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EDITOR'S NOTE: Regrettably, this issue went to print before the announcement that President Donald J. Trump tested positive for COVID-19. We at *Functionally Dead* want to let the President know we hope he dies, and that in his death, he finds nothing but the pain and misery he inflicted on others in life.

See you in Hell,



# Time to Get Real: A *New York Times* Op-Ed From the Year 2028

While such pie-in-the-sky wishes like water as a public utility would certainly be nice, they're far from realistic. How are we going to pay for it? We simply don't have room in the budget, and as House Majority Leader Dan Crenshaw astutely pointed

I'm not trying to emulate a far-right zealot like Senator Tucker Carlson—on the contrary, I've always considered myself a "Tom Cotton moderate." While it's true that the third Trump term has eroded many civil liberties Americans previously enjoyed, such as the First, Third, and

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>> have handled the fifth COVID-19 outbreak better (hopefully, the promised vaccine that doesn't give you bladder cancer comes by the end of the year). But Space Force is beyond party politics. Even Joe Biden declared his support for our boys in the atmosphere just before he passed. "I love the Space Force. Those forces... man. My dad let me drive a ruby red Camaro one time. Thing took off like a rocket. Man, could they fly." And you'd hardly find someone more solidly left than Joe Biden.

It is unfathomable to think of an America without a Space Force, just as it is unfathomable to imagine America without ICE X (led by Director "Road Dogg" Jesse James), the Empire of Homeland Security, the Citizen's Militia Coalition, or the Amazon Central Intelligence Agency. The fact is, Space Force not only keeps America's space enemies at bay, it's also a deterrent to any country looking to meddle in America's troposphere. As it says on the Space Force emblem: "we own the sky above the skies."

Leftists will hate to hear this, but most Americans love Space Force. In a recent poll, Americans were asked how they would feel if Space Force was abolished and then a meteor fell out of the sky and crushed their family. A whopping eighty-nine percent of Americans found that scenario to be "less than ideal." Why, Space Force is as American as Goldman Sachs! Can you imagine a football game without a spaceship flying directly over the stadium or a commercial airline flight without our Space Force boarding first, taking up the entire overhead compartment, and, on occasion, space-tazing suspicious passengers? Personally, I think abolishing Space Force is an insult to the eighteen brave men and women who have lost their lives serving in Space Force (all due to mechanical engine failures). I'm sure they and their families would agree that their sacrifice should not be in vain.

So quit your dreaming and demanding of a better world, Leftists! Things have always been the way they are, and nothing can ever change, save for the creation and normalization of new branches of the military. Nothing but respect for the Fourth Dimensional Time SEALS. 🚀

## Functionally Dead Book Nook Exclusive **TAKE A PEEK INSIDE...**

//PATRICK KEENE



### CHAPTER 1

Pete Buttigieg  
has never  
sucked a dick  
in his life.





## I THINK SOMETHING'S UP WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM?

//BRADY O'CALLAHAN

OK, I'M SERIOUSLY STARTING TO THINK there's something up with the justice system. It seems like, ultimately, justice isn't being served, and that can't be right. It's called the "justice" system, so I'm sure it was designed to uphold justice and not the status quo or anything like that. I mean at least I hope so, but sometimes it's like, hold on, is this for real? Am I crazy, or do you kind of get that sense too?

Like, there's police officers, right? And they're supposed to "protect and serve" the community. They take an oath and everything. Sounds awesome, but lately I've noticed that they've literally always terrorized Black communities for the most part. I think something's up with that. Somebody should look into it and fix it so they can go back to doing what they've apparently

never done and protect and serve the community instead of acting as security for property at the expense of people, I think? Or at least it seems that way sometimes. I don't know.

And here's the thing, sometimes when these police officers do bad things, they go to court to be held accountable for their actions and determine appropriate punitive measures. Sounds awesome, but lately I've noticed that the courts literally always choose to exonerate these police officers who do bad things (on camera even, admitting that they wanted to do the bad thing to friends and colleagues on public platforms sometimes). It seems like cops aren't ever held accountable for literally murdering people, even though they do it a lot in this country. And on the other end, it seems like Black people are punished much more severely for minor infractions than these officers are for actual hate crimes. Somebody definitely needs to check in on the court system, because this seems like an operational flaw and not what it was designed exactly to do. Right?

I also noticed something else recently. Prisons are supposed to be punitive but also restorative, not merely locking individuals up without any consideration for their future, but educating them and providing resources to help provide a support system for re-joining society. Again, sounds awesome, but lately I've noticed that literally always nobody gives a fuck about the restorative part? I've also noticed lately that for *literally* the country's entire history prisoners are used as slave labor to make enormous profits for predatory private corporations. They are treated as irredeemable, disposable, subhuman. And then upon release are expected to rejoin society while at an enormous disadvantage due to the inability to vote or apply for certain jobs. Somebody should look into this, right? Maybe nobody has noticed this, but I think people would be really upset if they realized this. It seems bad, like a real bummer. Well at least it does to me? I don't know.

Anyway, I guess if for some reason I'm wrong and the systems were designed this way and they seem to be operating as planned, then the whole thing is fucking evil and is incapable of reform and absolutely needs to be abolished. Either that or something's definitely up with the justice system. Let's look into that, ok? 🤔



# RAMBLIN' BOUT LIBS... HOW WILL THE TYRANNICAL LEFT RUIN HALLOWEEN THIS YEAR?

Another Amazing Contribution to the Free  
Marketplace of Ideas Donated by Dave Rubin

//ROSIE WHALEN

IN THE FREE MARKETPLACE OF HOLIDAYS, Halloween is by far the best market. Dressing up in my favorite un-PC costume to try and hurt people's feelings is my favorite IDWTTD (Intellectual Dark Web Thing To Do). I j'adore adding to the ongoing misery in people's lives and then complaining on my podcast about the critiques I received on Twitter. I call that "being silenced."

