

R Quotations and Notes

"Animo: hope, spirit, go forward, have faith, get well, etc."

Jose and Becky Rabanal

Rachman, Gideon:

"Putin's ability to radiate menace, without raising his voice, was striking."

...The pleasure he took in humiliating somebody in front of an audience the outside world has consistently misread him

on New Year's Eve 1999, just a few hours after taking over from Yeltsin, Putin promised to "protect freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, freedom of the mass media, ownership rights, these fundamental elements of a civilised society".

...a reminder of the flaws in the strongman model of leadership. Decades in office can cause a leader to succumb to megalomania or paranoia."

new book The Age of the Strongman

Rachman, Nathaniel:

Invasion was not an unprovoked attack, but a correction of the historical record...Ukrainians are kin to be conquered.

says Putin. Renan: "Race," he concluded, was "something that is made and unmade."

the nation, Renan declared, was "a soul, a spiritual principle." This principle was consent: "the desire to live together, the desire to continue to invest in the heritage that we have jointly received." Nationhood was a voluntary construction which required constant renewal, "a daily plebiscite" whose legitimacy came from the free choice to live and flourish within the same borders.

Putin has sought to break the idea of a Ukrainian nation. But he may have only made it stronger.

"Knowledge is the thing that inspires growth."

Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter)

"... add hopelessness, unemployment and lack of education on top of that [opioids], it's a recipe for disaster."

Jan Rader

Radford:

"Medicine has its famous injunction - first: do no harm. Economics ought to abide by that rule too."

"There is no single foundation for economic thought, just a series of scarcely intersecting ideas that co-exist uneasily."

"Economists have created their own version of the impossible: a perpetual motion machine. It is as if they never heard of the second law of thermodynamics...."

Professional economics is thus a sham.

It produces doctors without a general knowledge of medicine, but all of whom also claim to be generalists.

Economics is thus not just some arcane academic pursuit, but it is enmeshed within the public sphere. It is not just the study of something, but through its advisory role, it seeks to bend society to conform to its worldview.

It ought, therefore, to make sure that its worldview is efficacious. It needs to do no harm.

...economics is a rotten enterprise when viewed as an activity that produces professionals who add value to society at large.

Economics deserves to be a laughingstock. ...[there are] interesting

things littered throughout the odd landscape of economics ... most of them are not

particularly unique to economics ... more than a few derive their interest from their absurdity. Economics is a barrel of laughs.

Peter Radford

Radtke, Kristen:

"I don't think there is any greater loneliness than looking directly at the untamable fury of our world. But it's also the only hope we have of finding our way to one another again."

"We are not wanted as citizens anymore. We are wanted as passive system inhabitants....private men become public records while public power is secreted into closed systems of private benefit...Privacy is a matter of politics, but in the end it is a matter of the spirit."

"...if we don't do it, nobody will."

John Raines, FBI burglary

"...there is often a transcendent, goosebumpy moment that opens still greater vistas beyond the page, in the reader's imagination.

This sense of wonder is the closest you can get to the joy of scientific discovery without actually doing science. That is of immense value to the public understanding of science."

Hannu Rajaniemi on science fiction

Raji, Aja, 14 years old:

"...All the sad things I used to brush off, I realized I couldn't brush them off anymore."

"...a lot of time is spent trying to find ways to do the wrong thing righter."

Ben Ramalinga

Ramirez, Sergio:

"Monsignor is armed with the word. The word is more powerful than a four-barrelled machinegun, comrade," says Lord Dixon, a character in "Tongolele no sabía bailar" ("Tongolele didn't know how to dance"), a new novel by Sergio Ramírez.

"There are moments when things suddenly change..."

Time is frozen in Latin America. It's part of its attraction for novelists, that everything repeats itself."

"The regime won't last forever. There are moments when things suddenly change."

"...unemployment leads to feelings of shame and a loss of self-worth. And that is not particularly conducive to political organizing.

Catherine Rampell NY Times

Ran, Shulamit:

via SL Chamber music 9-22-2021

"Felix Nussbaum ... perished in the holocaust at a young age,... left some powerful, deeply moving art that spoke to the life that was unraveling around him..."

Knowing that their days were numbered, yet intent on leaving a mark, a legacy, a memory, their art is a triumph of the human spirit over annihilation..."

This is my way of saying 'do not forget', something that, I believe, can be done through music with special power and poignancy... Creating must have been, for Nussbaum and for so many others, a way of maintaining sanity, both a struggle and a catharsis – an act of defiance and salvation all at the same time." from concert program.

Rand, Ayn:

"My characters are never symbols, they are merely men in sharper focus than the audience can see with unaided sight. . . . My characters are persons in whom certain human attributes are focused more sharply and consistently than in average human beings"

"nature does not stand still and does not maintain the kind of
*equilibrium that guarantees the survival of any particular species—least of all
the survival of her greatest and most fragile product: man.*"

— Ayn Rand

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equilibrium that guarantees the survival of any particular species—least of all
the survival of her greatest and most fragile product: man."

Ayn Rand

"Do not let your fire go out, spark by irreplaceable spark, in the hopeless
swamps of the approximate, the not-quite, the not-yet, the not-at-all. Do not let the hero in your
soul perish..."

Rand via John Galt

writer John Rogers: "There are two novels that can change a bookish fourteen-year-old's life: The
Lord of the Rings and Atlas Shrugged. One is a childish fantasy that often engenders a lifelong
obsession with its unbelievable heroes, leading to an emotionally stunted, socially crippled
adulthood, unable to deal with the real world. The other, of course, involves orcs."

on Ayn Rand from NY Times review of Ideal, see pdf:

"Rand's embrace of selfishness and elitism and her contempt for ordinary people ... often appeals
to adolescents and radical free marketers."

Michiko Kakutani

"The only societal problem in the world of Atlas Shrugged is that government is mean to business
and unfair to the wealthy."

Gary Weiss on Ayn Rand

Luis A Urrea: I run screaming when I see an Ayn Rand book creeping up the alley looking for
victims.

Flannery 'Conner- 'friends don't let friends read Ayn Rand.'

According to Paul Ryan, Ayn Rand "more than anyone else" understood "the morality of
Capitalism." That morality is one of selfishness -- the selfishness of the rich, the selfishness of
the corporation, the selfishness of the powerful -- joined with utter contempt for the virtues of
charity, community, and the imperative to love your neighbor as yourself.

Tobias Barrington Wolff

end Ayn Rand

Science proceeds with uncertainty at the edges."

"...cultures where people learn more about their world, and science is valued, seem to fare well in
the end."

Lisa Randall

Randi, James: NYT obit

"People who are stealing money from the public, cheating them and misinforming them — that's
the kind of thing that I've been fighting all my life," he said in the 2014 documentary "An Honest
Liar," ...

"Magicians are the most honest people in the world: They tell you they're going to fool you, and
then they do it..."

religion...the biggest scam of them all...

I want to be cremated. And I want my ashes blown in Uri Geller's face."

and via obit writer Margalit Fox: 'exposing seers who did not see, healers who did not heal...

his voice italic with derision...
he became attuned to people's astonishing willingness to be deceived.'
Randi, James

Rao, Johannes:
"Patriotism can flourish only where racism and nationalism are given no quarter. We should never mistake patriotism for nationalism. A patriot is one who loves his homeland. A nationalist is one who scorns the homelands of others."

Didier Raoult:
"You don't need a brain to agree, just a spinal cord...
Hubris...someone who doesn't know is less stupid than someone who wrongly thinks he does.
Because it is a terrible thing to be wrong...
There's nothig I like more than blowing up a theory that's been so nicely established...
parachute paradigm...
I believe that ideas and theories are epidemic. When they're good, they take root."
via Scott Sayare NYT Mag: Superspreader

"We have to be better, we have to love more and hate less. Listen more and talk less. It is our responsibility to make this world a better place."
Megan Rapinoe

"Many terrorists believe the pathway to paradise is straight through hell."
David C Rapoport

"All tyrannies are essentially alike. The tyrant's arbitrary rule is his only logic, and his decisions are often prompted by his entourage, whether he knows it or not....
Stalin's salient features were hypocrisy and perfidy combined with raw cunning...; unbridled cruelty and a thirst for blood; the irrational suspicioness of a paranoic; and considerable physical cowardice - in sort, all the indispensable traits of a tyrant....
There was a limit to how far this moral degradation could go ... determined by the inborn decency and civic-mindedness of the people..."
Yakov Rapoport

"I was not afraid of death...as a child I believed death happened only to good people, those deemed worthy enough by God to be rescued from a living hell...
We were testosterone bombs..."
Ahmad Walid Rashidi, on ISIS, etc.

"The word *jihad* means struggle, and the Prophet Muhammad said that the greatest jihad is the struggle against self to become better human beings through peace."
Qasim Rashid

Raskin, Jaime:
"We've got to save the democracy in order to save the climate and save our species,"

"I write not to describe the future, but to prevent it...Janus, the god of transition..."
Paul Raskin

Rather, Dan:
Via wife, Jean: 'Dan, you are becoming a version of the sun-powered, perpetual-motion, all-American bullshit machine.'
Facts and the truth are not partisan. They are the bedrock of our democracy. And you are either with them, with us, with our Constitution, our history, and the future of our nation, or you are against it. -Dan Rather, January 22, 2017
"...what's more 'marginal': 'Believing in Santa at age 7 or not believing in climate change at age 72?'"
Dan Rather to Trump

Ratushinskaya :

"If you allow hatred to take root, it will flourish and spread and ultimately corrode and warp your soul....they can't confiscate your brain. ...In a way, it's lucky to have a turbulent life. When everything is too easy, sometimes people lose their love of life, they lose enthusiasm.... I wondered why poets wrote at all. I simply memorized everything."

Grey is the Color of Hope, 1988 memoir.

Joseph Brodsky, the exiled Russian who became poet laureate of the United States, once described Ms. Ratushinskaya as "a remarkably genuine poet with faultless pitch, who hears historical and absolute time with equal precision."

"Political court trials are criminal by definition," Mr. Brodsky wrote in an article about her. "The trial of a poet is an offense — one that is not merely criminal, but above all anthropological. It is a crime against language, against that which raises human beings above the animal world."

Irina Ratushinskaya nyt obit pdf

Ratushinskaya's two memoirs are, in effect, books about how to be free even when no authority will recognize your rights. When you are free, you write poems without permission. You risk comfort and safety to attend demonstrations. You memorize the Soviet penal code so that you can trip up your interrogators. You and your fellow inmates plant vegetable gardens on scraps of land outside your barracks, and when the weather is good you carry your dining table outdoors to have your camp gruel and strictly rationed cup of tea in the fresh evening air. "The day died like a dog and won't come back./So let's arrange a splendid funeral feast," begins one of her poems from the camp. "We take another lovely draught, and let/The dusk carry us back to some lost place."

from profile by Elaine Blair NYT

"Real art is made when artists meet the energy of history- unclear, incomprehensible."

Alexander Rastorguev, assassinated Russian filmmaker.

"I'm not going to tell you."

end Irina Ratushinskaya

Rauch, Jonathan:

on Government Insanity, The Atlantic, 7-2016:

Consider, then, the etiology of a political disease: the immune system that defended the body politic for two centuries; the gradual dismantling of that immune system; the emergence of pathogens capable of exploiting the new vulnerability; the symptoms of the disorder; and, finally, its prognosis and treatment.

When Boehner was asked by Jay Lenowhy he had permitted what the speaker himself called a "very predictable disaster," he replied, rather poignantly: "When I looked up, I saw my colleagues going this way. You learn that a leader without followers is simply a man taking a walk." Boehner was right. Washington doesn't have a crisis of leadership; it has a crisis of followership.

"In rejecting compromise, Americans are rejecting governance."

'[Paraphrasing Trump]: Reality is what you can get away with'.

The Constitution of Knowledge: book

Each of us is a parade of changing perceptions, this business about truth, about distinguishing reality from error—it is not easy, and rigor and humility, the foundations of the truth-seeking attitude.

acquiring knowledge is a conversation, not a destination. It is a process, a journey—a journey we take together, not alone.

I was thrust into

contact with the world outside my own head. Apart

I was being rebuilt, reshaped, into a worker ant in humanity's hive-mind, humans' most important and beneficent creation.

inducted into a community, the reality-based community—

the entire system rests on

a foundation of values: a shared understanding that there are right and wrong ways to make knowledge.

