

# Okay, Enough About Trump's 'Flaws.' Let's Look at His Policies & Goals

It's easy to focus on the many personality flaws of President Trump, and his supporters keep telling me to focus instead on his wonderful policies and accomplishments. So here we go.

I was inspired by an email I got from a reader, Larry C.:

*I wish you would try to explain just what these people think Trump has been so great in accomplishing, and what are the policies they so agree with.*

*Tax cuts for the wealthy that have put the national debt into the stratosphere?*

*Appointing judges who, with few exceptions, will rule against the working class in favor of monied special interests?*

*Destroying environmental regulations that benefit only the energy companies.*

*Trade policies that have raised prices for all of us while seriously*

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## Talking Turkey



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*hurting Midwest farmers?*

*Constantly kowtowing to Putin and other dictators as he works to destroy our NATO relationships?*

*It can only be that they like his immigration position, and in that way they identify with Trump's racism. That's all there is to it.*

What Larry didn't mention, but is equally important, is Trump's denial of climate change — not merely denial, but a policy of neglect toward mitigating the effects of climate change, which are becoming more real every day and every year.

I remember hearing that right after Trump took office, he ordered that the words "climate change" be banned from the Environmental Protection Administration's website. A search of [epa.gov](http://epa.gov) now shows some impressive pages on the topic. It remains true, however, that the president pulled the United States out of the Paris Accord on Climate Change and has actually worked to promote fossil fuels which contributed to climate change. Because

of the consequences of climate change, this policy will be among the worst legacies on the Trump administration, and the damage from failure to focus on the topic is already apparent in the wildfires and severe weather we are experiencing every year. Had you heard of "derecho" before this year? How about "polar vortex"? I lived on the east coast for 40 years and remem-

## Let's Be on the Lookout for Dirty Tricks in This Campaign

"Dirty tricks" have always had their place in politics, and I suspect we're going to see a lot of them in this presidential campaign. Indeed, I think we have already seen some and don't realize it.

The Russians employ a dirty trick in their ongoing use of social media. As I wrote in my page 3 column on Nov. 15, 2018, their strategy in social media is to create division in America. They knew that in Trump they would have an unwitting co-conspirator in that strategy. Undoubtedly they have used social media to mobilize antifa-type violence simultaneously with using social media to mobilize the right wingers against them. I wouldn't be

ber one or two hurricanes and no "super storms." This is clearly a crisis requiring presidential leadership, not total neglect.

One of my first "Talking Turkey" columns had the headline, "Covid-19 Is Putting Trump's Disdain for Science to the Test. How's He Doing?"

I think we know the answer now better than ever.

surprised to learn that some of the looters were actually plants to turn public opinion against the otherwise peaceful protestors. The truth will out — it always does, just not soon enough!

No doubt, you have heard of "deep fakes," highly believable videos that show a politician saying something they did not say. You can no longer believe what you see and hear. Scary.

Thanks to all the readers who have reached out to thank me for this weekly column, both by donating to my GoFundMe campaign and by coming to me and my broker associates for their real estate needs. It has been very affirming, and I appreciate it!