

# Time to Toss Out Tyrant Trump!

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*“The accession to power of fascism is not an ordinary succession of one bourgeois government by another, but a substitution of one state form of class domination of the bourgeoisie—bourgeois democracy—by another form—open terrorist dictatorship.” – Georgi Dimitrov (Main Report, Seventh World Congress of the Communist International (Comintern), August 2, 1935)*

## I. A Time of Reckoning

What has been a nominally two-party system of *joint rule* by the Republicans and Democrats on behalf of the Wall Street ruling class at least since the advent of U.S. monopoly capitalism and imperialism in the 1890's is being replaced! *The 2016 Presidential race featured the voters' rejection of all the Republican and Democratic mainstream party candidates.* Donald Trump was opposed by almost the entire Republican establishment. Still, he handily won the Republican nomination! However, in the Democratic Party, the main gatekeeper of the U.S. Empire for decades, Hillary Clinton, the Democrats' sole *establishment* candidate, used huge corporate financing and anti-democratic party rules to control that party and defeat the very popular anti-establishment, “independent” social-democrat Bernie Sanders in the primary season. Yet, despite the corporate establishment's overwhelming support for Clinton, with the aid of the anti-democratic 200 year-old U.S. electoral college rules, Trump overcame a three million vote plurality for Clinton and was installed as the U.S. President.

On the advice of insatiably greedy Roger Stone, Trump had run in the 2016 Republican presidential primaries with the plan to advance as far as he could and then allow himself to be bribed with money or lucrative *quid pro quos* to withdraw in favor of candidate x, y or z. But, because of massive voter disaffection with the two mainstream bourgeois parties, to his surprise, Trump's angry and abusive treatment of his Republican establishment “rivals” kept him winning. At his inauguration, with no transition team and no deep connections to either “Republicrat” party, he had only a skeleton crew, including family members, to operate the huge state apparatus of the U.S. Empire's Executive branch administration. His key appointments, except for the “Goldman Sachs alumni” manning all the major financial positions, were *more loyal to the Trump Family dynasty than*

*to Wall Street.* (Fortunately for Trump he managed to get through Congress the gruesome Tax Cut for the super-rich which no doubt encouraged Wall Street to leave him in office for this first full presidential term.)

Already fascist-minded, over the past four years as President, Trump steamrolled the Republican politicians and bent them to his will. The Republican party is basically gone. It has been replaced by *the Trump Party, a one-man dictatorship.* What remains is the two-faced Democratic Party, the U.S. Empire's main gatekeeper, which timidly and half-heartedly fought Trump's increasing lawlessness up to and including the successful House impeachment. It's noteworthy that the Democrats, “unwilling to really rock Wall Street's boat,” have failed to refer to the ***impeached president*** in this campaign. And, once again in 2020, the Democrats sabotaged Sanders' presidential campaign, leaving Biden-Harris as this season's “corporate Democrat” version of 2016's Clinton-Kaine.



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Four years ago, we encouraged a vote for progressive or anti-imperialist third party candidates to help strike a blow against the U.S. Empire and its “two-party” system.\*

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\*We pointed out, “U.S. Fascism has significantly advanced on the shoulders of every U.S. president at least from Reagan to Bush I to Clinton to Bush II to Obama.” In that light we called for unity of action “to oppose the drive toward fascism in the USA—including defense of the Afro-American people against police brutality and Latino immigrants against ICE raids and against militarization of the domestic police and U.S. society ... To stay in the streets to fight for the Sanders Campaign platform demands. And unlike Sanders, to protest the Obama-led U.S. imperialist wars. We raised continuing the fight for single payer universal health care and defense of the environment [et al.]” (*ibid.*) Finally, we called for exposure and isolation of the Democratic Party and for work to build an anti-fascist labor/oppressed nationalities Third Party, encouraging Senator Sanders to run for President independent of the Democratic Party to help lay the basis for such a mass-based party right then.

Yet, for revolutionary Marxist-Leninists and U.S. anti-imperialists and anti-fascists much has changed since then.

The next three months or so, approximately from Election Day, November 3, 2020 until the presidential inauguration scheduled for January 2021, will be **a time of reckoning** that will likely determine *whether or not fascism will come to power in the USA in this period*. What has become dramatically pronounced in the past week or so is *the extra-legal character of this specific moment* that sharply contrasts with what has historically been a period of peaceful transition from one U.S. ruling class party of “Republicrats” to the other (when the same party did not retain the presidency).

First, President Trump outright refused to acknowledge the possibility that he could *legitimately* lose the election. (And this is despite the fact that all polls have him substantially behind Biden.) Thus, Trump has communicated loudly and clearly to his militia group supporters, the police associations and special police and armed forces that they should not idly stand by and accept a defeat at the hands of the so-called “deep state” federal government.

Then, in the first presidential debate, when asked by Fox News moderator Chris Wallace, if he would condemn “white supremacist violence”, Trump defiantly replied, “Almost everything I see is from the left-wing, not the right-wing.”\* Pressed specifically about denouncing violence perpetrated by “the Proud Boys,” Trump, instead, appeared to give them *an order to “Stand Back and Stand By!”* And the Proud Boys, heeding Trump’s words, within minutes dutifully adopted “Stand Back and Stand By” as their new slogan and began placing it on posters, shirts and other items for sale.