October is officially here, so I really have to focus and ask myself: how are the Libs gonna ruin Halloween this year? I simply *must* ramble my way into figuring it out for you all, that way we can prepare together in this free marketplace of preparation.

Being the self-aware Libertarian that I am (wait, am I a Libertarian?)... OK we're gonna go stream of consciousness here because intellectually? I have a ton of stuff to say. You know, between us, I've always had a problem with the label "Libertarian." I hate that "Libertarian" starts with "Lib," so let me just say that! At age 49, I don't think you should know WHO or WHAT you believe yet. Your mind is still growing and expanding and being influenced by different billionaires willing to pay you the big bucks to trash a progressive agenda.

So... Libertarian?

Uh, maybe.

I would gladly jail anyone on the Left for protesting... So I am whatever that is! I also don't believe people should get mail. Why are we letting people get mail? It's barbaric. If you believe people should get mail you're honestly an insane Marxist/Antifa hybrid. But that is another battle for another marketplace.

Anywho, it's almost Halloween, and candy is King. So what will the snowflakes do to ruin candy and Halloween this year? Are we even allowed to go into stores anymore to buy candy? Has all candy been canceled by the tyrants because it gave somebody a cavity or sudden death? So what if the manufacturer didn't put a peanut warning on the bag of candy—let the markets sort that out! STOP REGULATION NOW.

As my great friend—and occasional rival—Candace Owens always says (it's not that we've ever gotten into a fight, per say... It's just that her grift is going so well that sometimes I get jealous. An inevitable public fight is looming, I feel? Two hot teenage girls can't ever *really* be friends. Our high school, so to speak, is small and run by Ben Shapiro. There can only be one top dog after Principal Shapiro, and as we all know, the principal is the coolest person in school. As luck would have it, the turmoil would give us both a boost in our ratings, so we're just waiting for the right moment to get mad at each other about something and hmmm, I don't know... OK we're gonna go stream of >>







>> consciousness again here because intellectually I started a parenthetical thought and realized it's more important to flesh this out than follow up on the idea I started. Maybe I'll host *two* podcasts instead of one? That's the free marketplace of ideas for ya. I am but a humble continuous idea-haver).

I used to think it might be fun to go after my hero Jordan Peterson for something totally random, I mean imagine that? Trying to tear down Daddy? But then he fell into a coma after cleaning his room too hard—I guess I'll just let him sleep for now. He's very tired, and possibly dead? Also, going tit for tat with Candace would be easier than Peterson or GMO snack himself, Principal Shapiro, because Candace actually has tits! She literally showed them to me once at the annual Unite the Right sleepover jamboree. OH WAIT, the quote is coming back to me! As my great friend and soon to be rival, Candace Owens, always says... Fuck. I have no idea what I was going to misquote her on. The Tyrannical Left keeps making me lose my focus!

Seriously, what will the unhinged, radical Left put in candy this year to ruin it? Last year it was chocolate! Knowing them, I could totally see that happening again! God forbid I get some Sugar Babies from someone other than my sponsor.

Come to think of it I am more aware than anyone else, really. That may sound Trumpian to some, but Joe Rogan has had me on his podcast three times (technically I'm a permanent guest host if you count all the times I shout along to each episode in my car). Even Joe always says to me, "What did Candace actually say, Dave? Have you remembered her quote yet?" And I guess I honestly just keep forgetting what she said. I am someone with big ideas, I can't remember all the quotes.

SHIT. Candace just called. She got the same costume I did, AFTER I TOLD HER WHAT I WAS BEING FOR HALLOWEEN. Now we are actually at war. How can I manufacture culture wars on my podcast if I have to now devote all my time into an actual war with Candace? This is going to be tough. Shit shit shit. I am really boiling about this. Antifa and Candace have left me with no choice but to be something extra racist this year for halloween to bring the attention back to me. DM me with suggestions and I'll pick the best one from the marketplace of recommendations.

END MAIL NOW!

Love,  
DAVE 🍊





## *And Now? I rest.*

//JAMES DWYER

**A**FTER MONTHS OF OBSESSIVE-  
LY LISTENING TO POLITICAL POD-  
CASTS BY FORMER ADVERTISING  
EXECUTIVES, assuming the financial  
toll of maxing out my personal contribu-  
tions to Amy McGrath's campaign under  
my own name and the names of each of  
my family members (a drop in the bucket  
due to the recent success of my ancho-  
vy-based line of inessential hair oils), and  
exhaustively saying "but will you vote  
blue in November" as a response to every  
single "Hello" I've received... the day has  
finally arrived.

Today, I voted.

And now?

I rest.

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There will be those who say "the work  
isn't over yet," or "voting is just one way  
to participate in democracy," or "God  
these Democrats on the ballot are fuck-  
ing worthless—voting won't be enough."

I digress. The only thing we can ever  
do is vote. There is no greater form of  
political action than filling out a ballot  
and ramming it into the machine be-  
fore I block out all sensory input un-  
til the next Presidential election cycle  
begins.

*I can already feel the haters crawling  
out of their sewer dwellings to cancel  
me.* Sorry haters. I voted. I am uncan-  
celable. My vote is my shield, protect-  
ing me from the droves of trolls who  
dare claw at my good name, screech-  
ing "there's more work to be done." I  
am the Joan of Arc of electoralism.  
So trust me when I say, that's all a big  
nothing taco. In terms of "doing more,"  
I've heard it all:

Protest?

*Sorry, I don't walk in groups.*

Mutual Aid?

*There's something about the word "mu-  
tual" that I find problematic and that's  
for YOU to dissect.*

Grassroots Organizing?

*I paved my lawn this summer as well as  
the unsightly "beach" (which sounds like  
b\*tch?!) behind my oceanside chalet so...  
not a fan.*

And besides, how does one have the  
strength to do any of this after the energy  
required to cast a ballot?

