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What If MAGA Shrugged?

By J.B. Shurk

Congressional lizards posing as "leaders" [met with China Joe](#) in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, and the wretched gerontocracy that rules over us looked happy as clams to be reunited after the political theater of the midterms. Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, Kevin McCarthy, and Turtle McConnell all sported sly, devilish grins that suggested they got exactly what they wanted in last month's elections.

In undermining MAGA candidates, Turtle's iron-fisted control over his Republican minority remains absolute. Up-Chuck and Child-Sniffer Joe still hold the Senate and retain the power to ram more lawless federal judges through confirmation (with Lindsey Graham's obedient assistance, of course). Middling McCarthy has such a weak House majority that he will end up playing so much ball with Democrats in the name of "compromise" that "selling out" will continue being Republicans' favorite sport. And wicked witch San Fran Nan gets to booze off into the sunset, looking like a winner whose political expertise is so uncanny that she nearly managed to keep her majority during a foretold "red tsunami" election when roughly [70% of the country](#) has consistently demanded a drastic change of course.

The "woke" Marxist puppeteers actually dictating policy from the Oval Office are so giddy with what they have managed to pull off with this new voting system of anonymous and unsecured mail-in ballots that they actually announced "[We the People](#)" as the official White House theme for holiday decorations this year — a fairly direct kidney punch against the broad MAGA coalition of voters who use that appellation from the Constitution's Preamble to rally support for taking back the country from the China-appeasing, World Economic Forum–devoted, anti-free speech communists long in control of the bureaucratic levers of government. Sorry, "We the People," only atheists, oligarchs, globalists, and commies welcome at the White House for now!

Watching the Uniparty's cabal of corruptocrats flaunt their shared victory is downright nauseating. It's such a kick in the teeth to see the same people we've been trying to cashier for over a decade still in charge. Even after a Tea Party revolt against Obama's socialist overreach that ended up securing strong Republican congressional control (before corporate RINO Paul Ryan and the Turtle Tyrant threw those victories away), the election of MAGA Warrior Donald Trump in 2016, and a 2020 election turnout that brought over ten million new voters into MAGA's ranks, the same swamp creatures who ran roughshod over the stinking, rotten system back then *still* manipulate the decaying, rancid system yet today. *Uff da!* This is what a hamster on a wheel must feel like. No wonder our Tribe of Totalitarian Elders looked so spitefully smug for the cameras. The wishes of the people have been crushed and discarded once again.

While our Establishment Club masters shared gloating glances, I couldn't help but think of a scene from the movie version of [Chuck Palahniuk's Fight Club](#), when Brad Pitt has the police commissioner in a compromising position and [warns him](#): "Look, the people you are after are the people you depend on. We cook your meals, we haul your trash, we connect your calls, we drive your ambulances, we guard you while you sleep. Do not f--- with us." Contrary to the official propaganda disseminated from the State-controlled press, MAGA is America — a grand coalition of hardworking laborers, parents, veterans, police officers, firefighters, small business-owners, health care professionals, and religious faithful from all backgrounds, cultural affiliations, and walks of life. MAGA patriots do the lifting, digging, building, and shaping that require sweat, brawn, knowhow, and skill. They are the first ones to run *into* peril — whether the danger be on the battlefield, across the street, or in the neighborhood park. They instinctually sacrifice themselves for others because they value life, pursue virtue, and reject sin. In other words, *they guard America while others sleep!*

That Dementia Joe and Turtle McConnell have joined forces with the Deep State Leviathan to paint America-loving warriors, workers, and patriots as "domestic extremists" feels like an absurd strategic miscalculation that might one day be remembered as the mother of all political backfires. What could MAGA voters have done differently over the last fifteen years to express their opposition to Washington's policies more civilly?

MAGA voters pushed back against Obama's encroaching Big Government socialism by electing overwhelming Republican majorities. What did they get in return? King Barack and his *wingman* Attorney General Eric Holder repurposed George Bush's and Dick Cheney's PATRIOT Act into a domestic surveillance system targeting conservative Americans — many of whom had risked life and limb defending the country overseas.



