



The Pass Democrat

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Fighting Crime or Shades of Tyranny?

President Trump sent federal troops into Portland, Oregon in July ostensibly to “fight crime”. Portland is not known as a crime-ridden city, but there had been some trouble with protestors and “graffiti”. The violence had dissipated and the city was working with the demonstrators. The arrival of federal troops exacerbated the conflict, the city and state governments requested that the troops leave, and the administration has thus far refused to remove them.

Now toward the end of the month, the administration has expressed the intent to help “fight crime” in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Kansas City, Seattle and Albuquerque. At one point the administration said they would become involved “if invited”, then stated that if the cities didn’t “clean it up” they would. All of the cities thus far targeted are those with Democratic mayors and governors.

Initially, it was thought that the “troops” were ICE and agents from other government agencies, but the vehicles were unmarked and the officers had no identification or insignia indicating any agency affiliation. Rumors circulated that they were paramilitary, but with no corroboration.

Then, on July 23rd, no less an estimable figure than Lt. Gen. Russel Honore of Hurricane Katrina fame, stated that the troops were wearing patches from ZTI, a mercenary contractor. This was challenged by others stating that the arm insignias are “code sign patches” worn by U.S. Marshall’s Office personnel. Regardless, the American people have a right to know who these “officers” are, who is invading our cities, who is removing citizens from the streets, where they are taken, are they charged, how are they treated, how soon are they released and why are they wearing military gear that is only to be worn by military personnel? Are they fighting crime or oppressing protestors?

All of these issues should be addressed and answered fully to the American people before such troops are allowed into any other American city, invited or not. The question of legality remains, but many more cities are likely to be involved before any court can schedule testimony and make a decision.

Is this really the country we want? Do all Moms and Grandmas have to form a wall in every city to protect the protestors, and our legal rights as citizens to demonstrate?

**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

Precinct lists, banners, bumper stickers and yard signs will be available next month. Please watch for opportunities to participate in helping to elect our democratic ticket—**GO BLUE!**

In case you missed it...

America's Schools Are a Moral and Medical Catastrophe—by Laurie Garrett—A guide to understanding the science, and the politics, preventing U.S. children from being educated this year.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/07/24/americas-schools-are-a-moral-and-medical-catastrophe/>

On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder

Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century
#1 New York Times Bestseller • A historian of fascism offers a guide for surviving and resisting America's turn towards authoritarianism.

[https://www.amazon.com/Timothy-Snyder/dp/0804190119/ref=sr_1_2?](https://www.amazon.com/Timothy-Snyder/dp/0804190119/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=Timothy+Snyder&qid=1595720937&s=books&sr=1-2)

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From Carl Sagan's 1995 book:

But there's another reason: science is more than a body of knowledge; it is a way of thinking. I have a foreboding of an America in my children's or grandchildren's time - when the United States is a service and information economy; when nearly all the key manufacturing industries have slipped away to other countries; when awesome technological powers are in the hands of a very few, and no one representing the public interest can even grasp the issues; when the people have lost the ability to set their own agendas or knowledgeably question those in authority; when, clutching our crystals and nervously consulting our horoscopes, our critical faculties in decline, unable to distinguish between what feels good and what's true, we slide, almost without noticing, back into superstition and darkness. The dumbing down of America is most evident in the slow decay of substantive content in the enormously influential media, the 30-second sound bites (now down to 10 seconds or less), lowest common denominator programming, credulous presentations on pseudoscience and superstition, but especially a kind of celebration of ignorance. As I write, the number one video cassette rental in America is the movie *Dumb and Dumber*. *Beavis and Butthead* remains popular.

Hitler-Trump Similarities

1. **Once in power, both moved quickly to isolate their nations** from other democratic nations.
2. **Both sought to cancel treaties and agreements that promoted harmony with democratic nations.**
3. **Both expressed deep respect for totalitarian leaders and their methods of governance.**
4. **Both quickly moved to forge alliances with totalitarian dictatorships.**
5. **Both attacked the free press, claiming that media criticism of their policies was treasonous.**
6. **Both sought support from white nationalists by targeting racial, religious, and ethnic minorities in incendiary speeches and oppressive policies.**
7. **Both urged police to assault defenseless detainees.**
8. **Both attacked labor unions as enemies of capitalism, while abusing power to enrich far-right industrialists.**
9. **Both postured as military strongmen while ordering arms build-ups that served no defensive needs.**
10. **Both purged government officials who tried to expose their attempts to consolidate their power.**

