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A VIEW OF THE INSANE WORLD
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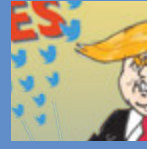
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Virus



Lies



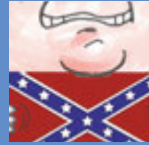
Pucker up



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Evil



Soul



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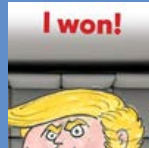
The Wizard



Deplorables



Narcissism



Mad King



Trumpenstein



Truth



We Can Dream



Dawn



Kool Aid



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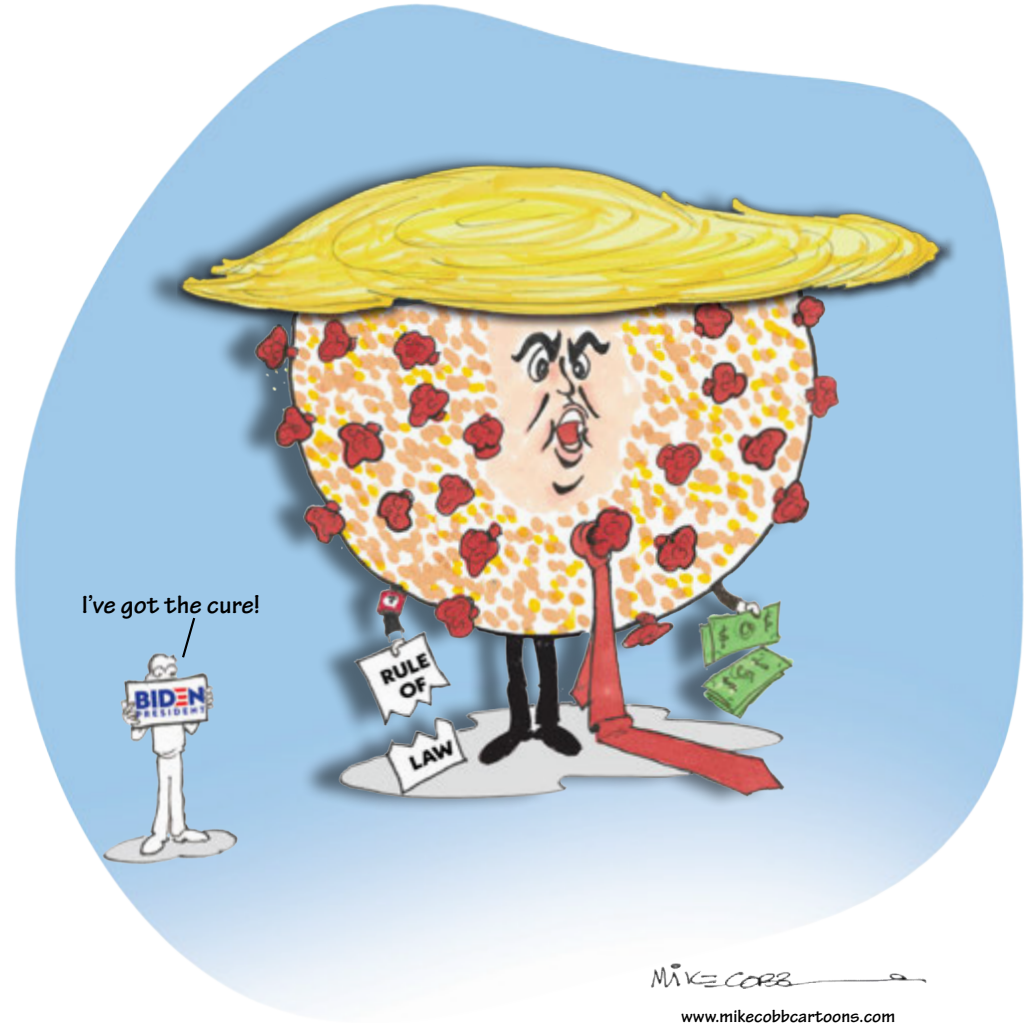
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America's most deadly virus.

We have learned through heart-breaking experience that the Corona Virus is a deadly scourge on humankind. It has caused suffering and death on an unimaginable scale ... and its impact on Americans has been greatly magnified and made far worse by the astonishing mismanagement of the crisis by the Trump Administration. Which has made Donald Trump the face of the virus, and even more deadly than the virus itself. We need testing, a vaccine ... and a new President!