MAGA voters bypassed the traditionally compromised slew of Republican candidates in 2016 and sent a complete outsider to the White House to clean up the system. Did the Uniparty respect the will of the people? Of course not. Establishment Republicans worked with Establishment Democrats and the Intelligence Community to frame President Trump first as a Russian spy, then as the impeachment fall guy for Joe Biden's Ukrainian *quid-pro-quo* crimes, and finally as an insurrectionist committing sedition against the United States. While the Uniparty and Department of (in)Justice have conspired for years to overthrow Trump from office and send him to prison, they gallingly label *him* an "autocrat" and "threat to democracy"!

MAGA voters came out in full force in 2020, sending President Trump's vote totals to new heights for a sitting president, and when lawless mail-in voting and suspicious ballot dumps flipped crucial battleground states days after the election, they chose to exercise their constitutional rights to petition their government for redress of grievances. How did the tyrants in D.C. respond? They farcically treated the whole January 6 affair as a terrorist attack orchestrated with intent to overthrow the Republic, even though none of the pro-Second Amendment protesters inside or outside of the Capitol brandished weapons or remotely sought to topple the United States.

For nearly two years, hundreds of peaceful [MAGA Americans have been imprisoned](#) in a pre-trial purgatory, while the Antifa and Black Lives Matter rioters who orchestrated murder, mayhem, and the [worst property damage in American history](#) during the summer of 2020 were quickly released, if they were even arrested. And while government-directed social media platforms actively support Antifa and BLM political goals in some oxymoronic pursuit of "social justice," MAGA Americans are openly censored online and purged from the public square. Forget a two-tiered justice system. There is [no justice system](#) left — just the brute machinery of [political persecution](#) administered to torture and dispirit critics of the State.

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So MAGA voters have tried electing Republican majorities, electing complete outsiders, protesting, and speaking loudly — and for their peaceful efforts, they have had Republican backstabbers betray them repeatedly, their legitimately elected president fraudulently targeted as part of a running *coup d'état*, their assembled protests [infiltrated by the FBI](#), their friends hunted down as "terrorists," their [elections manipulated](#), their free speech censored, and the installed president of the United States [declaring war](#) upon them. At some point, a rational person might wonder how much more MAGA Americans will endure before they simply "walk away."

As a [clever commenter](#) suggested, maybe it is not time to "ctrl+alt+delete" the totalitarian State, but to "ctrl+Galt+delete" the "Great Reset" and let the Marxist globalists do the heavy lifting from here on out. Let them fight the wars, police the streets, put out the fires, dig the holes, work the dirty jobs, and build all the things that keep the "woke" feeling safe and comfortable enough to call us "racists," "clingers," "bigots," and "rubes." What if MAGA Americans altogether and all at once simply said, "No more"; shrugged their shoulders; and let everything fall down? *What would happen then?*



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Annie Fields 2 days ago

- For THIRTY YEARS I have rewarded GOP with my vote, and FOR WHAT?
- They don't listen.
- They can't be shamed, because that requires a conscience.
- They won't resign.
- They won't retire.
- They don't even have the decency to do us all a favor & drop dead.
- They didn't #RepealObamacare (@LeaderMcConnell would never have brought it to the floor had he not known JM would 🤞).
- They didn't #BuildTheWall.
- They are AWOL on #J6
- They are AWOL on #StopTheSteal.
- They don't punish Collins/Murkowski for RADICAL abortion votes.
- They colluded/enabled spying on & impeaching Trump. TWICE.
- DONE. I am DONE. Burn it all down.

@AnnieThePouncer

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Vincent Miles 2 days ago

Everything Annie wrote is true. We have been played, for fools.

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Ronald Barbour 11 hours ago

Washington warned us of "factions" (political parties) but we wouldn't listen.