1690, the first newspaper in North America went to press. Called Publick Occurrences, it was soon stamped out by censorious authorities. Still, it made an impression,

partly by declaring its mission on its front page:

'That something may be done towards the Curing, or at least the Charming of that Spirit of Lying, which prevails amongst us, wherefore nothing shall be entered, but what we have reason to believe is true, repairing to the best fountains for our Information. And when there appears any material mistake in anything that is collected, it shall be corrected ...'

The idea of accountability to truth, and thus of a responsibility to correct the record, was a threshold idea in the establishment of mainstream journalism, and it remains foundational today.

George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four: "The party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command."

their goal was to denude the public's capacity to make any distinctions at all.

epistemology - how we know what we know,"

"You just learn to channel your imagination along certain paths," he said. "You feel the pressure.

two rules on which the modern liberal epistemic order—what I call "liberal science"—is founded: no final say and no personal authority. I argued that wherever people adhere to those rules, they will form a community of error-seeking inquirers accountable to each other but never to any particular authority, and knowledge will arise from their hive-like, largely self-organizing activities.

Modern liberalism—what the philosopher Karl Popper and subsequently others have called the open society—is defined by three social systems: economic, political, and epistemic. They handle social decisionmaking

about resources, power, and truth.

Tribal Truth: Bias, groupthink, and the epistemic war of all against all

David Hume challenged that default assumption. In his Treatise on Human Nature, he issued one of the firmest

and most famous declarations on the matter: "Reason is, and ought only to be, the slave of the passions, and can never pretend to any other office than to serve and obey them." Hume did not deny the utility of reason as a tool for thinking, but he believed that reason is like the navigator in the passenger seat, able to suggest directions but not to steer the car, and that our emotions and moral intuitions are in the driver's seat. In the last few decades, a blizzard of scientific research has settled the argument between Hume and the ancients. Hume won.

reasoning arose from a different imperative than raw survival: persuasion.

form alliances and go to war. The gift of persuasion has lower costs and higher returns.

evolution selects not for the ability to reason in a way which leads to truth, necessarily, but for the ability to reason in a way which persuades.

Reason, writes the social psychologist Jonathan Haidt in his book The Righteous Mind: "evolved not to help us find truth but to help us engage in arguments, persuasion, and manipulation in the context of discussions with other people."

"Intuitions come first, strategic reasoning second," writes Haidt. Moreover, in conversations "people care a great deal more about appearance and reputation than about reality."

"Our moral thinking," says Haidt, "is much more like a politician searching for votes than a scientist searching for truth." Bookmark - Page 35 · Location 507

intelligence is no defense against false belief.

Rationality persuades precisely because evidence and argument have persuasive pull;= reason never

rarely prevails,

does not reliably prevail.

one of the things our biases do is blind us to our biases.

Osama bin Laden explained the principle: "All that we have to do is to send two mujahedeen to the furthest point east to raise a piece of cloth on which is written 'al Qaeda' in order to make generals race there to cause America to suffer human, economic, and political losses."

"Extreme partisanship may be literally addictive."

Believing Is Belonging

Donna Kowalczyk with candor. She is the woman who

prosecutors investigating the president, "If they find something, they will have made it up."

end Jonathan Rauch

Ravitch, Diane:"

2010 book, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*.

Although Ravitch's background is in the national administration of education, she does not take the usual line. The sub-title of the book is "How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education."

She raises some important concerns about the direction of education in the U.S.

Ravitch is a Research Professor of Education at New York University. From 1991 to 1993, she was Assistant Secretary of Education and Counselor to the Secretary of Education in the administration of President George H. W. Bush.

Below are a few quotations from the book. Perhaps it will whet your appetite for further reading.

On the **importance of public education**: "We must preserve American public education, because it is so intimately connected to our concepts of citizenship and democracy and to the promise of American life. (page 14)

About **her own personal change** of philosophy about education: I have "undergone a wrenching transformation in my perspective on school reform. Where once I had been hopeful, even enthusiastic about the potential benefits of testing, accountability, choice, and market, I now found myself experiencing profound doubts about these ideas," (page 1)

About the **differences in business in education**: "The new corporate reformers betray their weak comprehension of education by drawing false analogies between education and business." (page 11)

About **No Child Left Behind** she worries: "I saw my hopes for better education turn into a measurement strategy that had no underlying educational vision at all....Whatever could not be measured did not count." (page 16, 21)

On the matter of **testing students**, she says: "Scores matter, but they are an indicator, not the definition of a good education." (page 90)

On **vouchers**, she says: "In sum, twenty years after the initiation of vouchers in Milwaukee and a decade after the program's expansion to include religious schools, there was no evidence of dramatic improvement for the neediest student of the public schools they left behind." (page 132)

About **charter schools**, she quotes Chester E. Finn, Jr.: "Some of the best schools I've ever been in are charter schools....And some of the worst—and flakiest—schools I've ever been in are charter schools." (page 139)

On the importance of a **well-rounded education**: "By holding teachers accountable only for test scores in reading and mathematics, schools pay less attention to students' health, physical education, civic knowledge, the arts, and enrichment activities."

On the importance of **strong community schools**: "The market serves us well when we want to buy a pair of shoes or a new car or a can of paint; we can shop around for the best value or the style we like. The market is not the best way to deliver public services. Just as every neighborhood should have a reliable fire station, every neighborhood should have a good public school. Privatizing our public schools makes as much sense as privatizing the fire department or the police department. It is possible, but it is not wise. Our society needs a sensible balance between public and private." (page 221)

Diane Ravitch via Kim Burningham

"The Nazis knew how to appeal to people who did not have the ideological concerns but only normal human concerns. They knew how to conceal their real goals and how to make passive individuals active supporters."

Norman Ravitch

"...mass culture draws collective power from blocking individual development."

C L Rawlins on Paul Shepherd

"What moves the evil man is the love of injustice."

his thought experiment - see Neiman...

Justice is the first virtue of social institutions, as truth is of systems of thought.

John Rawls

"...you get knowledge from non-fiction, but you get wisdom from fiction."

quoted by Michael Ray, Stanford

"Having fun isn't hard,

when

You've got a library card."

Arthur Read, aardvark on children's tv.

"Everything that once seemed definitively and unquestionable real now seems slightly fake; everything that once seemed slightly fake now has the power and presence of the real."

Max Read

Nancy Reagan famously said, 'Just say no.' But the answer, of course, is 'Just say 'know;'

Neal Goldsmith

Reagan, Ronald:

"Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire, it wafts across the electrified borders."

Ronald Reagan, 1989

"Americans are kind of like puppy dogs. They love everybody, and they can't see why everybody doesn't love them.

"An economist is someone who, on being shown something that works in practice, wonders if it would work in theory."

"...human nature resists change and goes over backward to avoid radical change."

"Acting taught me to understand the feelings and motivations of others."

"I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience."

Reagan on Mondale

"...a hippie is someone who dresses like Tarzan, has hair like Jane, and smells like Cheetah."

"There's no reason why on the street today a citizen should be carrying loaded weapons."

"The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave," Reagan said.

"We can lecture our children about extravagance until we run out of voice and breath. Or we can cure their extravagance by simply reducing their allowance."

"It's true hard work never killed anybody, but I figure, why take the chance?"

"You're worried about what man has done and is doing to this magical planet that God gave us, and I share your concern. What is a conservative after all, but one who conserves?"

Ronald Reagan see:

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2015/10/02/3708210/reagan-republican-climate-future/>

"Reagan, one of his campaign aides said, doesn't operate in shades of gray."

via Dan Berrett

"One of mankind's problems is we keep committing the same errors."

Ronald Reagan, via Dan Barrett.

via Kasparov: "... freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

Ronald Reagan

'what's so good about keeping the peace by the ability to wipe each other out'?

Reagan via Sam Nunn

Ronald Reagan once described the ideal outcome of the Cold War ("We win. They lose.")

via Sagan bio:

Reagan was a simple soul, unashamed of his ignorance

Reagan told

March 1983 television speech that American scientists develop a technology able to render nuclear weapons

"impotent and obsolete."

immediately knew he was talking about an antimissile system that would shoot down ICBMs. (It sounded, in fact, something like the fantasy weapon of the 1940 film *Murder in the Air*; in which an exotic device shot down a spy plane. The star of that film had been the twenty-seven-year-old Ronald Reagan.

Reagan's proposed shield was the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), or "Star Wars"

end Ronald Reagan

"Neurotypical syndrome is a neurobiological disorder characterized by preoccupation with social concerns, delusions of superiority, and obsession with conformity. There is no known cure."

Anders Reber, via Mom, Deborah Reber, in *differently wired*, 2018.

Rech, Michele:

"You're a black belt at dodging life."

"...nature repairs itself if humans just get out of the way."

Jamie Redford

Robert Redford:

"I wanted to be in Paris. I wanted to be in Spain. So when I was about 19, I saved up enough money to last me for a year. That experience is what really changed my life, because I then saw the outside world. ..When I went to Europe, I understood more about politics and about human nature. So when I came back, I was very critical of the politics of my own country. And I think that's what led, eventually, to the activism. ..

There's a mile-long tunnel when you leave Fresno, Calif. You come out the other end, and suddenly, there's Inspiration Point...Yosemite National Park...That's when I became not only aware of nature but almost addicted to nature in its purest form."..

History does repeat itself. I used to think it was stationary, but no longer...[Trump] could be similar [to Nixon], that they disintegrate by their own hand..." from interview with Stephanie Zacharek who also wrote:

'...having principles doesn't always mean following the rules; you can't change the world, or have any fun, without breaking a few.'

"We're in a different time now than the 70's. We have less innocence. We have less hope. ...

You have to exaggerate in order to get people to see, to get the attention.

...apathy is our greatest enemy. They know they have apathy on their side...They like to wrap themselves in the American flag and yet they're totally chipping away at what it stands for. This administration has learned the power of staying on message and keeping it simple...

The mediocrity in DC is a reflection of our own apathy...It's the cost of not paying attention."
Robert Redford in City Weekly, Dec. 25, 2003

"...nobody wants to get on the wrong side of this guy when he gets into office, because he's got a switchblade mentality."

Robert Redford quoting a reporter about Richard Nixon

"I got a vibe from him, and I said 'This is a bad guy.'"

Redford, 13 years old, meeting Nixon in California

"...the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend."

"When all seems to be lost, when there seems to be no hope, no purpose, no chance, most people quit ... And, for whatever reason, others keep going ... Just because."

"All the President's Men" was a violent movie. No shots were fired, but words were used as weapons. ... There was a time when members of Congress placed defending our democracy above party interests for the greater good. There was a time. Now is a different time."

"... "other people have analysis. I have Utah."

end Redford

Redliner, Irwin:

"Trump won 9 of the 10 states with the highest prevalence of the coronavirus." via Kristof

"The Esselen had no words for 'war' or 'killing'...

one of the first images we as a species created was a hand."

Erik Reece, in Harpers piece on Robinson Jeffers.

"I got this warm feeling reading these tombstones [walking in a Union cemetery]. So-and-so died so that all men could be free...There was something so damned moving about that."

Adolph Reed

We are no wiser than Aristotle was more than 2000 years ago.”

Martin Rees.

Rees:

“Humans live by extracting food, energy and other material from ecosystems—i.e., ‘the environment’— and dumping their collected wastes back into the environment. Programmed to become a moth, the maggot cannot but corrupt the apple... the second law suggests that degradation/dissipation is the dominant process in our part of the universe. We should not be surprised that useless and often toxic detritus is the major product of human economic activity.”

“The world today is a segregated world. The wealthy live in the healthiest, most productive habitats. The impoverished and racial minorities are increasingly confined to urban slums and ruined landscapes characterized by toxic waste, polluted air and water and contaminated food. Ecoapartheid—the effective segregation of people along steepening entropic gradients—is a contemporary reality.”

“The really inconvenient truth is that, for equitable sustainability on a finite planet, the rich must reduce their material consumption to create necessary ecological space for needed growth in the developing world.

“H. sapiens is ... clever enough to document — in exquisite detail — various trends that portend the collapse of modern civilization, yet not nearly smart enough to extricate ourselves from our self-induced predicament. ...

On a finite planet ...the continuous expansion of one species necessarily drives the contraction and extinction of others....

“Herman Melville summed it up well enough in Moby Dick:

‘There is no folly of the beasts of the earth which is not infinitely outdone by the madness of men’.”

William E Rees

“His manners are perfumed, bit his opinions are poison.”

