

There's One Question That Supporters of President Trump Don't Want to Answer

Because of this column, I have been blessed with a flood of correspondence (mostly emails) from people who love President Trump. I respond to every email, resulting in a few continuing exchanges by email with many Trump supporters.

Frequently, when replying to emails from those who defend Trump, I ask the following question, which is universally ignored when and if they do reply. My question is, "How do you feel that the man you support is adored by people who you probably consider deplorable—white nationalists, neo-Nazis, alt-right racists, and anti-semites?"

Trump supporters accept Trump in spite of his crudeness, his misogyny, his adulterous past, his associating with people like Jeffrey Epstein, his slandering of our allies and praising of murderous dictators like Vladimir Putin, but they decline to comment on how he elicits support from those Hillary put in his "basket of deplorables."

I find it interesting that Trump himself, according to multiple reports, refers to his fringe supporters as "the deplorables," as if he accepts and courts them. But how does that make his non-deplorable supporters feel? They won't tell me. (Maybe their emails following *this* column will give me a clue.)

Is it possible that Trump's non-deplorable sup-

porters secretly like those statements and policies that excite the deplorables?

Could it be that supporting the incumbent president — typically an honorable thing to do — is a socially acceptable way for them to express feelings and beliefs that they wouldn't otherwise share? To many people. "Make America Great Again" sounds a lot like "Make America White Again." That is, it seems, what Trump's opposition to all forms of immigration — legal and illegal — is about. Recently he suspended the granting of work permits to all foreigners for all kinds of jobs, not just for picking our fruits and vegetables.

Talking Turkey



By JIM SMITH

He expressed it clearly in January 2018 when he said that Norwegians would be more welcome to move to the United States than immigrants from "shithole countries" such as Haiti or African nations. Such language is abhorrent — unless you actually agree with it.

In a previous column, I described how a fellow Realtor supports Donald Trump because his policies — specifically his tax cuts — have benefited her. (She has accepted the spin that it was a "middle-class tax cut," when those cuts were really just a cover for a vast giveaway to the wealthy.)

I have heard from others who agree with her. Apparently, statements by Trump such as the one

above aren't enough to outweigh favorable opinions of the man based on self-interest. I prefer to think that persons like my Realtor friend overlook rather than approve of Trump's racist comments.

I don't believe that anything, including this column, will convince anyone to stop loving Trump. Their biases and support based on self-interest run too deep. We can only hope that what the polls tell us is true, that, despite the mud that will be thrown about Joe Biden — "mob boss of the Deep State" — there's enough revulsion toward Donald Trump, the person, and enough opposition to his racist attitudes, that he will not succeed in winning for himself another term.

As John Bolton has said, our great country can survive one term of Donald Trump, but I'm worried about its ability to survive a second term.

Thank you for your support

Some readers have asked how this column has affected my real estate business. A few Trump lovers have said they will never use Golden Real Estate because of the "venom" I spew. Thankfully, others have said they will now definitely use our agents for their real estate needs. Thanks!

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