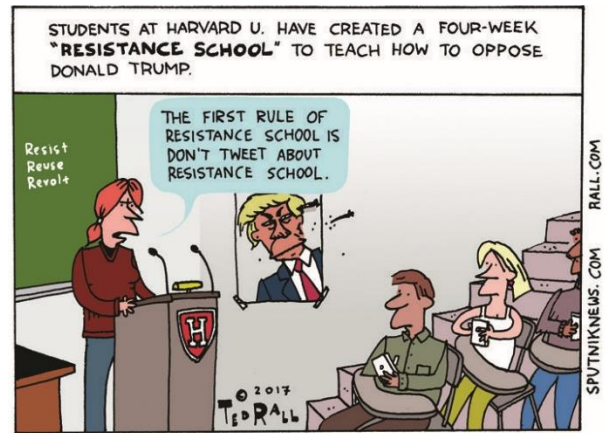


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We're all in this together – except for the resistance

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The extent progressives and never-Trumpers hate our President seems boundless. Collectively, these people are part of a loosely organized group called “the resistance.” It’s made up of politicians, media personalities, organizations and individual activist progressives. The group quickly formed coming off the shock of Trump’s presidential election 2016 victory.

Resistance activities take many forms ranging from rallies to training sessions, publications, and beyond. For example, this widely distributed article appeared: “*Throw Sand in the Gears of Everything*” by Frances Fox Piven, social activist and CUNY political science professor.

President Obama has been a friendly but quiet supporter of the resistance until this week when he severely criticized handling of the pandemic. And Hillary Clinton came out of her election loss professing publicly in an interview with CNN’s Christiane Amanpour: “I’m now back to being an activist citizen and part of the resistance.”

The resistance is driven by hatred of Donald Trump, obsessively focused on their goal of removing the President from office, and the end justifies the means. The partisan “doomed-from-the-start” impeachment and Senate trial proceedings was one example.

On January 31, a few days after the first identified U.S. COVID-19 victim was diagnosed, Trump declared a public health emergency and banned travel to and from China. Joe Biden quickly called this action “hysterical xenophobia,” and “fear-mongering.” And would you believe, following that event, House democrats attempted to permanently roll back Trump’s authority to enact that type of travel ban. That’s outrageous.

During January, right up until Trump’s acquittal on February 5th, you can be sure Congress was distracted from the developing “perfect storm,” and as columnist Henry Olsen admitted in the Washington Post: “.....let’s be honest, impeachment hurt Trump’s response to coronavirus.”

The President has been repeatedly accused of declaring the pandemic a hoax. That's a blatant lie. He's accused of racism for using references to the "China virus." That charge came after weeks of the mainstream media's widespread usage of that reference. Someone must have issued a memo to stop using the reference, except as evidence of Trump's racism.

During late January and February, mainstream media "experts" and state and local democrat politicians "poo-pooed" Trump's coronavirus concern, especially the travel bans. Examples abound, and here's one: "A lot of people are concerned about the coronavirus because you're hearing a lot of news about it.....but the reality is, comparing it to the flu for example, it's not even close." That quote was from Dr. John Torres, NBC Nightly News on 1/25. Another example: "Who says it's not safe to travel to China? The coronavirus travel ban is unjust and doesn't work anyway." That from Rosie Spinks in the New York Times on 2/5.

A blatant example of the movement's tactics came when bipartisan legislation for coronavirus financial relief was near. Speaker Pelosi halted the nearly completed legislative negotiations in order to introduce radical progressive legislation and attempted to tie her proposals to the financial relief legislation. During a call in which House democrats discussed possible legislation to lump in with the relief package, House Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC) announced: "This is a tremendous opportunity to restructure things to fit our vision." Most of the democrats' proposals were turned back.

Trump isn't dealing with mere opposition. He's dealing with very real and obsessive hatred. There's absolutely nothing the President could do that would gain approval from the resistance. If he was seen walking on water, news reports would criticize him for not being able to swim. It seems like beating a dead horse to repeatedly make this argument, but it's true.

And this just in. Adam Schiff is introducing legislation to form a commission to investigate Trump's coronavirus response. Schiff tweeted: "You cannot count on Donald Trump to do what's right for this country."

We're all in this together except, it seems, those dedicated to the resistance.