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Selling the Crypto-Fascists the Rope¹

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Lenin never actually said, “the capitalists will sell us the rope we hang them with.” It’s likely a [paraphrase](#) of a longer statement that concluded, “*To put it in other words, [the capitalists] will work on the preparation of their own suicide.*”

A century later the pursuit of profits and relevance by the “So-Called Liberal Media” that is giving the crypto-fascists the weapons they need to destroy the liberal democracy the SCLM purports to cherish and represent. And the death warrants they’re signing are for the planet as well.

Trump has already promised to do that. The Heritage Foundation and other rightwing groups are amassing a list of up to 20,000 apparatchiks to replace the thousands of civil servants Trump has announced he’ll fire if reelected.

The New York Times devotes one story to that and no less than 12 in the 3 days after Special Counsel Robert Hur gratuitously raised doubts about Biden’s memory during 5 hours of interviews held during the two days following Hamas’s attack in Israel.

The Times gleefully pounced on the fact that Biden, in an angry press conference, misnamed the country governed by Egypt’s president even though it was clear from the context. That is about as irrelevant to his competence as Trump’s confusing Sioux Falls with Sioux City (or was it the reverse? I forget).

That the media finds either to be newsworthy is evidence of their appalling degeneration since Rupert Murdoch first showed them how much money can be made by turning news into entertainment.

As profits depend on eyeballs and bad news attracts more eyeballs than good news, the SCLM has consigned Biden’s historic employment, GDP, and unemployment figures to the day they’re released while obsessing over inflation almost daily for nearly 2 years. When that became old news, they began obsessing on Biden’s age.

More befitting its former status as the Fourth Estate would be to focus on how the candidates would govern. Both have records and have made promises.

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Trump	Biden
<p>He tried but failed to repeal a government program that provides health insurance to tens of millions of Americans.</p> <p>Every week he promised that it was going to be “infrastructure week” and yet he failed to provide any relief for our aging infrastructure.</p> <p>His sole legislative achievement was a tax cut that principally benefited the top 0.1% and exploded the deficit.</p> <p>He inherited the longest post-War expansion from Obama and he left office as the only president to lose jobs during his tenure.</p> <p>In his first three years (pre-Covid), his economic record trailed Obama’s final three years.</p> <p>He promises to fire the career civil servants who keep government running and replace them with his apparatchiks.</p> <p>He threatens to withdraw from NATO and let Russia “do whatever the hell it wants.”</p>	<p>He signed long-overdue bipartisan bills on the infrastructure, gun safety, and veterans benefits.</p> <p>His Inflation Reduction Act caps the cost of insulin to \$35 per month and allows Medicare to negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies.</p> <p>It was also the greatest investment in Green Energy in American history.</p> <p>His economic record is unrivaled, with the exception of inflation, which has now been tamed.</p> <p>His experience enabled him to negotiate a favorable deal to raise the debt limit while avoiding the government shutdowns that occurred during the Clinton and Obama administrations.</p> <p>He rallied NATO members to aid Ukraine against Russia’s invasion.</p> <p>He promises to Finish the Job of building an economy from the bottom up and middle out and meaningfully address the crisis posed by climate change.</p>