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I left the abandoned indoor child play-  
ground where I voted feeling satisfied,  
but depleted. I needed to rush home be-  
fore the last bits of energy left me.

I called an Uber helicopter to pick me  
up, but they've stopped doing mid-block  
pickups since the pandemic started. Luck-  
ily, I managed to flag down a cab using  
my gun. He let me drive it myself and was  
even kind enough to get out of the car so I  
could be alone. "I just voted," I said.

"Just take the car. I'm sorry. Please don't  
hurt me," he replied. He understood what  
I was going through. Voters can always >>



# DNC Winning Message Word Search

Help! The Democrats have lost all of their winning messages! Can you find these proposals that would increase voter turnout before Biden loses to a serial rapist during a global pandemic and economic recession?

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N T O F W C G A D T J W F W A Z T U D G

## Words used:

ABOLISHICE  
BLACKLIVESMATTER  
BREAKUPBIGTECH  
COVIDRELIEFCHECKS  
DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

FREECOLLEGE  
FREEPUBLICINTERNET  
GREENNEWDEAL  
MEDICAREFORALL  
TAXTHERICH

>> tell when they encounter one another in the wild. “A voter always knows,” some-one wise probably once said (me).

The next three hours are a blur, but after ditching the car, two bodies, and most of my cocaine in the Battery Tunnel, I managed to drag myself home.

The hibernation pod (hi-po) was primed and waiting for me in my flat. I thanked Martha (mysister-turned-personal-house-maid) for getting my affairs in order for the Post-Vote Slumber. I unsheathed myself from the clothes that hadn’t shorn off in the tunnel and slinked into my hi-po.

“See you in three years, Martha,” I said as she prepared to close the crystal lid.

“My name is Grace,” she replied.

The gem casing to the pod closes over me and the sleep sauce fills where the air used to be. As I begin to fade into my democratically-induced coma, restoring my energy for the 2024 elections, I muster one last bit of that passionate electoral spirit in my index finger to draw in the condensation:

“V...O...T...E...”

I realize it’s backwards as I drift to sleep satisfied.

I look forward to a recap of the first three years of the Joe Biden presidency when I awake.

If he loses... well... I truly did all that I could do. 🙄



# THE PENTAGON MAY HAVE DIVERTED ONE BILLION DOLLARS FROM COVID RELIEF TO DEFENSE CONTRACTORS, BUT WE BUILT SOME REALLY COOL WEAPONS THAT EFFIN ROCK

//MATTHEW BRIAN COHEN

RECENTLY, IT'S BEEN REVEALED THAT the [Pentagon has diverted one billion dollars in COVID relief money from the CARES Act toward defense contractors and military supplies](#). Some Americans are seeing this as yet another example of our government failing to help its citizens at the expense of enriching our already-bloated military and ruling class of war profiteers. But it's important for those Americans to understand that we made some really cool weapons that, to put it simply, just effin rock.

Sure, you are likely sitting at home trying to scrounge together pennies to pay for your rising healthcare premiums, but some of this stuff we made is so effin sick. We made a gun that shoots other, smaller guns! And then that gun shoots bullets! So it's like, two levels of guns. It looks cool as hell and the smaller guns only backfire and shoot our soldiers fifty percent of the time. We also made an edible grenade that looks and tastes exactly like baby food thanks to our partnership with Gerber. Not the coolest thing in the world, but we had a billion dollars to blow, so you end up going with some of your "B-Team" ideas. If baby terrorism ever becomes a thing? We'll effin blow that baby outta the damn bath water.

We get it. Over two hundred thousand people are dead, and that number could easily double in the next six months. We desperately need PPE or else we're gonna have to start burying people under the floorboards. But we also need hella badass military hardware, like drones that can piss! That's right—piss! Like real people! We loaded those drones up with hostage bladders and they can take a hot piss all over any terrorist or Middle Eastern person we want. The facial recognition technology isn't quite there yet, and sometimes it just spins in circles spraying piss all over the place before exploding in a hail of circuit boards soaked in urine, but still—it's rad.

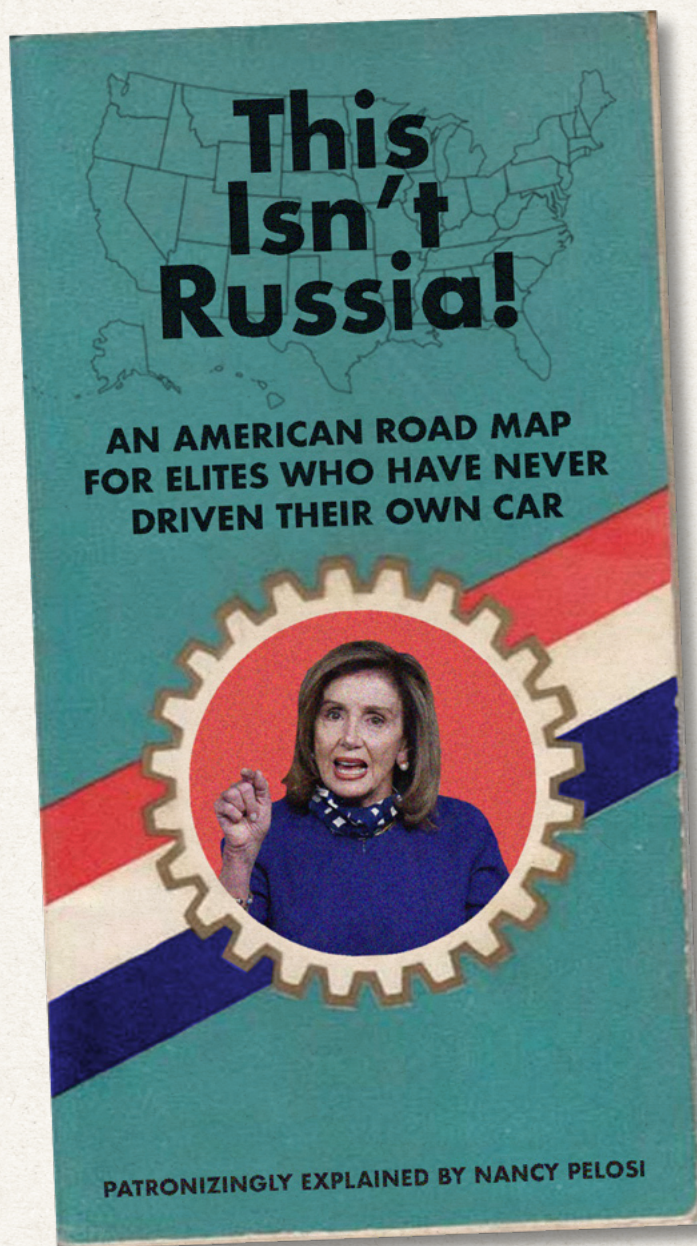
It comes down to this: do you want to give boring ass healthcare workers the equipment they need to do their jobs and save lives, or do you want to be the greatest effin country in the history of the world? Bipartisan, unchecked military spending is what makes America the land of the free and the home of the freakin epic. If we don't take that money from those lameass essential workers and make a 24 karat gold aircraft carrier (that subsequently sank due to all the added weight), we might as well pack it in. >>