Matthew Parris on Jacob Rees-Mogg

“The old economy and the old model of masculinity are obsolete.”

Richard V Reeves and Isabel V Sawhill

Reeves, Tate Gov. Mississippi:

“When you believe in eternal life — when you believe that living on this earth is but a blip on the screen, then you don’t have to be so scared of things.”

“There is a revolution underway...the revolution of a new generation. ...it will change the political structure....this new consciousness ... has emerged from the machine-made environment Of the corporate state, like flowers pushing up through a concrete pavement...

Charles Reich, NYT obit

Robert Reich:

“Private foundations are a plutocratic exercise of power that’s unaccountable, nontransparent, donor-directed, and generously tax-subsidized. This seems like a very peculiar institutional and organizational form to champion in a democratic society.”

An economy is built on a foundation of shared morality. Adam Smith never called himself an economist. The separate field of economics didn’t exist in the eighteenth century. He called

himself a moral philosopher. And the book he was proudest of wasn't The Wealth of Nations, but his Theory of Moral Sentiments -- about the ties that bind people together into societies.
"...games require rules to define fair play, the economy relies on government to set the economic ground rules."

"The purpose of companies is to play the economic game as aggressively as possible. The challenge for us as citizens is to stop them from setting the rules."

"...the triumph of capitalism and the decline of democracy have been connected. Democratic capitalism has been replaced by supercapitalism."

...capitalism has invaded democracy.

Many politicians and lobbyists want to continue to extort money from the private sector.

It is illogical to criticize companies for playing by the current rules of the game; if we want them to play differently, we have to change the rules.

If corporate social responsibility has any meaning at all, it is to refrain from corrupting democracy.

...corporations are not people.

Corporations should have no more legal rights to free speech, due process, or political representation in a democracy than do any other pieces of paper on which contracts are written.

All corporate earnings should be treated as personal income.

Stockholder protection would require that shareholders specifically agree to any corporate political activity.

"Trump ... lives in a fact-free universe. "

They're not conservatives. They're regressives.

The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It

Reich, Robert B.

the first step toward changing the system is to understand it.

Today the great divide is not between left and right. It's between democracy and oligarchy. The word "oligarchy"

If you want to understand that oligarchy, you need to understand Dimon.

At its core, bullying is about power—typically the power of those who are rich, white, privileged, or male, or all of the above, to threaten and intimidate those who are not.

Americans who for decades have been economically bullied by corporate executives and Wall Street.

Trump...has encouraged Americans who have been bullied to feel more powerful by bullying people with even less power—poor blacks, Latinos, immigrants, Muslims, families seeking asylum. This bullying game has been played repeatedly in history by self-described strongmen

Reich, Robert:

"Capitalism and democracy are compatible only if democracy is in the driver's seat."

end Robert Reich

Reichert, Monty:

"Thanks, Joe, for doing the right amount, but not too much."

"Trump ... is not immoral but is *amoral*...No conscience...He'll lie. He'll cheat. You can't reason with him...the worst president we've ever had...a person oblivious to the real world."

Harry Reid

"We are circling the drain here, and I am bailing like hell. But the boat is still sinking."

Patricia Reid, 9-19-2010. to NY Times

"Of all the people in the world that aren't going to put up with a fool [i.e. Donald Trump], it's the Scots.:

Rick Reilly, DJT Biographer.

"...what are the neurophysiological substrates of human evil? ...two processes ... are central: deindividuation and dehumanization.

... personal accountability...anonymity...cortical cataract...
Martin Reimann and Zimbardo

"We scraped the bottom of the barrel to get our emissions down. I don't know what we can do to provide a significant margin against uncertainty. We're out of bullets at this point."
Bill Reiss, Utah DAQ, on State EPA plan draft

quoting L Ron Hubbard: "
'...the religion angle is a matter of practical business."
"Being a church gave Scientology tax exemption clerical status for his 'ministers'...and clerical exemption from the draft..."
Janet Reitman

Remnick, David:
"There is no vaccine for climate change."

"Mike Pence, Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell, Ted Cruz, business leaders such as Stephen Schwarzman and Carl Icahn, and a raft of White House advisers, including the bulk of the National Security Council, cannot fail to see the chaos, the incompetence, and the potential illegality in their midst, and yet they go on supporting, excusing, and deflecting attention from the President's behavior in order to protect their own ambitions and fortunes. ...
The Republicans, the self-proclaimed party of family values, remain squarely behind a family and a Presidency whose most salient features are amorality, greed, demagoguery, deception, vulgarity, race-baiting, misogyny, and, potentially ... a murky relationship with a hostile foreign government."
"His outrages are not mistakes; they are deliberate and a matter of pride. ('I know words. I have the best words.')

"Churchill [used]..blank-verse cadences to rally the will of his fellow-Britons and his foreign allies."

David Remnick

"When does silence become complicity? What will it take for us all to say, with one voice, that we have had enough? The question is less about the president's sense of decency, but of ours."
Via David Remnick, quoting Washington National Cathedral

Renan, Ernest, 1882:
"At certain moments, the best way to be right in the future is to know how to resign one's self to being out of fashion."
via Rachman: the nation, Renan declared, was "a soul, a spiritual principle." This principle was consent: "the desire to live together, the desire to continue to invest in the heritage that we have jointly received." Nationhood was a voluntary construction which required constant renewal, "a daily plebiscite" whose legitimacy came from the free choice to live and flourish within the same borders.
"The essence of a nation is that all of its individuals have many things in common, and also that everyone has forgotten many things."
via Lewis Hyde

"...this is a stressful time to be a sentient being ...
A republic cannot survive in a state of cataclysmic despair. A democracy relies on optimism....
...this is the way the world changes: by trusting it can change."
"Hope is not a license to relax. Hope is only a reminder not to give up..."
"...and you will be surrounded by reminders that the darkest tunnels always bend, in time, toward the light. That resurrection is always, always at hand." on cicadas
"...Southerners are deeply, dangerously wrong about matters of history that by now should be abundantly, self-evidently clear."
"Life is not at all a long process, and it would be wrong to spend my remaining days in ceaseless grief."

Margaret Renkl

Ressa, Maria:

"A lie told a million times is a truth...

I don't want to be the story....

When you don't have facts, you don't have truth. You don't have trust. Trust is what hold us together to be able to solve the complex problems our world is facing today."

"They are [social media] - by design - dividing us and radicalizing us."

On Nobel:

"...we are on the brink of the rise of fascism."

"Our greatest need today is to transform that hate and violence, the toxic sludge that's coursing through our information ecosystem, prioritized by American Internet companies that make more money by spreading that hate and triggering the worst in us..."

What are you willing to sacrifice for the truth."

"an invisible atom bomb exploded in our information ecosystem", adding: "the world must act as it did after Hiroshima. Like that time, we need to create new institutions, like the United Nations, and new codes stating our values, like the universal declaration of human rights, to prevent humanity from doing its worst. It's an arms race in the information ecosystem."

Reuther,Walter:

the legendary union leader, walking through a Ford Motor plant in Cleveland that was becoming mechanized. A Ford official pointed to some new machines and asked him, "How are you going to collect union dues from these guys?" Reuther thought for a moment and responded, "How are you going to get them to buy Fords?" via Tom Wilson NYT

"Once men start down the technological road, they cannot turn back, once having bitten into the fruit of the tree of knowledge, there can be no return to the Eden of innocence and ignorance."

Roger Revelle

"Wars always ceased when a higher unit established its own sovereignty, absorbing the sovereignty of the conflicting smaller social units."

Emery Reves

"... in France, medical privacy is irrelevant. No one will lose her job because of a lengthy convalescence. There is no possibility that pre-existing conditions will make insurance unaffordable. Unemployed people still receive treatment. Huge medical bills do not reduce ordinary citizens to a state of existential terror."

Erica Rex France

"I'm just teaching these tiny humans to be great Americans."

Karen Reyes, a DACA person NYT Quotation of the Day

"After I write, I have nothing to say. The commentary afterwards is superfluous. I write. And that's enough."

"Too often what are described as interviews are inquisitions," But if you don't talk yourself, there will be 20 people talking about you ahead of you."

Reza, French playwright

"You had to become someone else to survive. I had to be what the streets demanded."

John Rezaj

"... when you look outside the lines, you implicitly create new ones, and others will look beyond those."

Michael Rhodin, 2016 Roanoke College commencement

"There is no way of keeping profits up but by keeping wages down."
Ricardo

““In the name of Christ, I refuse to be anti-gay. I refuse to be anti-feminist. I refuse to be anti-artificial birth control. I refuse to be anti-Democrat. I refuse to be anti-secular humanism. I refuse to be anti-science. I refuse to be anti-life. I remain committed to Christ as always but not to being 'Christian' or to being part of Christianity. It's simply impossible for me to 'belong' to this quarrelsome, hostile, disputatious, and deservedly infamous group. For ten years, I've tried. I've failed. I'm an outsider. My conscience will allow nothing else.”
Anne Rice, author

“The national security adviser, John Bolton, raised the ante, directly targeting our closest allies: “We do not intend to allow our sanctions to be evaded by Europe or anybody else.” Mr. Bolton warned Iran that, “If you cross us, our allies, or our partners; if you harm our citizens; if you continue to lie, cheat and deceive, yes, there will indeed be hell to pay.” He added, “We are watching, and we will come after you.”
This intensified saber rattling against Iran presages the prospect of war in the Persian Gulf, should President Trump determine he needs a greater distraction than he can generate in a day's work on Twitter.
Mr. Trump's trip to the United Nations this week set America on an ever more dangerous course in which we are courting conflict with powerful countries that don't seek it and ignoring persistent threats from committed adversaries with the will and capacity to do us grave harm. In these troubling times, up is down, black is white and America stands alone, reckless and ridiculed, among the nations of the world.”
Susan Rice

“If human beings really were able to take the long view — to consider seriously the fate of civilization decades or centuries after our deaths — we would be forced to grapple with the transience of all we know and love in the great sweep of time. So we have trained ourselves, whether culturally or evolutionarily, to obsess over the present, worry about the medium term and cast the long term out of our minds, as we might spit out a poison.
...human beings, whether in global organizations, democracies, industries, political parties or as individuals, are incapable of sacrificing present convenience to forestall a penalty imposed on future generations.
“...corporations behave like psychopaths... There can be no reasoning with a psychopath; neither rational argument nor blandishment has a remote chance of success. ..we should be honest about the appropriate course of treatment. Coercion must be the remedy... The psychopath respects only force.”
Nathaniel Rich

“I'm not conceited - I'm convinced.”
Little Richard

"Anyone who is really working creatively in the realm of ideas...is a threat to those who attempt to keep things in control."
Lloyd Richards, Yale School of Drama

“When you challenge someone, that is seen as being of the devil. We are not a self-reflective people.”
Paul Richards, former editor Provo Herald - difficult for Mormons to challenge a leader or ask tough questions.

“What psilocybin does is provide an opportunity to explore a range of non-ordinary states. It unlocks a door; how far one ventures through the doorway and what awaits one ...largely is dependent on non-drug variables.”
William Richards

Richards-Kortum, Rebecca:

"...successful teams of engineers and clinicians have synergy; they soon speak a new language that unites the disciplines."

"Big whorls have little whorls
That feed on their velocity,
And little whorls have lesser whorls
And so on to viscosity."
Lewis Richardson

Richerson and Boyd: Not by Genes Alone:

pdf p-9 Mark Twain quote

replicators and memes?

"...Joseph Smith's cosmology mixes frontier Protestantism with hermetic ideas, Masonry, divination schemes for finding treasure, and spiritual wifery (polygamy)....Smith invented little and borrowed much."

"My paintings know more than I do."
Gerhard Richter

"Collapse is a sudden, involuntary and chaotic form of simplification."
James Rickards, Currency Wars

On Ed Ricketts:

Joel Hedgpeth -

'In his own way Ed was a born teacher ... and John Steinbeck was his most devoted student.'
'If Ed Ricketts has achieved a trace of immortality ... it is because of his ability to plant in the minds of others ... the essential truths beyond facts: the shadowy half-truths, the profoundly disturbing questions that thinking men must face and try to answer....the quality Dr. Allee saw: he tended sometimes to be disturbing, but was always stimulating.'

