

It is ironic that the very people who complained the most about fake news are the main perpetrators of it. Fake news is a euphemism for lies. It is shamelessly promoted by Trump and his right wing cronies.

They seem to think that a lie is told repeatedly will be regarded as true, but this only works for their ignorant base.

People who care about truth try to ferret it out. They use reliable, multiple sources like PBS, the BBC, the New York Times, etc. They eschew biased sources like FOX. Journalists are dedicated to providing us with the true facts of situations so that we can judge for ourselves. Yet, one of the right wing lies is to cast aspersions on good journalism. This is because it tends to expose them as phonies.

Think about this whole “stolen election” issue. Multiple officials of both parties in every state have certified the validity of the 2020 election. The result of the right wing lies about it is that the ignorant base is incited to violence like the January 6, 2020 insurrection and the death threats against honest poll workers. This is shameful.

Many people have died because of the lies propagated by the right wing about COVID 19, the immunizations, the medications, and the validity of medical science. They promoted hydroxychloroquine (like the right wing Bolsonaro government in Brazil). They even created a fake disease (VAIDS). This is shameful.