

## Trump Is NOT The Savior, but an Oppressor

Since when does a sitting President of the United States dictate morality, especially a convicted felon by the name of Donald J Trump (DJT)? Trump's entire campaign was centered on "Making America Great Again" as if our country were mired in debauchery. Particularly when a man, like Trump, has been convicted and ordered to pay \$83.3 million dollars defamation of character for sexual harassment. Additionally, DJT's felony is for hush money he paid to a ***porn star*** so it would not rear its ugly head during the 2016 campaign. This is an example of a man with no respect for anyone or anything. The only person Trump holds sacred is Donald Trump.

Since taking office for a second term, DJT has signed documents which reversed critical signed by Former President Joe Biden that will trickle down and create problems for those who are middle class or fall below the poverty level. Eliminating Obamacare and restructuring healthcare systems where it becomes unaffordable for millions of people.

What is Trump trying to do now that he holds the office of President? Pardoning January 6<sup>th</sup> rioters and those who endangered the Capitol Building occupants is one of his first orders/misstate. Those pardons were not to benefit those insurrectionist, but to ease his conscience. Those who tried to overturn the 2020 election believed they were given orders to march in his name.

Trump begins his speech at noon on January 6<sup>th</sup>, a rally held outside the White House. "We will never give up. We will never concede." These are the words Trump spewed to the Oath Keepers, Proud Boys and Three Percenters. Radical conspiracy theorist, anti-government extremist, and his MAGA followers. His words inspired these people to take up arms against those presiding over the 2020 verification of the election,

Approximately 1500 of those resurrectionist were found, judged, and were found guilty by a jury of their peer and sentence accordingly. Trump also inspired those to "hang Mike Pence" for not swaying the votes his way or at the least delay the count.

Former Vice-President Mike Pence explains, "I think it's important that the American people know what happened in the days before January 6<sup>th</sup>, President Trump demanded that I use my authority as Vice President presiding over the count of the Electoral College to essentially overturn the election by returning or literally rejecting votes." Pence explains, "I had no authority to do that." For further information visit: [Trump's demand Pence to falsify the election](#). If DJT asked this of his former vice-president what is there to stop him from asking VP Vane to do the same? Two wrongs don't make the situation right. These actions are most alarming and the cabinet he is not trying to assemble are individuals who will carry out his bidding without the consideration of the nation but in the best interest of Donald J Trump.

Another one of Trump's reversals is the preservation of energy an executive order Biden had signed. Trump promised his adherents he would lower gas prices by producing more oil from Alaska. His orders urge oil and gas expansion through federal use of eminent domain and the Defense Production Act. This act allows the government to use private land and resources to produce goods deemed to be a national necessity.

According to Gary Dirks, senior director of the Global Futures Laboratory at Arizona State University, "The reality is that the United States is well-supplied with energy in all its forms." (Click on the link to know what DPA is about) [\*\*Defense Production Act of 1950 - Wikipedia\*\*](#). Depleting our natural resources is not the answer. Gas prices are high, but there has to be a better solution. Those solutions should be investigated by the Trump administration instead of drilling. "Drill, baby, drill" was Trump's mantra during his campaign. How does drilling now benefit future generations? If the United States has an ample supply of natural gas why drill? Drilling to bring the cost down at this time only exacerbate future drilling.

[\*\*Article 6\*\*](#) of the Paris Agreement allows countries to voluntarily cooperate with each other to achieve emission reduction targets set out in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). This link gives details of the Paris Agreement: [\*\*Nationally Determined Contributions \(NDCs\) | UNFCCC\*\*](#). In essence, this agreement is targeted at reducing carbon emissions to reduce or eliminate global warming. In backing out of the Paris Agreement gives credence that this administration does not believe carbon emissions contribute to climate change around the world. This link provides statistics of Global Warming: [\*\*https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions/time-series\*\*](https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions/time-series).

Withdrawal from the World Health Organization was signed by Donald J Trump because he feels the organization failed during the COVID - 19 pandemic. The document suggests that W.H.O. 's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic that arose out of Wuhan, China, and other global health crises, its failure to adopt urgently needed reforms, and its inability to demonstrate independence from the inappropriate political influence of WHO member states. Countries around the world, nearly 200, contribute to the effectiveness of this organization, the United States being the largest donor.

This move to distance America away from the World Health Organization puts this country at risk of contracting diseases from other countries. One such disease is Tuberculosis. In 2023 8.2 million people were newly diagnosed with TB and the number of deaths from this disease is 1.25 million. These numbers cannot be ignored. Trump's issues with W.H.O. stem from the incompetence of Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, president of this organization. If the organization failed because of its leadership, perhaps leaving the organization was not warranted but a change in leadership is.

## Trump and the LGBTQ Rights

It seems Trump has issues with everything the previous administration support of the LGBTQ+ Community. Information provided by the Federal Government assists families and individuals in understanding what being transgender is and is critical in making life changing decisions. If Donald Trump eliminates information from the federal website, which possibly save lives, what makes you thinks he will stop there? Again, Trump's only concern is to show the power he has and how he wants to exact that power. Please check out the link provided: [Trump Wipes Out Transgender Info from Federal Websites](#). Our sexual identity is based on who we are and how we live our lives. It was once said by a physician, "**God does not make mistakes, but nature does.**" Living our best life is predicated on being truthful to ourselves. Herein lies the discrepancy of Trump, he wants to dictate who and what we are. These are not his decisions; those decisions belong to the individual person and his or her family.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) regarding "Trump On LGBTQ Rights, on day one his administration would reinstate and significantly escalate the removal of anti-discrimination policies. DJT recently stated he would remove protections for Transgender students. This could strip LGBTQ individuals of protection against discrimination including employment, housing, education, health care and a range of federal programs. This is Trump's Act One Scenario.

Act Two: A new Trump administration would not only roll back existing protections but proactively require discrimination by the federal government wherever it can, **including by banning transgender people from serving openly in the Armed Forces and blocking gender-affirming medical care for transgender people in federal healthcare programs**, such as Medicare. The results would be devastating, as thousands of transgender people would immediately lose access to needed medical care.

Act Three: Most ominously – with Trump's returns the presidency, we expect him to try to weaponize federal law against transgender people across the country. He will use federal laws – including laws meant to safeguard civil rights – as a way to override critical state-level protections, arguing that state **laws that protect transgender students violate the federal statutory rights of non- transgender students**. Additionally, a second Trump administration would take the **extreme position that the Constitution entitles employers to discriminate against LGBTQ people based on their religious beliefs, notwithstanding state nondiscrimination laws**. And, shockingly, it would try to **erase transgender people from public life entirely** by using federal obscenity laws to criminalize gender nonconformity.

Trump thrives on the fear, chaos, intimidation and by flexing his Authoritarian arm he drives fear of retribution into our Democracy. This is not the American way of life. Everyone is equal, it does not matter what your party affiliation is. Republicans, who are not MAGA, and Democrats need to band together to see this country through Trump's administration. No one is above the law, and no one should fear the President of the United States.

With the chaos Trump has created, he is going to imply it is the result of the previous administration, then say he fixed what was broken. The problem is the previous administration, the problem is Trump!