"He taught everyone without seeming to."

on Ed Ricketts: "... the best mind I have ever known...my partner for eighteen years - he was part of my brain."

see Sea of Cortez: On Ed Ricketts

Ed: 'Adults, in their dealing with children, are insane. And children know it too. Adults lay down rules they would not think of following, speak truths they do not believe. And yet they expect children to obey the rules, believe the truths, and admire and respect their parents for this nonsense...adults simply become set in a maze of prejudices and dreams and sets of rules whose origins they do not know and would not dare inspect for fear the whole structure might topple over them...children instinctively know this.'

see quotes under Tamm

"A man in a group isn't himself at all, he's a cell in an organism ..."

"A man looking at reality brings his own limitations to the world." Sea of Cortez

...species are only commas in a sentence...their ecological relationships were the words ...

essays:

Non-teleological thinking;

the philosophy of breaking through;

Spiritual morphology of poetry

see chap 14 sea of cortez

"I have been distressed at being able to contribute so very little to a world structure that obviously needs so much."

"The laws of animals must be the laws of men."

"All things are one thing and that one thing is all things ... all bound together by the elastic strings of time." (Sea of Cortez)

"Humans aren't big enough to bear the visions they conceive."

end Ed Ricketts

It's political engineering, social engineering on a strategic level."

Thomas Rid on Russian hacking

"...irony is often strongly politically charged..."

Juha Ridanpaa

Ridgeway, Jim:

"...race seems to lie just below the surface of nearly every political debate, and the opinions of the extreme right have been voiced by mainstream figures on both the political and cultural scenes..."

"We do have names for everything – and that's important!"

Adam Riess, 2011 Physics Nobel Prize

Jeremy Rifkin:

"The Second Industrial Revolution – the coming together of centralized electricity, the oil era, the automobile, and suburban construction.

...the great economic transformations in history occur when new communications technology converges with new energy systems. The new forms of communication become the medium for organizing and managing the more complex civilizations made possible by the new sources of energy. ...communication technology is the nervous system that oversees, coordinates and manages the economic organism, and energy is the blood that circulates through the body politic...

First Industrial Revolution...steam-powered technology...printing...

Second Industrial Revolution...electrical communication converged with the oil-powered internal combustion engine...

Third Industrial Revolution...

shifting to renewable energy...

buildings...to micro-power plants for collection...

hydrogen and other storage technologies...

energy sharing intergrid...via Internet technology...

transport fleet ...electric and fuel cell vehicles... buy and sell electricity."

...power to [and from] the people.

Third Industrial Revolution infrastructure is likely to dramatically change the distribution of economic, political and social power in the twenty-first century.

A more distributed and collaborative industrial revolution ...leads to a more distributed sharing of the wealth generated.

The collaborative nature of the new economy is fundamentally at odds with classical economic theory.

...we can no longer afford to dwell in a mystical land of magical thinking.

There is a saying in the Middle East...'my grandfather rode a camel, my father drove a car, I travel on a jet, and my grandchild will ride a camel.'

Frederick Soddy ... reminded his economist friends that the laws of thermodynamics 'control, in the last resort, the rise or fall of political systems, the freedom or bondage of nations, the movements of commerce and industry, the origin of wealth and poverty, and the general physical welfare of the race.'

...the many cracks in the theoretical foundation of the discipline [economics] are threatening to

tumble the edifice of classical economic theory.

...the new economic paradigm is forcing a fundamental rethinking of ...private property relations in markets...

Third Industrial Revolution communications and energies bring out a far different set ...of attitudes about property...

To empathize is to civilize...homo empathicus...

Finland education

We need...to ready...the human race to shift out of an industrial existence and into a collaborative future just as our great-grandparents made the shift from an agricultural and rural existence to an industrial and urban way of life."

...rethinking work this time is more akin to the great upheaval that ensued when millions of serfs were released from their indenture...to become free agents and wage earners in a market economy.

...reenvision what we mean by work...

empathic engagement with one's fellow human beings.

Rifkin The Empathic Civilization:

"Empathy is the soul of democracy ... The more empathic the culture, the more democratic its values and governing institutions."

end Jeremy Rifkin

Riggleman, Denver: "You don't understand. This is getting worse, not better. People are angry. And they're angry at the truth-tellers...the social disease of misinformation....It [now] gives me shivers to be called a Republican..."

"Look at a stone cutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred-and-first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not the last blow that did it, but all that had gone before."

Jacob A. Riis (1849-1914); Journalist, Photographer, quoted by Obama via Popovich

Riley, Richard:

"We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist, using technologies that haven't been invented, in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet."

Rainer Maria Rilke's poem Go to the Limits of Your Longing:

"Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.

Just keep going. No feeling is final." In JoJo Rabbit

"When anxious, uneasy and bad thoughts come, I go to the sea, and the sea drowns them out with its great wide sounds, cleanses me with its noise, and imposes a rhythm upon everything in me that is bewildered and confused."

– Rainer Maria Rilke

"Capitalism unchecked is a complete disaster...[We need] anticapitalism...capitalism with a conscience...a better way of doing society."

Zak Ringelstein

"...humanity's collective ownership of the earth."

Mathias Risse

"What we fear to face is more than total destruction: it is total meaninglessness!"

Rius:

"To provide some kind of explanation for natural events, mankind created the Gods: The God of Rain, of Fire, of Earth, of Sun, the Goddess of Fertility, the God of Hunting... Out of this came the magicians and sorcerers who exploited the 'idea of divinity' for their own benefit. By using all kinds of cheap tricks they passed themselves off as special 'delegates' of the Gods with fantastic powers..."

Living begins when you start doubting everything that came before you. Doubt is the origin of truth.

"...men like Averroes and Avicenna refuted the Bible as false, or at best as 'symbolic tales meant for ignorant folk.'

Feudalism had gradually given way to Capitalism – a more modern and subtler form of exploitation.

Marx distinguishes 5 systems or modes:

- Primitive Community
- Slave State
- Feudal State
- Capitalist System
- Socialist Society

"We think of deception as the intent to distort someone's perception of reality - an impartial tool that can be used for good or bad, to inform or mislead."

Apollo Robbins

"Get busy living or get busy dying." Tim Robbins, actor

We've already gotten drunk on fossil fuels; there's no way to avoid the hangover.
David Roberts on Myhrvold study 2012

"We badly want to understand Trump, to grasp him. It might give us some sense of control, or at least an ability to predict what he will do next. But what if there's nothing to understand? What if there is no there there?"

David Roberts, via David Brooks

"It's not our job to protect the people from the consequences of their political choices."

"Our law punishes people for what they do, not for who they are."

Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr.

"I wish you bad luck ... so that you will be conscious of the role of chance in life, and understand that your success is not completely deserved, and that the failure of others is not completely deserved, either."

Justice Roberts middle school commencement 6-2017

"The coronavirus is the Goldilocks [of viruses]; not too lethal; not too mild; but just right for a pandemic."

Molly Roberts

Roberts was a young stay-at-home mum with two small boys when 3ft of snow hit Maryland in February 1979, and the family was stuck inside. She picked up a notebook and had a go at writing a romance novel. "I thought, I'm going nuts here, so I'll take one of the stories out of my head and write it down," she says. "And I just fell in love. Before that I'd sewed, baked bread, crocheted, macramed two hammocks. I was desperately searching for a creative outlet and as soon as I started that was it."

"It's six to eight hours a day, every day," she says. "And no, it's never easy. It shouldn't be easy. If it was easy everyone would do it ... It's an art and a science and a skill." on writing

Nora Roberts

Thomas B Roberts : Notes from *Spiritual Growth with Entheogens*, 2nd ed., 2012 --

"Children of a future age,
Reading this indignant page,
Know that in a former time,
A path to God was thought a crime."

quoting Luke 17:21 -
The kingdom of God is within you.

"...to many of this book's authors, it is a humane, social responsibility to explore entheogenic possibilities. Is there a moral imperative to do so?"

quoting Mary Bernard: '...fifty theo-botanists working fifty years would make the current theories concerning the origins of much mythology and theology as out of date as pre-Copernican astronomy.'

Rev. Mike Young: "When a Westerner says, 'I am God', we lock him up in the funny farm. When a Hindu says it, his fellow Hindus say, 'Ah, you finally got it!'"

Sasha Shulgin - see pdf Miracles and Magic:
"I know that I have the art of the chemist in my hands."

Frances Vaughn: Spirituality ... is polytheistic in Hinduism and shamanism, theistic in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam; and nontheistic in Buddhism." "...people who benefit most from the entheogenic experience are those who have a strong, healthy ego."

Ann Shulgin (see pdf) quotes Henri Bergson: 'Mankind lies groaning, half crushed beneath the weight of his own progress.'

Boire on legal see pdf

T J Reidlinger, quoting Aldous Huxley: 'God first planted a garden.'

[Trump is] the Ernest Hemingway of a hundred and forty characters."

"Trump's tactics are familiar. Schooled by Roy Cohn, Joseph McCarthy's protege, in the dark arts of rage, deflection, insult, and conspiracy-mongering, ..."

Daniel Remnick

Roger Walsh see pdf: 'We are in a race between catastrophe and consciousness....A key question ... is whether we can create a critical mass of aware people in sufficient time. ...whether we create a sustaining and sustainable society or leave behind a planet that is polluted and plundered and poisoned.'

Kathleen O'Shaughnessy: 'Zen is LSD ... in slow motion.'

end of Roberts on Entheogens - see various pdfs; Aaron has book.

"History should be the most fascinating subject in the world."

James I Robertson, Jr.

"Conservatism requires defeat; failure is its most potent source of inspiration....- real social loss, of power and position, privilege and prestige - is the ... seed of conservative innovation....a philosophically flabby movement. Politically powerful, but intellectually moribund....Modern conservatism came on to the scene of the twentieth century in order to defeat the great social movements of the left."

Corey Robin

"Paranoids do not have adversaries or rivals or opponents; they have enemies...Enemies are to be destroyed."

"...the human species has such a powerful tendency toward Paranoia."

"faith in its passive form requires rejecting or ignoring conflicting evidence. Faith in its active form requires defeating or destroying the proponents of conflicting evidence."

"The Qur'an gives stronger voice to justifying violence in defense of the faith than do either the Old or the New Testament."

"Hitler said that the good speaker should always treat an audience as if it were a woman.

Sometimes this woman was a mother to whom he appealed for protection and love, but sometimes she was a lover to be seduced. Hitler produced, directed, and starred in a theatre of seduction."

"...the readiness to blame others for our misfortune is deeply rooted in human nature."

"To be indifferent to early expressions of the paranoid mobilization of hatred is to be complicit with evil."

Robert S Robins and Jerrold M Post in Political Paranoia 1997

The president is often wrong but never in doubt, a know-it-all on subjects about which he knows nothing.

Eugene Robinson

e is the game that must be played."

G A Robinson

"A life is not important, except in the impact that it has on other lives."

Jackie Robinson

"It's a terrible disservice to coal miners and their families to tell them that everything can be as it was. That can't be. It's over."

Jay Rockefeller, Senator, WV

Kim Stanley Robinson:

"The invisible hand never picks up the check." via Oreskes

"We are now living in a science-fiction novel that we are all writing together....

Science fiction is the realism of our time...

Here's how I think science fiction works aesthetically. It's not prediction. It has, rather, a double action, like the lenses of 3D glasses. Through one lens, we make a serious attempt to portray a possible future. Through the other, we see our present metaphorically, in a kind of heroic simile... When these two visions merge, the artificial third dimension that pops into being is simply history. ..So really it's the fourth dimension that leaps into view: deep time, and our place in it"

"...we are stuck in an international system of nation-states...

the power of the basic science-fictional exercise of looking at our own time as if from the future, thus judging ourselves as actors in creating history...it can sometimes become blazingly obvious what we should do now."

"...living in fossil fuels was to live in a smaller world, cocooned in crap. Decarbonization can actually make us more alive."

"...utopian novels ... get remembered, and they shape people's conception of what's possible that could be good in the future.

...Writing utopian fiction is hard. It's not easy to write a gripping story about the mechanisms that drive social progress...Novels are really about what happens when things go wrong...If you propose plans for how things go right, it sounds like civics, it sounds like blueprints."

Robinson, Marilynne:

.. "...contemporary America is full of fear ... fear is not a Christian habit of mind....

Fearfulness obscures the distinction between real threat on one hand and on the other the terrors that beset those who see threat everywhere....'We the People' has no equivalent in the political language of other nations....

Fear operates as an appetite or an addiction. You can never be safe enough....

There is a First Amendment, too, and it is directed toward, among other things, forbidding an establishment of religion...

Marilynne Robinson, essay on Fear, 2015

"...the spirit of the times is one of joyless urgency, many of us preparing ourselves and our children to be means to inscrutable ends that are utterly not our own."