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William H McClure 2 days ago

Great POINTS all!!!

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Bill Garman 2 days ago

I've been trained to think that the other side is worse and that the imperfect (R)s are at least well-intended. So I've not necessarily rewarded the Rs with my vote, I've mostly withheld it from the (D)s.

It's not always been this way. I've been voting since 1972, and am fortunate enough to have lived through a time where I had actual candidates I could evaluate, irrespective of (D) or (R).

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H. M. Hargrove 2 days ago

If people actually understood how the primary system is SUPPOSED to be used in this country, we wouldn't be having this problem.

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Tracy Maxey 2 days ago

You get it. More need to open their eyes.

To keep supporting Republicans is a fool's paradise. I agree with every one of your points. Let's call them ugly truths.

Those who argue otherwise - claiming you "have to" vote for one of the two major parties or you're wasting your vote - fail to grasp that vote is wasted anyway.

Let it burn. Let it all burn. And when they come running to us and beg us to rescue them, we will say NO.

2020: NEVER FORGET, NEVER FORGIVE

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gordonwysong 2 days ago

Not one penny of contributions to any candidate whose fundraising letters contain a reference to the RNC or a similar entity. If they are fundraising with the blessing of Republican leadership like McConnell's PAC, pass them by. Give money only to candidates that seem to be spoiling for a fight (and they don't care with whom they must fight).

When the two factions of RINO's vs American Patriots breaks out, we'll know how to identify the quiet supporters of the RINO's cause.

I would personally like to see a Nationwide Strike by MAGA Conservatives, lasting about one week. It would be a defining moment. It works elsewhere.

In the meantime, start enacting hard-core Statewide legislation to secure our base. (a la DeSantis). Local legislators are much easier to control, and they need to be pressured.

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Janice 2 days ago

I agreed until you mentioned my backstabbing governor who is not MAGA.

So many think MAGA ia a cultural agenda of taking on the woke, and that's what makes DeSantis the same as Trump.

No, MAGA is primarily a nationalist economic agenda centered around trade, immigration, and opposing war.

DeSantis doesn't have any MAGA positions on that.

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donald b welch 2 days ago

up. been saying the same thing (i like your style) for two years now.

BURN IT DOWN. BURN IT ALL DOWN.

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Floy Jackson 2 days ago

EVERYTHING (AND MORE) Annie submits is Spot On. As a guest writer for an online news outlet, I've written more articles trying my MIGHT to warn about eGOP Great Betrayers, than any other topic. It's NOT the enemy you see that will do you in, it's TRAITORS IN THE RANKS which most certainly WILL. Have considered myself a soldier in the war against the Left for 34 YEARS. Admittedly, America IS teetering on the verge of an absolute Marxist state. Bad as it all is, and it's VERY bad, we currently have something going for us we NEVER HAD before. Effective as the Tea Party was, they lacked a leader - somebody to step up, speak UNVARNISHED Truth to Power. The DAY Donald Trump came down that escalator he, "had me at hello." Republicans came after the Tea Party vigorously as Dems did. What became of the Tea Party? MAGA At LONG LAST, GOP electorate FINALLY see the most dangerous among them - "GOP Good Ole Boys." I dare say, if Gen Washington had an army replete with Benedict Arnolds, we'd still belong to the Brits. No longer is the Freedom Caucus relegated to the basement of DC. MAGA, Donald Trump has trolled EVERY Republican TRAITOR to reveal THEMSELVES. And for the FIRST time, we are building an ARMY of genuine MAGA reps in DC. We have MUCH work to do. A recent poll of GOP voters asking, who should lead the GOP in congress, quite revealing. McConnell received ZERO votes; McCarthy just 2% while Jim Jordan won the day with 58% approval. We will need to address McConnell later - THE VERY WORST AMONG The Great Betrayers. Right NOW, EVERY ONE of us MUST call DC 1st thing Monday morning (202 224 3121) & DEMAND McCarthy NOT be made Speaker. Without doubt, McCarthy WILL BETRAY US at every turn. His bloviating is pure puffery; HE IS A TRAITOR, PERIOD. It is TIME Jim Jordan step up. America, first time EVER we have a very good handle on who the traitors are, who are genuine MAGA. Now is NOT a time to give up; NOW is a time to fight harder than ever as we add to the army of MAGA reps in DC.

