You cannot take our resolve

Well, you've done your worst this year. First you turned your back on 74 million of us who were moving forward and looking forward to a few more years of prosperity. Then you voted in a man to lead us who wasn't up to the job, who was way past his prime and should have had the good sense to know it. You made sure that you checked all the boxes with a VP whose only qualifications for her job were her gender, her race and her ethnicity.

That was far from enough. You made sure that your vendetta with the man who occupied the Oval Office for four years was complete by impeaching him on specious grounds and accusing him of egging on 'White supremacists' to overthrow our government. Smearing him was a prelude to smearing those of us who demanded to know if our election was tainted by vote manipulation. We became 'enemies of the state' - citizens in name only who didn't deserve to know the facts about missing ballots and voting irregularities. Then you turned your medical 'experts' loose on your fellow Americans, many of whom had never treated a single patient with the Coronavirus but were somehow qualified to carry your water for you. They joined forces with a few governors in Blue State Democrat bastions to lock us down, take away our freedom to gather, to pray and to visit our loved ones in nursing homes or hospitals and ultimately barring us from making a living.

Your plan evolved into a massive campaign to shame, blame and name those of us who dared question the viability and necessity of vaccinations as 'murderers' and 'superspreaders.' We became pariahs, second-class citizens and the new 'untouchable' class while you and yours thumbed your noses at the same regulations you imposed on us and ate maskless in fine restaurants, got your hair done and partied at friends' weddings. While you flouted the rules of engagement you imposed on us you looked the other way while mobs of so-called 'social activists' and 'racial justice' groups like Black Lives Matter roamed our cities, looted businesses and burned police stations and had the temerity to call the protests 'mostly peaceful.' Your district attorneys opened the doors of our jails and reduced sentences for lawbreakers and excused them from bail only to see them cause more havoc and in some cases kill again.

You turned our southern border into a revolving door, paving the way for a wholesale flood of phony asylum-seekers to enter our country and then vilified our Border Patrol for trying to do their duty while the Vice-President pursued an end-run around the real problem by using a search for 'root causes' as an excuse to do nothing.

On the first day of the President's administration and with the stroke of a pen he put America into a vulnerable position by reversing an energy policy that made us independent of imported oil and effectively eliminated thousands of high-paying jobs. But you weren't finished there. You appointed ideological lackeys to Cabinet positions - people with few or no management skills to do <u>your</u> business not that of the people's. You placed our country in peril, all for a fallacious argument that planet was heating up out of control. You excused your actions by claiming a 'mandate' to do so - all due to a few more million popular votes from predominantly 'Blue' states.

You cheered while your supporters played the 'race card' and the 'White supremacy card' and the 'White privilege card' over and over again and made sure that our schools became a hotbed for Critical Race Theory teaching and our military became suspect of harboring would-be ultra Rightwing activists. Your power grab knew no bounds. You weaponized the Justice Department to side with the Association of School Boards to go after parents who dared criticize the teaching of radical racial theory and 'gender fluidity' to their children.

Internationally, your hubris was astounding when you called a failed retreat from Afghanistan that left hundreds of American citizens stranded in that country and 13 U.S. service members dead a "success." You were not satisfied to destroy the present. History needed a revision and you were there cheering on while mayors and governors pulled down statues to America's founders and you were silent while the names of our American history's finest men were removed from schools and

public buildings. You applauded identity politics while your Secretary of the Interior decided that hundreds of public lands needed a 'woke' makeover, barring innocuous words like 'squaw' from sharing space on a federal sign. No objections were raised when our President decided to put his thumb on Lady Justice' scale when he suggested that a 17-year old man on trial for his life could be a 'White supremacist.' Was there an apology offered when the young man was found innocent of all charges? Not a chance.

You sat idly by while the 'chickens came home to roost' after our President mismanaged our nation's energy production and did nothing to release our companies from lock-down bondage...the result being that inflation ran rampant to the highest levels in over three decades. This was proof, said your Transportation Secretary, that the economy was rebounding and that all we needed to do was lower our expectations and things would return to normal! You have made a colossal mistake my fellow Americans. You have underestimated our intelligence and have taken us for fools. That has come to an end. We have chosen to believe our own eyes and ears rather than swallow your propaganda and your sound bites.

We have had enough and we will not let you take any more of our personal liberty. This Thanksgiving marks the start of our march back from the brink of ruin. You have taken much from us in one short year, but you cannot and will not take our resolve to save what's left of our beloved country.

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