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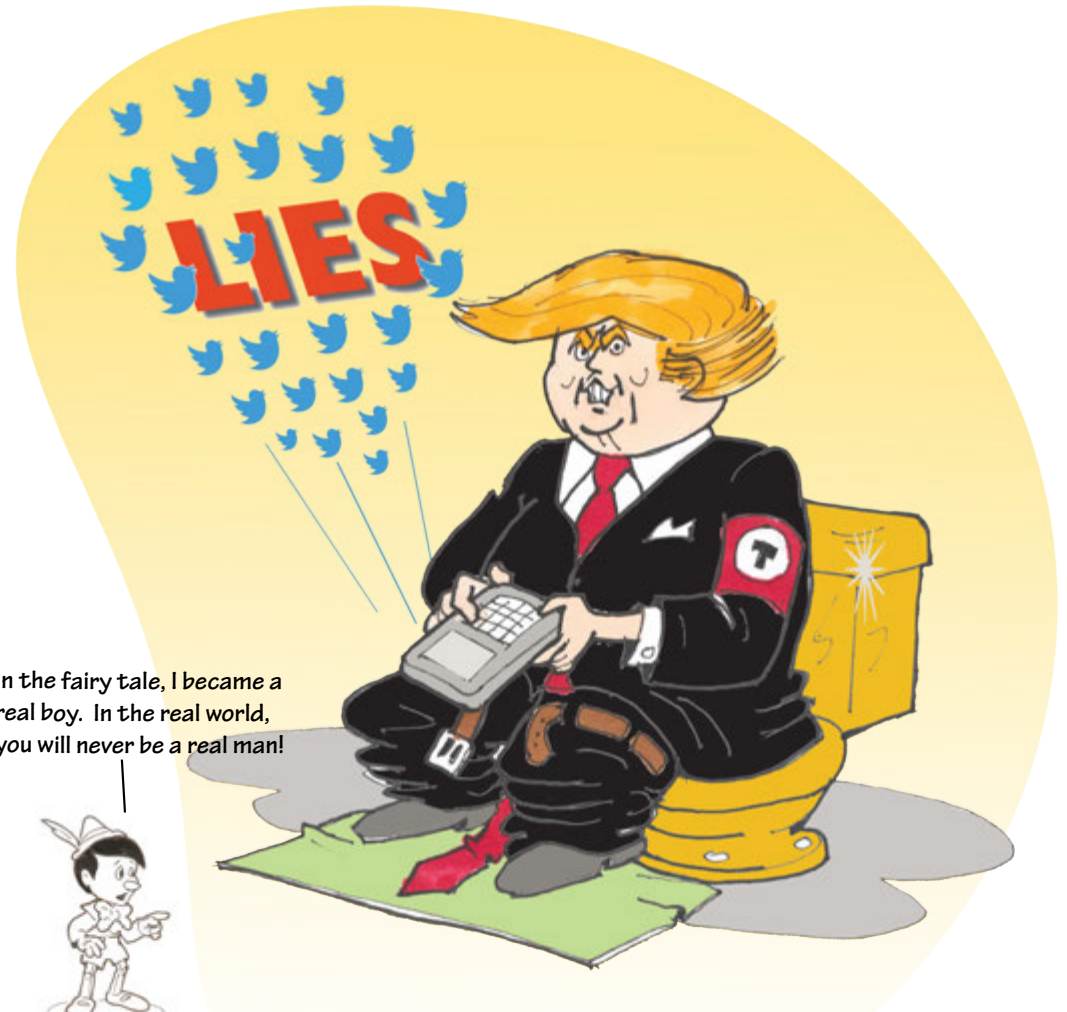
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20,000 and growing.

Donald Trump is a serial liar, having told more than 18,000 in his time as President as this is written. Many are so blatant that they would be laughable ... if they weren't so serious and, in many case, so very dangerous. When the President makes a commitment to a foreign leader, how can that leader know that it isn't just another lie? The key question is: are his lies a conscious attempt to mislead ... or do they represent some fantasy world in which he lives? Either way, we are in great trouble as long as he is in the White House.

In the fairy tale, I became a
real boy. In the real world,
you will never be a real man!



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Pucker up.