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randyhall44 2 days ago

It's third parties that give wins to our progressive political foes. Telling me you won't vote or don't want to work to stiffen a Republican leader's spine is simply playing into the devil's hand. I'm tired of hearing the Republicans are the same because if that was so Row v. Wade would still be law of the land.

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Tracy Maxey 1 day ago

Wrong.

Roe V Wade is no more because of President Donald J Trump, who I personally believe was led by the hand of God.

Period.

Republicans would have happily accepted Democrat approved or "moderate" styled Supreme Court nominees (who would have kept Roe intact) if it meant they didn't have to fight to confirm them. That's another sterling hallmark of RINOS, they're incredibly lazy, along with being liars.

The abortion business - like Planned Parenthood - was huge \$\$\$ for the G.O.P. and at the end of the day, is all they cared about.

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randyhall44 1 day ago

Trump is what a Republican should be I'll grant that. But if a Ross Perot was running the Dems wouldn't have to cheat. Don't give up, RINOs will be endangered if we don't split our vote on 3rd parties and support conservatives during the primaries.

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donald b welch 2 days ago

yeh...that worked out really well....oh wait.

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Ronald Barbour 11 hours ago

I am a Constitutional Republican. I stand for THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC! The leadership Republican Party stands for Fascism - the GOP is the party of Big Brother and the Evil Empire.

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Craig Brumfield 2 days ago

The inevitable result of the Evil Party and the Stupid Party collusion...

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William H McClure 2 days ago

I'm thinking the solution to all of this mess is grassroots and kitchen table rather than in the House or Senate or POTUS. The States need to gain back power as the Founder intended and slowly choke the deep state, swamp leviathan to death.

Kill the roots, kill the tree...

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Larry Fowler Knight 2 days ago

Amen. But we can't do this if we continue to allow the Washington establishment and outsiders, such as the tech oligarchs or George Soros, to pick our candidates with the money they contribute.

And we must get active locally, not just write comments. (And that includes me.)

I am old enough to remember a time when what is going on in elementary schools and society today would have caused some administrators, teachers, and doctors to go to prison for child abuse.

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William H McClure 2 days ago

It starts with the Schools!! Our kids are taught how to think instead of how to critically think about issues. There is a huge difference between the two...

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vicmccoy 2 days ago

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Remember our Founding Fathers were, for the most part, men of great faith. George Washington was a firm believer in prayer. At Valley Forge he was heard praying fervently, as he was consistent to do at all times, not just times of trouble. He did not trust in his own strength, but sought God's. If we do not come together in prayer and righteous living as the rightful descendants of Washington and others like him prayed and fought for, we will be ruled over by the ungodly forever.

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Clark E Whelton 2 days ago

But we don't stop at "forgiving."
The next step is teaching the lesson.
Mrs. W

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Annie Fields 2 days ago

Good ol' fashioned federalism. 👍

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Kathryn Hadley 2 days ago

Indeed. Capturing school boards and state legislatures is the easiest way to influence things on a local level. Right now the left is focused on the feds.

The suburb I live in has been strangely insulated from much of the trouble because 1. local elections are held separately from national elections, in the spring, 2. elections for local city positions do not recognize any political party. I do not believe this would work on a national level. All it does it prevent a bunch of idiots from showing up on election day and reflexively voting for every democrat.