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\*The same day in June when Trump announced his designation of “Antifa” as a terrorist group, the FBI’s Washington Field Office had announced it was unable to find evidence of Antifa involvement in violence in the Black Live Matter protests against police brutality. In fact, in a recent study, the Center for Strategic and International Studies found that anti-fascist groups have not been involved in a single murder in the USA in the past 25 years! See “As Trump equivocates on White Supremacy, the FBI Warns of Right-wing Terror,” by *the Nation’s* Ken Klippenstein.

The very day of that debate, the FBI Dallas Field Office issued a document marked “FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY and LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE” entitled, “Boogaloo Adherents Likely Increasing Anti-Government Violent Rhetoric and Activities.” This intelligence report warned of an “imminent extremist violent threat” posed by the far-right militia group known as the “Boogaloos” and identifying the current election period up to the 2021 inauguration as a “potential flashpoint.”

Meanwhile, the gangster regime of fascistic President Trump has been unceasingly *attacking the U.S. bourgeois election process itself*. He has been aided and abetted every step of the way by Attorney General Barr.

Trump had harassed his original Attorney General, former Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions, into resigning. The first Republican Senator to endorse Trump for President and an unreconstructed white supremacist who aggressively implemented Trump’s vicious chauvinistic plans in the Justice Department, Sessions’ only “crime” was recusing himself from supervising Mueller’s Russia investigation *rather than protecting Trump and his coterie*. His replacement, Attorney General Barr, has functioned as Trump’s personal attorney rather than even pretending to act as the top justice official of the *people* of the USA.

Barr’s first big move was to “receive” the long-awaited Mueller investigation report and to “condense” its hundreds of pages into a few pages of “highlights”, *i.e.*, a whitewash. While Mueller found many instances of contact between the Russian government and the 2016 Trump campaign, on this first of the two charges, he determined that no conclusive evidence showed collusion between the two. Even though his investigation found multiple violations which made it impossible for Mueller to dismiss the second charge, one huge “weakness” was Mueller’s decision *not* to recommend that Trump be charged with obstruction of justice. Letting Trump off the hook, Mueller used a shaky legal opinion that a sitting president couldn’t be charged with a crime. AG Barr turned all this into: “Trump was found innocent!”

Since then, Barr has worked in concert with Trump to get key Trump lieutenants (“unprotected” by previous AG Sessions as well) out of prison, including Roger Stone, longtime political adviser

to Donald Trump, and General Michael Flynn, Trump's first National Security Advisor.

In September, Stone gave public advice to the President via a conspiracy theorist's online show in Nevada. Stone's forty month prison sentence for lying to Congress and witness-tampering in the Russia investigation had been commuted by Trump "on the recommendation of Attorney General Barr." Stone, still a convicted felon, shamelessly advised that, if Trump loses the election, he should consider invoking the Insurrection Act of 1807 and arrest the Clintons, former Senate majority leader Harry Reid of Nevada, Mark Zuckerberg and others. Calling the Nevada governor "a punk," Stone further advised Trump to have federal marshals seize and dispose of the ballots in Nevada on election night!

Former Trump National Security Advisor, General Flynn, had admitted to twice lying to the FBI regarding his meetings with the Russian ambassador prior to Trump's inauguration. In an unprecedented move, AG Barr released Flynn from prison over the objections of the presiding judge in the case, declaring that his Justice Department was not proceeding with the case against Flynn. (It is still being adjudicated.) Meanwhile, Flynn, recently out of prison, was caught on videotape reciting the QAnon oath with his family and others at a July 4 celebration, as per countrywide QAnon "guidance."

One of QAnon's main conspiracy theories is that Democrats run a child sex ring. In fact a young QAnon spokesman addressed this on his podcast the day after Ghislaine Maxwell was arrested. (Maxwell is the rich British woman who for years had worked as Jeffrey Epstein's key associate in their international sex trafficking ring of young girls among the elites of Britain and the USA.) The QAnon rep. speculated that Democratic bigwigs must be sweating because Maxwell was obviously going to cooperate with the federal prosecutors. Yet, in the middle of a summer presidential press conference, it was *Trump himself* who publicly expressed his "well wishes" to Maxwell! Clearly, Trump's intention was to alert Maxwell that if she protects him and doesn't roll over for the federal prosecutors, he will protect her, pardon her, etc. just as he has done for Stone, Flynn and other Trump associates convicted of crimes during his criminal term as president.



Meanwhile, QAnon along with Proud Boys and Boogaloo and other secretive on-line organizations are mobilizing in preparation to be poll-watcher "voter intimidators" and/or to take to the streets to proclaim and enforce (with police help)\* a Trump "victory." Of course, Attorney General Barr is the central figure running interference for all Trump's attacks on the election process. For example, when Trump raised a *general* threat to send federal law enforcement to polling places, Barr rushed to his defense, raising that in *particular and exceptional* circumstances it might be legal.