2020: A Trump Timeline

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| Jan 03: Trump briefed on Coronavirus outbreak. | Feb 29: 1 dead | Apr 23: Drink two cups of Clorox and have your family call me in their mourning. |
| Jan 04: Golf | Mar 07: Golf | May 01: Blame China, not me. |
| Jan 05: Golf | Mar 08: Golf | May 03: 68,597 dead |
| Jan 09: Rally | Mar 11: 38 dead | May 05: We don't need testing! |
| Jan 14: Rally | Mar 12: "It's gonna go away." | May 08: "This is going to go away without a vaccine." |
| Jan 18: Golf | Mar 13: "I don't take responsibility at all." | May 12: Blame Obama, not me. |
| Jan 19: Golf | Mar 16: I give myself a "10 out of 10" | May 14: "If we didn't test we wouldn't have any cases." |
| Jan 21: "We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China." | Mar 17: 110 dead | May 18: I love my malaria pills. |
| Jan 28: Rally | Mar 19: "We're not a shipping clerk." | May 19: US leading in coronavirus cases is "a badge of honor." |
| Jan 30: Rally | Mar 24: 791 dead | May 21: Masks are stupid. |
| Feb 01: Golf | Mar 27: "We have done a job the likes of which nobody's seen." | May 22: Ignore your governor, go to church! |
| Feb 02: Golf | Mar 30: 3,150 dead | May 23: Golf |
| Feb 10: Rally | Mar 31: Buy MyPillow | May 24: Golf |
| Feb 15: Golf | Apr 05: Take two malaria pills and have your family call me in their mourning. | May 25: Golf |
| Feb 16: Golf | Apr 07: 12,895 dead | May 27: 102,005 dead |
| Feb 17: Fundraiser | Apr 10: "The germ has gotten so brilliant that the antibiotic can't keep up." | June 20: "We need to slow this testing down!" |
| Feb 18: Fundraiser | Apr 13: "Everything we did was right." | June 21: 122,243 dead |
| Feb 19: Rally | Apr 15: 30,081 dead | |
| Feb 20: Rally | Apr 16: The states have authority. | |
| Feb 21: Rally | Apr 17: Rebel against the blue states! | |
| Feb 26: "And the 15 in a couple of days is gonna be down to close to zero." | | |
| Feb 28: "Coronavirus. This is their 'new hoax'... You'll be fine." | | |



The countries recognized as having managed the crisis the best are Germany, Taiwan, New Zealand, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Denmark.

Here are the photos of their leaders:



Mitt Romney: I think Trump will win reelection, IGOR BOBIC, Jul 23rd 2020

Mitt Romney is one of Donald Trump's biggest Republican critics on Capitol Hill. He's the only GOP senator who voted to convict the president for abuse of power earlier this year, and he regularly calls Trump out on policy and personal conduct.

Yet the Utah lawmaker, who was his party's presidential standard-bearer in 2012, believes Trump is likely to win reelection this November.

Asked why he foresees that outcome, especially with most public polls showing Trump trailing badly behind presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden, Romney offered three reasons.

"There are enormous advantages to being the incumbent, number one," Romney told HuffPost on Thursday. "Number two, I think [Trump] will tack more towards the middle in his communication than he has so far."

"And number three, I think the voters that are most animated in opposition to the president tend not to come out to vote — and that's young people and the minorities. They're active in polls, but not necessarily active at actually getting out to the polls," the senator said.

The futility of expecting Trump to somehow moderate his tone aside, Romney's theory about the nature of the electorate and polling is an interesting one.

Current polling methods don't accurately sample minority and young voters for a variety of reasons. Racial minorities for whom English is not their native language and young adults are often underrepresented in phone surveys, for example. Pollsters attempt to correct for those difficulties by applying sampling weights based on their assumptions about the ultimate makeup of the electorate. Partisans on both sides of the aisle have attempted to "unskew" unfavorable polls by tinkering with those assumptions.

Moreover, Romney might not be right on who will show up to vote in November. He lost to President Barack Obama in the 2012 election due to unexpectedly high turnout from young people and minorities. He later blamed his defeat on what he called "gifts" the Obama administration gave to key voter blocs, including African Americans, Hispanics and young women.

Romney's loss came as a complete shock to the candidate and his campaign, who believed they were headed for victory on Election Day based on rosy internal polling. Romney's confidence in victory was so great that he reportedly never even wrote a concession speech.

Neil Newhouse, his campaign pollster at the time, suggested that the voters who turned out in 2012 were overall much younger and less white than the campaign anticipated, especially across the Sun Belt states. "The Colorado Latino vote was extraordinarily challenging," Newhouse said in 2012. "As it was in Florida." In other words, don't count out all those young and minority Americans fed up with Trump. But Biden has also shown an unusual strength among older voters — a group that at least in modern history has tended to favor GOP presidential candidates. That could give him a path to the White House that doesn't necessarily rely on a surge of young and minority voters.

Let's
Pray!



The Guessing Game Continues—Who Will It Be on 8/1?

The Biden campaign was reported to have begun the vetting process of potential running mates in May 2020, which is expected to last several months. On June 26, 2020, CNN reported that the following four individuals were the leading candidates for the nomination.

Mayor of Atlanta
Keisha Lance Bottoms

Representative
Val Demings
from Florida

Senator and 2020 presiden-
tial candidate
Kamala Harris

Senator and 2020 presiden-
tial candidate
Elizabeth Warren

The Associated Press reported on June 12, that the following two individuals had advanced to further stages in the vetting process along with the four named in CNN's article, with the possibility that some other vetted candidates had as well.

Governor
Michelle Lujan Grisham
from New Mexico

Former National Security
Advisor
Susan Rice
from Washington, D.C.

Senator
Tammy Baldwin
from Wisconsin

Representative
Karen Bass
from California

Senator
Tammy Duckworth
from Illinois

Senator
Maggie Hassan
from New Hampshire

Governor
Gina Raimondo
from Rhode Island

Governor
Gretchen Whitmer
from Michigan



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