I will say this. I don't believe we were supposed to win at all in the house. The "red wave" panic, and the shift in narrative,

was because they believed they could not stop it. Dan Bongino has noted that given the situation, the very narrow lead actually works for us, because it puts the Mc's at a disadvantage for things they want to do. They need MAGA for literally everything, which keeps the house refreshingly deadlocked for now. That didn't stop them from trying to steal congress and there's still a lot of issues that need to be resolved. But a few "purple" states have been cleaned up and are now solidly red, Nevada has been flipped (and if it's smart will begin its own cleanup), a massive dent was made in New York, etc. It's not that elections don't matter. It's that there's more we should be doing, and I have long agreed with the ideas we're now getting from the Daily Wire, Tim Pool, etc: Conservatives need arts and culture, that is, more arts and culture than an occasional book and/or video game written from someone's basement off work hours because it was cheap to do so. We need movies. We need TV. We need music (though there's a lot more conservative music out there than you'd expect). We need paintings and sculptures. We need to capture imaginations. I have some hopes for some of the new studios already getting off the ground, but it's going to be at least a good 10 years before they start showing any real impact.

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FUGPA 2 days ago

Exactly. Choke their money, and choke their criminal corruption.

States should pass a law to collect the Federal income tax and FICA tax of all their citizens on behalf of the Feds (similar to how businesses collect sales tax on behalf of the State), and then send the money to the Federal Government - after deducting for all the local Federal expenses and mandates. If the tax collections do not cover the mandates, send the Feds a bill. This would include making the Social Security payments, funding base operations, and even salaries of military and civilians while in their State. States should also have the right to eliminate Federal workers from the payroll, if they determined those workers were doing nothing.

Cutting off the funding for a behemoth Federal bureaucracy is a short term goal the States - because Congress will not do it. But immediately, States need to defend their citizens against Federal law enforcement and prosecutorial corruption. For example, where are the State Grand Juries investigating the criminal false arrest and false imprisonment and cruel and unusual punishment of those who trespassed at the Capitol? We know from whistle blowers these people have been targeted. A Grand Jury had subpoena powers and can begin going after the Agents and others without the political power of Wray.

Where are the States in prosecuting Antifa and BLM rioters, and investigating the sources of funding?

And what about DeSantis? His citizen's home was invaded by armed men, and his citizen Trump's personal belongings stolen. Where is the Grand Jury? Where are the subpoenas?

Congress doesn't have the authority to arrest and prosecute, so whistleblowers going to Congress will get no relief when the federal Attorney General ignores Congressional referrals of criminal activity. Instead, whistleblowers face further illegal activity by being terminated and have to come up with their own funding to sue in civil court.

It is Government Executives, the State Governors, that must protect their citizens and start investigating, subpoenaing, indicting, and convicting those Federal employees violating the civil liberties of their citizens and engaging in criminal activity.

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Donn Reeves 2 days ago

We read the same stuff day in and day out. Nothing changes. As a matter of fact, it gets worse by the day.

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Darlene Ashwood 2 days ago

Agreed. I believe a large part of the problem is way too many conservatives are too complacent and passive in speaking up about anything. I know plenty of them. They have no desire to talk politics among friends or family with either like or opposing views. They have no desire to see anything political posted by friends like me on social media even if they agree with it, only wanting to see happy photos instead. They still prefer to watch the Today show in the morning vs reading or hearing anything that remotely resembles accurate news.

They are more than happy to simply go along to get along. They have no desire to rock the boat they are aimlessly floating in. The powers to be know this too. Until the numbers of dissenters grows and becomes more loud and disruptive things will only get worse.

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Donn Reeves 2 days ago

Well said and couldn't agree more. I've lost friends and family for my vocal support of civility. I live in a gated

well said and couldn't agree more. I've lost friends and family for my vocal support of sanity. I live in a gated community in a red state where most of them are transplants from the north. Needless to say I am despised by 90% of my neighbors for pointing out the hypocrisy and ignorance.

Like Lily, the AT&T girls says "It's not complicated". It is as simple as good vs evil. Do not be afraid to take a stand. Frankly, it's probably all we have left. Sad, but it's something.

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donald b welch 2 days ago

guess i don't want to move to your gated community then lol. any suggestions?