On October 1, about two thousand former Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys, many of whom had worked under both Republican and Democratic Party administrations, signed an open letter accusing AG Barr and President Trump of "weaponizing" the DOJ to advance Trump's personal interests. "We speak out now because we fear that Attorney General Barr intends to use the DOJ's vast law enforcement powers to undermine our most fundamental democratic value: free and fair elections." Imagine Barr's deputizing QAnon, Proud Boys and Boogaloo for election "poll-watching!"

Finally, one key target of Trump's attack on the upcoming presidential election has been the U.S. Postal Service. Historically the public post office is an election linchpin, and is even more central to the 2020 election process with the COVID-19 pandemic still raging across the USA. Even prior to the appointment of a new Postmaster General

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\*One of Trump's few intelligible remarks in his initial debate with Biden, was his confident boast that he has all the police support while Biden has none.

in the spring, Trump repeatedly told “the big lie” that vote-by-mail ballots are especially vulnerable to fraud, even while his fraudulent claim was repeatedly exposed. The new Postmaster General, Louis DeJoy, a major financial backer of Trump, immediately implemented disruptive and destructive postal policies sabotaging the highly appreciated and popular public post office, with its country-wide universal delivery of important medications, messages and packages as well as election mail and its admired “essential workers.” Trump and DeJoy, to their surprise, were met with *bipartisan* resistance from the citizenry and from many Republican as well as Democratic politicians. PMG DeJoy was forced to “apologize” and reverse at least some of his new policies and assure Congress *and* the public that the public post office will make successful election mail delivery a priority.

While there is no doubt still some residual damage to voters’ confidence in the U.S. mail service concerning this election cycle, the damage has thus far been mitigated and the postal election role still seems mostly viable. Moreover, the powerful resistance by the postal public and Congress to the Trump-DeJoy attack led to the exposure of DeJoy for his many years of illegal coercion of his employees as a corporate CEO and illegal funneling of campaign contributions from his company fronted by those employees. Now PMG DeJoy is being investigated for possible arrest and conviction not only for his illegal disruption of the U.S. Postal Service around the upcoming 2020 election but for his blatantly illegal election financing schemes going back decades. No wonder he was assigned the job of PMG at a time when Trump wanted the public postal service to be crippled and prevented from playing its important role in a successful presidential election.



This limited victory of the people of the USA against Trump’s major attack on the USPS at this critical moment underscores the difference between living under Trump, the fascist leader, in the present, and living under *a Trump fascist regime in power* if he is able to weather the upcoming election period and is not *compelled* to leave the presidency.

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## II. Topple the Tyrant – “Trump the Terrible”!

**WHAT and WHEN:**  
**VOTE FOR BIDEN-**  
**HARRIS By Election**  
**Day, November 3, 2020.**  
**THEN WHAT and**  
**WHEN:** Then, if needed,



**Wage Battle for Democracy – During the period from Election Day until the Presidential Inauguration on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.**

**WHAT ELSE:** *If Trump’s full-scale assault on the presidential election process has resulted in no clear winner:* On Inauguration Day when the terms of Trump and Pence are over since they have not been re-elected, **IF TRUMP REFUSES TO STEP DOWN FROM the PRESIDENCY and LEAVE THE WHITE HOUSE, ESSENTIAL WORKERS ACROSS THE USA NEED TO REFUSE TO REPORT TO WORK UNTIL SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE NANCY PELOSI (D-CA), IS INSTALLED AS ACTING PRESIDENT** in accord with the Presidential Succession Act. And, as third in line, PELOSI should remain Commander in Chief until the election is ultimately decided.

**WHY:** Each time Trump has “escaped” punishment for his crimes against the people, he has been emboldened to become *even more autocratic and dictatorial*. Even after being impeached by the House of Representatives, only the third President in U.S. history so convicted, Trump became more aggressive against his personal foes, wildly reckless and destructive in his handling of the COVID public health crisis and dismissive of the public health experts, openly hostile toward the “blue states” of U.S. citizens, erratic and irrational in his approach to “opening up” the U.S. economy,

**the schools etc., demonstrated no respect for the self-sacrifice of the troops under his command, nor for the health care workers, meat packers and other industrial workers and all the other “essential workers” and was openly white supremacist in his support for murderous police power against working people, especially Afro-Americans and Latino immigrants and other people of color.**

**If Trump is allowed to remain at the head of the U.S. imperialist state apparatus and the U.S. Empire on the basis of his trampling of the most rudimentary democratic rights of the U.S. citizenry, including our voting rights, *we will have no remaining rights.* The growing dictatorial power of a fascistic leader over the past four years will be supplanted by *fascism in power.***

### III. An Existential Moment

Today the working class and oppressed peoples of the USA and the world are facing a number of global crises all at the same time. The Trump Regime at the helm of the U.S. Empire is already a menace at the center of most of the major crises.

**A. Trump’s Genocidal Leadership of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the USA:** The United States has just over four percent of the world’s population. Yet thus far the USA has hosted over twenty percent of the world’s people infected by the COVID-19 virus and over twenty percent of the world’s deaths due to this virus! In the absence of a U.S. public health service, during the entire eight month COVID period thus far, President Donald Trump has clearly been in charge of dealing with this U.S. public health crisis.

