

WHEN GOOD PEOPLE ACT

As concerned Americans, some of us made an appeal to “We the People” to fight back against the abuses of the Trump administration and to alert and motivate our fellow citizens to action that they can take to end the assault on our freedoms and the distortion and betrayal of our common values. We the People share a bedrock belief in the sanctified precepts upon which our nation was founded and that are the basis for truly making America great. Our goal is to inform our readers and to inspire them to get out the vote and to motivate them to inspire others to act.

We are alarmed by Donald Trump’s misdeeds and lies and the hatred that he seeks to foment between the American people, and feel that it is our responsibility to stand up, speak out, and to fight back. Many of us are veterans; we remain proud to have worn the military uniform and to have served our country. Conversely, devotion to country and patriotism isn’t signified by the superficial act of wearing a flag pin on the lapel of your suit. We remember mighty, transcendent events and conditions that challenged and tested America – the Great Depression, World War II, 9/11 – against all of which the American people proved their strength and tenacity and their faith in the validity of our purpose and our unity and devotion to one another.

But, this is not the sole core of who we and the American people are. Our character exists as well in the simple, everyday acts of people going about their business, who don’t regard themselves as heroes. Our daily continuity and community of deeds are the best expression of America and the glue that binds us. Today, it is the nurses, doctors, and hospital workers, the first responders, firefighters and police, bus and truck drivers, construction workers, teachers, scientists, volunteers, and mothers and fathers, and so many others, who are our lifeblood and heroes.

Today, Covid-19 has killed almost 200,000. Millions of people remain out of work and millions are hungry. Wildfires are destroying millions of acres and leaving thousands homeless. People are cynical and suspicious and are without hope. Donald Trump has failed to provide competent, responsible leadership, consistently shifting responsibility and blame to others. Instead, this is the malaise that Trump fosters and upon which he thrives and devises his re-election hopes.

We have it in our power to fight back and to preserve our nation. That is the reason we are appealing to We the People.

Our goal is to expose the deceit of Donald Trump, to publicize the gravity of the conditions our nation faces, and to vote – and to motivate others to vote – to elect Joe Biden as President, and to rebuild our nation with hope, truth, strength, and brotherhood.

In his “When Good People Don’t Act, Evil Reigns,” op-ed piece in the September 14, New York Times, Charles M. Blow amplified the dangers we face and the urgency of our mission against the apparent complacency and indifference of so many. He catalogued evils and disasters at home and around the world, and said:

“I guess in some ways this impulse is self-protecting, preventing the mind and spirit from becoming overwhelmed with angst and rage. But, the result is that evil – as a person of system – rampages, unchecked, taking your personal laissez-faire as public license.

“If you don’t complain, you condone.”

You can read the full column in the New York Times. *Click on the button below:*

- JML