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Trumpism Inspires Vice Right and Left

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Donald Trump is corrupt, dishonest, and stupid. Intellectually feeble and mentally unstable people drawn to political extremism have and will be inspired or driven by Trump and trumpism to say and do horrible things. Yesterday, a left wing extremist was driven by Trump and trumpism to try to kill people.

When the Republicans nominated Donald Trump last year it represented the unconditional surrender of the GOP's intellectual, ethical, and moral standards. It was a huge victory for incivility, anti-intellectualism, and extremism. With the help of left wing extremists (and apparently the Russians), that victory was magnified in the 2016 general election, giving us the most extreme and uncivilized national political leadership we have ever had.

Republican leaders are going through the motions of condemning yesterday's shooting, but sadly, they lack the moral and intellectual authority to make this condemnation useful. Bloviating profiteers in the rightwing media have already begun to undercut their credibility by using this incident to fuel the right wing alternate reality propaganda machine, which unlike the leftwing alternate reality propaganda machine, has a strong and lucrative foothold in the commercial media industry and a plentiful and vulnerable target audience.

Barry Goldwater was profoundly wrong! Extremism in the pursuit of ANYTHING in politics is vicious.

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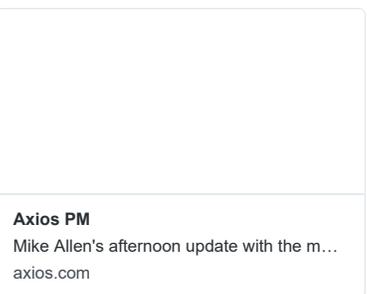
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Edward J. Letkiewicz Jr. • a year ago

President Trump is neither corrupt, dishonest, or stupid. President Trump is an intelligent, successful, very hardworking, ambitious businessman, who disliked the direction the so-called professional politicians have been taking our country. The debt, corruption, irresponsibility, elitist privilege, and Obama's purposeful racial strife, are a dangerous threat to our country's future. God bless our President for giving up his very comfortable lifestyle to try and help this once great country to become what it can be, what it should be, what we all hope it will be. Only a biased hater like this hack writer would write such a silly blog. Take it for what it is folks; the ramblings of an intellectually deficient moron who doesn't have the capability to teach cats how to shit outside.

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I take exception to your assertion that Trump and Trumpism is inspiring unstable people to resort to violence. Its the non-stop negative and hateful coverage expounded by the media and sycophant entertainment community (i.e. Kathy Griffin, Nate Colbert, Snoop Dogg, etc.) who are de-humanizing Trump and his supporters and are thereby encouraging violent acts. Democrats starting with HRC are employing tactics designed to create violence. Scott Foval admitted via tweet that HRC paid him to commit voter fraud and create violence until he was outed by Project Veritas. It still has not stopped. Trump may be a disaster for you and your agenda but he is doing exactly what we the voters have put him there for. To finally start dismantling a corrupt empire built by non-accountable bureaucrats and elites who are trying to take over this country and impose their will by whatever means necessary. You and people like you have pushed us too far. We are not going to stop until we are finished with the job.

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Americans that Republicans are coming for the children, they're coming for the poor, they're coming for the sick, the elderly, and the disabled. They've said Republicans want to cut health programs and push Grandma — in her wheelchair — over the cliff (



). That Republicans want to starve school kids. That Republicans are anti-woman, anti-minority, anti-gay, anti-immigrant, anti-clean-air-and-water, anti-planet-Earth. This has been going on since I started voting in the Reagan era.

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Faux arguments and logic will never win the day.

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The scary part is that he's teaching the future generation.

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What the hell is wrong at our nations colleges? These professors and snowflake students are POS

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The left are the purveyors of hate which is what led the shooter to do what he did.

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Jerold Duquette → Maximus300 • a year ago

I wonder if you realize how comical your claims here seem coming from someone calling himself Maximus 300.