It has only been in the past ten days or so that famed journalist Bob Woodward released the tapes of his hours of one on one conversations with Trump in which Trump admitted that he had been informed by early February that this virus was five or six times more virulent than the annual flu. Yet Trump deliberately deceived the U.S. population and continues to downplay its lethal character up till now when he and much of his entourage has evidently become infected with this virus. In those early months he even raised the very opposite—promoting the lie that COVID-19 was more mild than the annual flu and would disappear on its own or as the spring turned into summer with its accompanying heat!

Moreover, he was informed back then that COVID-19 is an airborne-transmitted disease, something he didn’t even share with the infectious disease experts responsible for providing safety and health to our country and making mask-wearing of great importance. Just days ago, Trump family members who accompanied him to the first presidential debate wore the mandatory masks to get into the debate hall, then took them off and remained maskless throughout the entire debate, refusing to honor this guideline agreed upon ahead of time! And as he admitted to Bob Woodward, he still plans to downplay COVID-19’s lethal character.

Trump has focused his attention to the virus on protecting and further enriching the private profits of the super-rich, including in the Stock Market. With this priority he has undermined the medical scientists and has suppressed their influence. In the spring, within days of closing down much of the economy in the face of the out of control spread of the Coronavirus, Trump began his zany, madcap campaign for “opening up America again!” And the highly respected medical scientists on his coronavirus task force, even the top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, failed to openly insist that the science-based protocols for reopening be implemented.

As the AP reported in early May, “The Trump administration shelved a document created by the nation’s top disease investigators with step by step advice for local authorities on how and when to reopen restaurants and other public places during the still raging coronavirus outbreak.” “The 17-page report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention team [was] titled, ‘Guidance for Implementing the Opening Up America Again Framework.’” Evidently, Trump officials told agency scientists the report “would never see the light of day.” As the AP article explained, “traditionally, it’s been the CDC’s role to give the public and local officials guidance and science-based information during public health crises. During this one, however, the CDC has not had a regular, pandemic-related news briefing in two months ... The dearth of real-time public information from the nation’s experts has struck many current and former government health officials as dangerous.”

Sure enough, on the eve of the economic “reopening” of more than forty of the fifty states, the projected

infectious disease numbers and fatalities from the COVID virus immediately doubled. As the deadly pandemic again spiked across the USA Trump/Pence announced that by the end of May they were disbanding their coronavirus task force! The Trump regime had tipped its hand concerning its real reopening goal—maximum profits for Trump and his billionaire cronies. The health and well-being of our people be damned!

Having exposed his real priorities, Trump quickly reversed the outright elimination of the task force. Also, by keeping top infectious disease expert Fauci and CDC Director Redfield “on the task force” that basically no longer met, Trump could continue to exert some control over these experts, while pressuring many Governors, especially Republican ones, to open up their state economies with utter disregard for the protocols Trump’s own task force had outlined. U.S. COVID-19 fatalities have more than tripled since then. And Trump’s new medical expert, Scott Atlas, has no training in infectious diseases at all!

With the lack of any semblance of a national public health service, the Trump Regime’s capitalist “deal makers” in charge of leading the war on the virus have instead had a field day *purchasing, manipulating and seizing monopoly control of scarce medical supplies*—from ventilators to masks and gowns—and selling them off to the highest bidders. (Recall Jared Kushner’s insistence that the “national stockpile” is “*our* stockpile;” it is not earmarked for the states. The states can only access the stockpile as “back-up,” according to Kushner.) So, while the Trumpites joined the chorus of those lauding the health workers as “heroes” of the war against COVID-19, these monopoly capitalist vultures led by Trump-Kushner have been responsible for the failure to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as adequate testing to the “frontline COVID Virus fighters.” They forced the physicians, nurses, and other health care workers, many of them Afro-Americans and Latinos, to reuse masks and gowns and do without basic supplies such as swabs and tests for their desperate patients. These are among the most criminal of the Trump Regime’s criminal COVID acts.

Why has Trump been so callous toward the suffering of those impacted by this disease? Old folks are most likely to die from this virus, ending their Social Security and Medicare benefits. Other vulnerable

populations are largely the most impoverished—Afro-American, Latino, Native American and white poor people—due to lack of access to quality medical care and to healthy food, to lack of green spaces and recreational opportunities. At the same time, the COVID-19 Pandemic made clear that the most “essential” workers, those who *have to* report to their job sites — from hospital and health care facilities



