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Mass-Formation Sycophants

The majority of the US body politic has always been made up of twits. 40% of Americans glued to their sets watching Vermont realtors in blue-ribboned, plastic boater hats conduct endless votes before backing LBJ by acclamation. Across town, under the same hats with red ribbons, 40% of Americans on loan from 4-H projects, saw delegates in the same ritual, choosing a candidate—who was also bereft of an overview.

But that left 20% of fiercely-independent Americans capable of throwing the bums out—which they did with scheduled regularity. But that was then and this is now, where that 20%, through massive online/network propaganda, is reduced to just a few percent, while the rest queue-up in the sycophant line—as supporters of Harris/Trump.

In my last Article I went after Trump as “Madman Across the Water”, which he is. Several readers came valiantly to his defense—with no criticism of his 1st, 8 months 2nd term. As with Obama supporters when he conducted what I view as treason with his TTP/TTIP treaties, the left was hypnotically on board—as are MAGA-hats regarding murder/thievery—such that Trump no longer need sugar-coat constitutional criminality.

In response to my “Madness Across the Water”, one reader came back

with a Paul Simon line: 'still a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest', equating what I do with what he does—which is not the case. Most of you know that leading up to the election I supported Trump, fearing Harris. That was before I realized the degree Trump is controlled by neocon/Zionists. Given Trump's lies/stupidity, I'd have not voted.

What the reader with the Paul Simon line doesn't see is that he is a sycophant. There's clearly enough information out there to engender serious doubts about Trump's character/lies. I got there early—and took wrath for my questions. But, because I have to write based on the facts, I had no choice. With my erstwhile comrades (as long as I was going after the left), we maintained a shaky peace, but now, with them queued-up in a 'twit line', many remain incapable of seeing the real Trump. So, let's do it for them.

Trump has done some good things domestically, if we don't include Bondi siding with the courts against free speech, students protesting against Trump's Gaza genocide, or Americans with green cards rounded up by masked men and swept away. But internationally, Trump's a blight on the brand that was America, hastening our downfall.

Over history, there have been 2 republics—1 our founders envisioned, and millennia before that, Plato's Republic, featuring Socrates. There's 10 books to The Republic, the 1st being a discussion on the nature of justice. When Socrates' questioners define justice as 'the advantage of the stronger' (might makes right), Socrates sees the abandonment of a simple definition of justice (minding one's own business), requiring a full exploration of what is 'the sick state'—necessitating 9 more books of Plato's Republic.

Our society is now the sick state, one where we reasoned Harris would have been worse, making it better to abide with evil lies of Trump, who now swings his hammer of 'might makes right' (though he may possess a lack of

might). Yet, so many Americans, with ‘eyes wide shut’, are but cheering sycophants of his bullying—taking me back to middle school where 8th graders bullied the 7th graders—just because they could.

International, Trump is Zelensky, who ran on a peace platform, only to discard it soon after winning election. So far, a plethora of entitled Americans expect we are yet ordained by God to acquire through threat. Many individuals and nations, independent and not sycophants, are held in check by Trump’s ongoing threats of sanctions/worse.

From this point on, when readers unsubscribe—good riddance. If my 2 pages of researched writing turns them off, there is little I can do to explain. How could I convey to that they are but the mirror image of my neighbors, who have no criticism of DEI or Obama. That, if one has no criticism of Trump, that’s the opposing bookend for those without criticism of Obama. And, each is responsible for the destruction of the republic.

Unfortunately, we have few heroes left like Marshall Dillon (Gunsmoke), who would face-down a drunk lynch mob in front of the jail. Now, few even have/ask a question. Control of the propaganda machine has lost many of us to the body snatchers—leaving a hard task for the rest of us—to find a way to rise up against a bully’s evil stupidity.

My title has the word ‘madness’ in it. For that we go to a professor of clinical psychology, university of Ghent, Belgium, Matthias Desmet, who couldn’t shake a sense that a mental disturbance was spreading through the world, making people behave in strange ways: with suspicion/hostility/sanctimoniousness—and little common sense.

He viewed this as a process of large-scale mass formation. ‘When an individual is in the grip of mass formation, they become radically blind to everything that goes against the narratives the group believes in.’ If the

hypnotic state persists, they will try to destroy everyone who doesn't go along with them a mission to do it as an ethical duty.

This mindset explains why, despite all the talk of solidarity in the early weeks of Covid, people would scurry away from a maskless tourist asking for directions. If someone fell on the sidewalk, other pedestrians refused to break a six-foot barrier to offer help. They let parents die alone with belief in their cause: to protect the elderly.

Every totalitarian regime begins with a period of mass formation. Into this tense and volatile mass steps an autocratic government and before long, a totalitarian state is in place. That's the finding in *The Republic: the tyrant shows up to save the democracy*.

This is a result of socialism gone wrong. Both Hitler and Trump appeared on the scene for the same reasons. The destruction of the German currency/economy resulted in Hitler—so it's no surprise that Americans are standing behind their own bully to bring-back a return to normalcy. As in—the US Empire re-positioned to rule the world.

We see a lack of empathy all around us—a lack of concern for others. Socialists pushed us to that reality with an abstract meme: the greater good rather than other people are what matters. It's not true: reality begins with the individual, the root of ethics/compassion. Anytime, it's traded for greater good—we get what we now have.

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