During the Corona Virus Pandemic, governors of impacted states quickly learned that if they wanted any chance at getting the equipment, supplies, and testing they desperately needed, they had to praise Trump and his administration. This has been a pattern repeated on many issues throughout the Trump era. Feeding his malignant, narcissistic ego is necessary for any who want or need his support and also for all who work for him. And, often, he fails to deliver, even to those who sacrifice their dignity and character to most dramatically decorate his backside.





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Partners.

The very deeply flawed, highly incompetent, and dangerously ineffective response of the Trump Administration to the Corona Virus pandemic has been a social and economic disaster that has further divided the American people and caused many thousands of unnecessary fatalities as if our government is in league with the Grim Reaper. All with the goal of helping the Trump re-election campaign by accepting no responsibility while blaming everyone else including China, the World Health Organization, his predecessor, and the Democratic governors.





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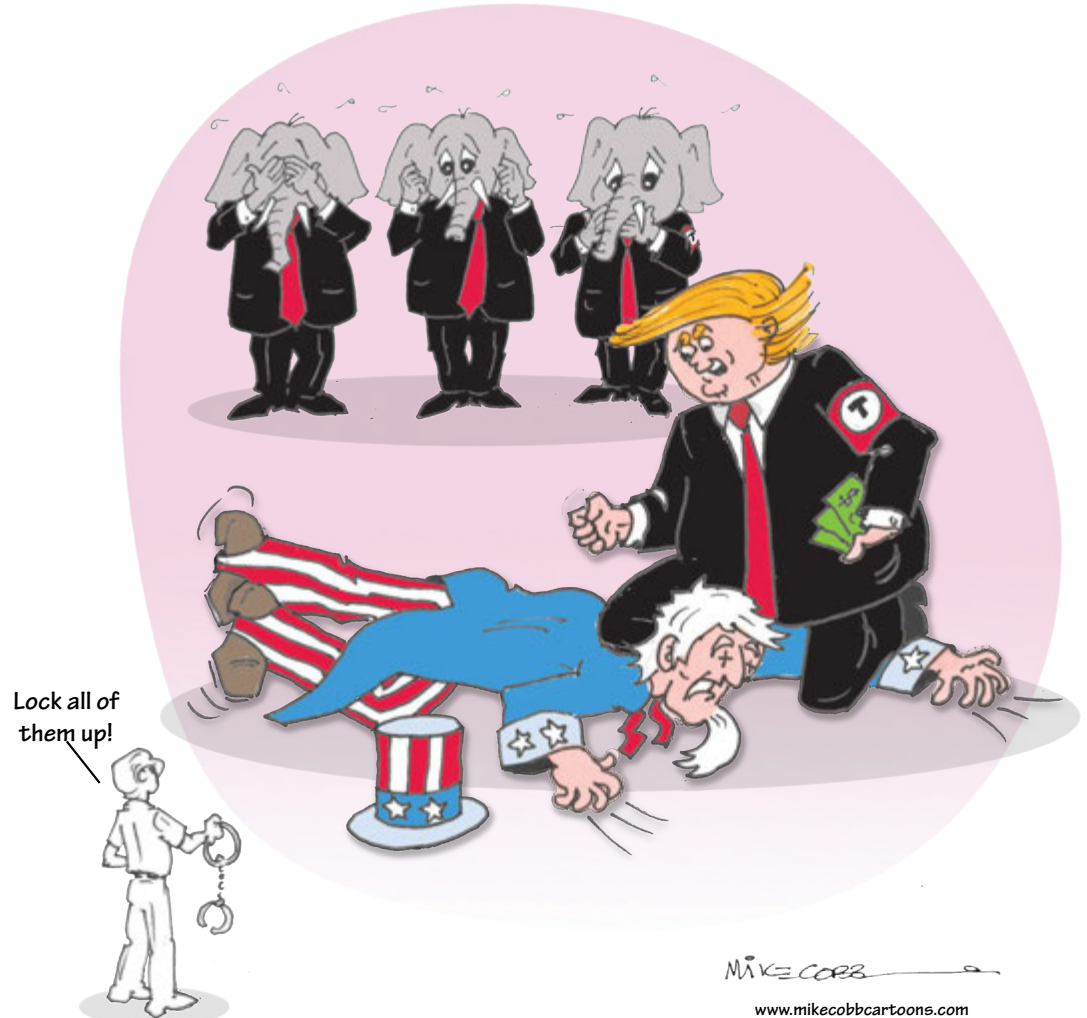
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See no evil. Hear no evil. Speak no evil.