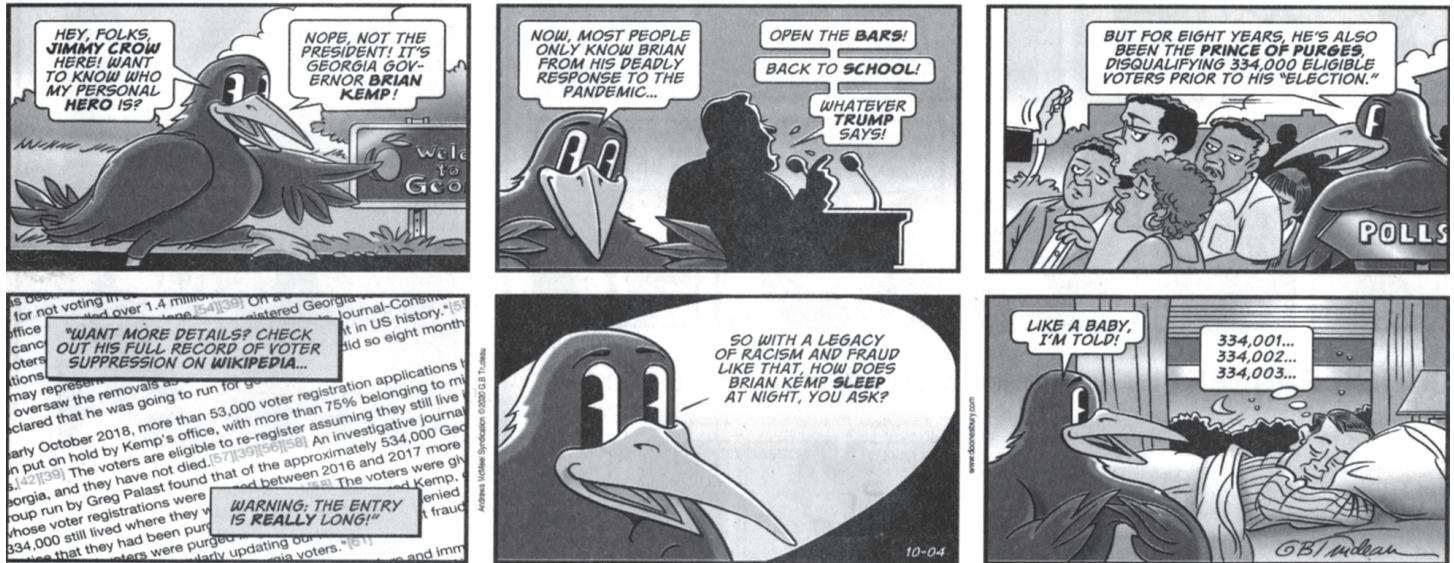
to grocery stores, post offices and delivery services to industrial production lines including meat processing plants — involve a large number of these very same poor people and disproportionately Afro-American and Latino workers. *The working class, including white workers, can see the gross injustice in workers who are “essential” being the most expendable!*

Moreover, white workers and out of school and work youth, due to the Pandemic, have been in quarantine and experiencing some of the insecurities and instabilities that Afro-Americans often experience throughout their briefer and more stressful lives. And millions of quarantined people of all backgrounds have been more involved online. So they’ve been more aware of the big picture societal conditions beyond their usual circle of friends and family.

Once the Trump Regime realized that Afro-Americans and Latinos in particular are disproportionately vulnerable to serious illness and death from COVID-19, with Trump leading the way (“Liberate Michigan”, etc.), his supporters challenged and contradicted the protocols established by the Trump/Pence commission and fought viciously to open state economies with abandon. Cheered on by cooperative police forces, Trump’s armed “protesters” have threatened Democratic governors who were trying to hold the states accountable for adhering to the protocols for reopening the economy. The Trumpites propagandized for the reopening of the states as rapidly as possible, seemingly happy to do so over the dead bodies of the poor and oppressed communities as well as the elderly.

## GEORGIA ON MY MIND

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The “opening” of the state of Georgia is a prime example. The previous Georgia Secretary of State, Governor Kemp, had presided over the 2018 elections there. Thus, Kemp oversaw his own election “victory” over Stacey Abrams in a close vote marred by many voter irregularities. Ms. Abrams seemed to have been deprived of becoming the first Afro-American governor in a deep South state since Reconstruction, almost one hundred and fifty years ago and the first Black woman governor in U.S. history. And Georgia is the state at the very center of the Black Belt national territory of the Afro-American nation! Governor Kemp’s early “reopening” of Georgia not only included the most flagrant violations of the protocols established by the Trump-Pence commission, but immediately targeted for opening the least important businesses such as tattoo parlors, and massage parlors which are also among the most difficult in which to ensure safe social-distancing.

In the early months of the U.S. COVID-19 attack, in Georgia the Afro-American people accounted for 80% of the deaths due to COVID virus. *Kemp, with Trump’s cooperation, has attempted to use the Coronavirus to carry out genocide against the Afro-American people of Georgia* so that Stacey Abrams and/or some other Afro-American-led campaign would be unable to seriously challenge white supremacist rule there in elections going forward.\*

\*Kizzmekia Corbett, the thirty-four year old Afro-American woman heading the government’s search for

The effective mobilization of Black resistance to the radical “opening up” of Georgia’s economy by prominent Afro-American mayors in Atlanta, Savannah and other cities as well as some Afro-American clerics seemed to help foil much of that plan. However, on June 9 Georgia’s primary election, long postponed, was the biggest fiasco of this election season. A key feature had been the hours-long waiting lines for voting in predominantly Afro-American precincts. It felt like a dress rehearsal for a disrupted election in November.

