Grove, an exclusive all-male retreat in California.

04.04.23-FOX TRASH-Jeanine Pirro's own Fox News producer called her a 'reckless maniac' about Trump's Big election Lie. Pirro has been able to stay on air even though her number one attribute is being a screaming bore and she’s proven to be morally bankrupt. The Dominion Voting Systems lawsuit against Fox News has exposed the septic tank of personalities that makes up the behind-the-scenes world at the conservative propaganda giant. And while reports of how people like Pirro went on air and knowingly pushed unverified

conspiracy theories and in many cases made claims they knew full well not to be true, the details of the conversations going on behind the camera have only recently begun flooding out.

04.02.23-TRUMP STILL OWNS THIS PHONY-In the midst of the frenzy over the news of Trump's indictment, one politician made especially dangerous remarks that would threaten the foundations of American justice, and it wasn't Trump. Ron DeSantis, in a tweet, suggested that he would **ignore the extradition law**

and his duties as governor in order to help keep Trump from being accountable to the law, a proposition more dangerous than any indictment.

03.31.23-OUR VERY OWN TRAITOR-Trump isn't shy about which world leaders he got along with best — and it's not always America's allies. He famously sided with Putin when questioned about U.S. intelligence that found Russia interfered on his behalf in the 2016 election, and he got along so well with North Korean dictator Kim that he once said they "fell in love."At the same time, he didn't always get along with America's allies. To the contrary, Trump engaged in a series of petty feuds with the leaders of friendly nations, such as Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, whom he called a "far left lunatic," and French President Emmanuel Macron, whom he accused of being "very insulting." He also reportedly called then-British Prime Minister Theresa May "a fool" and then-German Chancellor Angela Merkel "stupid" in calls with each of them.

03.29.23-WITH A CAPITAL 'C'-California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) went after House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) after McCarthy was caught on camera refusing to answer questions about the mass shooting at a school in Nashville, Tennessee. On Tuesday, CNN's chief congressional correspondent Manu Raju tweeted a video of National Rifle Association-endorsed McCarthy walking away from reporters asking if there'd be a legislative response to the deadly violence at The Covenant School. Three 9-year-old students and three adults were shot to death by a former student at the Christian school. The shooter was killed by police. "Says he's not answering any questions," Raju wrote about McCarthy. "Posed for photos with tourists, then went into his office." Newsom shared the video on his own Twitter account. The governor captioned it with a single word: "Coward."

03.28.23-BEYOND COWARDICE-Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-Fla.), Generation Z's first congressman, slammed GOP House members as "cowards" in a blistering floor speech following the school shooting in Nashville, Tennessee, that left three children and three adults dead."I rise today because I am furious, angry that three kids died today in Nashville, Tennessee," Frost began. "Angry that hundreds of parents had to cry their eyes out today not knowing if their child would come home from school, and angry that we have to live day after day when we turn on the news and see rampant gun violence claiming life after life."Frost blamed Republican lawmakers "bought and paid for by the NRA, that put profits over people, over human lives."

03.27.23-THIS BRUTE IS DESPERATE AND NEEDS TO BE CONTAINED, JUST LIKE A MAD DOG-Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.) said Sunday that Trump's current rhetoric has at times been even more "overt and blatant" than it was in the lead-up to the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection. "The rhetoric that he's using today is not dissimilar to the type of rhetoric he used prior to Jan. 6," said Lofgren, according to a clip recorded by Mediaite. "In fact, in

some ways, it's more overt and blatant than the events leading up to Jan. 6." Lofgren cited a social media post last week in which Trump targeted Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, who is reported to be pursuing charges against the former president over his role in a 2016 hush money payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels. Among a stream of menacing comments about Bragg — including one in which he suggested a potential indictment would result in “death & destruction.”

03.26.23-ANOTHER FASCIST MOVE IN A FASCIST STATE RUN BY A FASCIST AUTOCRAT-BE SCARED! A U.S. government class at Eastern Florida State College was cancelled after a student felt "discomfort" over a discussion of civil rights, seen as an indication of the successful terrorizing of the Florida academic system by Ron DeSantis even with his "Stop WOKE Act" yet to be implemented.