Marilynne Robinson

"History has indulged us, allowing us to use the democratic system in ways it will not sustain forever. ...

Nostalgia falsifies.

[Obama] is eager from any encounter that might yield insight into a kind of query he brings to experience, which is, I think, an openness to an extremely inductive understanding of value, one which he is always ready to expand and refine.

In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man might seem delusional. There are risks in having an interesting mind in this odd climate ..."

Marilynne Robinson

Is Poverty Necessary?:

"Cynicism is the great enabler of corruption, normalizing and universalizing it so that any particular instance of wrongdoing can be left to fester or metastasize...

One enormity puts another enormity beneath acknowledgement...

how endlessly a little clutch of certitudes could elaborate itself without ever evolving...

Democracy assumes that the generality of the population has the wisdom to govern a nation...

What really matters ... is how people are valued. They are not valued sufficiently to sustain democracy...

Ideology forbids...

We are captive to words and attitudes we cannot define or source...

...conscience ...has a tendency to treat as charity what should be called, and acknowledged as, justice...

...wealth swells like an aneurysm...

...wealth is a collective creation and a collective inheritance..."

end Marilynne Robinson

Mary Robinson:

"Covid 19 is saving us from extinction."

Robinson, Rashad:

"When you've been on the margin, being able to claim a language and a narrative and a set of words to express yourself is incredibly important."

Robinson, William I, Truthout: see book the global police state

"Wars provide critical economic stimulus."

"A difference, to be a difference, must make a difference." And

"Health is not a germ-free state."

Martin C Robson (U of So Florida), Cardiff, 9/7/01

"If I'm wearing lipstick, she won't kiss me because there's palm oil in it."

Valerie Rockefeller Wayne's 8 yr old daughter

"The legislature has entered the business of stuffing our academic institutions with content that does not exist in the academic world and is just plain wrong."

David Rockwood, teacher, Payson High, Springville, UT

"For the last eight years...I've been forced to endure an existence of loneliness...I've had to rot in loneliness all these years."

Elliott Rodger, UCSB shooter, 2014

"You can't change policy until you change culture,"

Favianna Rodriguez via Longoria

"Collin's message is clear: to maintain order one has only to strip people of their social consciousness. To retain the ability to think critically and ask questions is to reserve the power to challenge the status quo and replace it with a new social order..."

quoting Katniss: "...look at the state they left us in, with the wars and the broken planet. Clearly, they didn't care about what would happen to the people who came after them."

"Collins seems to believe that the work of building a more equitable world is a project that ultimately falls to the young."

Rodrigo Rodriguez, chapter in Politics of Panem

"...Katniss's acts of resistance do not entail awe-inspiring acts of bravery and heroism. To the contrary, she more often engages in minor acts of resistance that inspire others to come together as a collective and work for change"

...the goal of the dystopian genre to "place a mirror before readers, challenging them to examine the world they inhabit and the obstacles it places on the path to social justice"

Rodriguez via Nynan piece, pdf see also rod. pdf from Politics of Panem

"Money is a weapon."

Buddy Roemer

'...he has direct executive control over pain that he inflicts on himself. "I know it's coming, I have an idea of what to expect and I can decide to ignore it,"

(Scientific American. Pain (Kindle Locations 1206-1207). Scientific American).

Dennis Rogers

"We have no choice but to find additional ways to make a living."

Harold Rogers, Kentucky Republican Congressman

"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

Everything's changing...People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke."

"We're all ignorant, just on different subjects."

"People want just taxes more than they want lower taxes."

"A humorist entertains, and a lecturer annoys."

"You can't teach what you don't know any more than you can come back from a place where you've never been."

Will Rogers

"The passive emotion of astonishment, in which inferior intellects are content to rest, serves but to awaken, in him who has learned to think, a desire of farther knowledge."

Peter Mark Roget, the Thesaurus man

"...there is no quick escape without a scheme to transfer wealth from creditors to debtors..."

Kenneth Rogoff

"In economics, things take longer to happen than you think they will, and then they happen faster than you thought they good."

Rudi Dornbusch, quoted by Kenneth Rogoff

"Ever since, I've had the feeling that the only permanent wealth is what you carry around in your head."

Felix Rohatyn

"Values require 'investment' – of time, attention, effort, effect ...unless 'exercised', values atrophy..."

The complex high-energy society is an intricate thing, and its survival in anything like the form of a pluralistic-liberal democracy is very much open to question. Clashes of values resonate with speed and force in a permeable social structure, suffused with mass communication. Increasing demands are made upon existing social arrangements. The growth of the public sector increasingly makes societal allocations a highly visible *political* process. It remains to be seen what the consequences will be in a world of energy crises, explosive population growth, basic interdependence, serious political instability, and incessant change. Greater understanding of the place of values in social systems surely warrants intensified intellectual effort in the years just ahead. ..

The most distinctive property or defining characteristic of a social institution is its values.

From Understanding Human Values, 1979!!

Rokeach Milton

"The concept of values ...is the core concept across all the social sciences. It is the main dependent variable in the study of culture, society, and personality, and the main independent variable in the study of social attitudes and behavior..."

A *value* is an enduring belief that a specific mode of conduct or end-state of existence is personally or socially preferable to an opposite or converse mode of conduct or end-state of existence...

A *value system* is an enduring organization of beliefs concerning preferable modes of conduct or end-states of existence along a continuum of relative importance...

"Law of political activism: A more extreme regard for either one or both of the two political values, *equality* and *freedom*, is a minimum condition for sustained political action and is also a minimum consequence of political action....

Rokeach, Milton, 1973 Nature of Human Values

"...men will get along better with their fellow men if they can forget, or unlearn, or ignore what organized religion has taught them about values..."

Milton Rokeach

"I never had fear in my stomach. If you do, you can't do anything."

Cecile Rol-Tanguy, NYT obit

"... a world of ruthless competitors guided by nothing more than blind ambition for profit is hardly a pleasant place."

John Paul Rollert

"The Legislature hates referendums. They smell like Democracy."

...obsessive listening to Limbaugh's program makes otherwise intelligent people stupid."

Paul Rolly

"...Acute pain is a complex experience which seems to emerge from the co-activation of two main processes, namely the nociceptive/discriminative analysis and the affective/cognitive evaluation of the painful stimulus."

Daniele Romano pdf

"...every time another horrible shooting happens, he and all of my victims are hurt all over again by what I did to them. I want to take away their pain, but knowing I cannot, I want to prevent others from experiencing this pain."

Jon Romano shooter

"...income inequality has surged in recent decades. Raising marginal rates on the wealthy is a straightforward, effective way to counter this trend, while helping to solve our looming deficit problem. Given the strong evidence that the incentive effects of marginal rates are small, opponents of such a move will need a new argument.

Christina D Romer

"A crisis is a terrible thing to waste."

Paul Romer, Stanford

"...The danger of a word like "evil" is that it is absolute. ... To play the "evil" card is to cut off all debate, and to say that any effort toward rehabilitation or reintegration wouldn't be worth the risk or heartache. The mark of "evil" demands permanent banishment or death...

"Evil" has become the word we apply to perpetrators who we're both unable and unwilling to do anything to repair, and for whom all of our mechanisms of justice seem unequal: it describes the limits of what malevolence we're able to bear."

Rollo Romig

Romney, Mitt

"Corporations are people, my friend."

"I will not create or hold jobs that kill people.:

2003 anti-coal stance

"...abortion should be safe and legal in this country."

"...to get that kind of money, you've got to cozy up...to all of the special interest groups ...and that kind of relationship has an influence on the way you're going to vote.

"...what he [Trump] communicated caused racists to rejoice, minorities to weep, and the vast heart of America to mourn."

"His profile's devine.

His shoes have a shine;

They're almost as shined as his hair.

And voters ignore

That seeking Mitt's core

Has failed because nothing is there."

Calvin Trillin on Mitt Romney

Romney via Joe A: solidly slippery, spineless

"We're all footnotes, at best, in the annals of history."

end Mitt Romney

"There is a lot of talk about 'never again,' but this is impossible if we don't remember what happened back then,"

Joachim Ronneberg Norway

Kevin Roose:

"...the conspiracist's creed — that the official narrative is always a lie, and that the truth is out there for those willing to dig for...

quotes of Olmstead, Gurri

"...there seems to be...a force that is pulling us all toward conspiracy theories these days...

the reflexive paranoia and rejection of authority...

Every group creates its own evidentiary standards, and processes information in its own way.

There is no 'consensus reality'...

the internet - and the erosion of authority it has enabled - has made conspiracy theorists of us all....

Uncertainty always breeds distrust."
Kevin Roose NYT

Rosenstein Justin quote in Social Dilemma:
https://www.reddit.com/r/collapse/comments/isrkw6/great_observations_by_justin_roenstein_quote/

Roosevelt, Eleanor:

"happiness is not a goal, it's a byproduct."

"Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people."

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

"I think, that at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift should be curiosity."

"Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself."

"When you have lived for a long time in close contact with the loss and grief which today pervades the world, any personal sorrow seems to be lost in the general sadness of humanity."

"in the long run there is no more liberating, no more exhilarating experience than to determine one's position, state it bravely, and then act boldly."

"Where, after all, do universal human rights began? In small places, close to home -- so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. "

"A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water."

end Eleanor Roosevelt

Franklin Roosevelt:

"We refused to leave the problems of our common welfare to be solved by the winds of chance and the hurricanes of disaster."

"Political equality is meaningless in the face of economic inequality."

"This one is for Hearst" on signing tax increase for the wealthy.

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

"The greatest duty of a statesman is to educate."

You know I am a juggler, and I never let my right hand know what my left hand does. I may have one policy for Europe and one diametrically opposite for North and South America. I may be entirely inconsistent, and furthermore I am perfectly willing to mislead and tell untruths if it will help win the war.

"We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals. We know now that it is bad economics."

Franklin D Roosevelt, 1937

"Liberty requires opportunity to make a living, a living decent according to the standard of the time, a living which gives man not only enough to live by, but something to live for."

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future."

"It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But, above all, try something...."

We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals; we now know that it is bad economics."

Today science has brought all the distance quarters of the globe so close together that it is impossible to isolate them one from another."

"The country demands bold, persistent experimentation. It is common sense to take a method and try it: If it fails, admit it frankly and try another, But above all, try something."

"Security means not only physical security which provides safety from attacks by aggressors, but also economic security, social security, moral security,,,essential to peace is a decent standard of living for all individual men and women and children in all nations. Freedom from fear is eternally linked with freedom from want." Note his Second Bill of Rights...

"We are now providing a drab living for our own people...Clearly, ... this calls for a re-appraisal of values. A mere builder of more industrial plants, a creator of more railroad systems, an organizer of more corp[orations], is as likely to be an danger as a help...Our task now ... is the soberer , less dramatic business of administering resources and plants already in hand."

"...goods that were not produced under 'rudimentary standards of decency' should not be 'allowed to pollute the channels of interstate trade.'"

Jefferson Cowie quoting Franklin Roosevelt FDR

"...a self-supporting and self-respecting democracy can plead no justification for the existence of child labor, no economic reason for chiseling workers' wages or stretching workers' hours."

Franklin Roosevelt

"If American democracy ceases to move forward as a living force, seeking day and night by peaceful means to better the lot of our citizens, fascism will grow in strength in our land."

"Fascism is ownership of Government by an individual, by a group, or by any other controlling private power."

"A conservative is a man with two perfectly good legs who, however, has never learned to walk forward."

1933, Roosevelt criticized the sort of near-sighted Wall

Street greed that precipitated the Great Depression. He said, "They only know the rules of a generation of self-seekers. They have no vision, and where there is no vision the people perish."

Roosevelt's own vision reached its sharpest focus in 1944, when he called for a Second Bill of Rights. He said:

This Republic had its beginning, and grew to its present strength, under the protection of certain inalienable political rights.... They were our rights to life and liberty.

As our nation has grown in size and stature, however - as our industrial economy expanded - these political rights proved inadequate to assure us equality in the pursuit of happiness.

He then enumerated the economic rights he thought needed to be added to the Bill of Rights. They included:

The right to a job;

The right to earn enough to pay for food and clothing;

The right of businessmen to be free of unfair competition and domination by monopolies;

The right to a decent home;

The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to enjoy good health;

The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment;

The right to a good education.

"The nation that destroys its soil destroys itself."