>> What do you need medical equipment for, anyway? The real enemy is abroad. We need our helicopters with the blades on the bottom and white phosphorus munitions that explode into a unique, random hashtag in case we're attacked by the Chinese or the Iranians or the Russians or the North Koreans or I don't know, let's say Greece? Have we threatened to bomb them yet? Anyway, we just made an extra-sharp machete with no handle, so it's just one sick-ass blade (that immediately sliced the radial artery of the soldier who tried to wield it—it was grody, but so frickin badass).

Look, coronavirus is gonna go away on its own, or there's gonna be a vaccine or whatever, right? So what did you need that relief money for? N95 masks are—and I know we're not using this this term derogatorily anymore—gay. Wouldn't you rather have a tank that can go underwater (for fifteen minutes before blowing up), an assault rifle that can't fire unless you prove that you're a man, and a jet engine that sounds like "Baba O'Reily" when it's starting up (we had to pay millions to the estate of Syd Barrett [we also had to pay Pete Townshend because we were positive Pink Floyd wrote "Baba O'Reily"])).

Did we already dip into a separate relief fund? Yes. Is this kind of looting so normal that it's become a non-story? Of course. But we are bringing you a tactical vest that smells like honey and night vision goggles that also show you people's nipples? Hell yes. This technology is what's keeping us safe from, I don't know, the Swedes? What are those guys up to? It can't be good. I mean, what? You really want to put your physical health above the off chance of getting nuked by, let's see, the Ottoman Empire? Sorry Otto, there's only room for one empire, and that's America! 🌟







## TIME TO CLEAN UP YOUR TWITTER

//JASON SHERIDAN GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

**TWITTER: A PLACE TO FOLLOW BREAKING NEWS.** A place to give you a lil' smile, with something approaching humor. That was certainly the case a few years ago. Hell, even a few months ago, when you worked in an office. You're an older millennial, after all. Living in the big city, making an honest go of it. But then COVID came along. You're working from home now, and Twitter is making you feel so much worse. It's time to do that self-care everyone used to be on about: use these hours of misery to clean up your following list! Here are just a few duds to kick to the cyber curb and take you back to the good ol' days of "this place is ok-at-best."

### LATE '90S ALT COMIC

You sure did love them in college. Unfortunately, their brains have long since been destroyed by easy access to pharmaceutical-grade drugs, Russiagate, and tweeting "Go see this!" about their friends' low-budget, widely reviled rom-coms one too many times.

### THINK PIECE MASTER

In an attempt to get informed, you followed the most-opinionated staff member of your favorite news site. That publication shut down 4 years ago when the CIA stopped backing it. But no worries, this guy jumped to *Slate*, then *Salon*, then *News Toilet*, then *Vox*, then *The Flush* (a Substack by former writers from *News Toilet*). All the big boys. Probably should have unfollowed after his recent piece entitled "It Is Good Factories Kill Some Of The Poor."

### SEMI-ACTIVE WEIRD TWITTER ACCOUNT

@UncleDiarrhea peaked in 2013, right before its owner got hired to write for *Last Call with Carson Daly*. Now it just automatically posts "Tim for diarrhea" once a day. Actually maybe hang on to this one.

### YOUR ZOOMER COUSIN

You followed them because they repost their TikToks. It was fun to learn about the little dances young people do or watch them clown on Clap Your Hands Say Yeah. But then they discovered QAnon. The storm is coming, alright... to your socially-distanced Thanksgiving dinner!

### SITCOM THAT WENT OFF THE AIR FIVE YEARS AGO

This account stopped posting funny memes about the show four years ago. Now they just tweet "VOTE" as a response to last week's news. You already know about voting. You can follow them again when Netflix reboots the show in a few years.

### DEFUNCT IMPROV TEAM

Hey. You love to laugh. But sadly, this group of degenerates, occasionally employed actors, and ingenues with family money does not perform anymore because people stopped going to their shows a year before they retired the team. But hey, at least you got to see Todd Orange, heir to the Agent Orange fortune, before he struck it big! >>



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## >> THE THEATER THAT IMPROV TEAM PERFORMED AT

Abandon all hope ye who enter here. There's a reason improv theaters are called the "Little St. James of Comedy."

## EARLY 2000S POLITICIAN YOU'RE STILL HOLDING OUT HOPE FOR

Yes they've lobbied for Pfizer. Yes they're on the Board of Directors of Skoal. And sure, they did a little work for the Agent Orange family. But they got you energized about politics in 2003! They might still come around! (They will not come around.)