03.23.23-TAKE THAT, YOU DOGMATIC RELIGIOUS NUTS- A Utah school district is considering banning students from reading the Bible after a complaint was made about the holy book containing 'inappropriate and pornographic' content

03.22.23- Tucker Carlson on Wednesday launched an attack on TV hosts who tell “lies” in order to “keep their stupid TV jobs.” And critics say it sounds a lot like the right-wing channel’s star could be talking about himself. Carlson, who has admitted to lying, attacked a new United Nations report on climate change that finds the world is rapidly approaching a dangerous temperature threshold. “You take a collection of dumb, desperate people in middle age hoping to keep on to their stupid TV jobs, you add scripts and some hairspray, and they repeat the lies for you,” he said.

03.21.23-PRICELESS!-Jimmy Kimmel fired back at Trump after the former president urged supporters to protest amid reports he’ll be arrested as soon as this week for paying hush money to porn actor Stormy Daniels. “Protest, take our nation back,” Trump wrote in an all-caps rant on his flailing Truth Social platform. “We already did take it back — from you!” Kimmel said. “Now go away.”

03.20.23-BECAUSE OF ACTIONS BY CRAZED RIGHT-WING FRINGE CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISTS- “The newly-released 2022 supplement to the PRRI Census of American Religion — based on over 40,000 interviews conducted last year — confirms that the decline of white Christians (Americans who identify as white, non-Hispanic and Christian of any kind) as a proportion of the population continues unabated,” writes Robert P. Jones, president of the Public Religion Research Institute. “As recently as 2008, when our first Black president was elected, the U.S. was a majority (54%) white Christian country.” By 2014 the number had dropped to 47 percent, and in 2022 it stood at 42 percent.

03.19.23-RAISE YOUR HANDS IF YOU ARE SURPRISED-Trump’s White House has failed to report more than 100 gifts from foreign nations worth more than a quarter-million dollars, and federal officials have been unable to find a life-size painting of Trump given by the president of El Salvador as well as golf clubs from the prime minister of Japan, according to a report Friday from House Democrats. Among the unreported items are 16 gifts from Saudi Arabia worth more than \$45,000 in all, including a dagger valued at up to \$24,000, and 17 presents from India that include expensive cufflinks, a vase and a \$4,600 model of the Taj Mahal. Gifts above several hundred dollars that foreign officials give to the president, vice president and their families are required to be reported to the State Department. Rep. Jamie Raskin said that the committee would “remain

committed to following the facts to determine the extent to which former President Trump broke the law or violated the Constitution when he failed to report gifts and took possession of valuable items without paying the fair market price for them.”

03.18.23-LIARS HIDE FACTS-The “Project 2020” report conducted by the Berkeley Research Group has now been obtained by prosecutors investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. A copy was reviewed by The Washington Post, and it shows that Trump’s own campaign paid more than \$600,000 for research that undercut many of his most explosive claims. The research was never made public. Despite Trump’s claims of rampant election fraud, most election officials around the country have maintained that such malfeasance is exceedingly rare. In the aftermath of the 2020 election, officials brought only a handful of fraud prosecutions. Even the conservative Heritage Foundation has found fewer than 1,500 instances of “proven voter fraud” — over a 40-year time frame.

03.17.23-HOW MANY DIED BELIEVING THIS FALSEHOOD?-Fox Business host Maria Bartiromo told Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) Thursday that ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine were effective against COVID-19 — echoing falsehoods that persisted at the peak of the pandemic. Both conservative-backed drugs sparked controversy as the global health crisis raged and both were deemed ineffective treatments for the virus by several prominent studies. But Bartiromo brought up as if “in a time warp,” one critic on Twitter wrote. “There were also all these lies about the emergency authorization,” Bartiromo said. “They needed the emergency authorization to get the vaccines down everybody’s throats, but in order to do that, they had to prove there was nothing else on the market that could actually treat COVID. We all know ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine were effective, weren’t they?”