"...those taxes were never a problem of economics. They are politics all the way through. We put those payroll taxes there so as to give the contributors a legal, moral, and political right to collect their pensions and their unemployment benefits. With those taxes in there, no damn politician can ever scrap my social security system."

President Franklin Roosevelt once told civil rights leaders who were pressing him for change that he agreed with them about the need for greater equality for black Americans. Then, as the

story goes, he added with a wry smile, "Now go out and make me do it."

They are unanimous in their hate for me — and I welcome their hatred."

We have, however, a clear mandate from the people, that Americans must forswear that conception of the acquisition of wealth which, through excessive profits, creates undue private power over private affairs and, to our misfortune, over public affairs as well. In building toward this end we do not destroy ambition, nor do we seek to divide our wealth into equal shares on stated occasions. We continue to recognize the greater ability of some to earn more than others. But we do assert that the ambition of the individual to obtain for him and his a proper security, a reasonable leisure, and a decent living throughout life is an ambition to be preferred to the appetite for great wealth and great power.

A study of our national resources, more comprehensive than any previously made, shows the vast amount of necessary and practicable work which needs to be done for the development and preservation of our natural wealth for the enjoyment and advantage of our people in generations to come. The sound use of land and water is far more comprehensive than the mere planting of trees, building of dams, distributing of electricity, or retirement of submarginal land.

We must preserve not only the bodies of the unemployed from destitution but also their self-respect, their self-reliance, and courage and determination.

"...economic laws are not made by nature. They are made by human beings."

"A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people."

"Government by organized money is just as dangerous as government by organized mobs."

"You've convinced me. Now make me do it."

"[political equality is] ...meaningless in the face of economic inequality."

"They are unanimous in their hate for me and I welcome their hatred." on big business

"Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds."

"Let no man say it cannot be done...speed will save lives; speed will save this Nation which is in peril; speed will save ... our civilization."

"Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself - nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

"...judge me by the enemies I have made."

"At the very worst there was always the possibility of climbing into a covered wagon and moving west where the untilled prairies afforded a haven for men to whom the East did not provide a place." FDR, 1932

"There's a potential Mussolini for you."

FDR referring to Douglas MacArthur

"People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made."

FDR, 1944

"Let us ... constitute...a new order of competence and of courage. ..Give me your help...to win in this crusade to restore America to its own people."

"Civilization cannot go back; civilization must not stand still. ...It is our task to perfect, to improve, to alter when necessary but in all cases to go forward." via Jamie Bouie

end FDR

Roosevelt, Theodore:

"...the supreme political task of our day ... is to drive the special interests out of our public life."

"...we are, as a whole, still in that low state of civilization where we do not understand that it is also vandalism wantonly to destroy or to permit the destruction of what is beautiful in nature, whether it be a cliff or forest, or a species of mammal or bird."

"I don't care what people think. I only care that they should think."

??? The vitality of democracy depends on knowledge of complex questions."

"To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed."

"no amount of charities in spending such fortunes can compensate in any way for the misconduct in acquiring them."

"there can be no real political democracy without something approaching an economic democracy."

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena."

"...the immense power of aggregated wealth can be met only by the still greater power of the people as a whole." (via Tim Wu)

"...the supreme political task of our day ... is to drive the special interests out of our public life."

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

All constitutions, those of the States no less than that of the nation, are designed, and must be interpreted and administered so as to fit human rights.

I think there is only one quality worse than hardness of heart, and that is softness of head. -Theodore Roosevelt, 26th US President (1858-1919)

"The prime problem of our nation is to get the right type of good citizenship... In a democracy like ours, we cannot expect the stream to rise higher than its source. If the average man and the average woman are not of the right type, your public men will not be of the right type."

"When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer 'Present' or 'Not Guilty.'"

"A great democracy has got to be progressive or it will soon cease to be great or a democracy."

end T Roosevelt

Rorty, Richard:

"A talent for speaking differently, rather than for arguing well, is the chief instrument of cultural change."

"[I am] religiously unmusical - someone ... unable to hear the thoughts and practices of religion as music rather than merely as noise."

from Rorty 1998 *Achieving our Country* via NYT 11-21-2016:

"[M]embers of labor unions, and unorganized unskilled workers, will sooner or later realize that their government is not even trying to prevent wages from sinking or to prevent jobs from being exported. Around the same time, they will realize that suburban white-collar workers — themselves desperately afraid of being downsized — are not going to let themselves be taxed to provide social benefits for anyone else."

At that point, something will crack. The nonsuburban electorate will decide that the system has failed and start looking around for a strongman to vote for — someone willing to assure them that, once he is elected, the smug bureaucrats, tricky lawyers, overpaid bond salesmen, and postmodernist professors will no longer be calling the shots. ...

One thing that is very likely to happen is that the gains made in the past 40 years by black and brown Americans, and by homosexuals, will be wiped out. Jocular contempt for women will come back into fashion. ... All the resentment which badly educated Americans feel about having their manners dictated to them by college graduates will find an outlet."

From *Take Care of Freedom* essays interviews book:

via Eduardo Mendietta: 'He is a nemesis to many, and is claimed as a friend by only a very few. His works are denounced everywhere across the country, in every discipline, and in each of the Ivy League universities. Yet he is one of the most read philosophers in the United States. Richard Rorty is a uniquely American anomaly.' ... '...in a country famously short on memory...'

"What about imaginative virtues? If you don't allow people to be unclear, intellectual progress grinds to a halt. It's the vague people who are the pioneers."

"The U.S. could do what it did under President Carter - say that human rights around the world were the chief priority of American foreign policy - and then actually act on this conviction... We shall go from a leading nation that provides a not very good example to one that supplies a really awful example."

Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature: Thirtieth-Anniversary Edition (Princeton Classics Book 81)
Rorty, Richard

Philosophy can be foundational in respect to the rest of culture because culture is the assemblage of claims to knowledge, and philosophy adjudicates such claims.

To know is to represent accurately what is outside the mind;

Philosophy's central concern is to be a general theory of representation, a theory which will divide culture up into the areas which represent reality well, those which represent it less well, and those which do not represent it at all

I discuss "solutions to the mind-body problem" this is not in order to propose one but to illustrate why I do not think there is a problem.

The book, like the writings of the philosophers I most admire, is therapeutic rather than constructive. The therapy offered is, nevertheless, parasitic upon the constructive efforts of the very analytic philosophers whose frame of reference I am trying to put in question.

It is pictures rather than propositions, metaphors rather than statements, which determine most of our philosophical convictions.

Afterword: Remembering Richard Rorty

the ability to change the subject when the talk grew trite and conventional,

The voice was definite, soft-spoken, with unconscious pauses where it had nothing to add, leaving room for others to come in.

end Rorty

"[We need to] restrain self-interest, support a responsible civic culture and maintain enough civility to enable government to function. Without it, Washington started to feel like 'Lord of the Flies'."

Gideon Rose, in review of John Kerry *Every Day is Extra*

Rosenblum, Cassady:

"...jobs are sustenance, careers are alters upon which all else is sacrificed..."

Diogenes the Cynic:

"...a cynic is someone who eschewed money, power and fame, and instead sought to live self-sufficiently and in tune with nature."

Rosenfeld, Sophia:

Democracy and Truth: A Short History

truth under the conditions of modern democracy has always been fragile. Truth—meaning doubly the opposite of lies (in moral terms) and the opposite of mistaken beliefs and erroneous information

1. The Problem of Democratic Truth

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all truth is slippery because it depends on whom one is talking to. Think

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“Some people are saying . . .,” or “I’ve been hearing . . .,” or the comments delivered with a literal shrug or scare quotes suggesting “maybe” or “don’t take my words so literally, it’s all bullshit in the end.” Other

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“Truth” has become personal, a matter of subjective feeling and taste and not much different from an opinion (think “my truth”).

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David Roberts, writing in Vox, calls “tribal epistemology.” 11

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cribbing from Max Weber, “inconvenient truth.”) 12

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“fake news,” meaning these days something we just don’t want to hear.

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Roger Stone, “Trump is a truth-teller. He calls it as he sees

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it. . . . To those who say this is divisive, well, we’re tired of polite.”

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But has the “reality-based

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community,” as a senior advisor to former President George W. Bush memorably dismissed those who remain wedded to a world of facts, actually become obsolete, a relic of a more naïve era?

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question from several perspectives. Historians tend to be cynics. By their measure, there is rarely anything totally new under the sun. Truth and politics have, after all, never been on very good terms, and there has always been lying in politics, which depends at its core upon leaders skilled in the art of persuasion combined with

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a dose of hypocrisy for good measure.

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The political theorist Hannah Arendt said it most famously in her great essay “Lying in Politics,” in which she insisted that “deception, the deliberate falsehood and the outright lie used as legitimate means to achieve political ends, have been with us since the beginning of recorded history.

Truthfulness has never been counted among the political virtues, and lies have always been regarded as justifiable tools in political dealings.” 18

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The late 1960s and early 1970s was one such moment, when Arendt wrote both “Lying in Politics” and “Truth and Politics,” issuing an unusual defense of a limited purview for old-fashioned lying

as essential to political action, alongside a discussion of the dangers of new forms of untruthfulness,
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what we accept as means or standards of validation and proof. There
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“experts” in the domain in question.
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As Voltaire famously quipped, “there are no sects in geometry.”
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era. Abstract as all of that sounds,
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questions about how best to capture reality get answered differently at different junctures in history. We
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truth and its opposites are always implicated in questions of power—and thus truth is never fully divorced from politics or social conflict.
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Michel Foucault who
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general politics’ of truth.”
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from faith or foi (“believing not what seems true, but what seems false to our understanding”)
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capitalist marketplace on both sides of the Atlantic grew up
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dependent on related practices of interpersonal trust. The modern republican
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Despite claims here and there in the eighteenth century about the “self-evidence” of certain notions, truth in public
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life was generally thought of as something achieved or won in a social world, not a given starting point. As Arendt points out, when Thomas Jefferson added a “we hold” before the most celebrated such statement in the Declaration of Independence, he was subtly pointing out that even these truths were ultimately products of human agreement. 46
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Armed only with their own lived experience, the basic tenets of common sense and reason that were the common possession of “everyone”
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Jefferson famously explained in the early days of the new United States, what a politics dedicated to the common good required was the “diffusion of knowledge” from above into “the hands of their [the people’s] own
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common sense.” 47
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“public knowledge” or, slightly more cynically, “serviceable truth” or “political truth.” 49 Still, how was it all intended

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constant tension between the rule of expert truth, on the one hand, and the rule of majority instincts, on the other. 58

4. Democracy in an Age of Lies

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Christian Europe. 3 The problem is that technologies do not arise in terra vida.

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they always intersect with other social, political, economic, even intellectual currents, potentially fueling new moral and epistemic crises around truth rather than resolving them.

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Thomas Luckmann’s The Social Construction of Reality,

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humans to a considerable extent construct the reality that they see around them—and do so in different ways in different cultures and moments

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Arendt, who showed with

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there are dangers associated both with doing too much and with doing too little.

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efforts to cultivate and enforce total honesty and transparency in public life can only backfire,

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Some tolerance for the arts of persuasion, manipulation, even hypocrisy as it veers into minor forms of lying turns out, paradoxically, to be essential to the practice of maintaining a politics committed to difference of opinion and

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agonism, as well as human rights protections—in short, liberal democracy. 30

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Soviet journalist Arseny Roginsky,

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“rescue from oblivion all those historical facts and names that are currently doomed to perish or disappear,”

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to expose errors and falsehoods in a dry and decisive but also unrelenting fashion.

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Full Fact firm in London will actually succeed in developing what they are calling a real-time “bullshit detector”? 33

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striving for something called “the truth” is, at once, an epistemological and an ethical obligation in our lives in common. 40

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to reach a consensus about what constitutes truth requires agreeing in some minimal way about what reality looks like and, even more, how we can know or represent this reality and why it matters—ethically, epistemologically,

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the story of modern democracy remains also the story of modern capitalism,

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we humans can make collective choices that can shape what happens next. That's sometimes called agency. In the end, truth, like democracy, isn't something that simply exists in the world. It is, rather, something that we must always consciously and collectively forge.

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40. "Representing things as they really are" is Richard Rorty's phrase (see *Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature*, 1979), which

"Children don't know what they truly need. They only know what they want, and they believe that what they want they deserve to have, and no one has a right to deny them. That belief defines a child, in fact; therefore, lots of the children in question are much older than 21. It takes some people a long time to grow up."