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Eric 2 days ago

I see similar behavior in virtually every centrist/independent person I know. Americans who are pro choice, pro 2A, pro gay rights and against open borders. I honestly don't see how anyone can still be fence sitters after the pandemic, but I digress. Only fools, communists and tyrants are against individual liberty, constitutional rights, equal justice etc and there's only one party vocalizing any intent to preserve those rights/freedoms. Unfortunately, only 10% of that political party, is advocating for 20% of our founding ideals.

Far too many 14-35 year old Americans get snippets of news from their Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok feeds. All virtually pushing the same narratives from the same sources. Musk just confirmed what we already knew, that social media platforms are censoring, canceling and banning one side while assisting the other in proliferating the narratives.

Once you factor in that they are the first tech generation and the high traffic sites that they regularly visit- Google, YouTube and Gmail (who have been caught altering search results, burying damaging articles and promoting friendly ones, using data mined from their users to influence elections, filtering pro Republican emails to junk folders etc), all of the MSM, Hollywood, K-12 & higher education, all of the white collar/corporate working classes, every advertising agency and on and on. They are INUNDATED and overwhelmed with pro leftist propaganda to the point that most of them tune everything out- and whatever leaks in is pro leftist nonsense.

The end result is that they either become hyper focused on themselves- face buried in their devices, obsessing over how many followers they have, selfies, consumer goods, social status etc or hyper focused on the other(s). With the latter being co-opted by the left to fill the ranks of the culture wars, where they get to choose which battles they engage in- systemic racism, the patriarchy, a woman's right to choose, LG alphabet rights, Ukrainian borders, saving the animals or planet/oceans/criminals etc. and I almost forgot Orange Man Bad Every one of which is driven by the left and serves to only benefit the left. None of which are actually real, or winnable, because the process is the goal.

The activists are a lost cause because they believe in the narratives. Many of the narcissists know that things are amiss and a horrible fate awaits us. On a routine basis, they come to the fork in the road and are faced with the choice of a hard or easy path forward. The hard road requires that they join others and take actions to preserve our nation. It requires them to do things they dislike, that come with risks and could potentially impact their comfortable/cushy lifestyles. The easy road maintains their status quo and offers a million ways for escape. All it requires is that they submit to the regime, repeat the approved narratives and continue to do so in perpetuity.

Their escapes and illusions of security prevent them from comprehending the dystopian America that exists at the end. Pockets of citizens are shocked into reality when the tyranny impacts their lives directly. Parents that witness their kids being indoctrinated, victims of crimes, citizens who lose their businesses/jobs/homes etc.

You'd think that the 40-50 million Americans who haven't had their lives completely upended by covid lockdowns, vaccinations, surging crime, open borders, rising energy costs, rampant inflation, government abuses etc would take a break from their escapes and acknowledge that every Democratic policy is a failure. They never fix anything and inevitably cause more pain and suffering for everyone.

If they made just a minimal effort to empathize with their fellow Americans and at least acknowledge the problems

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donald b welch 2 days ago

agree 100%. words! words have lost me.

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Emmer Biggins 2 days ago

The most fascinating aspect of our predicament is that tens of millions of Americans still naively believe that voting is going to

save the Republic.

Only our collective embrace of the oldest form of change will work...by the sword.

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Joe Strader 2 days ago

What you suggest will be hard. You are asking the people that are MAGA to work against their own character and nature. In the same way that it is the nature of progressives to tear things down, it is the nature of MAGA to build and improve and perfect. If MAGA is to sit back and do nothing while the world around them falls apart, they must become as leftists and be willing to watch the world destruct when there are still things that might be done. As Rush used to say, "A tiger is a tiger." Expecting something else is futile.

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Bill Garman 2 days ago

I think MAGA folks worry about the world they are leaving for their children. Many on the Left may, also, but (in my opinion) their view of what that world will be is distorted.

MAGA sees reality.

