

Trump Derangement Syndrome is a Real Phenomenon

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As a psychologist, I have often been asked about a term that has been bandied about: Trump Derangement Syndrome (I am [not](#) the only psychologist to have [been](#) queried). TDS was coined before Donald [Trump](#) even became president. I always brushed it

off as being nothing but a good joke. I resisted the idea.

Now, I am not so sure.

My reluctance has been eroded with time. My reluctance was against seriously applying diagnostic labels based on political expression, no matter how bizarre those pronouncements. After all, that is what leftist totalitarians have done in the past to anyone who jarred their official *weltanschauung*.

Since mid-century, just as American journalists have always automatically adopted a knee-jerk hostile attitude towards Republican presidents (this automatic demonization of Republican politicians has been so obvious that it has been pointed out by [Italians](#), among others), leftist psychologists, journalists and psychiatrists in America have automatically “diagnosed” every Republican president as mentally ill—therefore unfit to hold office and must be deposed.

For many decades, being opposed to Communist totalitarianism was especially portrayed by leftists as a sign of insanity. In the [Soviet Union](#) from the [1960s](#) through 1980s, dissidents were put in psychiatric hospitals. Before the Greek Communist guerrillas were wiped out in 1949, Markos Vafiades, one of its leaders was sent to Romania for mental treatment of Trotskyite tendencies. Whittaker Chambers, who provided documentation as to Communist infiltration in the government was accused of being insane. Barry Goldwater, who was one of the very few politicians in the 1960s to openly and consistently declare his hostility to Communism was famously branded as mentally ill (other politicians were terrified of the epithet “McCarthyism”). The “diagnosis” made by leftist psychiatrists on Goldwater—without ever interviewing him—is eerily *identical* to those made on Donald Trump, including the [predictions](#) for Armageddon at the hands of the two [men](#). On a more recent basis, a [Cuban](#) who protested Communist repression and a [Hong](#) Kong democracy activist were put in psychiatric

hospitals by the Communist regimes.

Nor does one have to be a politician for leftists to label someone as insane who jars their worldview, and demand that they be locked up in a mental hospital. Persons [who](#) voted for Donald Trump have been labeled as mentally [ill](#). At least [one](#) professor has been labeled as insane for criticizing the Politically Correct ideology in universities. One Italian psychiatrist has recommended [shock](#) treatment for curing patients of right wing ideas. In Germany, a lawyer who questioned the legality of the government's overreaction to the [virus](#) was seized and thrown into a psychiatric hospital (incidentally, none of these incidents have been reported by the main stream media).

So, my previous reluctance is understandable.

Also, it is commonplace to badmouth politicians. Badmouthing politicians is a universal and entertaining pastime that has been carried on for centuries. It is also fun. However, there is something different and sinister about the ones that have taken place in regards to Donald Trump. Stepping back and looking objectively and calmly at the attacks, and the accusations that have been thrown at him (and his family), there is something deeply, deeply, disturbing: the level of viciousness, of ferocity, of [hatred](#), of obscenity. The accusations are more often than not devoid of reality to the point of being psychotic. What comes out of these detractors' mouths when it comes to President Trump are exactly like the ramblings of an out of control psychotic. Indeed, the distorted facial expressions, the spitting, the snarling, the hysterical tone of their voices that accompanies such ramblings is as tell-tale as the actual words. It is particularly unnerving that most of these comments are being made, not by unbalanced nonentities, but by prominent individuals in society, which makes one wonder if the lunatics are running the asylum.

There was even talk of impeachment [before](#) Donald Trump even before he took office.

These behaviors are particularly noticeable with those individuals who claim to be journalists, persons who have important, influential, positions in society, which is alarming. One CNN reporter had a fit because Trump had two [scoops](#) of ice cream instead of one. Trump was recently nominated, twice, for the Nobel Peace Prize, so a journalist in *The Atlantic* wrote that the Nobel [Peace](#) Prize should, therefore, be canceled. This is similar to a demand by another journalist at the *Washington Post*, who said that since Walter [Reed](#) Hospital treated Trump for covid, the hospital should be defunded by Congress. When Trump's motorcade drove outside the hospital, one of the [harpies](#) from *The View* declared that it "was right out of a dictator's playbook." And when he initially called the virus the Wuhan virus—a standard medical practice of naming an illness from its point of origin—the journalists condemned the name as "racist," even though [they](#) themselves had been using the term prior to Trump. Another one, Chuck Todd, said that we were on the verge of [losing](#) democracy because Trump asked Ukraine to investigate Biden for corruption (way before he became the official Democratic candidate) after Biden publicly [boasted](#) of blackmailing the Ukrainian president; Todd, when not [falsifying](#) recordings to support his viewpoint, is [constantly](#) repeating how dangerous Trump supposedly is, this time parroting a common theme that the country cannot survive a [second](#) term—without ever saying exactly *why*. MSNBC's Joy [Reid](#) is certain that it is Trump's fault that "Nazis are walking around in America" while Melina [Abdullah](#) called President Donald Trump the "embodiment of white supremacist terrorism." Ted Koppel is convinced that [Trump](#) is going to suspend the Constitution; he offers no real proof and I suspect nothing that anyone says is going to convince him otherwise. CNN British journalist Christiane Amanpour declared that Trump's Administration was the equivalent of the [Third](#) Reich. Donny [Deutsch](#) claimed that

Trump was Hitler, so Jews should not support the president. Of course, any Jews supporting Trump, well, [they](#) are siding with Nazis, according to some. And when Trump ordered the flag flown at half-mast until August 8, an [MSNBC](#) figure named Frank Figliuzzi said it was a salute to Hitler and white supremacists. “The numbers 88 are very significant in neo-Nazi and white supremacy movement. Why? Because the letter ‘H’ is the eighth letter of the alphabet, and to them the numbers 8-8 together stand for ‘Heil Hitler.’ So we’re going to be raising the flag back up at dusk on 8/8.” One journalist ([Paul Krugman](#)) working at the *New York Pravda*, who is consistently wrong, warned that if Trump was elected in 2016, the stock market would crash, there would be a [global](#) recession, and we would never recover. Other journalists accuse Trump of other things—such as claiming that he wants to exterminate [Hispanics](#) or that he is waging a war against [science](#). Along the same line was a CNN panel that claimed that the President wanted to drop a nuclear [bomb](#) into a hurricane in the Atlantic, which was a racist idea since it would affect Africans. And since Germany (Nazi and non-Nazi) had/have an eagle for its national symbol, then it obviously means that Trump is a Nazi when a pro-Trump t-shirt was offered for sale that had an eagle on it, according to [USA Today](#). Another [CNN](#) journalist, Douglas Brinkley, declared that Trump would create a second shadow government upon leaving and would hold a counter inaugural, that he was an abomination, a tinpot dictator. By challenging the voter fraud in the [2020](#) election, Trump is the equivalent of slave states. The Committee to Protect Journalists blamed him for repression of journalists in dictatorial [countries](#)—as if that had never happened before in those countries.

[And this does not take into account the hundreds and hundreds of \[instances\]\(#\) of \[fake news\]\(#\)](#)