Donald Trump has had his knee of corruption, lies, racism, extremism, bad management, and incompetence on the neck of America since his election ... and he is choking the life out of everything that has made this a good, decent, and respected nation. And, he has been enabled in all the terrible harm he is doing to the country by a Republican Party that has sacrificed all of its principles and integrity to the cult of Trump, clearly concerned far more about being elected than any semblance of doing what is right.



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Trump's face — the mirror of his soul.

The soul of Donald Trump has many dimensions, including lifelong racism learned from his father and reflected in his actions as a businessman and president, malignant narcissism as noted by many mental health professionals, cruelty as illustrated by caging children separated from their families, criminal corruption including obvious links to Putin and Russia, manifest incompetence as demonstrated by his across the board failures as president, and a wilful ignorance that is a product of his belief that he already knows everything and an unwillingness and inability to learn.



Racism



Narcissism



Cruelty



**Criminal
Corruption**



Incompetence



Ignorance



Are these faces now
— the mirror of America
AMERICA'S soul?



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Trump's struggle — creating Trumpocracy.

Donald Trump's unwritten, unspoken manifesto is to achieve autocratic rule of America, with every policy designed to benefit him and his family. It takes an autocrat to send what are, in effect, storm troopers to control and suppress the basic freedom of those engaged in political demonstrations. With an administration characterized by dishonesty, corruption, greed, and a justice system operating to primarily serve him and his hold on political power, America is on a troubled path that could destroy our institutions and end our historic experiment in true democracy.



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Donald Trump is an evil wizard.

The Republican Party has become a cult, transformed by Donald Trump into a party whose former principles are now just a sad reflection of their cult leader. They are heartless in their neglect and treatment of those who aren't rich, immigrants, and people of color; their brains do not seem to have the capacity to listen to learn from experts on great issues like the coronavirus and climate change; and they lack the courage to stand up against Trump's lies, corruption, racism, and mismanagement that are destroying America.



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Let's go home Toto, and see
if the election provides a
happy ending to this story.





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Trump's team of deplorables.

Doris Kearns Goodwin wrote about Lincoln's 'Team of Rivals.' Trump doesn't tolerate rivals, but to take the phrase 'deplorables' from Hilary Clinton in 2016, he has governed and campaigns with a Team of Deplorables, including armed militants, racists, religious and right wing extremists, conspiracy theorists, unqualified 'experts' — and Vladimir Putin. Clinton was criticized for that phrase ... but she was right!

MY TEAM FOR CAMPAIGN 2020
— AND FOUR MORE YEARS!



What you see is what
you get — a team of
deplorables!

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Malignant narcissism.

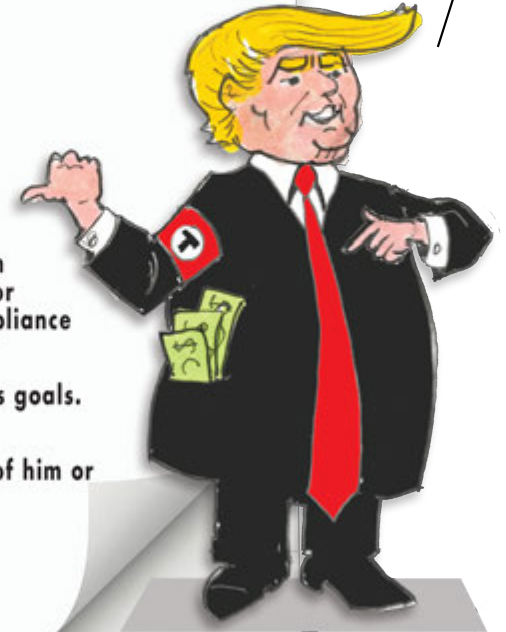
Psychiatric professionals are usually reluctant to diagnose a subject without personal contact, but Trump's public performance has, in so many instances, emboldened a great many of them to conclude with damning judgements about his mental health, including malignant narcissism, psychopathy, and more — any one of which disqualifies him for the presidency and makes him a clear and present danger to the Country.

NARCISSISTIC PERSONALITY DISORDER DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

Disorder indicated by five of the following:

- ☒ Grandiose sense of self-importance.
- ☒ Fantasies of and preoccupied with ... brilliance ... power, or unlimited success.
- ☒ A belief of being special and unique and can only associate with people of high status.
- ☒ A need for excessive admiration.
- ☒ An unreasonable expectation of being treated with favor or expecting an automatic compliance to his wishes.
- ☒ Will use others to achieve his goals.
- ☒ Lacks empathy.
- ☒ Believes others are envious of him or is envious of others.
- ☒ Contemptuous or haughty attitudes/behaviors.