03.16.23-SIGNS OF A MADMAN-Trump tried to argue that DeSantis would've lost in 2018 were it not for Trump’s post-election intervention. “[A]fter the Race, when votes were being stolen by the corrupt Election process in Broward County, and Ron was going down ten thousand votes a day, along with now-Senator Rick Scott, I sent in the FBI and the U.S. Attorneys, and the ballot theft immediately ended, just prior to them running out of the votes necessary to win,” he claimed by way of his social media platform. “I stopped his Election from being stolen.” In other words, according to Trump, he learned of a secret scheme being hatched by corrupt election officials he failed to identify, which led him to secretly deploy FBI agents and federal prosecutors to the Sunshine State, at which point the secret plot was secretly thwarted without anyone noticing. This was a story he wanted the public to believe and take seriously. There was no indication that Trump was kidding.

03.15.23-WHAT A BUNCH OF CRAP-Conservative commentator Bethany Mandel co-authored a whole book on the “current woke indoctrination” supposedly going on around the country. But when asked to define the term at the very center of it, she flopped. Mandel struggled for half a minute to come up with an answer to what “woke” means during an appearance Tuesday on “Rising,” a web series produced by The Hill. In the end, the author of “Stolen Youth: How Radicals Are Erasing Innocence and Indoctrinating a Generation” — released earlier this month — offered that “woke is something that’s very hard to define,” and said it had to do with reorganizing society “to create hierarchies of oppression.” “It’s hard to explain in a 15-second sound bite,” she said with an apology.

03.14.23-PENCE THE PUTZ-Chasten Buttigieg, the husband of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, has responded after Pence mocked his husband's paternity leave. "An honest question for you," Chasten Buttigieg tweeted, tagging Pence, "after your attempted joke this weekend. If your grandchild was born prematurely and placed on a ventilator at two months old — their tiny fingers wrapped around yours as the monitors beep in the background — where would you be?"

03.10.23-LET'S FACE FACTS-The Tucker Carlson audience is made of people too gullible to even make it in your average doomsday cult. They'll believe whatever Carlson tells them. He's a white nationalism-boosting pro-sedition hoax promoter. Lying is what he does. Spreading lies and propaganda is why Fox News puts him on the air. He is looking more like Joseph Goebbels in a bow tie every freakin' day. Carlson is still, by the way, painting Donald Trump's election loss as illegitimate. Even now, even after all the violence, and long after all the hoaxes were disproved as crooked lies. He is a man entirely without shame.

03.09.23-CORPORATE CRAP-After 16 months, three confirmation hearings, more than 1 million letters in support, and a dishonest multi-million dollar smear campaign financed by Comcast, Gigi Sohn, President Biden's nominee to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has withdrawn her name from consideration. Sohn, who helped draft landmark net neutrality rules in 2015, may have been the most qualified nominee in FCC history. This is a huge loss for American consumers and a massive win for Comcast, Verizon, AT&T and the detractors they funded to sink her nomination. Most importantly, the fifth and final commissioner's seat on the FCC remains vacant, continuing more than two years of partisan deadlock. Comcast, Verizon, AT&T think they have the right to choose their own regulators. Wealthy phone, cable and broadcast corporations have enjoyed a sweetheart deal since the Trump years and do not want to be held accountable by a pro-consumer watchdog.

But just as it was a mistake to allow railroad barons to dictate their own rules, it is a mistake to allow Big Telecom to keep the FCC in stalemate. A hamstrung FCC comes at a real cost to communities who need equal access and fair service.

03.08.23-R.I.P. FOX News. That is, if there is any justice.

03.06.23-Nikki Haley Spins Heads. The 2024 GOP presidential candidate's comments at the CPAC were slammed as "unspeakable" and "absurd." Haley raised eyebrows with an attack on "wokeness" during a speech. "Wokeness is a virus more dangerous than any pandemic, hands down," declared Haley.

Critics on Twitter scratched their heads over the claim. They quickly reminded Haley that COVID-19 has so far killed more than 1.1 million people in the U.S. alone.

