

Disrespecter in Chief



It's time.

It's actually well past time.

It's time to stop with the protestations and pretensions that phrases like "not being politically correct" and "telling it like it is" are equivalent to being rude and insulting.

It's time to admit that "draining the swamp" and "getting things done" are not the same as undermining and delegitimizing.

It's time to recognize that returning to good Christian values isn't represented well by someone who refuses to forgive, refuses to be charitable and certainly refuses to turn the other cheek.

Incredible as it seems, Donald Trump has not even been president for three weeks. In many ways, it would be hard to tell the difference from his campaign were it not for the chilling realization of his many executive overreaches.

The aberrant behavior that set aflame the people who voted him in has continued even unto his role in the highest office of the most powerful country on earth.

Still bothered by the merest whiff of challenge or criticism, he attacks each subject, no matter how petty, as if each is of equal weight.

Do Americans even understand the absurdity (and thus the danger) of a President that has spoken multiple times about the ratings for The Apprentice and its new host and yet not once during that period made mention of the atrocities being visited upon Aleppo? Not once!

There was a terror attack in Canada. Not that the President appeared to notice. No condemnation, no statement of sympathy. Too busy trying to delegitimize yet another judge.

Any poll that is released that does not support any part of his administration is instantly labeled as fake news. Any critique about his policies or his processes is attacked as crooked and corrupt.

His support staff have his back, implying that he should be treated with "kid's gloves" now because he is president, missing the entire point that America is uniquely great because we can and should constantly check into all layers of government, including (especially?) the executive branch.

And branch it is. One of three our founding fathers created to ensure no true abuses of power like the ones they fled from nearly 250 years ago could occur in this great nation.

Mr. Trump doesn't seem to understand or, more likely, doesn't care to acknowledge, that he is part of the most magnificent democratic structure in modern history.

That means attacking a judge and attempting to demean and diminish his position would be considered incredibly uninformed, if not un-American.

To go further and suggest that any future terrorist attack on the United States should be blamed on the judicial process is,

well, almost treasonous.

Look, if you're out there saying this is what you voted for and this is what you wanted, then you need to take a step back and consider life and the people around you.

Is that what you truly want? Do you want everyone to be insulting everyone else? Threaten each other? Refuse even the slightest bit of suggestion or criticism?

It's more likely you just want a good life for you and (if you have them) your children. You want some form of security and a fair shake.

That's all I want, too. And I don't need to be insulting or demeaning or petulant to get it.

Courtesy and restraint are not signs of weakness. Indeed, I think there is nothing stronger than being able to face abuse and violence with resolve and control.

Would it not have been better to simply say something like...

"We strongly believe this executive order is critical to the national security of the United States and we expect the courts, on appeal, will overturn the judge's decision."

As opposed to...

"The opinion of this so-called judge, which essentially takes law-enforcement away from our country, is ridiculous and will be overturned!"

and...

"Because the ban was lifted by a judge, many very bad and dangerous people may be pouring into our country. A terrible decision."

and...

“Just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!”

Three branches. Executive, Legislative, Judicial.

So far, Mr. Trump has used one and only one. He has ignored Congress in his executive orders and trash-talked the Judiciary when faced with opposition.

It's uncomfortable to think that his fascination with Putin and Russia (by his own words, “Do you think we (America) are so innocent?”) may be because he doesn't like being “bothered” by those other two pesky branches.

Life would be so much easier for him if he could just do everything by himself, without all this interference.

In the meantime, he will lash out at the ones reminding him that America is nothing like Russia and that we have Congress and the Judiciary to prevent any one person from becoming like Putin.

Please understand, this is not about policy and this is not about party. This is about what kind of country we want to live in. You, me, the next door neighbors and everyone else.

We're not going to get kindness and compassion overnight. It takes effort and desire. You can still have your personal hopes and dreams, you just don't have to achieve them at the expense of your fellow Americans.

Be successful. Pursue happiness. These are your rights and I will fight alongside you to keep them forever in this great country.

Despite the Disrespector in Chief's efforts to divide us.