PROOF I AM THE
GREATEST EVER
— I CHECK ALL
THE BOXES!



According to psychiatry
handbooks, narcissism is
not his only psychosis!

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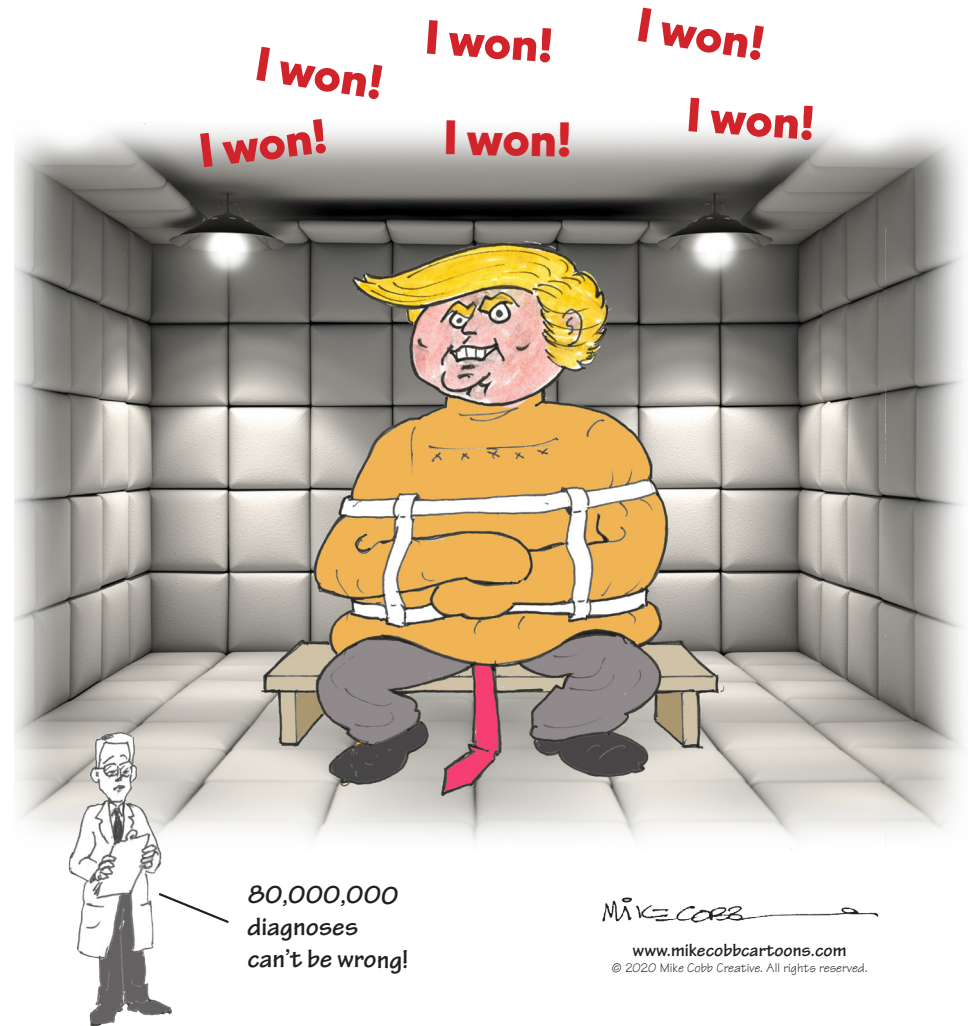
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The Mad King.

Donald Trump's public response to losing the 2020 election has raised serious questions about his mental state. It could be that his unwillingness to accept the results of the election is just a tactic to create some kind of future political role and influence ... or is he truly delusional and actually believes the fantasy world created by his lies is real. Either way, he continues to demonstrate the danger he presents to society.





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Dr. Trumpenstein.

Four years, and Donald Trump's singular accomplishment has been to create a devoted cult of followers in the process of transforming the Republican Party into a Trumpenstein Monster. A monster bereft of independent thought or human values, with the sole mission of serving as the instrument for carrying out the destructive wishes of that cult as defined by its corrupt, narcissistic, evil, and idiot savant master, Donald Trump.



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Truth will set us free.