The Left's vision is clouded with irrational platitudes.

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Diana Connan Forgy 1 day ago

Many on the left have no children and will never have any. That might be one of the more significant differences between the right (a.k.a. the normal people) and the left.

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Joseph Gaudino 2 days ago

Sadly they looked like a gaggle of whores that just got paid/laid. Getting paid for doing what they love to do, screw people. Judgment day will come for them. Nobody gets out of here alive, and all will stand before the judge.

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Jacqueline Samford 2 days ago

Perfect first line. I will forever see them in that light.

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Dennis Earl Jacobson 2 days ago

I feel/think that the vast majority of people don't feel comfortable talking politics/issues so they avoid talking about it and rarely read or watch anything to be informed. Going along to get along suits too many people. They only get excited when the pols do something that bites them in the ass but quickly accept the inevitable and go back to just getting along. It irritates the hell out of folks who read articles like this but there's really not much you can do. Facts don't matter like they should. History doesn't matter like it should. We're in a tough spot and I don't see it changing in my lifetime.

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Bill Garman 2 days ago

I also think that too many people are so conflict-avoidant that they will do (and accept) whatever it takes to make the conflict end. Manipulators know how to leverage this, and they use it to get the conflict-avoidant to make US shut up, too.

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Randi Pinkerton 2 days ago

Respectfully, J.B., the "Patriot" Act was anything BUT patriotic. It was a pile of s**t that laid the groundwork for the police state we now find ourselves in.

(Editor: Redacted the common word for fecal matter so that search engines don't target it.)

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Dave Brangan 2 days ago

Those who seek to govern are, almost to the person, the best liars, most devious, corrupt and ruthless. In the past, ones of this country had the good sense to leave those who actually make things work alone (for the most part) but not anymore. Maybe they should listen to "Power Play" by Steppenwolf and take it to heart ("Don't bite the hand that feeds you").

There has been so much lost. We seem but a shadow of who we were. When is there nothing left to lose?

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donald b welch 2 days ago

indeed we are but a shell (shadow)of what we used to be. look to k-12 for that. guess who i hold to account?

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HAL 8999 2 days ago

War is the answer. Sadly, there is no sign of one.

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donald b welch 2 days ago

nor will there be. american is now a matriarchal nanny state. william wallace and maximus meridius are long dead as dirt.

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randyhall44 2 days ago

Over and over we are told how upset and disenfranchised we are yet no solution or leadership is offered. Only one AT writer I know of has set up a network to apply pressure to our masters. Maybe the new marriage act will get the feet of clay churches off their pious pews and preach we need to turn over a few tables. Since that mandate forces churches to marry anything or risk their tax exempt status maybe churches will oppose those mandates and forfeit their tax status and teach their members how to really impact society.

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sid weiner 2 days ago

What would happen?

The States would take back the country & big time rebuilding would begin!

But all this political maneuvering masks the problem.

The problem isn't merely Washington,...It's Revolutionary Times that call for Put Up or Shut Up.The politicians in the States hit a line of resistance...And than parked there waiting for something to happen.Someone in the States needs to cross that line & get the action going...Time for talk is past...Arizona is a good place to make something happen... Bring back Sheriff Joe Arpaio for one more rodeo. Deputize the Citizens like it was 1775 all over again!

Bypass the flunkies in business suits who have subverted the Law! .

The Democrats are working political bluffs because they have no real way to enforce their agenda if things get 'down & dirty'...The problem is that the politicians in the states fear to cross the line from political Maneuvering to Down & Dirty!

What to do?...DO WHAT THE BRAZILIANS ARE DOING RIGHT NOW!!!!

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Tracy Maxey 2 days ago

When left with no other recourse...