03.05.23-AMERICAN FASCISTS-Thousands of conservatives, including prominent Republican lawmakers and presidential hopefuls, flocked to a suburban Washington, D.C., convention center this week to discuss children's genitals. They were there to call for criminalizing the act of doctors and parents providing minors with gender-affirming care. Sebastian Gorka, an alleged member of a Nazi-collaborating political order in Hungary who served as an advisor to Trump warned the crowd that Democrats are "mutilating boys and girls" and "sacrificing them on the altar of their transgender insanity." A short time later, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) — a featured speaker at a white supremacist conference last year, where her fellow speakers praised

Adolf Hitler and cheered on Russia's invasion of Ukraine — took to the stage to make a big announcement. "I'm going to be re-introducing my bill... that will make it a felony to perform anything to do with gender!"

03.04.23-JIM THE JERK-It was last August when Rep. Jim Jordan first referenced a group of FBI insiders, whom he referred to as "whistleblowers." As he put it at the time, these unidentified individuals had privately shared provocative information with him about the politicization of the bureau, fueling GOP conspiracy theories. Almost immediately, the far-right congressman's story was, in a rather literal sense, unbelievable. The first three witnesses to testify privately before the new Republican-led House committee investigating the "weaponization" of the federal government have offered little firsthand knowledge of any wrongdoing or violation of the law, according to Democrats on the panel. Instead, the trio appears to be a group of aggrieved former F.B.I. officials who have trafficked in right-wing conspiracy theories, including about the Jan. 6, 2021, attack at the Capitol, and received financial support from a top ally of Trump.

03.03.23-WHAT A CROCK!-Laura Ingraham took a revisionist look back at Trump's presidency on Thursday, saying he "was in the Oval Office pretty much all day." The Fox News host had just called President Joe Biden an elected "hologram" who outsources pivotal decisions to "bureaucrats, technocrats or Obama holdovers." Now contrast Biden with Trump," she said. "The staff brought proposals to him. He considered them. He brought in opposing points of view. He was in the Oval Office pretty much all day."The last claim about Trump's work ethic caught the attention of Twitter users, many of whom remembered No. 45's frequent golfing getaways. He played at least 289 times while president. He often hit the links at his own resorts, enabling him to profit from his putting. His hobby cost taxpayers more than \$151.5 million in travel and security costs, according to HuffPost's calculations. Trump also admitted spending time watching copious amounts of Fox News, and tweeted more than 100 times a day on occasion — not quite a nose-to-the-grindstone record.

03.01.23-LIAR'S CLUB-Right-wing media outlets are starting to come apart at the scenes. Just take a look at what's been happening:

- Fox News pundits and executives were shown in court documents to have known they were lying to their audience about the 2020 election results to protect their ratings and bottom line.
- Alex Jones, the hate-filled right-wing founder of InfoWars, admitted in court that he repeatedly lied to his listeners that the Sandy Hook mass shooting was nothing more than a hoax.
- Project Veritas, a conservative media organization founded by James O'Keefe over a decade ago has faced numerous legal battles because of their long history of distorting facts. Their own lawyer, in court, described their work as ""deception, deceit, dishonesty and, indeed, lies..."

02.27.23-KEEP IT UP JIMMY-Trump was reportedly so livid over Jimmy Kimmel's TV jokes that he ordered White House officials to get the late night host muzzled. Rolling Stone reported on Sunday that there were at least two phone calls to a top Disney executive to demand action against Kimmel in 2018. Disney is the parent company of ABC, which airs "Jimmy Kimmel Live." One unnamed former senior Trump administration official told the magazine that Trump felt Kimmel was being "very dishonest and doing things that [Trump] would

have once sued over.” Another unnamed former official told Rolling Stone: “Nobody thought it was going to change anything but DJT was focused on it so we had to do something...It was doing something, mostly, to say to [Trump], ‘Hey, we did this.’” Kimmel said last year that ABC officials at one point asked him to ease off Trump, but he refused. “I just said, ‘Listen, if that’s what you want to do, I understand and I don’t begrudge you for it, but I’m not going to do that,’” he told the “Naked Lunch” podcast. It’s not clear if that conversation came as a result of the White House pressure campaign on Disney. ABC left Kimmel alone, and he continues to mock the former president to this day.