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Finally, the COVID-19 public health crisis in the USA is far from over. There was premature talk in the spring about a possible “second wave” of COVID in the fall. In reality the first wave never really ended, thanks to criminal negligence as well as criminal profiteering and genocidal intent by the Trump Family Dynastic Regime. Ponder the depth of criminality in Trump’s division of the USA into blue and red states, when he defended himself against the USA’s number #1 ranking in total people infected with the coronavirus and number #1 in total deaths due to this disease. He stated that if you take away the blue states’ numbers it’s not so bad!

a COVID-19 vaccine at the National Institute of Health had tweeted her concern that “white doctors would decide who would get the vaccine” to which someone responded that “this virus is a way to get rid of us.” Dr. Corbett replied, “Some have gone as far as to call it genocide. I plead the fifth.”

Meanwhile, Biden and Harris, as corporate Democrats, both failed to support “medicare for all” in the primaries when this call by Bernie Sanders in particular rallied tremendous popular support. Biden is now promising to add a public option to the Affordable Care Act. However, a serious public health service would have made Trump’s criminality in relation to this pandemic impossible to implement. After our continuing bitter experience with the COVID-19 pandemic, including its devastating impact on the U.S. economy and society, it should now be clear that *socialized medicine* is the public health service answer to public health crises that arise in the future.

### **B. Trump’s Great Nation Chauvinism, White Supremacist Violence Against the People of the USA and the Question of Global Wars:**

When Trump assumed the U.S. presidency I predicted that at least in the early part of his term he would be *less bellicose* toward the rest of the world than Hillary Clinton would have been. This is exactly what occurred. One reflection of this was an article by *Wall Street Journal* Editor Gerard Baker entitled, “The Strangely Dovish Donald Trump (*WSJ*, July 6-7, 2019) Baker observed that, “Mr. Trump has not only launched fewer military interventions than any of his recent predecessors at this stage of their presidencies but has repeatedly sought a reduction in America’s military presence in the Greater Middle East.” In fact, I suggested that the rest of the international working class outside the U.S. borders as well as imperialist partner-rivals and other countries’ governments could take advantage of this at least temporary respite from the overwhelmingly aggressive and violent U.S. Empire’s foreign policy under Reagan, the Bushes, the Clintons and Obama.

At the same time, however, I warned that Trump would be much more brutal toward the workers and oppressed nationalities *within the USA itself* than Clinton would have been. And this has also occurred.

The monstrous Trump Regime introduced a new fascistic ICE policy forcibly separating Latino children from their parents when crossing into the USA, Trump himself had pushed ICE to be deliberately brutal to the children to discourage efforts by other Latino immigrants to come to the U.S. In a very positive development, on June 30, 2018, there were protest demonstrations of

thousands of people, including many U.S. white folks, in more than seven hundred cities across the country in defense of immigrant children and their families. The protests were so strong that Trump appeared to back off under the pressure.

In time for the 2018 mid-term elections, however, Trump ordered several thousand U.S. troops to the U.S.-Mexico border and fabricated a “crisis” involving alleged “hordes of Latin American immigrants” “marching on the USA.” The obscene immigrant-bashing campaign that Trump launched then enabled him to avert a larger Congressional Republican election defeat. Moreover as soon as the election was over, Trump sent the troops back where they came from. Yet there was no exposure by the Democratic Party leadership or the mass media of this dangerous and expensive ploy by the desperate President. Since then, Trump’s brutal treatment of the Latino immigrants at the Mexican border, in blatant violation of international law, has demonstrated what a criminal and rogue state the USA has become.

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, handcuffed and lying face down, was brutally murdered by Minneapolis policeman Derek Chauvin with three other cops involved. Chauvin pressed his full body weight through his knee on Mr. Floyd’s neck for almost nine minutes during which time Mr. Floyd pleaded for his life with his last remaining breath. Several video recordings gave the lie to the cops’ lame excuse that Mr. Floyd was “resisting” arrest.

In the weeks following the murder of George Floyd the Black Lives Matter Movement (BLM) experienced explosive growth once again. This time, there were daily mass demonstrations all over the USA by a virtual “rainbow coalition” of whites, Latinos, Asians and indigenous peoples as well as Afro-Americans. And there were many protests in support of the BLM in countries around



the world. Many participants were youth. And the movement uncovered a series of other recent Afro-American victims of outrageous police-associated murder, most notably Ahmaud Arbery in Glynn County, GA, Breonna Taylor in Louisville, KY and Rashard Brooks in Atlanta, GA.

In late spring and early summer, with so many U.S. youth out of school and out of a job in the COVID-induced economic shutdown and in-home quarantine, there were massive daily and nightly demonstrations. And calls for “defunding the police” were passed by local government bodies. Also, pro-Confederate statues exalting anti-heroes who fought to preserve human slavery and fought against human freedom have finally been brought down in a number of places.

But Trump doubled down in support of the pro-slavery statues and cause, in support of the police and in opposition to the Black Lives Matter movement. The demonstrations against police brutality themselves provided voluminous documentation of police brutality against the protesters.

