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## **WHAT WERE THEY THINKING? – Episode 6 More about the Pandemic**

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As I've gathered these unusual comments and ideas, one thing comes through. Election years are like full moons – they are fertile ground for unusual events and ideas to crop up. I intend that this concludes the “pandemic episodes” of “What were they thinking?” But be sure, other absurd content will follow at some future date.

- Joe Biden objected to Trump representing the border wall as potentially helpful in controlling infected people coming into the U.S. He stated: “These viruses.....have no borders. You can't build a wall. You can't.....have, you know, people at the border trying to stop it. It's beyond that capacity.”
- **“Okay, people, just because Jesus is on your side doesn't mean you can't get sick. Don't forget, Jesus was on Jesus' side and he died, okay? Yeah, He came back, but that was like a one-time thing.....I don't get it. Won't the blood of Jesus protect you from an intruder?” – Trevor Noah, South African Comedian – current host of The Daily Show**
- “Everybody saw this coming in early January.” – MSNBC's Joe Scarborough
- “Basically what's happening in America is whatever happens when a family has, like, and alcoholic dad and the kids just have to raise themselves. That's what's going on in the U.S. right now.” – Trevor Noah
- “Governors of Florida, Texas, Missouri and Georgia will have thousands of dead on their heads. Rightwing ideologues resisted science. The GOP has become a death cult.” – Jennifer Rubin of The Washington Post in early April – I wonder if she would like to have that comment expunged from the public record.
- “Inequality is a comorbidity” – Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez doing some race baiting.
- Rep. James Clyburn is the one who said, during a Democrat Caucus strategy meeting about COVID relief funding, that this is “a tremendous opportunity to restructure things to fit our vision.”
- **Title of a New York Times article by Katherine Stewart: “The Religious Right's Hostility Toward Science is Crippling Our Coronavirus Response.” She also wrote: “The Road to Coronavirus Hell Was Paved by Evangelicals.”**
- Abortion services is considered essential while religious gatherings, even if carefully conducted like in individual autos at outdoor movie theaters, were considered non-essential.
- **“As the President fiddles, people are dying.” – Nancy Pelosi who at that time was delaying the Congressional aid package.**

- **“In the days ahead, Trump will ask us to sacrifice the lives of seniors, the unwell, and other Americans vulnerable to COVID-19 to serve his political and other interests.”, political activist and former CIA Agent**
- “Can we talk about.....whether Donald Trump may have criminal exposure for some level of negligent homicide or voluntary/involuntary manslaughter for the way he’s mishandled the Coronavirus crisis.....[and be] prosecuted come Jan. 2021.” – MSNBC legal analyst Glenn Kirschner.
- “Trump’s been tooting his dog whistle pretty hard by calling it ‘Chinese virus.’ .....It’s a very racist term.
- “We are, you know, weeks and weeks behind because the president said it was a hoax and we were in denial.....” – Rep. Tim Ryan
- “I get the sense that this is not only the low point of the Trump presidency but the low point of the American presidency ever. Has any president ever been this overmatched by a crisis?” – New York Times columnist David Brooks
- Joe Biden said this almost immediately after the President ended all travel to and from China: “This is no time for Donald Trump’s record of hysteria and xenophobia – and fearmongering to lead the way instead of science.
- “The oddity in all of this is the people Trump despises most love him the most. The people who are voting for Trump, for the most part.....he’d be disgusted by them. Go to Mar-a-Lago. See if there’s any people who look like you.” – Howard Stern
- “[Trump] wants to be reelected. He doesn’t even care how many people die.” – Robert De Niro.
- **“Whether it’s the Post Office, whether it’s the court system, whether it’s the rule of law, whether it’s actually how you respond to a pandemic or public health system, [Trump] is undermining our confidence. When you look at what Trump’s doing, it’s really not different than what the Chinese and Russians are trying to do.” – Rahm Emanuel**
- “The Pandemic has unleashed familiar forces of hate, fear and xenophobia that he always flames.....that have always existed in this society. But this president.....has brought with [him] a new rash of racial messages, verbal and physical attacks and other acts of hate.” – Joe Biden
- In Minnesota, retail establishments could open up at 50% capacity, when churches were still limited to 10 people.
- “As we know, power corrupts” – Joe Biden, and he would definitely know all about that.

Now let’s return to gathering “normal” crazy ideas and absurd comments.

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