

## Pounding the Nazi Hammer

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When I first heard CNN’s Christiane Amanpour’s recent rant about Trump’s equivalency to Hitler, I wished I could come up with a creative rejoinder. Her exact words were: “This week, 82 years ago, Kristallnacht happened. It was the Nazi’s warning shot across the bow of our human civilization that led to genocide against a whole identity and in that tower of burning books, it led to an attack on fact, knowledge, history and truth. After four years of a modern-day assault on those same values by Donald Trump, the Biden-Harris team pledges a return to norms, including the truth.....while the great brooding figure of his defeated opponent rages, conducting purges of perceived enemies and preventing a transition.”

Many of us have heard the cute comment that “if Trump is a dictator, he’s been a miserable failure.” OK, so.....what’s next. I kept my eye out for something more insightful and effective and today I came across an article by Douglas Andrews, “When all you have is a Nazi hammer...” It appeared online in *The Patriot Post*.

Andrews recalled a National Review article in which the author Kyle Smith made some comments on something he considered outrageous – the topic of “Trump-is-like-Hitler.” In 2017 Smith made the following interesting comparison: “Hitler murdered 11 million; Trump has murdered no one. Hitler invaded the sovereign states of Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Free State of Danzig, Denmark, France, Guernsey, Hungary, Italy, Jersey, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, San Marino, the Soviet Union, and Yugoslavia; Trump has invaded no sovereign states. Hitler lied about Jews being the source of Germany’s misery; Trump lied about ratings for “The Apprentice,” his Electoral College victory being the biggest since Ronald Reagan’s, and whether anyone else had been on the cover of Time more than he.”

That put it in perspective and brings us right back to the conclusion stated in that overly simplistic comment, “if Trump is a dictator, he’s been a miserable failure.”