## FUN AND FUNKY BRAND

Extra! Extra! Meat By-Product Posts Humor By-Product! Comedy Connoisseur Laps It Up!

## YOUR COLLEGE ROOMMATE

Do not unfollow your college roommate! But give them a call, man. How many hours of human interaction have you clocked this year? Twitter does not count. It never counts.

## FAKE THEME PARK ACCOUNT

"Universal Studios is closed today. Turns out we've got Antz!" Wow. Comedy gold. I can see why you kept this one around as you are someone who, we've established, loves to laugh. But when was the last time you really laughed? Like really REALLY laughed? Please do not answer.

## JOHNNY MNEMONIC SHOT BY SHOT

This account rocks. Keep following it. Life was better in 1995's version of the 2020s.

## GARY VAYNERCHUK

You do not need to follow Gary Vaynerchuk. You can't even remember who this guy is. 🤖

*Jason Sheridan is a comedian and one of the hosts of Podcast: The Ride. His Twitter is @jasonsheridan. Don't spend too much time there.*





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**PRESENTS:**

# **HARDCORE ENDORSEMENTS**

**From Professional Wrestlers  
That Didn't Get the Same Press as The Rock's**

THE MEDIA WAS AFLUTTER AS WRESTLING superstar-cum-Hollywood leading man, The Rock, endorsed Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, but did you know there are a bunch of other, minorly coveted endorsements from professional wrestlers past and present floating around out there? We here at *Functionally Dead* have rounded up some HARDCORE endorsements that no one else cared to write about for some reason.

**Jake the Snake - LIZ WARREN** - "As a fellow capitalist to my bones, I'm confident the Senator can regulate the system, just as I have been able to successfully regulate my personal demons. I also pretend to care about nature and the environment, but in a pinch? Nah. Hell, I killed like fifty snakes—it's harder than you think to flop around with a dead serpent and make it feel scary for the fans, but sometimes lies are the only way to get through the night."

**The Ghost of the Ultimate Warrior - AMY MCGRATH** - "INSIDE THE HEART OF EVERY WARRIOR IS ANOTHER WARRIOR SCREAMING TO GET OUT. THE BLOODBATH WILL SERVE AS A CLEANSING FIRE ON THE STATE OF KENTUCKY."

**Doink the Clown - PETE BUTTIGIEG** - "Democracy is the container in which we hold the leftovers of our freedoms.' This is probably a quote from Pete Buttigieg, as relayed to me by Chasten. We spent a lovely evening seeing *Hamilton* together and

I became convinced that Mayor Pete is the man for the White House. In the same way I am but a man pretending to be a clown, Pete is a man pretending to be Obama. Doink out."

**The Undertaker - KID ROCK** - "RESSTTTT IN PEAC-CCEEEEEEE (American democracy)"

**Hulk Hogan - PETER THIEL** - \*\*\*PAID ENDORSEMENT\*\*\* Peter isn't running for President but he's got the fire of Hulkamania coursing through his cold, lifeless veins. I mean look what he did to Gawker, brother. Imagine what the Theilinator could do to a less powerful country than the America just because he feels like it? WHATCHA GONNA DO SURINAME, WHEN PETER THIEL RUNS ALL OVER YOU!

**Stone Cold Steve Austin - AMY KLOBUCHAR** - "If you think Americans deserve access to affordable healthcare, but still think health insurance companies have the right to profit off sky-high premiums, give me a hell yeah." >>





>> **Bill Goldberg - PETE BUTTIGIEG** - “For years, I’ve asked the question, ‘Who’s next?!’ After spending a lovely evening with Chasten seeing *Hamilton* it’s clear that Pete Buttigieg is the next Democratic superstar to fulfill President Obama’s promise of saying nice things without actually doing anything at all.”

**Dusty Rhodes - BEN SASSE** - “I’m a son of a plumber, baby. I know about hard times, and we are in some hard time blues, baby. I also know we need a war with China, baby, and that’s a fact.”

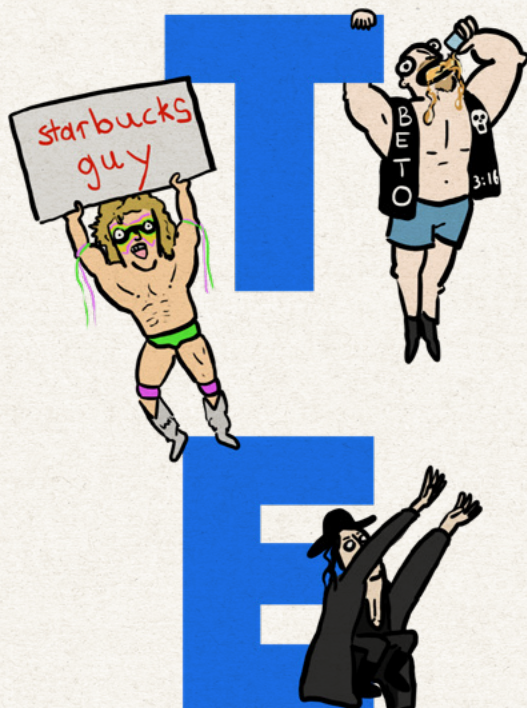
**Ric Flair - MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE** - “The Nature Boy is a jet flyin, limousine ridin, wheelin, dealin, kiss stealin QANON believer. Where we go with the 16-time world heavyweight champ, we go all. WOOWOO!”

**Kane - HIMSELF** - “I’m the real, actual mayor of Knox County, Tennessee. I do not believe people should have to wear masks during a pandemic. I was once involved in a storyline where it was revealed that I killed a woman and had sex with her corpse. Let me kill and fuck the corpse of Knox County.”