02.26.23-RIDICULE DESERVED-Colin Jost of SNL: “Donald Trump visited East Palestine, the site of the recent train derailment, because Trump usually tries to make himself look better by standing next to a train wreck,” quipped Jost as a photo of Giuliani appeared by his side. “The train that derailed was carrying highly toxic vinyl chloride, which I think is something Trump recommended as a cure for COVID.” He then clowned the former president for distributing his water to residents and noted the Trump administration’s rollback of rail safety regulations.

02.23.23-WE MADE THIS MISTAKE WITH TRUMP-Peter Wehner, a former senior aide to President George W. Bush, warned in a new essay that it’s “unwise” to write off far-right Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) as “an outcast, a fringe figure, deranged but isolated.” Greene is now “a confidante” of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) And the extremist Republican’s call this week for a “national divorce” is “giving voice to a widespread and growing sentiment” in the GOP, he added. Far-right Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene has called for a “national divorce.” One element of her proposal would see Democrats banned from voting for five years if they moved to a red state. “MAGA Republicans like Marjorie Taylor Greene have added calls for secession to their corrosive lies about the 2020 presidential election,” Wehner wrote. “More incendiary and treacherous claims will follow.” “Greene and McCarthy — one crazed, the other cowardly — embody a large swath of the modern-day GOP,” Wehner concluded. “Any party that makes room for secessionists and secessionists is sick and dangerous.”

02.22.23-HOW MANY REPUBLICAN LIARS ARE THERE?-Nearly a year after the 2020 election, Arizona’s then-attorney general Mark Brnovich launched an investigation into voting in the state’s largest county that quickly consumed more than 10,000 hours of his staff’s time. Investigators prepared a report in March 2022 stating that virtually all claims of error and malfeasance were unfounded, according to internal documents reviewed by The Washington Post. Brnovich, a Republican, kept it private. In April, the attorney general — who was running in the GOP primary for a U.S. Senate seat -- released an “Interim Report” claiming that his office had discovered “serious vulnerabilities.” He left out edits from his own investigators refuting his assertions.

-ONE DEMON TO ANOTHER-Fox News host Tucker Carlson called Trump “a demonic force” and “a destroyer” in a text to his producer after thousands of Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

02.19.23-PENCE, JUST LIKE TRUMP, THINKS HE IS ABOVE THE LAW-Conservative lawyer Andrew McCarthy, called “frivolous” Pence’s reported plan to invoke the Constitution’s “speech or debate” clause, which shields members of Congress from being “questioned in any other Place” for “any Speech or Debate in either House.”

Noticeably absent from that clause are vice presidents, the thing Pence was on Jan. 6. But Pence argues that, given his technical role in presiding over the Senate, he should therefore be afforded those same protections. It was noteworthy that a conservative lawyer spoke out against a Republican politician's legal gambit, what really drew attention to McCarthy's article was the man who tweeted it out: J. Michael Luttig, the stalwart conservative and former federal judge who advised Pence ahead of Jan. 6 that he couldn't overturn the 2020 election, despite Donald Trump's claims otherwise.

02.18.23-FOX VIEWERS-WAKE UP!-YOU ARE BEING LIED TO-A brief filed by Dominion Voting Systems as part of its \$1.6 billion defamation suit against Fox News provides the clearest picture ever of the right-wing network's operations — and the portrait that emerges is not flattering. Wielding internal emails and text messages obtained through discovery, as well as numerous depositions with Fox's on-air talent and brass, Dominion's lawyers reveal that the network was feeding viewers information about fraud in the 2020 election that its executives, hosts and producers knew to be false. Out of fear that Fox News's audience was leaving for its competitors, the brief alleges, the network chose to buttress President Donald Trump's lie that the election had been stolen from him, helping to set the stage for the Jan. 6 insurrection.

02.16.23-THE BIBLE THUMPERS ARE COMING FOR YOU-Florida laws in place or being considered restrict classroom topics to the book banner's white, straight, Christian conservative mindset, as Daily Kos' Laura Clawson aptly put it.

