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We're wrapping up the 2020 presidential elections and I'm worried like I was in 2016. Here's a brief comparison about the parallels between the White House inner circle and Adolph Hitler's officials who wreaked havoc in and over Germany and beyond as their momentum to the top of society accelerated by the early 1930s. Hopefully, we won't see such a crisis tonight or in the coming days as GOP supporters hit the streets against a Biden/Harris victory if the statistics show Democratic success at the ballot box. I think making the transition to new leadership could be dicey.

It's clear that growing authoritarianism is the Trump strategy. Core values are obedience to the boss, willingness to distort, lie or deny all but the White House's despotic agenda: Power at any cost, call the opposition "Traitors," "Socialists," "Treasonous," and more. Seek to nullify having a free press. Pardon co-conspirators so they get out of prison to work behind the scenes against the rule of law and order. All this, regardless of facts, money, human suffering, and other challenges. Keep Herr Trump on his throne, no matter what.

Almost exactly a century ago in 1919 Hitler joined an obscure political party, rose within as a leader, and changed the name to what it soon became recognized globally as the Nazis in 1920. Readers know the basics of the organization's growth and evolution, eventually

becoming a regime of hate, conflict, racism, mass murder through genocidal schemes, and much more. Among other similarities with Donald Trump was the fact that the Fuhrer sought to gain and retain power, regardless of reality. Both power-seekers specialized in screaming at huge rallies, lying numerous times per day, and laboring to manipulate laws and power structures to benefit themselves. And when Hitler and his group lost elections, they refused to concede, much like we may see Donald Trump attempt to do this evening, and/or in the coming days.

Do you remember Hitler's inner circle who helped him "Make Germany Great Again?" (MGGA) so he could take over much of Europe? You know, "We're Number 1." Or "America First (& only)!" His top leaders included Architect Albert Speer; Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels; Hermann Goring who was the founder of the ruthless Gestapo; Hitler's Chief of Staff, Wilhelm Keitel; Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, and the head of the entire Nazi army, Heinrich Himmler. This group of officials was composed of uncaring executors who carried out the Fuhrer's evil schemes with competence and a hateful agenda.

As Americans cast their ballots this week, perhaps we should envision the faces of Trump's inner circle who seem akin to officials of the Third Reich: The Schemer, Jared Kushner; Denial Strategist & White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, Vice President Mike Pence of the failed Pandemic Task Force, Favorite daughter compensated for no real work, Fraulein Ivanka; the Manipulator of all Illegalities, Attorney General William Barr; Mis-Education Secretary Betsy DeVos; the Deceitful Secretary of State Mike Pompeo; Treasury Manipulator Steve Mnuchin; & the Brainwasher/Propaganda Chief Kayleigh McEnany; and of course, the architect of oppression against migrant families who sort of looks like a Nazi, Stephen Miller, the famous family separator who caged thousands of kids.

My conclusion to all Americans today is this: VOTE! Vote for solutions. Vote for a better, more kind America. Vote for Joe Biden, a problem-solver who will lead all Americans, all states, all races, all religions, toward a better society. Vote for Kamala Harris, a brilliant lawyer who believes in our legal frameworks, and who will be the first Black woman Vice President in U.S. history. Vote against authoritarianism in all its ugly forms of the last four years. Vote for a president who practices his faith and values. Vote for the rebuilding of our economy that has failed millions under Trump's incompetence, except for the millionaires. Vote for the rule of law, for better policing, for a coherent immigration policy, for clean air and water. Vote to reconnect Latino families ruthlessly split apart and children put in cages on our borders. Vote against the "Trump Virus," the pandemic so acceptable to "Dr. Trump" that's caused the suffering of 9.6 million of our citizens. The record-breaking numbers of daily infection rates are as high as 96,000 daily, and they've caused 237,000 deaths. This means we ought to vote for a healthcare system that enhances our lives, not diminishes them. So today, I hope you vote for your kids, for a president you can be proud of, a dignified leader who you can have your children watch on TV rather than having to shield them from the daily flood of Trump

obscenities and bullying. It's up to us all to make America decent and good again. As Biden says, to "Build Back Better!"

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Here is the really scary part, that this election should even be close after everything Trump has done. He is evil incarnate and at least half of our population is equally as evil. This country has become a very scary place. People on this site have chastised others for hating Trump and his cult but my question would be are you justified in hating Hitler, my guess is the answer would be no. If Trump is re-elected he will kill people by taking their health care, he will round people up who voted against him, he will steal every last dollar that our government has and leave us bankrupt, he will destroy the beautiful landscape of this country for money, he will destroy the planet. People tell me I should not hate the people that are voting for Trump but I do because I can look into the past and see the future.

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If half the population truly supported Trump the way you think they do, we would already be screwed beyond any hope of recovery. I'd wager that less than 10% (probably around 5%) actually support Trump to the hilt, and maybe another 10-15% are hedging their bets (they will support him as long as doing so remains popular). The remainder (around 15-20%) are simply deluded and don't believe all the stuff, or simply don't hear about it.

It doesn't change the fact that there's still something quite wrong for that many people to be in support of him still after everything we've suffered through.

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I don't agree that any of them are deluded, the evidence is just too overwhelming. Just to recap, he took children away from their parents and put them in cages, he deliberately withheld information that resulted in the deaths of over 225,000 people, he has lied, cheated and stole from us and many other people, he has likely assaulted or raped over 20 women, he consorted with a known pedophile and is likely one himself, he betrayed his country to win an election and he has basically destroyed the rule of law in this country by corrupting every part of our government while destroying some incredibly good people in the process. I am sure the list is much longer than this but I would say this should be enough to convince any decent person that Trump is unfit. The key word here is decent and I am afraid many of our fellow Americans just do not fit that description.

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Do you know how easy it is for people to rationalize information away? That's what I mean by deluded. And when you add in the fact that Trump creates scandals nonstop, it's easy for people to simply miss stuff, or not believe it because it's too outlandish, especially if it goes against their personal experience. That's also delusion. Reality requires us to accept it as it comes, whether good or bad. Most people don't.

Hoghead99

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I turned on a little PBS at nap time and what do you know? That mild-mannered travel guy was having a fling at WW2 and Hitler and doing a bang-up job of it too. Scared me how similar the two are.

IDrew

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I can't help thinking about the Holocaust, as this article is a trigger. The population of Europe at the time was about what we have in the US today. Over 6 million Jewish people and other "undesirables" were rounded up into camps and murdered, while the continent suffered in war. Yet every day people continued to live their lives, believing in their evil leaders and refusing to see the evil taking place. This is very much cautionary for us. Millions of us could die from Covid, entire groups could be herded into camps or prisons, and the majority of the country could go on believing dear drumpf is their savior.