

Insulated from the Truth

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In 1933, soon after Hitler's ascent to power, the British ambassador to Germany made this assertion: "I have the impression that the persons directing the policy of the Hitler government are not normal. Many of us, indeed, have a feeling that we are living in a country where fanatics, hooligans and eccentrics have got the upper hand."

Well, fast forward to Amerika 2019 and what have we got? Well, not only does this president fit the bill, but what of those who work under him, sometimes overtly and sometimes covertly, and the millions who trash any dissent towards him?

This is the 2nd anniversary of the infamous Charlottesville white supremacy march and melee. What struck me then and of course now is the utter *apathy* so many of my fellow citizens had and still have over what transpired on August 11-12 2017.



Those white supremacy *fanatics*, are they not in these early stages similar to the Nazi mobs who first marched, and then destroyed Jewish business, burnt down synagogues, and of course beat up or killed Jewish citizens of Germany? Do not many of them desire to harken back to those 'Good old days'? After all, they carried those similar torches and repeated those similar mantras of '*Blood and Soil*' and '*Jews will not replace us*'.

The real *spin & sin* of it all is when Mr. Trump decided to mention, after the Charlottesville street attacks between white supremacists and Antifa, that "*Both sides had bad people and some nice people too.*" So what he was doing was to give a *backhanded legitimacy* to the Neo Nazis who marched with such vitriol. The outrage should still be echoing throughout this nation... especially but not restricted to Jewish people. Where was the outrage coming from the Israeli government and mainstream media? Where was Jared Kushner and his wife? Where were all those Jews who either worked for this administration or support it?

Sadly, anyone who still resides under the Trump/Republican tent, ignoring the Charlottesville truth, and of course now the El Paso shooter truth is walking down a dangerous road. The white supremacist march, to this writer, most likely gave *mantra* to

Robert Bowers in Pittsburgh, before he decided to go into that synagogue and kill Jews. Trump's references to those coming to our southern border as rapists, drug dealers and of course 'invaders' may have just influenced that 21 year old to drive all the way from Dallas to do his deed in El Paso. You don't have to be a rocket scientist once you have seen that young man's writings and postings etc. Of course, the right wing media is trying to use the Dayton, Ohio shooter as a foil to this argument. Why? Because he called himself a socialist and admired Sen. Warren? The analogy is ludicrous as she never used any such similar rhetoric of casting right wingers as 'invaders', coming to take away our way of life. Both shooters were obviously mentally unbalanced, for them to do such terrible deeds. Yet, that is even *more* reason for our so called leaders to tone down such rhetoric, because it stirs up emotions for violence. Check out Mr. Trump's talks and speeches since 2015 and see for yourselves.

All this leads to another outgrowth of this Neo Fascist *plague* that has gripped our nation. One of the two most favorite websites that I write for regularly has been under a total attack by trolls... very technically savvy ones. The site has been attacked two or three times before, costing the site masters lots of money to counteract the damage done. Recently, myself and seven other writers, some who are much more popularly known than me, cannot even get our submissions to the site via email. Nor can the site contact us back. I have to ask friends to submit my work via their emails. Sad. Why is this being done? Well, the site is famous for its stance against Imperialism and Steroid Capitalism. It has also been very keen to criticize both of our two major political parties. As a baby boomer, I have *never* seen such overt rage directed toward anyone who stands up to this Neo Nazi fanaticism disguised as patriotic conservatism. Alas, many true conservatives and libertarians stand with we on the left who disdain attempts to shut out our free speech. The threats and use of brute force is what made a wonderful and advanced society like Weimar Germany fall from grace. Does that *rabbit hole* await us here?

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