02.15.23-MERCHANT OF DEATH!-As Trump's second re-election bid begins to pick up steam plans have begun to emerge. *Rolling Stone* alleges Trump has begun polling his advisers on whether he should bring back firing squads, hangings, and even the guillotine should he win in 2024. According to two sources, the former president has even begun exploring the possibility of group executions, with a third person claiming Trump has expressed interest in a government ad campaign to highlight the administration's lethality and, per *Rolling Stone*'s source, "help put the fear of God into violent criminals." A Trump campaign spokesperson denied the former president had plans for an execution ad campaign in a statement to *Rolling Stone*. As *Rolling Stone* had previously reported, Trump had ended his first term by executing more than four times as many convicted persons in his final six months in office as the federal government had killed in total over the prior half-century. He also signed an executive order in those last weeks in office that expanded the federal government's ability to conduct hangings and firing squads as methods of execution. And during his campaign launch in November, Trump made a special point to highlight a call to execute "everyone who sells drugs [or] gets caught selling drugs" if given a second term. Oliver Willis, called it the "kind of fascist s--t Republican primary voters love."

02.14.23-ANOTHER REPUBLICAN HYPOCRITE-Nikki Haley announced Tuesday that she is running for president. Haley has shifted her posture toward Trump over the years. She criticized him when he first ran in 2016, before joining his administration the next year and later vowing not to run against him in 2024. In recent months, she has disavowed the pledge as she moved toward a planned announcement speech here in Charleston on Wednesday.

02.13.23-LOONEY TUNES, BUT SCARY!-This week the House Oversight Committee has held a number of hearings related to what Republicans hold as the most important issue confronting America—Twitter's

suppression of Hunter Biden's dick pics. These hearings have featured some absolutely spotlight moments from Republican lawmakers, including:

- Marjorie Taylor Greene accusing an innocent man of promoting pedophilia and declaring how happy she is about people losing their jobs;
- Republicans speculating that Iran had seized control of the Capitol's electrical system when the lights went out during the hearing;
- Jim Jordan accusing Twitter of "shadow banning" people who were actually full-on banned for repeatedly violating Twitter's rules of operation;
- Clay Higgins telling Twitter employees they were going to be arrested for "interfering with the United States of America 2020 presidential election";
- Every Republican on the committee accusing Twitter employees of working with the FBI to suppress information about Hunter Biden, with absolutely no evidence; and
- Nancy Mace ecstatically declaring, "Thank God for Elon Musk!" followed by Greene also declaring, "Thank God Elon Musk bought Twitter," followed by Pete Sessions shouting, "God bless Elon Musk!"

And there's a very good reason for that last bullet point. Republicans are so, so thankful to Musk. Not just because he's thrown the rules out the window and made Twitter a welcoming place for white supremacy, antisemitism, and calls to violence. But because he's feeding these conspiracies to them, one goopy spoonful at a time.

02.12.23-WHY DO PEOPLE STILL BELIEVE THIS LIE? Josh Dawsey of the *Washington Post* reported that Trump's campaign hired a consulting firm to try to prove that the election had been stolen. The Berkeley Research Group examined the election results in six swing states but could not find anything that would have changed the outcome. "They looked at everything," a source told Dawsey: "change of addresses, illegal immigrants, ballot harvesting, people voting twice, machines being tampered with, ballots that were sent to vacant addresses that were returned and voted.... Literally anything you could think of. Voter turnout anomalies, date of birth anomalies, whether dead people voted. If there was anything under the sun that could be thought of, they looked at it." The consultants briefed Trump, chief of staff Mark Meadows, and others on their evidence that Biden's election was legitimate in December 2020—before the events of January 6—but the Trump camp continued to insist the election had been stolen.

02.11.23-JUST ANOTHER REPUBLICAN GIANT HYPOCRITE-As Gov. Ron DeSantis prepared for an election night party in downtown Tampa last year, city officials received a surprising — and politically sensitive — request. The Republican governor's campaign wanted weapons banned from his victory celebration at the city-run Tampa Convention Center, a city official said in emails obtained by The Washington Post. And the campaign suggested that the city take responsibility for the firearms ban, the official said — not the governor, who has been a vocal supporter of gun rights. "DeSantis/his campaign will not tell their attendees they are not permitted to carry because of the political optics," Chase Finch, the convention center's safety and security manager said which was conveyed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), a state police agency led by a DeSantis appointee. Finch further explained that because of "Republicans largely being in support of 2A," referring to the Second Amendment, "Basically it sounds like they want us to say it's our policy to disallow firearms within the event space if anyone asks."