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Maximus300 → Jerold Duquette • a year ago

Resorting to insulting and name calling I see. Typical from leftists who cannot support their arguments with truth and facts.

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Jerold Duquette → Maximus300 • a year ago

LOL... Bye bye Max. Enjoy your trolling.

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Maximus300 → Jerold Duquette • a year ago

Hateful attitudes, faux arguments/logic is no way to live. Typical that you cannot compete in the arena of ideas so you ban the purveyor of truth and facts from your sight just like the leftist college children are trying to do. Time to grow up. At least everyone else can read about your thesis being exploded. Bye, bye.

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Good luck with your faux arguments and logic.

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Fascist Democrats like Jerold Duquette support James Hodgkinson.

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Ed Lyons • a year ago

Professor Duquette,

If I were a conservative pundit, I think I'd link to this piece with the headline: "Trump derangement watch: Liberal professor blames Trump for Bernie supporter shooting GOP Congressmen."

Now, I agree with you that our president is a dishonest, morally deranged, egomaniac who is damaging our national politics. I also agree that right-wing media is full of merchants selling hatred and division. So I am not defending the targets here.

But in this case, you seem to be putting forth a theory that Trump is not just compromising the decision-making of Republicans, but also of Democrats. That he is provoking murderous rampages.

Hmmmm..... I do think Trump has created some sort of giant celestial event, sending powerful gravity waves through our politics. I also think that the Democrats are becoming angrier, less reasonable, and more polarized than before - in response to Trump. They certainly didn't like George W. Bush, in

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You are confusing cause and effect. Trump is a tepid response to the gross incompetence of our political class.

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Jerold Duquette → Ed Lyons • a year ago

Ed, Trumpism is bigger than Trump. Trumpism does indeed exacerbate extremism left and right. Trumpism conquered the GOP, not the Democratic Party. The right wing media is far bigger and far more influential than the left wing media. Violent rhetoric is far more common and acceptable on the right than on the left. The relevant story here is clearly asymmetrical. Finally, I am explaining, not justifying. As far as culpability goes, I don't believe culpability is finite, to be parceled out in mutually exclusive shares. the phenomenon I'm calling Trumpism IS CLEARLY facilitating terrible things. Its very easy to link Trump and trumpism to yesterday's perpetrator because we have lots of evidence that his rage was specifically directed at Trump and the GOP. This reality does not reduce the culpability of any perpetrator of violence in the abstract. The really scarv thing is that the normalization of Trumpist

the absence of the very early wing is that the normalization of Trumpian incivility may make it eventually possible for violent extremists to mount successful insanity defenses in court.

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Typical of the Democrats to blame Trump for what a Bernie Sanders supporter did.

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kylemz → Jerold Duquette • a year ago

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How could you possibly believe either of these things?

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Jerold Duquette → kylemz • a year ago

Either you are joking or you are a Fox News Viewer.

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roccolore → Jerold Duquette • a year ago

You must be an MSNBC or CNN viewer.

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kylemz → Jerold Duquette • a year ago

Neither. The left controls almost all media. That is not even debatable. Even the way lefties always talk about Fox makes the point. If the left didn't control news media you wouldn't feel the need to slander Fox viewers. The exception proves the rule.

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Jerold Duquette → Maximus300 • a year ago

Are you actually suggesting that 90% negative coverage of Trump is unfair!?!? The truth does not give a damn about your phony notion of balance. Trump is a disaster 99% of the time, so he's actually getting better coverage than he deserves.

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NO, No, No.
Trumpism is balderdash.
Trump is a symptom not a cause.

Trump did not conquer the GOP.
 The vast majority of media skews decidedly Leftist.
 Violence and intimidation are the favorite tools of Leftists.
 Any asymmetry worth discussion is the core beliefs of the vast majority of Americans and the obnoxious disrespect they receive from America's Political and Chattering classes.

Let me conclude by warning that those who see President Trump as unconscionable are (either consciously or unthinkingly) doing every possible thing to make the next step even worse.