**Paul Bearer - MITCH MCCONNELL** - “Loose skin makes my job easy.”

**Macho Man Randy Savage - JOE BIDEN** - “THE MACHO MAN HAS DROPPED A FEW ELBOWS OFF THE TOP ROPE IN HIS TIME, AND THE MACHO MAN’S PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM RECEIVING CARE. EVERYONE, EVEN THE GIRLFRIENDS THE MACHO MAN HAS HIT, DESERVES ACCESS TO HEALTH-CARE. OHHH YEAHHHH.”

**Jimmy Hart - PETE BUTTIGIEG** - “Is this thing on? As The Mouth of the South, I love nothing more than a good musical. I got to spend a special evening with Chasten seeing *Hamilton*, and it really opened my eyes. Pete Buttigieg has to be the next Democratic actor to play President Obama. With my aviators on, I can’t tell the banks that fund them apart.” 🧐





*"And those who were seen dancing,  
were thought to be crazy, by those  
who could not hear the music."*

—Friedrich Nietzsche



//DIANA KOLSKY

PERCEPTION IS REALITY, MY FRIEND, and for a while there, my sensory system was in doom overload. When we see a young woman murdered by police in her bed and no one is found so much as even a little bit *responsible*—the abolishment of policing and the carceral state is in order, but so beaten down are we by the onslaught of horrors, I think it fair to say we would have settled for a smidgen of accountability. In these instances, when the veneer of society crumbles before our eyes, 'tis easy to spiral. But ten months into a hellscape year, I've found solace in the bottle. No, not booze—I've been huffing expired hair-spray until the warm comfort of piss fills my Umbros. In this euphoric aerosol-induced state, I am able to see the jar of toxic vomit that is these United States as half full—nay, even more full than that—and keep the beast at bay. *Begone!*

So blatant the systemic monstrosity is, and so unrelenting, that the little red flags fill the sky and off-key harmonize into a screaming crimson megadeath storm cloud, until seething and seeing crimson with anger is the only logical response—BUT, I ask you, why not suck another bottle of Aqua Net (a hearty "RIP" to my recently dead Aunt Gunty to whom I owe my newfound rapture—she left me cases upon cases of the good stuff) until we can crank that bloody hue down a notch. And another, and another... There my friend, on the precipice of brain damage, are your rose-colored glasses. Three 'spray-slurps for the beast! [slurp slurp slurp] *So rosy is he!*

How we *perceive* the system we live in is

more powerful than even the system itself. So what if we accentuate the positive aspects rather than dwelling upon the inequity, racism, and violence done by the militant wing of an ever-encroaching authoritarian government? Did we get "Justice for Breonna Taylor?" No. So what *have* we gotten, of late, from our sadistic Uncle Sam? Can't think of anything good at all? Not even one thing? Take another slurp off that sweet '80s can-o-joy and try again. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is alive and well, booming even. *I smell the beast!* [slurp slurp slurp] Who needs Justice when we have... *Just ICE?* (It's a stretch, friend, but my mind is now nimble.) These sick goons vacillate betwixt kids in cages to full-on war crime eugenics, ripping uterus out of immigrant women seeking refuge in America. No children to cage when populations can no longer reproduce... [slurp slurp slurp] Yes! Those guys are excelling at *being a nightmare*. I see a beastly shadow and, having built up quite the tolerance, treat myself to another slurp.

Now, let us connect the glowing dots in my peripheral vision: What do these forced sterilizations in the private Irwin County Detention Centre in Georgia have to do with a Black EMT shot multiple times in her own bed in Louisville, Kentucky? A pessimist (read: *non-huffer of hairspray and no friend of mine*) might opine these seemingly disparate events are both part of a much larger, all-encompassing Eurocentric philosophy of imperialism, whose many arms strangle the dignity, human rights, and many times the literal life >>



>> out of anyone seen as less-than in respect to the ruling class—all dirty deeds done in the name of Neoliberalism's perverted White Christianity. *The beast dances! Can you see him dance!?*

But I [slurp slurp slurp], now a raging silver-mouthed optimist, would say these atrocities are being framed too negatively. My warped take after a baker's dozen bottles of that 'Net is that cops are *thriving*, and ICE is *transcending*. Am I crazy? Oh, yes. Am I a huge fucking idiot? Well, my brain cells are expiring at an exponential rate and leaking out my ears in the form of chartreuse goo, BUT my ignorance is truly divine; if rocking back and forth in the bathtub, gutturally sobbing, all day every day is right, I *want* to be wrong. The only sane reaction to the train of pain this country has been rage-driving over the "land of the free," and the globe en masse for that matter, for centuries now, is utter despair. *Or is it?* When Gunty exploded after lighting up a Marlboro 100 while attached to her oxygen tank, I thought, OK 2020, I *get it*. That was until I discovered her unfinished basement chock-full of Bliss in a Blue Can. Quaaludes may be gone forever, but I've found something better. [slurp slurp slurp] *And the odor of the beast subsides once again, lapping away like an ebbing red sea.*

Join me, friend. Do not merely surrender to the void. Hit this nozzle to Narnia and walk with me through the flaming wardrobe, right to the belly of the beast and cozy up. Yes, we're in hell, but we're not burning—we're safe and warm. 🔥

## All The Ways Jill Stein Voters Have Wronged Us

### They Handed The Election to Trump

Shameful stuff. The 2016 election was a seminal moment in American herstory. Vote for an egomaniacal grifter or vote for an absolute Slay Kween who need not appeal to voters in order to be gifted their votes. Everything that Trump has done since? That's on you, Steiner Brothers.

### They Are The Sole Reason Online Culture is Toxic

I'll never forget the idyllic sense of community that existed on the internet before the start of campaign season in the summer of 2015. No one argued, the only content people shared involved puppies, and porn didn't exist. It all came crashing down when the BrineSteins showed up saying things like "why should I vote for a candidate who doesn't want my vote" or "I wouldn't have voted for either of them anyway." Since then it's been nothing but Peepee frogs, Russian bots, and people telling me I'm racist for saying the n-word on Twitter. I wish we could go back to a time where the internet has not been ruined by supporters of the Green Party. >>



### >> *They Are Responsible for 9/11*

Third party voters are chaotic trolls. Period. Full stop. This. They love nothing more than an upset, and what's more upsetting than a plane—that should be in the sky—and a building—that should not be on fire—colliding and killing 1/300th of the people who eventually perished due to the subsequent wars America waged in the Middle East.