John Rosemond, child psychologist

"Naturalism is the philosophical theory which treats science as our most reliable source of knowledge, and scientific method as the most effective route to knowledge."

"Metaphysics, the study of the basic constituents of reality."

Alex Rosenberg

"Covering it all is tricky....Writing ... risks amplifying the nonsense...focus on the people behind the disinformation."

Matther Rosenberg NYT

Rosenblatt, Roger:

"The ironists, seeing through everything, made it difficult for anyone to see anything...one will not know the difference between a joke and a menace."

"Basically I'm a very angry man."

Steve Rosenblatt

"...the fervor with which we profess our faith in democracy is matched only by the contempt with which we regard our politics and politicians. How interesting that we should so dislike the process that we claim to revere."

Richard Rosenfeld in *Harper's*, May, 2004, p.35.

"There is a natural link between committing journalism and committing comedy. They're both in the uncovering and unmasking business, but with different approaches."

Tom Rosenstiel on John Oliver

"Extreme poverty produces diseases. Evil forces hide there."

Hans Rosling

"People need to be exposed to their own ignorance to realise they need to learn. ...To develop a fact-based worldview, we need to realize that we are ignorant about our ignorance."

Ola Rosling, son

"This world is blindingly white, both in its history and its present."

Alan Ross

behind every rugged individual there's usually a government agency
Andrew Ross

"If you're good at it, you leave no fingerprints."
Lillian Ross writer obit pdf

Rick Alan Ross: Cults Inside Out:

"...destructive cults frequently target and exploit the elderly...in nursing homes...prisoners in prisons and jails...

involuntary deprogramming...

Destructive cults have historically targeted college campuses for recruitment...

Cult Education Institute (CEI)...

families that behave like cults...

Some multi-level marketing companies ...have also employed...coercive persuasion techniques to gain undue influence and control over people's lives...

Snapping...

Margaret Singer: 'Deprogramming ... is providing members with the information about the cult and showing how their own decision-making power has been taken away from them'...

Many cult groups seem to gain influence and control over their members through a process of increasing isolation and estrangement from mainstream society. ...cutting people off from family and old friends...by relocating members in so-called intentional communities...'cult compounds'. ..

International Cultic Studies Association...

In the United States destructive cults are perhaps more plentiful relative to the population than in any other single country because...religious beliefs [have] special protections and tax-exempt status ...

In the wake of Jonestown, 'drinking the Kool-Aid' would become a pop culture expression...so brain-washed that you cannot think independently...

Rajneesh The Dalles, Oregon...Antelope...

Jane Stork: 'To come to terms with that much self-delusion is really difficult'...Stork said she had 'brain-washed' herself...

Osama bin Laden later arrogantly boasted 'These events were great by all measurement'...

Jim Siegelman: 'Saying a prayer a thousand times - a way of jamming anything human from coming into his brain'...

Flo Conway: 'The hardest thing to understand is that the mind itself can be captured and made into a machine.'

...Osama bin Laden didn't share the same humble beginnings of many cult leaders. He was the son of a billionaire from Yemen...

Cult Information Center of Great Britain...

Saadik Redd: 'The ultimate success of a con man is to make the person who is being conned make excuses for the con man. If I can get you to deny reality, then I have in fact controlled your mind'...

end quotes from Ross, K Sample...

"Understanding religion as relational helps to explain why religious belief can be so tenacious even in the face of what seems to be contradictory evidence...The world often looks very different from 'inside' a relationship than from 'outside' it."

Matt Rossano

Rossister, Clinton:

Democrats: Sweaty, disorderly, offhand, imaginative, tolerant, skillful at give-and-take.

Republicans: Respectable, sober, purposeful, self-righteous, cut-and-dried, boring."

Theodore Roszak:

"...the 1960s represented the last burst of the human being before he was extinguished...this is the beginning of the rest of the future...from now on there will simply be all these robots walking around feeling nothing, thinking nothing. And there will be nobody left almost to remind them that

there was once a species called a human being, with feelings and thoughts. ... history and memory are right now being erased, ...soon no one will remember that life existed on the planet.”
Wallace Shawn and Andre Gregory, *My Dinner with Andre*, 1981; quoted by Roszak

from Theodore Roszak, 1969, 36 years old: *The Making of a Counter Culture*:

“...where [can] the radical discontent and innovation ... be found that might transform this disoriented civilization of ours into something a human being can identify as home.

...we have to hold against the final consolidation of a technocratic totalitarianism in which we shall find ourselves ingeniously adapted to an existence wholly estranged from everything that has ever made the life of man an interesting adventure.

...the capacity of our emerging technocratic paradise to denature the imagination by appropriating to itself the whole meaning of Reason, Reality, Progress, and Knowledge will render it impossible for me to give any name to their bothersomely unfulfilled potentialities but that of madness. And for such madness, humanitarian therapies will be generously provided.

When any system of politics devours the surrounding culture, we have totalitarianism, the attempt to bring the whole of life under authoritarian control....in the case of the technocracy, totalitarianism is perfected because its techniques become progressively more subliminal. ... it prefers to charm conformity from us by exploiting our deep-seated commitment to the scientific world-view and by manipulating the securities and creature comforts of the industrial affluence which science has given us. ...

quoting Goethe: ‘Nothing is more inadequate than a mature judgment when adopted by an immature mind.’

quoting Lewis Mumford: ‘It is forbidden to forbid.’

Is it perhaps the case that the mystics, in accepting the fullness of human experience, have been more truly scientific than the conventional scientist, who insists that only what makes itself apparent to an arbitrarily limited range of consciousness deserves attention?

...there are minds too small and too young for ... psychic adventures.

...the white man’s magic wins ... especially when it arrives in the form of gunpowder, armed colonization, and massive material investment, the standard vehicles of civilization.

...the most important thing the shaman has to teach us ... is the meaning of magic in its pristine form ... a form of experience, a way of addressing the world.

Magic, as the shaman practices it, is a matter of communicating with the forces of nature as if they were mindful...

The techniques by which shamans undertake their psychic adventures are many; ... narcotic substances, dizziness, starvation, smoke inhalation, suffocation, hypnotic drum and dance rhythms, or even the holding of one’s breath.

...the shaman cultivates his rapport with the non-intellective sources of the personality as assiduously as any scientist trains himself to objectivity, a mode of consciousness at the polar extreme from that of the shaman.

The shaman is one who knows ... that there is more to be seen of reality than the waking eye sees.

Good magic opens the mysteries to all; bad magic seeks simply to mystify.

...ruling political and economic elites ... [are] buying up the experts and using them for their own purposes. ...in this fashion ... the technocracy has been consolidated.

He concludes book by quoting Chuang-tzu on the act of governing... p. 267-8.

end of Roszak

“Coronavirus is the new terrorism...Germs don’t respect censorship.”

Kenneth Roth, HR Watch

Roth, Phillip:

“...the unfolding of the unforeseen [is] everything...The terror of the unforeseen is what the science of history hides.”

Philip Roth via Newsweek 4-4-2011

“People think of history in the long term, but, in fact, it is a very sudden thing.”

“But, whatever I may have seen as their (Nixon and Bush) limitations of character or intellect, neither was anything like as humanly impoverished as Trump is: ignorant of government, of

history, of science, of philosophy, of art, incapable of expressing or recognizing subtlety or nuance, destitute of all decency, and wielding a vocabulary of seventy-seven words that is better called Jerkish than English."

"...[Primo Levi] makes us witnesses, passing us knowledge that gives us a moral and practical responsibility. We too must remember. We too must tell others."
end Philip Roth

Roth, Randolph:

"Males who exhibit the highest levels of testosterone and aggression tend to rise to the top of the new political order, while the level of testosterone and aggression drops for males who experience repeated defeats and fall towards the bottom of the social hierarchy—an evolutionarily conservative strategy ("conditioned defeat") to protect subordinated individuals from further harm. Once political stability returns, however, plasma levels of testosterone decline generally, as does the number of fights."

Roth, Randolph. 2011. Biology and the deep history of homicide. *British Journal of Criminology* 51:535–555.

"...these programs are Orwellian to the core ... precisely the kind of violations of personal privacy and human dignity that led the author to write 1984."

Putinism is a "worldwide movement" that allies various ethno-nationalist and illiberal authoritarian leaders against Western liberal democracy, the rule of law, international institutions and the commitment to empiricism in the face of disinformation. "Trump, his administration and the GOP have made a conscious choice to align themselves with Putinism. It is not unwitting."

David Rothkopf

Rothman, Joshua:

"We want to be more rational as individuals, but not to overdo it. We need to know when to think and when to stop thinking, when to doubt and when to trust. Rationality is one of humanity's superpowers. How do we keep from misusing it?...Introspection is key to rationality.

...Bayesian reasoning—doctors learn it one way and statisticians another—but the basic idea is simple. When new information comes in, you don't want it to replace old information wholesale. Instead, you want it to modify what you already know to an appropriate degree. The degree of modification depends both on your confidence in your preexisting knowledge and on the value of the new data. Bayesian reasoners begin with what they call the "prior" probability of something being true, and then find out if they need to adjust it.

In search of facts, we must make do with probabilities

"The more I say in class, the less my students learn."

Eric Rothchild

"Iranians are waiting for [the Trump] government to become stable intellectually."

Hassan Rouhani, President, Iran

Rouse, Cecelia:

"We put the economy in a medically induced coma...you don't come out of a coma and run a marathon the next day. We don't just flip the switch and the economy comes back."

Rousseau:

"I am devoting my last days to studying myself,"

"The universal spirit of Laws, in all countries is to favor the strong in opposition to the weak, and to assist those who have possessions against those who have none."

Rousseau, via Piven, 2005

Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains."

'...a society built around self-interested individuals will necessarily lack a common morality. ... liberty is not inherent in any form of government, it is in the heart of the free man. ... we have nothing to show for ourselves but a frivolous and deceitful appearance, honor without virtue, reason without wisdom, and pleasure without happiness."

Jean Jacques Rousseau, some via Mishra book review (pdf)

Rovelli, Carlo:

[...his psychedelic experiences as a teenager. The magical nights left him "...with a calm awareness of the prejudices of our rigid mental categories...

It is precisely on account of life's impermanence, the absence from it of every absolute, that life has meaning."

"...empathy is the ability to understand something. Sympathy is the ability to have an affective response to this understanding...

stupidity is, after all, a cognitive deficit...

Mark Rowlands

Rowling, J.K.:

"I'm one of the very few who has ever found a practical application for their classics degree."

"...the forces of light (kindness, empathy, inclusion) are arrayed against the forces of darkness (fear, rage, and an authoritarian will to power) ..."

Michiko Kakutani on Rowling, Potter

"You tiny, tiny, tiny little man."

JK Rowling Tweet re DJ Trump

From a Wash Post review of The Casual Vacancy:

"There were sentences I underlined for the sheer purpose of figuring out how English words could be combined so delightfully."

Ron — channeling his friend Hermione — says to Harry Potter: "When in doubt, go to the library."

Janae Phillips - We're going to do this ourselves if the adults won't help us.

re: Rowland, Potter: "Harry Potter is about the life of a young wizard and his friends. But it's also about the wish to be special — and the fear of being ordinary."

David Busis nyt

end of Rowling

Roy:

"I'm never going to write anything with a footnote again. ...

Not saying anything became as political as saying something. ...

Nobody paid enough attention to indoctrinate me ...

I saw how the media can just excavate you and leave a shell behind....So, when my turn came, the barricades were up. ...

...because you're famous, or because you've done something, everybody wants you to keep on doing the same thing, be the same person, freeze you in time. ...

I want to travel light."

Arundhati Roy

from her video Dam/Age, see quotes at minutes in:

6-7, 8:30, 9:30, 40-42, 48

"...I have to consult these folks. You know, the folks in my book.

Everyone thinks I live alone, but I don't. My characters all live with me....

"Trump is like the effluent of a toxic factory...

I function within a huge river and stream and a rising, rushing current of solidarity.
My idea for a nightmare is people standing very elegantly dressed in a room with a drink in their hand.
There's no voiceless. There's only the deliberately silenced...the purposely unheard."
To keep that economy going, you need a world at war, or almost at war, or just about to go to war, whatever it is.
Freedom to Write award speech, via PEN America:
As the ice caps melt, as oceans heat up, and water tables plunge, as we rip through the delicate web of interdependence that sustains life on earth, as our formidable intelligence leads us to breach the boundaries between humans and machines, and our even more formidable hubris undermines our ability to connect the survival of our planet to our survival as a species, as we replace art with algorithms and stare into a future in which most human beings may not be needed to participate in (or be remunerated for) economic activity – at just such a time we have the steady hands of white supremacists in the White House, new imperialists in China, neo-Nazis once again massing on the streets of Europe, Hindu nationalists in India, and a host of butcher-princes and lesser dictators in other countries to guide us into the Unknown.

