

# Covid-19 Crisis Is Putting Trump's Disdain of Science to the Test. How's He Doing?

As I witness the unfolding of the Covid-19 pandemic in our country and our president's handling of it, I find myself thinking about climate change.

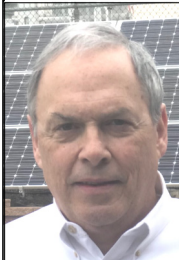
Some cartoonist will draw a cartoon of Trump being hit over the head by a 2x4 labeled "Covid-19" and "Science."

The pandemic is, hopefully, a wake-up call for Trump regarding the importance of science in addressing the world's challenges, such as climate change.

Trump has said he knows more than the generals, more than the experts in every field of study. He bathes in the adulation of evangelists who actually believe that he was sent by God to save our country, to "make America great again." They truly think he can do no wrong. Or can he?

I'll never forget the 2-hour

## Talking Turkey



By JIM SMITH

Frontline program on Sept. 27, 2016, called "The Choice 2016" about Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton, which I wish PBS would air again. You can watch the full program online. Just Google it.

In that Frontline report, we learned about "the Donald's" personality in ways that ring even more true now that we've experienced over 3 years of him playing the role of President.

Fast forward to 36:18 of that documentary to see how Trump found a mentor in Roy Cohn, a lawyer hired to defend the Trump Organization in a federal lawsuit alleging racial discrimination in their rental properties. In the following 4 minutes of that documentary you'll see exactly where Donald Trump acquired the persona which we see every day in

our president. The key rules instilled by Roy Cohn are:

- Never settle or admit anything, never admit a mistake*
- If someone hits you, hit back harder and never stop*
- Even when you lose, claim victory*
- Tell a lie long enough and*

## How Do Other Nations View Our President? Here's a British View

Nate White, an articulate and witty writer from England, answers the question, "Why do some Brits dislike Trump?" I posted the entire article at [JimSmithBlog.com](http://JimSmithBlog.com). Here are the first few paragraphs:

*"A few things spring to mind.*

*"Trump lacks certain qualities which the British traditionally esteem. For starters, he has no class, no charm, no coolness, no credibility, no compassion, no wit, no warmth, no wisdom, no subtlety, no sensitivity, no self-awareness, no humility, no honour and no grace — all*

*people will think it's the truth*  
*Use lawsuits like machine gun bullets*

*Take no prisoners*  
Roy Cohn was described as a "street fighter," and in Donald Trump we see what it's like when a street fighter becomes president.

I believe that history will not be kind to Donald Trump once he is gone, nor will it be kind to those who fell under his spell, whether they are US Senators or Representatives or ordinary citizens. The 2018 elections were the first proof that.

*qualities, funnily enough, with which his predecessor was generously endowed.*

*"So for us, the stark contrast does rather throw Trump's limitations into em-*

*barrassingly sharp relief.*  
*"Plus, we Brits like a laugh. And while Trump may be laughable, he has never once said anything wry, witty or even faintly amusing..."*

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