### *They Invented Racism*

In 2016, an ugly little baby was born. Never before seen on the earth, Jill Stein voters opened the Pandora's Ballot Box that is Racism. Had Saint Hillary Clinton won her rightful throne, this great country would have kept up its long legacy of civil rights utopia, continuing not to engage in racially-motivated violence, slavery, and/or genocide.

### *They Turned Us Against The Police*

Remember back when Black Lives Matter started under Obama, and it felt like more of a good vibes kind of thing rather than a social movement? Well, guess who got Trump elected which forced people into the streets to protest four years of police brutality? Those backwood Jillbillies forced police to start abusing Black populations for our country's entire history and now we have to hate police? ACAB and all that, but can we throw in Jill Stein voters as well? AJSVAB.

### *One Ran Over My Foot*

I saw the bumper sticker as the Prius peeled out, flattening my right foot. It's still flat since I don't have health insurance. Thanks Turd Party!

### *They Physically Gave Birth to Bernard Sanders*

The math might not make any sense to you, but that's not my problem. Bernie Sanders' terrible socialist mother is Jill Stein herself! It's hard to believe but sometimes the most deranged "looks like an obvious lie at face value" stories are nothing but stinking, cold hard facts. The only thing worse than Jill Stein voters or Bernie Sanders? Bernie's mother, Jill Bernard Marijuana Brooklyn Stein.

### *They Ruined My Hair*

Did you know these people can be hairdressers? I waltzed into a salon recently and simply said "I would like to be surprised. So surprise me." Despite the discomfort of my hairdresser who insisted she be given some idea so as to not upset me, she forged on and did surprise me... IN A BAD WAY! I wanted a perm like I'd never seen before (a true surprise) and ended up with what I can only refer to as "the devil's undercut." I had to glue hair back onto to rectify the situation (and now I like it). Don't let these Stein-Os anywhere near your precious locks with a scissor! Trust me!

### *They Put Razor Blades in Halloween Candy*

Golden delicious? More like Golden Death. Jill Stein voters love nothing more than filling their online organic market carts full of America's Favorite Fruit and then ruining it with a foreign body. Innocent Democratic Children go to keep the doctor away and end up in the ER, bleeding from the mouth. Just when it's time to select a mainstream ripe apple, count on these Jill-heads to go hard on a *green* Granny Smith, which we all know are ripe for razor blades. Hell, if a house isn't giving out full-size Snickers, burn it to the ground.

### *They Chose The Price of Expensive Ass Avocados*

They think it's funny to pay \$15.00 for an avocado toast sandwich that doesn't even have any meat on it. They have a TERRIBLE SENSE OF HUMOR! 🍌





# Horoscopes: OCTOBER... SURPRISE!

//CATHRYN MUDON

Welcome to the final quarter of 2020, amis. You made it. Quiet your mind as the winds of karma cut through the crisp autumn air, surrounding you with a bitter chill of profound morphic resonance. It's going to be a winter for the ages. This month evokes *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, as its dark wisdom reverberates across the stars with Blakean authority.

*Till the villain left the paths of ease,  
To walk in perilous paths, and drive  
The just man into barren climes.*

*Now the sneaking serpent walks  
In mild humility,  
And the just man rages in the wilds  
Where lions roam.*

No rest for the wicked, dearies... 🐍



## Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*A dead body revenges not injuries.*

THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE cosmos congeals this month, Libra, to manifest vengeful energies who've grown impatient and shall be stifled no longer. Your trademark desire for balance and harmony will be disrupted, and moments of equilibrium will be few and far between—for good cause—as necessary disruptive forces quake your life. The time for indecision is past. Dance on the grave of fascism.



## Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*The tigers of wrath are wiser than the horses of instruction.*

When fascists go low, feckless idiots go high. You're too substantive to rely on a thin sugar shell of invented liberal moral superiority as a substitute for character. You're the phoenix of the zodiac, Scorpio, and this month is the time to harness your grit. Weaker signs find comfort in image and obedience, but that's not your style. Pick your battles—let righteous anger be your fuel.



## Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy. Drive your cart and your plough over the bones of the dead.*

It's been a year of trials and mistakes which no one knows more than you, rebel Sag. Leave the sceptres of shame and regret behind. No energy to waste slogging around spiritual dead weight. You've had a helluva year; enjoy the (bitter) sweetness of your hard-earned wisdom as you plough forward, always, onward. As fellow Sag, Nina Turner, warns us: we must slay the dragon of neofascism *and* the dragon of neoliberalism. Let's gooo.



## Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

*He who desires but acts not, breeds pestilence.*

The mountain goat thrives on tumultuous, rocky ledges, braving the thrash of cruel winds in its ascent to the top—and the October zodiac is poised for extreme uncertainty. Don't let stubbornness and self-righteousness cloud your psyche, Cap. It's the final chapter of 2020; no time to lose your footing now.



## Aquarius

(Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

*The eagle never lost so much time as when he submitted to learn of the crow.*

This month requires incredible patience, water-bearer babe. Soar above the fray and stay true to thyself. The discipline of patience, however, does not mean inaction. Mercury, in opposition to Uranus, could bring disputes and confrontation. Seek solidarity with kindred souls, but be extra discerning with who else deserves and receives your energy. >>





## Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20)

*As the air to a bird or the sea to a fish, so is contempt to the contemptible.*

The Blue Moon on the 31st of October presents a rare time to recharge, lovely Pisces. This month has Uranus ushering in spontaneity and unpredictability, which for 2020 could mean anything. Contemptible forces surround you—neoliberal platitudes, fascist super spreaders—and sadistic fantasies abound. Shut out the noise; hold close your dreams and vision. The Harvest moon signals spiritual abundance.