To coin a phrase "Do you want more Trump?? Because this is how you get more Trump."

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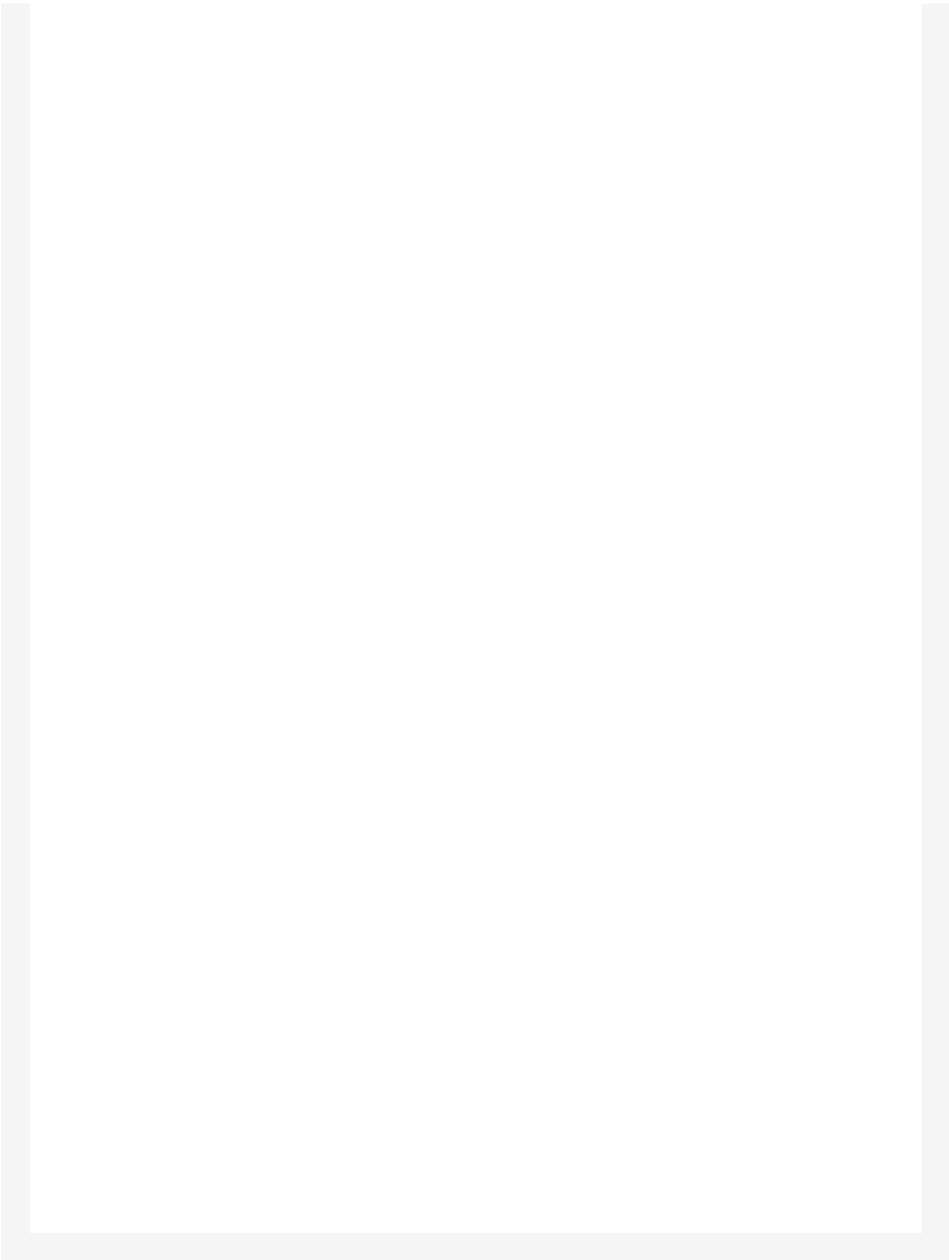
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