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Short Cuts¹

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Trump and the Art of the Nazi Trope

Trump has a fondness for Nazi tropes—for example, labeling the press the enemy of the people—but denies knowing that he was quoting Adolf Hitler when he accused the latest wave of immigrants of “poisoning the blood” of America.

Indeed, he claims, “[I know nothing about Hitler](#).” Given Trump’s profound ignorance, that might seem to possess some credibility, at least at first blush, were it not for his repeated use of Nazi rhetoric. The kicker is that, according to his first wife, he kept a book with copies of Hitler speeches by his [bedside](#).

Don’t Say Climate Change

A bill recently signed by Gov. DeSantis would strip the term “climate change” from much of state law. If you don’t see it, it doesn’t exist, a belief system children possess before they develop what developmental psychologists refer to as “object permanence.”

“Object *impermanence*” is demonstrated by naughty dogs who run under a couch. They think that because they cannot see you, you cannot see them, even though their butts are sticking out. Republican climate deniers (but I repeat myself) are not the only people who will suffer from their idiocy.

“Payback”

Donald Trump removed classified documents from the White House, admitted as much on tape, refused to return them, and then lied, claiming that he had.

He summoned (“it will be wild”) and unleashed a mob on Congress, causing the deaths of law enforcement officers and threatening the lives of elected officials, including his own vice-president.

He threatened the Georgia Secretary of State that there’d be criminal consequences if he didn’t “find” Trump enough votes to flip the state.

And, just weeks before 2016 election, he paid hush money to a porn star to prevent her from revealing that he’d had sex with her, and then falsified records to make it appear the payoff was a business expense.

To the Republicans who are baying for “payback,” I say, “if you find any Democrat who’s done

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anything remotely similar, “be my guest.”