## Aries

(March 21 -April 20)

*Prisons are built with stones of Law, Brothels with bricks of Religion.*

A Full Moon in Aries on the First brings a unique opportunity for cosmic reignition, as October unfolds with heightening feelings of chaos and loss of control. Take the time to silence your inner police officer, Aries, and recognize the structural systems of injustice and oppression in and outside your mind. Freeing your perspective from inner-policing will resonate further than you can imagine.



## Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

*The fox condemns the trap, not himself.*

October promises to be a tricky month to navigate, steady bull. Think of this chapter as a testing ground for the months ahead, training to enter 2021 stronger than ever before. Ego can seduce you into condemning external variables, but shift your perspective inward to assess habits of behavior and thought. Which is the greater evil, thoughtful Taurus—late stage capitalism, or our complicit participation therein?



## Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

*The weak in courage is strong in cunning.*

Even a whimsical air sign can't escape the tumult of October. Two Full Moons bookend this month and offer ample opportunity to turn to routines of comfort, nourishing your mind and soul and surrounding yourself with people who matter most. Cunning cowards have taken over our anemic two-party system for decades, but the old guard is dying. Literally. Keep the faith and let your default pessimism evaporate in the cool autumn night.



## Cancer

(June 22-July 22)

*Expect poison from the standing water.*

The status quo has poisoned the country, dissolved the potential for prosperity for future generations, and brought forth untold horrors across the planet. With the moon as your ruling planet, Cancer, this month of dual Full Moons brings exceptional energizing frequencies. Take the time to rest, recharge, and prepare to re-enter the struggle mid-November. You'll be needed more than ever; heaven knows that's when the real fight begins.



## Leo

(July 23-Aug. 23)

*The pride of the peacock is the glory of God. The lust of the goat is the bounty of God. The wrath of the lion is the wisdom of God.*

In that case, you have an abundance of fucking wisdom this month, fierce Leo. Mars, the planet of war, is in retrograde, which could manifest tension, conflict and uncertainty. Focus on the power of conventionally negative assets. This ability, paired with your natural charisma, will make you an unstoppable force going into November. The virus of capitalism deteriorates the planet, the virus of bigotry infects our body politic. Burn it down, fire beast.



## Virgo

(Aug. 24 -Sept. 22)

*As the plough follows words, so God rewards prayers.*

While liberals vomit lies of well-wishes, Leftists continue working to kill fascists. Let 'em die in the most public and excruciating way imaginable and rot in hell. The election is in thirty days. You've led the fight this far, Virgo, and your organized outlook can continue to lead the charge through a tumultuous October. Stay flexible and focused in your approach—rough waters ahead—while sniveling libs pray to the altar of premature compromise for an end to the nightmare of their own making. Wake up and fight.



# I READ THIS ZINE, AND THE PRESIDENT TOLD A WHITE SUPREMACIST HATE GROUP TO 'STAND BY'.

What do I do now?

//DAN LOPRETO

Here are a few people and organizations that study and track far-right extremism:

## [Southern Poverty Law Center](#)

Civil rights lawyers Morris Dees and Joseph Levin Jr. founded the SPLC in 1971 to ensure that the promise of the civil rights movement became a reality for all. Since then, they've won numerous landmark legal victories on behalf of the exploited, the powerless and the forgotten. They monitor hate groups and other extremists throughout the United States and expose their activities to the public, the media and law enforcement.

## [Kathleen Belew](#)

An Assistant Professor of US History at the University of Chicago, Belew specializes in the recent history of the United States, examining the long aftermath of warfare. Her first book, *Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America*, explores how white power activists wrought a cohesive social movement through a common story about warfare and its weapons, uniforms, and technologies.

## [Arie Perliger](#)

Perliger is a Professor and the director of the graduate program in security studies at the School of Criminology and Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell. In the past 18 years, Dr. Perliger was engaged in extensive study of issues related to terrorism and political violence, security policy and politics, politics and extremism of the Far Right in Israel, Europe, and the US. He is the author of *American Zealots: Inside Right-Wing Domestic Terrorism*.

## [Sam Jackson](#)

Jackson is an Assistant Professor in the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity at the University at Albany. He primarily studies far-right extremism in America, particularly anti-government extremism. He is the author of *Oath Keepers: Patriotism and the Edge of Violence in a Right-Wing Antigovernment Group*.

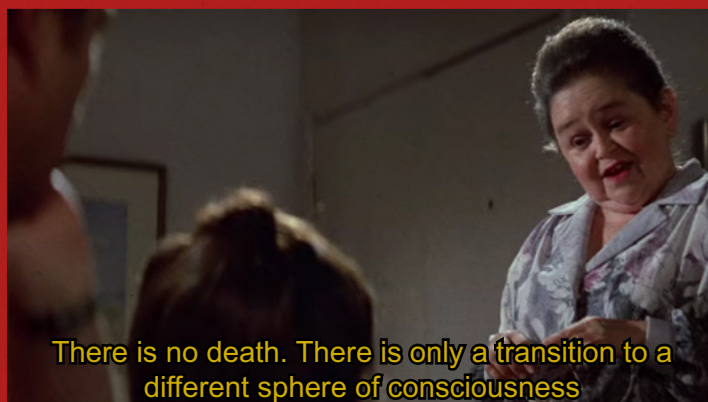
## [David Neiwert](#)

Neiwert is a journalist and author and an acknowledged expert in American right-wing extremism. His work has also appeared in the *American Prospect*, the *Washington Post*, *Salon*, and other publications. He is the author of *Alt-America: The Rise of the Radical Right in the Age of Trump*.

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There is no death. There is only a transition to a  
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