

The Opposite, Upside Down World of Trumpism

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Bizarro is a cartoon character who is the opposite of Superman. The only substance he can see through is lead, instead of the only one he can't. Instead of battling evil, he embodies it. You get the idea: he's an Anti-Hero.

A White House press release was titled, "On Earth Day, We Finally Have a President Who Follows Science." --It then listed actions claimed to be good for the environment, despite every major conservation group saying those were the opposite. Trump's EPA is now considering lifting the ban on asbestos!

Highly respected conservative former judge J. Michael Luttig noted that while Trump rages about being the victim of the "weaponization" of the federal government against him, the truth is quite the contrary, saying, "It is Trump who is actually weaponizing the federal government against both his political enemies and countless other American citizens today." And this self-described "law and order president" has been busy pardoning duly convicted unrepentant criminals.

Kristi Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security, before Congress: "Habeas corpus is a constitutional right that the president has to be able to remove people from this country." --Wait for it-- It's the other way around, existing to prevent arrest and deportation without due process, distinguishing us from police states like North Korea.

NBC's Kristen Welker asked Trump, "Don't you need to uphold the Constitution of the United States, as President? His astonishing answer: "I don't know." Of Republicans in Congress, only Senator Rand Paul went on record, saying, "Following the Constitution is not a suggestion." Every person reading this should be concerned beyond words about what is happening to our democracy.

"Trump Derangement Syndrome" is a smear applied to almost anyone who critiques him or his policies. But let's remember that, in 2017, some 70,000 (!) mental health professionals signed a petition warning that this president was mentally unfit; he's worse, now. Thus, the conjured-up TDS is, in fact, most applicable to himself and his supporters who are now living in an alternate reality, wherein truth is false, real news is fake, and lost elections are seen as won. Early in his first term, I recall Trump looking into the camera and planting the seeds of such mass derangement: "What you are seeing is not what's really happening." It was much the same as in Orwell's classic novel about tyranny, 1984: "The Party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears."

Donald Trump has no competition for the Greatest Liar of All Time, yet he was installed in the Office that carries the expectation that one be completely trustworthy.

To demonize others, Trump has never tired of telling a story (lifted from a song) about person befriendng a snake that bites him and then adds, “You knew I was a snake before you took me in.” The powerful irony is that it applies most to those who nominated and voted for him. Congress, too, could have shut the door on a lawless President with impeachments but, instead, “took him in,” twice. Senator Susan Collins, explaining her vote against conviction: “I think he has learned his lesson.” True, but the lesson was that he can get away with almost anything.

And this President has even seconded Putin’s preposterous upside-downism that Ukraine, not Russia, started that war –you know, the one we all watched Russia start. Republican Adam Kinzinger: “Let me repeat what should be obvious to every patriotic American: Russia is the enemy. Russia is not a ‘rival.’ It is not a ‘potential partner.’ It is an aggressor that bombs hospitals, targets civilians, kidnaps children, and seeks to erase Ukraine as a nation. Supporting Ukraine isn’t ‘foreign charity.’ It’s defending a front line of freedom, and it’s in our national interest.”

Presidents can be of any faith or none, but Trump claims, even, “Nobody loves the Bible more than me!” Such astonishing statements were enough to bamboozle Franklin Graham and 82% of “evangelicals” to prostitute themselves in support of values completely contrary to Christianity and even hostile to basic human decency.

This real-life Bizarro, by “tons” of evidence, personifies anti-goodness, anti-virtue, and seems to be proud of it. If need be, read The Book. Check the words of the last Pope and the present one. And hear the words of biblical scholar Arland Jacobson: “If Jesus is your ideal human being, Trump is the opposite.”

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