This culminated in Trump’s ordering up of federal military forces and the involvement of the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff (in military fatigues!) in his photo-op in front of Saint John’s Episcopal Church. Trump threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act of 1807 so that he could “legally” bring the U.S. military up against the U.S. citizens peaceably protesting in Lafayette Park across from the White House. Trump and Attorney General Barr then ordered the police/military units to attack the peaceful protesters and clear a path for Trump across the park to the Church where Trump did his photo-op holding up an upside down bible. Most of the above was in fundamental contradiction to the tenets of the U.S. Constitution, including the Posse Comitatus act of 1870 that virtually prohibits the use of the U.S. military against its own citizens.

In response to Trump’s unprovoked attack on the citizens peacefully protesting near the White House, Trump’s former Secretary of Defense General James Mattis openly broke with Trump. General Mattis wrote: “Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people—does not even pretend to try. Instead he tries to divide us. ... we are better than the abuse of executive authority we

witnessed in Lafayette Square. We must reject and hold accountable those in office who would make a mockery of our Constitution.” Mattis also criticized the current Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs Chairman for being out there with Trump. In the following few days, many of the most senior retired military leaders, following Mattis’ lead, openly broke with the President. And the current Secretary of Defense apologized for having been there with Trump!

However, Trump has continued to send federal police and armed forces into cities with Democratic mayors, allegedly to protect federal buildings from being vandalized by protesters. In Portland, Oregon, without consulting with either the Mayor or the Oregon Governor and ultimately against the wishes of these top local and state officials, Trump sent in troops. These federal forces have provoked more popular resistance leading to more protests and chaotic violence. Unfortunately, one result of the turmoil he’s created has been Trump’s successful intimidation of large numbers of white as well as Black participants in the BLM movement and the subsiding of this movement.



In the meantime, as ongoing incidents of brutal police murders of Afro-Americans emerge, Trump has increasingly sided entirely with the police despite the video evidence to the contrary. And he openly sided with Mark and Patricia McCloskey, both attorneys, who brandished guns while hundreds of racial justice protesters peacefully marched on their street. They have become folk heroes to some conservatives as they were arguably the most celebrated couple at the Republican National Convention this summer.

Trump used them to present himself as “the savior of white suburbs from poor people.” They have just been indicted by a St. Louis grand jury. And Missouri’s Republican Governor Mike Parson has already said he will pardon the couple if they are convicted.

Even more troubling have been cold-blooded murders at three protests against police brutality. In Kenosha, WI, Kyle Rittenhouse, a seventeen year old white supremacist from across the Illinois border, drove to the demonstration with his long gun “to support the police and protect property,” carried it into the demonstration and murdered two protesters and injured a third. While Rittenhouse waved to the police as demonstrators shouted that he had shot people, the police allowed him to leave the demonstration and return home. And Donald Trump has had only praise for the murderer. At the same time Trump has had nothing negative to say about the Boogaloo, the fiercely anti-government group which intends to bring about a second American Civil War. And Trump is silent about Steven Carrillo, a Boogaloo, alleged to have killed two law enforcement officers in Northern California this summer. True to the group’s desire to hasten the next civil war, Carrillo is alleged to have killed the officers at an otherwise peaceful demonstration with a silenced machine gun in the hopes of provoking retaliation by the police against the demonstrators. And Trump still insists that it is the “radical left” that is the source of violent protests.

Finally, in Portland, OR, a Trump supporter, part of a Trump campaign caravan into the more than a hundred days of anti-police brutality protests, was killed. Allegedly, the assailant was the rare leftist that committed such a murder. That anti-police brutality protester was gunned down by federal authorities. His vigilante-style execution by federal authorities has been supported and was possibly ordered by Donald Trump.

Trump’s connections with the alt right, the Proud Boys, Boogaloo and Qanon as well as his strong ties to the police, his ties to military men whom he pardoned and honored that the U.S. armed services themselves considered war criminals all exude a Nazi fascist culture combined with a Nazi fascist chauvinist hostility to Afro-Americans, Latinos and Native Americans. Until the past fifteen years, I had felt that U.S. imperialism had all the ingredients for fascism in power, except the

society’s scapegoats that the majority population could terrorize with impunity. With the advent of Latino immigrant-bashing, and now with Trump’s white supremacist opposition to Black Live Matter, this final important ingredient is present.

While Trump is decisively fascist in his approach to the people of the USA, Biden and Harris, as corporate democrats, have both refused to embrace the concept of “defunding the police.” Such a concept takes funds away from police departments and provides them to social services organizations that may carry out some functions in cooperation but do not answer to the police.

Finally, Biden has stated that Trump is the first racist U.S. president. This shows how far away from being a fighter for Afro-American rights Biden really is.

**C. Trump’s Climate Change Denial, Global Warming and the Paris Climate Accords:** California wildfires in summer and fall 2020 have now destroyed over four million acres of forests.



The monstrous pattern of wildfires continues to plague the state, largely under the extreme drought conditions brought on by extremely hot temperatures caused by global warming. At this rate, significant areas of the most populous state in the USA could soon become depopulated savannas. This devastation has occurred most drastically during the time that Trump has been U.S. President. The Trump regime has essentially left California to its own devices. During these several years, Trump has mocked California governor Gavin Newsome and the misery of the citizens of his “blue state.” Trump has ignorantly insisted that it is California state forest management that is responsible for the fires, despite the fact that

most of the forest is *federal* land and subject to *federal* forest management (and therefore Trump's responsibility!) and that the forestry science community is in general agreement that global warming is a major factor.