02.10.23-DUMBER THAN MTG-Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) was torn apart on Twitter after she seemed to forget that detail in a tweet about President Joe Biden's State of the Union address on Tuesday. "Hey Joe, YOU CLOSED THEM!" she tweeted, citing a line from Biden's speech in which he said: "In the midst of the COVID crisis, when schools were closed and we were shutting down everything, let's recognize how far we came in the fight against the pandemic itself." A note appeared below the tweet, pointing out that readers had "added context they thought people might want to know." It included links to two articles: One about the shutdown of K-12 schools in the spring of 2020, when Donald Trump was president, and a second noting that Trump said decisions about school closures would be up to the governors of each state. (Joe Biden wasn't President back then.)

02.09.23-BIDEN'S TRUTH-"When I raised the plans of some of their members in the Republican caucus to cut Social Security ... Marjorie Taylor Greene and others stood up and said: 'Liar, liar,'" Biden said. "Well, guess what? ... I [will] remind you that Rick Scott from Florida, the guy who ran a U.S. Senate campaign, has a plan. I got his brochure right here!" Biden was referring to Scott's plan that would require all legislation — including that relating to entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare — to be "sunset," which would require votes every five years to continue them. Republican Ron Johnson, also has expressed support for targeting the two programs in a budget-cutting move. Johnson suggested last August that Social Security and Medicare be eliminated as federal entitlement programs, saying the programs should instead become programs approved by Congress annually as discretionary spending.

02.08.23-A WIN FOR BIDEN-About last night's SOTU speech, Former GOP Chair Michael Steele was blunt. His critique of the Biden speech was on point. "Republicans for a long time have been talking about owning the libs," Michael Steele said. "They got owned tonight by Joe Biden. He stood his ground. He laid out his agenda. He was very clear. He took the hecklers, and he made America see what he's been trying to convey in a way that they probably had not seen or heard before." Steele then pointed out the repercussions of the speech. "And I thought for him; it was a very good night," Steele continued. "I was watching and reading conservatives, and certainly MAGA folks on my Twitter feed just lose their mind over everything. The clarity of laying out what he did. I mean, the moment on Social Security is going to be in a loop." Michael then honed in on Social Security. "Republicans had a plan that they ran on in 2022 to abolish, to sunset all federal programs, which, guess what? It included Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare. And that was Senator Rick Scott's plan that the party signed on to." Biden received high marks from Steele and from just about every talking head on the mainstream media.

02.07.23-Comedian Chelsea Handler tore into Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) after the conspiracy theorist complained that her job is "practically year-round" and doesn't allow lawmakers to be "regular people." Handler was left in disbelief. "First of all, you're not a 'regular person,' you moron. You're a congressperson because you campaigned and somehow won, which requires you to work year-round," she fired back. "I also don't want to work year-round, and that's why I don't." Greene, who last year spoke at a white nationalist event, also griped that she meets people who tell her "crazy things... that they believe because they read it on the internet." "Well, if that's not the pot calling the kettle QAnon," Handler replied. "This woman thought 9/11 was a hoax, that the Clintons killed JFK Jr. and that Jews are in charge of space

lasers. Please, don't come at her with some crazy ideas — she might believe them.”

02.03.23-WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?-Shell-40 billion dollars in profit. Exxon-56 billion. This is disgusting, but the oil companies have always been the most responsible for high gas prices. They are too big fight!

02.01.23-RIGHT WING EXTREMIST ALERT-If there's any topic that Marjorie Taylor Greene has used to peddle misinformation and foster fear, it's national security. The second-term congresswoman is the standard-bearer of the wing of the Republican Party that goes deep on misinformation, conspiracy theories, and thinly veiled racist tropes. In the last Congress, Greene's lack of committees limited the platform she had to push those views. That's not the case in this Congress, and it's got national security experts—and particularly alumnae of the larger Homeland Security Committee community—worried.