Hitler's rise to power in the 1930s relied in part on the message of his Propaganda Minister, Joseph Goebbels: *"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. ... It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie ..."* Donald Trump has lived this advice and, in following it, dangerously infected the Republican Party and the American political system.

It worked
for Hitler.
We can't
let it work
in America!



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We can dream, can't we?

Donald Trump is a criminal ... he was a criminal as a businessman, and his four years as president have been a historic corrupt criminal political and social administration. And criminals belong in jail.



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Dawn of a new day.

January 20, 2021, after waking from a dark four year nightmare, Americans welcomed a new day and a new beginning with the hope that the days ahead will bring a solution to the pandemic and a new, positive problem-solving unity for our country.



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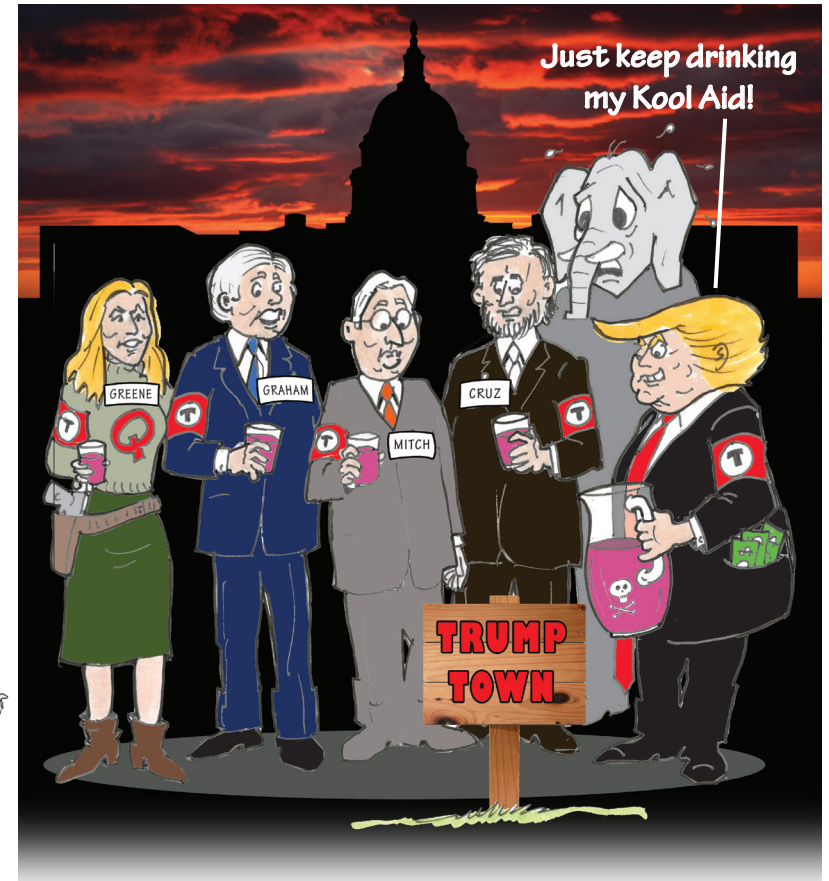
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Jonestown revisited?

Donald Trump has the GOP drinking his own special brand of Kool Aid ... with spice from Q added for more punch! He has clearly become the leader of a cult ... a cult that has no message or goal other than the agrandizement of Trump. He is not so different from cult leader Jim Jones, and the end could also be similar ... the suicide of the Republican Party.

Trump's Kool Aid could be the death of the GOP!



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A lifetime spent in the world of politics — on both sides of the aisle and at multiple levels and in a variety of roles — informs my political cartoons. Once a Republican leader — I left the GOP long ago when it began to lurch to the hard right and joined the Democrats where my natural liberal/progressive tendencies were more at home. I also was an active non-partisan as a 12 year City Councilman and two-time mayor of Palo Alto, California. After my Council service, I was for several years, the on-camera host of an award-winning local cable TV show on local politics.



I trace my political cartooning back to my GOP days when I provided cartoons to a daily area newspaper. At the time, I had originals requested by Senator Alan Cranston, Nancy Reagan, and Lt. Governor Bob Finch. And was once published in National Review. (That wouldn't happen today!) Contemporary American politics is rich in issues and personalities that cry out for the sardonic but informative and insightful (and, we can hope, persuasive) twists and messages that political cartoons can provide ... and it is to those ends that my political cartoons are dedicated.

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