



In My Opinion

by John Paul Duddy

President Reagan was the best president until Trump came along and took on even worse problems that Reagan never had to deal with such as transgender issue, open borders, and more wars that were not as bad as today's times.

Reagan's famous words were "Tear down that wall!" The worst words your government can tell you is "we are here to help you", and Nancy Reagan's famous words were to "Say No to Drugs". That was easy to say, but hard to do for some.

However, Trump is a man of action and not words which he has proven through his actions with few words like the ways he deals with drug issues.

Trump blows up drug boats and even goes to destroy the location that the drugs come from on land. He is dealing with the drugs issues and boarder issues to rid America of people who doesn't belong in America. He is making America safe again despite the Dems who only defend open borders and criminals that make more victims form repeat crime, all the while honest Americans walk and shop in fear from repeat criminal offenders.

This is meant to be America that is the land of the free and the home of the brave, but instead we are a country of free criminals and only one person, who is Trump, stands up to be brave enough to take a stand

against the Democrats.

Trump was elected by, we the people, and he is doing as he said he would by wasting no time by doing so. This upsets the Dems.

Trump is like that person in the school play yard when we were children, who would take on the bully picking on children and put the rest of the kids in fear.

Now, Trump takes on the swamp and the world. He has proven that he is not afraid of confrontation from within America or the whole wide world.

Trump kicks butt to solve problems quickly with few words and instant actions.

This is our new normal and long overdue because the old normal we were forced to get use to was not the way we were meant to be. If you do not support and defend Trump, then you are a criminal in fear.

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Deflection

By: Douglas Moore

I honestly believe that equal justice under the law is no longer possible in America today, if it ever really was to begin with.

One more example is the shameful testimony of U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi as she was being questioned by the House Judiciary Committee on her handling of the Jeffrey Epstein files.

Bondi's refusal to answer was a very telling exercise of deflection, distraction and denial. All to protect and impede the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein and his wealthy co-conspirators that include Donald Trump.

Rep. Ted Lieu asked Bondi why she had shut down the investigation, when there are over one thousand sex trafficking victims, and yet you have not held a single man accountable.

A visibly angry Bondi replied, "This is ridiculous, you are trying to deflect from all the great things Donald Trump has done!"

You know what Pam Bondi, I'd gladly give your boy Trump credit for any good thing he has accomplished, if people like you would acknowledge the bad, and demand that he be held accountable for his criminal actions. But Donald Trump, like all tyrants, third world dictators and cult leaders demand absolute loyalty and blind obedience deserving of constance praise and adoration. And from her testimony we can safely assume that Pam Bondi has been completely assimilated into the MAGA collective.

Has Trump's evan-

gelical base given him a pass on the Epstein files, because any evidence that disputes the word of Donald Trump is considered fake? But cracks are beginning to appear when even true believers like Alex Jones and Marjorie Taylor Greene condemn MAGA influencers for their cult like behavior.

We live in a Capitalist Society where money is King, where the accumulation of great wealth, power and social status buys not only influence but also protection, and even leniency from the law. That's why it's so important that we see the complete and unredacted Epstein files. We must demand full transparency and justice for the victims, and as it stands now,

Donald Trump is either part of the debauchery or part of the cover-up. Where is our moral line in the sand...please stay safe my friends.

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OUTDOOR TRUTHS

By: Gary Miller

Over the years of traveling, I have stayed in so many homes and hotels. So many, I can't remember them all. I do remember one stint in Texas where I stayed in five different places, over a 16-day period. Sometimes you wake up in the morning, and before you get out of bed, you have to think about where you are. There are also those times when you get up in the middle of the night, head to the bathroom, only to find out the door you opened didn't lead to the bathroom, but to the hallway of the hotel. And now you know why I try to get fully awake in the morning, before I bust any moves that might expose my Hanes. Yes, it's all different, except my storm. My storm is what I take with me everywhere I go. It puts me to sleep at night and wakes me up in the morning with its surety. My storm is the nature sound on my phone app. Some listen to brown or white noise, but mine is this soft thunderstorm. And why me of all people would be calmed by a thunderstorm, I have no idea. But I am. My wife started this habit years ago. Back then, it was a CD that she let play through the night. I also remember deer hunting with my friend Jason. At night he slept with a hair dryer running. True story. I know it was his wife's because Jason was nearly bald. (love you, Jason) Some of you like a fan running. I like that too. There are a lot of sounds that people find comforting. But my go-to night-

time sound is my thunderstorm. And here's what I've noticed. No matter where I am, most of the time, I sleep pretty well. And I believe it's because no matter where I go, and no matter where I stay, I have something that is consistent, ever-present, and never changing. I'm sure you can see where I'm going with this

While my storm is a soothing sound that helps me sleep, what my storm cannot do is calm the internal storms I may lay down with each night. The ones that race through my mind. The ones that can cause anxiety, worry, and dread. These storms crash louder than the ones on my app. Their realness drowns out the manufactured versions. And they can be just as frightening at home. The truth is our ability to sleep doesn't come from what we hear from some created sound. It does, however, come from what we hear. When those internal storms have threatened my sleep at night, here is what I have listened to. "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." (Isaiah 26:3) My thunderstorm helps me fall asleep. God's promised peace is what keeps me there.

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