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Fred Kremer 1 day ago

The "grand coalition" which Ethan Allen, more than 250 years ago, referred to as "a large settlement of industrious yeomanry" are the very people who live a life of morality because they desire to live in harmony or 'state of nature' with their fellow man. Morality is the guide by which we do so. The beings that are in power in this wretched State of the Union are make believers, pretenders, sociopaths with incomplete borderline personalities. They are vicious. They kill, incarcerate and steal in the name of their god. They are perfectly capable of a Jim Jones, Guyana, course of action. They have already made plain that you have no right of self-preservation. They lie with ease but it is "by their fruit you will recognize them." Do we recognize them yet?

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Susan Myers 1 day ago

Annie Fields, thank you for the facts and obvious well supported emotions in your "Brave Heart" post. My God, there are millions of us who agree with you!

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John Dickinson 1 day ago

NO, J.B.! That would just give them an excuse to turn us all into serfs: just what that sub-human Nazi bastard Klaus Schwab wants to do.

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George Daddis 1 day ago

I enthusiastically supported DJT's actions and policies in his first term and voted for him for a 2nd because I believe he had plans to tackle some less "politically acceptable" actions (such as addressing the EPA's CO2 Endangerment Finding).

But Mighty Casey has struck out (with the umpires help). It is my opinion that someone needs to be handed the ball in the 6th inning to finish the game.

The author has noted that the rational citizenry has rallied behind Conservative movements (Silent Majority, Tea Party, MAGA) only to be let down by professional Republican politicians.

For NY Yankee fans I reluctantly equate Donald with Billy Martin. When the team was at the bottom of the pile Billy was always to be counted on to bring them back to contention. But he could never maintain the team at that position and every time had to be replaced. I now see Trump as the latter day Billy.

There are similarities; I didn't approve of Billy in his playing days when he was the leader of the small group including Micky Mantle and Whitey Ford who would party the evening prior to an important game; just because they had the talent that they felt they could.

I am also one of the few who never watched an episode of The Apprentice because I thought Donald a spoiled jackass. (I also had inside information dating from his childhood).

Like Billy his prior character flaws are now coming home to roost.

There is undeniably a pressure from rational individuals for a correction toward the right as evidenced by the MAGA movement and the polls regarding the last election. Who will be the banner carrier of the "Peaceful Insurrection (TM)"? History informs us we will have no clue until well before 18 months from the Presidential election.

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Les Dernier 2 days ago

"Rancid, paranoid nonsense"

Gosh, why does the resident troll, David N. Sharpe, describe his own comments when we already know that they reflect that description perfectly.

Sharpe--->Master of Projection.

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David N Sharpe 2 days ago

Rancid, paranoid nonsense.

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Thomas M Kelly 2 days ago

"We" didn't lose the midterms. The RINOs did. There was no Red wave. There was sure as hell no Blue wave either. I'm not going to vote Republican because I don't like the Democrats. I'm going to vote out the incumbents until I find someone that actually believes in the Constitution.

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Daniel Lee 2 days ago

devilcrats want to destroy the USA and the rest of world civilization so if we Republicans stopped working then devilcrats would win.

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Kerry M Eberly 2 days ago

The police are not on any "side" but their own. The grand majority, 95%+ will serve their own interests which means they will do whatever preserves their paychecks and pensions. This is not condemnation. It is basic human nature and just my observation of that nature. The police are the spear of the state and if the state is corrupt, the police complement that. The profession of policeman draws a certain authoritarian person. Adolfo Eichmann was not an exception. He was the rule on how a culture with an authoritarian government will produce monsters. Stanley Milgram and Philip Zimbardo proved this with their experiments in psychology.

I do not trust The State and the policeman is The State.

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Aaron Stokes 2 days ago

If we shrug, we yield our necks to their jackboots. We must not be weary in well-doing.

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vicmccoy 2 days ago

That last paragraph is the main reason for the hordes of illiterate, illegals/slaves being allowed to cross the borders from all over the world.

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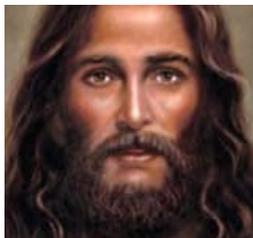
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