

How Did You Feel When a Friend, Partner, Employer/Employee Lied to You?

When someone has lied to you, you probably started to question your relationship and whether they are lying to you again, right?

When a spouse cheated on you, were you able to forgive and forget? Or did it cause you to question when he or she was “working late” or going on a business trip without you?

When an employee or employer lied to you, did you “let it slide,” or did you begin to question future communications with him/her?

What's most surprising about Trump supporters is that they **know** he is a habitual liar, yet they “let it slide” again and again and fall in line with his next set of lies. Here are some of the lies that surely they **know** were lies:

- ◆ He said he didn't have sex with porn star Stormy Daniels, but Michael Cohen pleaded guilty to paying for her silence and went to prison for it.
- ◆ He excused his Access Hollywood genital grabbing language as “locker

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room talk,” then claimed it wasn't his voice.

- ◆ He described the Jan. 6 insurrection as a “love fest.” I think we know better.
- ◆ It rained on his inauguration, but he claimed the sun came out when he spoke. He claimed his inaugural crowd was bigger than Barack Obama's despite photos proving otherwise
- ◆ He said that Covid-19 was a Chinese hoax, intended to help the Democrats.
- ◆ He accidentally said that Alabama was at risk from Hurricane Dorian, but because he can't **ever** admit he was wrong, he not only lied about it with a Sharpie, but he pressured government agencies to confirm his lie.
- ◆ He said the head of the Boy Scouts called him to say his political speech at the 2017 Jamboree was “the greatest speech ever made to them,” but a Scouts spokesman said no such call had been made — Scouts honor!

A Trumper might still believe one or two of that small selection of Trump's lies, but my own experience as a human being is that it only takes one lie from someone to make me question everything that person says in the fu-

ture. I suspect that's true for Trumppers — except when it comes to Donald Trump.

That's very cult-like. “**Cult-45.**”

So, how do you explain that behavior by Trump supporters, if **not** by saying it's a cult?

I think it's largely racial. Trump has been successful by playing on voter's racial fears — fears triggered by the U.S. Census reporting that we're approaching a time when white Americans will be in the minority. He compounded that by claiming that Mexican immigrants were criminals and rapists, or worse — a claim that no amount of factchecking would fix, since it played to what his base **wanted to believe**.

In the 2020 election, Trump pleaded with suburban women that they should love him, because Democrats would end single-family zoning, bringing inner city crime to the suburbs. **Again, the race card.** But suburban women didn't buy it in enough numbers to carry the day for Trump in 2020.

So now we come to the **Big Lie** — that the election which Biden won resoundingly was “stolen” through fraud. Again, the truth doesn't matter to

Trump supporters. Lesson number one from Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, and other autocrats: **repeat a lie often enough and it will be taken as truth.**

Trump supporters ultimately should realize they've been conned by Trump except for one big thing: **he speaks to their fears.** They are less wedded to Trump himself than to his philosophy. Tucker Carlson is banking on that.

The one lie which strikes closest to home for me as a journalist, and now a columnist, is that the mainstream media are puppets of the liberal left. I don't expect **any** Trumper reading this to be convinced otherwise, and **that's the problem — how to change minds.**

The Trump GOP thrives on playing to the fears of its base, but now it's filling us **non-Trumppers** with fear that they could succeed, that they could take control of the Congress in 2022 and the White House again in 2024.

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