Meanwhile, literally in the smoke and chaos of the massive 2020 California fires and in the name of fighting for a better economy in the face of the COVID-induced economic crisis, Trump's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has cynically torn up regulations protecting the people's safety and health to maximize short term profits for the most reckless, dirty and wasteful corporations connected to the Trump Dynasty. Much of this destructiveness has focused on rolling back auto industry incentives to convert to non-fossil fuel, an area in which California has been among the most advanced.

On October 6, 2018, "The Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius" was approved by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The IPCC, a UN creation, is the leading world body for assessing the science related to climate change, its impacts and potential future risks, and possible response options. This was the first Special Report invited by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change when it adopted the 2015 Paris Agreement. I observed then: "Stunningly, the IPCC Report projects an even more catastrophic environmental impact of global warming on humanity than previously envisioned by them and the governments that had mutually committed to a set of environmentally conscious goals at the Paris Accords." (*The Longer Monopoly Capitalism Survives, the more Humanity's Survival is in Jeopardy!*," Ray O. Light Newsletter #111, November-December 2018)

I added, "The basic flaw that makes scientists' projections in the IPCC *a lullaby instead of a wake-up call* is that petty-bourgeois science in service to monopoly capital ... is criminally silent about and fails to take into account the ... driving economic force for the monopoly capitalist dominated political-economic world. *This is the incentive for private corporations and banks and financial institutions to carry out their individual selfish corporate goals for profit maximization—and humanity be damned!* ... No wonder climatologists have consistently underestimated the gravity of the situation." (*ibid.*, emphasis in original)

Immediately upon assuming the U.S. Presidency, Trump, a climate change denier, had formally declared his government's intention to leave the Paris Agreement as soon as possible. This is scheduled to occur just *after* the upcoming 2020 US election! No doubt, if Trump somehow remains in power, the USA will be henceforth formally outside of the Paris Agreement. And, along with former military officer and current fascistic Brazilian President Bolsonaro, who initially *resisted efforts to quell similar wildfires in the Amazon*, Trump will hasten humanity's doomsday date by providing a reckless, anti-science and wild, unrestrained "economic development" course of action.

The Obama-Biden Administration, on behalf of the USA, signed on with the Paris Accords along with 194 other countries in December 2015. *If able to take office in January 2021*, the Biden-Harris administration can be expected to keep the USA in the Paris Accords or immediately bring it back in, as befits a major monopoly capitalist and imperialist power. As with the other major world powers, the Biden-Harris regime will be too enmeshed in the world capitalist system to keep humanity from reaching a tragic tipping point, "a point of no return." but it should help slow down the horrific rush of Trump and Bolsonaro to get humanity there at breakneck speed. It will, instead, hopefully provide the international working class and oppressed peoples the time to organize and win power so as to save Mother Earth as a human habitat.

On the other hand, if the fascistic Trump forces are able to make a successful coup to keep Trump as commander-in-chief with fascism in power, California, possibly along with Oregon and Washington ("blue" states also attacked by Trump), could create a formidable movement of secession from what will then be the fascist United States. Moreover, California Governor Newsome observed that the Trump White House "has abdicated its responsibility to the rest of the world on cutting admissions and fighting global warming." And I observed that, "... the overwhelming majority of the world's governments ... have tremendous justification/leverage to unite to punish rogue governments such as Trump's USA and Bolsonaro's Brazil economically, politically and ultimately militarily, if necessary. For, as the rogue governments accelerate and exacerbate

Mother Nature's wrath coming down on *all* of global humanity, for the Paris Accord countries, punishing the rogue governments will constitute self-defense at the most macro level." (*ibid.*)

### **Georgi Dimitrov and the Reichstag Fire Trial in Nazi Germany: A Disturbing Lesson for this historical moment in the USA**

The Reichstag was the German parliamentary building in Berlin. It was burned down on February 27, 1933, a key event in the establishment of the Nazi dictatorship. It was carried out by the newly formed Nazi government itself to turn public opinion against its communist opponents and to assume emergency powers. One day after the fire Hitler's dictatorship began with the enactment of a decree that suspended the right to assembly, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and other constitutional protections, including all restraints on police investigations. It remained in effect until Nazi Germany was defeated in May 1945 with the entrance of the Soviet Red Army into Berlin.

Georgi Dimitrov, the great Bulgarian communist leader whose quote opened this article, was the heroic comrade who exposed the Nazi culpability in the Reichstag Fire Trial. His defense was so strong that, rather than execute him and his two Bulgarian comrades, the Nazis whisked them out of Germany. Dimitrov went to the Soviet Union where he became the head of the Communist International and led the implementation of the United Front against Fascism strategy that spearheaded by the heroic Soviet Union smashed the thousand year Reich in a dozen years.



Donald Trump has shown no indication that he will give up power without a fight. He has maintained some independent strength in spite of the fact that he has not yet had his Reichstag Fire moment. Let us be alert and aware.



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