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Strange Bedfellows¹

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It's difficult to select just one oddity out of the insanity that is the Trump presidency. The appointments of unqualified and just plain evil people to critical departments, the day to day impulsive position changes, and the complete refusal to understand anything, all scream out for selection. But for me, one of the oddest oddities is the role reversal I find myself facing.

Sort of like Game of Thrones, where the writers reveled in having characters that you hate one season becoming more human the next, I find myself stunned at defending the press, the CIA, the FBI.

Growing up in the early sixties, I was on picket lines at Woolworths, because even my ten year old self knew that it made no sense that people who cooked your food couldn't sit down and eat it. And after the Vietnam War began to dominate the headlines, we were off on more marches and demonstrations.

Inevitably, the FBI was the enemy. Instead of investigating the criminal actions of our government, they were infiltrating us, and undoubtedly carrying out various schemes to discredit the war opponents. We know what they did to the Civil Rights movement and Dr. King.

Meanwhile, the CIA was overthrowing legitimately elected governments and installing dictators, all while the US talked about Democracy. The press wasn't too awful all the time, but they represented the view of their owners, who were increasingly large corporations. The press was neither left wing nor right, as much as they were just corporate.

I remember reading an issue of *Newsday* just before the Iraq war started. While the front page was exposing the lies being used to justify the imminent war, the editorials couldn't wait to start bombing.

So now, I'm forced to back the FBI and CIA against right wing attacks, and contend that the press is not the enemy.

Then we have John Bolton and Jeff Sessions. What am I to make of this? Bolton, a founder of the Project for A New American Century, a man who I believe is a war criminal, is too moral for Trump? And Jeff Sessions? I have to defend the indefensible racist Jeff Sessions? At least Jeff Sessions is such a wuss that he still wants to lick Trump's boots even after the way he was treated. Wow, talk about having low self esteem.

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This President is so loony, so evil, and so corrupt, that apparently even the FBI, CIA, and a horde of horrors have had enough. Strange bedfellows indeed.