01.31.23-National Review senior writer Charles C.W. Cooke Trump's rambling posts on his flailing Truth Social platform show his “deterioration” on “full display.” In a column posted on Wednesday titled “Trump Has Completely Lost His Grip on Reality,” Cook wrote that the former president is “ranting like a deranged hobo in a dilapidated public park” with his messages.

He added: “There was a point in time at which Trump's unusual verbal affect and singular nose for underutilized wedge issues gave him a competitive edge. Now? Now, he's morphing into one of the three witches from Macbeth. To peruse Trump's account on Truth Social is to meet a cast of characters about whom nobody who lives beyond the Trump Extended Universe could possibly care one whit.” Trump is ignoring real-world problems facing the nation and is instead “busy mainlining Edward Lear,” he wrote, referring to the author of “A Book of Nonsense.”

01.30.23-THE POT AND THE KETTLE-Trump, who has already announced he is running for president in 2024, is not happy about the prospect of facing Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) in the race. “When I hear he might run, I consider that very disloyal,” Trump told reporters Saturday. Trump sought to take credit for DeSantis' ascent to the governor's office and questioned polling showing DeSantis defeating him in some of the early primary states. (what does Trump know about loyalty? He is only loyal to himself)

01.15.23-MANIC MAGAS-Republicans are a bit preoccupied. In the first two weeks of the new Congress, MAGA extremists have neutered House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.); gutted the Office of Congressional Ethics; tried to help tax cheats by voting to repeal funding for the IRS; and set up a committee to obstruct criminal investigations and gin up scandals about Biden and his family. Biden has the opportunity to contrast himself with House Republicans, who are living up to Democrats' characterization as unethical, power-hungry, chaotic and clueless.

01.13.23-SOMETHING WE CAN ALL AGREE ON-Social media users mocked Trump on Thursday after the twice-impeached former president boasted on his Truth Social platform “Importantly, I have single-handedly shown the American Public how Crooked and Corrupt our Government is. NOW WE CAN FIX IT!” What a fool!

01.10.23-DEEP DIVE FOR DEMOCRACY-House Republican leaders on Tuesday announced their picks for

powerful committee chairs in the new Congress, and most of them have an inherent character flaw: They voted to overturn the 2020 presidential election results after fueling the lie that the election was stolen from Donald Trump. “Our committee chairs represent the very best of our conference,” House Majority Leader Scalise (R-La.) said when announcing the GOP’s choices for chairmanships. Of the 17 members tapped for chair posts, 11 voted to reject the results of the 2020 presidential election. They defended their decision to do this by telling the same lie about widespread voter fraud that just hours earlier had fueled the deadly insurrection at the Capitol and sent these lawmakers into hiding for their lives.

01.05.23-LYING IS IN HIS DNA-Trump, in a post, says he made a “recommendation for troops” and that then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) failed to act on it. But the evidence shows Trump did not issue any formal request — so there was nothing for Pelosi to heed. The committee report says it found “no evidence” to support the claim that he ordered 10,000 troops. Moreover, the committee said that when he referenced so many troops, it was not because he wanted to protect the Capitol. He “floated the idea of having 10,000 National Guardsmen deployed to protect him and his supporters from any supposed threats by left-wing counterprotesters,” the report said. The report says that Trump brought up the issue on at least three occasions but in such vague and obtuse ways that no senior official regarded his words as an order.

01.01.23-THAT'S BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ANY EVIDENCE, YOU LIAR.-Virginia “Ginni” Thomas, the conservative activist married to controversial Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, admitted in a deposition held earlier this year that she did not have any evidence of widespread fraud in the 2020 presidential election, a transcript revealed Friday. Ginni Thomas spent weeks working behind the scenes around the time of the election to boost Trump. Text messages previously released by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack showed how Thomas sowed doubt about the election’s legitimacy in direct conversations with Mark Meadows, Trump’s chief of staff at the time.