While many of us dreamt that “Another world is possible”, these folks were dreaming that too. And it is their dream – our nightmare – that is perilously close to being realized.

...we lurch into the future, in this blitzkrieg of idiocy...
...India, a country that lives in several centuries simultaneously.
...the place for literature is built by writers and readers. It's a fragile place in some ways, but an indestructible one. When its broken, we rebuild it. Because we need shelter. I very much like the idea of literature that is needed. Literature that provides shelter. Shelter of all kinds.
Fact and fiction are not converse. One is not necessarily truer than the other, more factual than the other, or more real than the other.

the far- right, proto-fascist Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS), the most secretive and most powerful organization in India. It was founded in 1925, its founding ideologues were greatly influenced by European fascism. They openly praised Hitler and Mussolini, and compared Indian Muslims to the “Jews of Germany”. It has worked ceaselessly for 95 years toward having India formally declared a Hindu Nation. Its declared enemies are Muslims, Christians, and Communists.

...I wrote my first essay, “The End of Imagination,” condemning the tests. I said that entering the nuclear race would colonize our imagination: “If it's anti-Indian and anti-Hindu to have a nuclear bomb implanted in my brain,” I wrote, “then I secede. I hereby declare myself a mobile republic.”
...a novel that would say what cannot otherwise be said. Particularly about Kashmir, where only fiction can be true because the truth cannot be told.
Novels can bring their authors to the brink of madness. Novels can shelter their authors, too.

The End of Imagination in collection My Seditious Heart:
“Governments change. They wear masks within masks. They molt and reinvent themselves all the time....
From now on it is not dying we must fear, but living...
[To live:] To love. To be loved. To never forget your own insignificance. To never get used to the unspeakable violence and the vulgar disparity of life around you. To seek joy in the saddest places. To pursue beauty to its lair. To never simplify what is complicated or complicate what is simple. To respect strength, never power. Above all, to watch. To try and understand. To never look away. And never, never to forget...
...I secede. I hereby declare myself an independent, mobile republic. I am a citizen of the earth. I own no territory. I have no flag....My policies are simple...My world has died. And I write to mourn its passing...
[On nuclear weapons, thinking:] ...it signifies dreadful things. The end of imagination. The end of freedom, actually...
...the road that has led us to the bomb. This search for selfhood...
That's the great thing about all religious texts. You can find anything you want in them - as long as you know what you're looking for...

History has *happened*...

...the real horror of India. The orbits of the powerful and the powerless spinning further and further apart from each other, never intersecting, sharing nothing..."

[relate to blue, red, Trump, etc.]

...The nuclear bomb is the most...outright evil thing that man has ever made."

"Modern democracies have been around long enough for neoliberal capitalists to learn how to subvert them. They have mastered the technique of infiltrating the instruments of democracy - the 'independent' judiciary, the 'free' press, the parliament - and molding them to their purpose. The project of corporate globalization has cracked the code. Free elections, a free press, and an independent judiciary mean little when the free market has reduced them to commodities available on sale to the highest bidder."

"We live in a judicial dictatorship. And we don't seem to have even begun to realize it."

"Fascism itself can only be turned away if all those who are outraged by it show a commitment to social justice that equals the intensity of their indignation."

"...government gone rogue..."

Arundhati Roy, *Power Politics*, 2001:

Painters, writers, singers, actors, dancers, film makers, musicians are meant to fly, to push at the frontiers, to worry the edges of the human imagination, to conjure beauty from the most unexpected things, to find magic in places where others never thought to look. If you limit the trajectory of their flight, if you weight their wings with society's existing notions of morality and responsibility, if you truss them up with preconceived values, you subvert their endeavor. p. 5

The trouble is that once you see it, you can't unsee it. And once you've seen it, keeping quiet, saying nothing, becomes as political an act as speaking out. There's no innocence. Either way, you're accountable. p. 7

Is globalization about "eradication of world poverty", or is it a mutant variety of colonialism, remote controlled and digitally operated? p. 14

...the only thing worth globalizing is dissent. Page 33

Language is the skin on my thought.

You can wake someone who's sleeping. But you can't wake someone who's pretending to be asleep. Page 68

Could be that the...anger that led to the attacks has its tap root not in American freedom and democracy, but in the U.S. government's record of commitment to and for exactly the opposite things--to military and economic terrorism, insurgency, military dictatorship, religious bigotry, and unimaginable genocide (outside America)? Page 108

People rarely win wars; governments rarely lose them. People get killed. Page 126

Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.

end of Roy:

"Cultural changes are also in order, including a drastic decline in meat and dairy consumption (cows are the primary consumers of the nation's corn, the most nitrogen-intensive field crop we grow)..."

Elizabeth Royte. NRDC

Rubin, Jennifer:

"60 percent of [Republicans] think a raging narcissist, racist, misogynist and congenital liar is fit to be president?"

"...vintage Trump — impulsive and cruel, without an ounce of class or human decency."

"[conservatives]...must repudiate Trump and the Trump era to go forward."

"Pence [should] decide to reclaim his spine and wake his conscience from a deep slumber..."

Jennifer Rubin

"...many GOP lawmakers now consider lying in defense of the president to be routine, part of their normal duties as card-carrying Republicans."

politics was no longer about what other people did...

Democrats lack the instinct for the jugular needed to expose the GOP's seditious conduct, habitual lying and radical obstructionism.

end Jennifer Rubin

"Young kids want to be heroes. They have an incredible energy, and they want to live creative, exciting lives...if America denies them an opportunity for heroism, they're going to create their own."

Jerry Rubin

Rubin, Robert E:

"...we have entered a state of dangerous Incoherence: the separate understandings of our world and its risks have become so divergent and so entrenched that they pose their own existential threat by impeding our ability to plan for, prevent and react to the crises to come."

Rubinstein, Olivier:

"You should memorise poetry, that'll take the rust off your neurons." rusty neurons

Bill Galston of the Brookings Institution, who says Trump "appears to be daring the rest of the political system to stop him — and if it doesn't he'll go further. The law has no force without people who are willing to enforce it."

in Phillip Rucker and Leonnig genius book

"...cognitive liberty ... is about the inviolability of brain chemistry, and the way that brain chemistry is central to how we think. In a free democracy the government has no authority to dictate the content or form of our brain functions. To the extent that criminal drug prohibition limits the responsible private use of drugs to modulate consciousness, it infringes the most basic of our guaranteed freedoms."

Julie Ruiz-Sierra via Charlotte Walsh

"The most viral content in the Web is of a humorous nature."

political internet memes (more specifically, images and image macro formats) can be viewed as a form of collectively produced political cartoons.

Political internet memes, being in effect mass-produced jokes can also be used as tools to counter propaganda.

In Vatnik, the main purpose of the text is to point the supposed stupidity and lack of logic of a certain political viewpoint — with this political viewpoint being a jingoist Russian patriotism. As such it can be seen as an example of user-generated political caricature.

Ruliou, Anton Poland thesis

"There are known knowns. There are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns. ...We know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns, the ones we don't know we don't know."

Donald Rumsfeld (and others!)

on Alan Rusbridger of The Guardian:

"His basic stance is skepticism." Henry Porter

"He has a really useful piece of equipment that most editors don't have, ...a spinal column." Nick Davies

"The First Amendment is first for a reason." Jill Abramson

"One thing that Snowden has taught us journalists is that's it's essential to be paranoid."

"Americans had elected a liar, and now the liar turned his guns on the truth..."

In his cavalier disregard for truth he has reminded people why societies need to be able to distinguish fact from fiction....

...we have created the most prodigious capability for spreading lies the world has ever seen...

...the stakes for truth have never been higher."

Alan Rusbridger

"Noah's flood is one of the most fully developed accounts of environmental change in ancient history."

Elizabeth Rush, Rising, via The Guardian.

"...the rope-a-dope approach..." Obama on Romney first debate 10-2012, referring to Muhammad Ali and George Foreman fight-Ali on the ropes, intentionally.

Jake Rush UT Daily Chronicle columnist.

Rushdie, Salman:

"...the human race is the virus from which the Earth is trying to recover..."

no matter how low he and his followers sank, there was always a lower level to sink to — in Trumpistan... Wash Post oped

"What is the opposite of faith?...Doubt."

"You define yourself by what offends you. You define yourself by what outrages you."

Salmon Rushdie

on Marquez: "...the magic in magic realism has deep roots in the real...it grows out of the real and illuminates it in beautiful and unexpected ways....The flights of fancy need real ground beneath them."

Salman Rushdie

"Yes, this is about Islam....most religious belief isn't very theological.

For a vast number of "believing" Muslim men, "Islam" stands, in a jumbled, half-examined way, not only for the fear of God — the fear more than the love, one suspects — but also for a cluster of customs, opinions and prejudices that include their dietary practices; the sequestration or near-sequestration of "their" women; the sermons delivered by their mullahs of choice; a loathing of modern society in general, riddled as it is with music, godlessness and sex; and a more particularized loathing (and fear) of the prospect that their own immediate surroundings could be taken over — "Westoxicated" — by the liberal Western-style way of life. ...

paranoid Islam, which blames outsiders, "infidels," for all the ills of Muslim societies, and whose proposed remedy is the closing of those societies to the rival project of modernity, is presently the fastest growing version of Islam in the world....

If terrorism is to be defeated, the world of Islam must take on board the secularist-humanist principles on which the modern is based, and without which Muslim countries' freedom will remain a distant dream."

Salman Rushdie in NYT 11-2001

"Hundreds of people can talk for one who can think, but thousands can think for one who can see."

"There is no wealth but life..."

That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings."

John Ruskin

Russell, Bertrand:

"I think the universe is all spots and bumps, without unity, without continuity, without coherence or orderliness or any of the other properties that governesses love...it consists of events, short, small and haphazard. Order, unity and continuity are human inventions, just as truly as are catalogues and encyclopaedias."

All who are not lunatics are agreed about certain things. That it is better to be alive than dead, better to be adequately fed than starved, better to be free than a slave."

"To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom."

That man is the product of causes which had no prevision of the end they were achieving; that his origin, his growth, his hopes and fears, his loves and his beliefs, are but the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms; that no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can preserve an individual life beyond the grave; that all the labors of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system, and that the whole temple of man's achievement must inevitably be buried beneath the debris of a universe in ruins—all these things, if not quite beyond dispute, are yet so nearly certain, that no philosophy which rejects them can hope to stand. Only within the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul's habitation henceforth be safely built.

"Neither a man nor a crowd nor a nation can be trusted to act humanely or to think sanely under the influence of a great fear."

"To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization..."

"...the reason why physics has ceased to look for causes is that, in fact, there are no such things."

"What I believe: p. 397 of Dawkins The God Delusion

"The average man would rather face death or torture than think."

Science is what you know. Philosophy is what you don't know.

"The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt."

"Collective fear stimulates herd instinct, and tends to produce ferocity toward those who are not regarded as members of the herd."

...do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric."

"A good notation has a subtlety and suggestiveness that makes it seem, at times, like a live teacher."

from What I Believe essay:

"I believe that when I die I shall rot, and nothing of my ego will survive. I am not young and I love life. ...Happiness is ... true happiness because it must come to an end.."

Bertrand Russell wrote in "What I believe:" (p. 348)

"The philosophy of nature is one thing, the philosophy of value is quite another. Nothing but harm can come of confusing them. What we think good, what we should like, has no bearing whatever upon what is, which is the question for the philosophy of nature."

end Bertrand Russell

"There is in great art a clairvoyance for which we have not yet found a name, and still less an explanation."

John Russell (via Shlain)

"The first patent for a nuclear weapon was issued in France in 1939. The moral of this story is that betting against human ingenuity is foolhardy, particularly when our future is at stake."

Stuart Russell

"The reason I fell in love with newspapers — the printed kind — was because of the great columnists of the New York City tabloids, whose bylines hit the sidewalks like anvils when the delivery trucks dropped their bundled papers off at newsstands overnight."

Jim Rutenberg, Breslin story

"A deconditioner is anything that temporarily or permanently suspends cultural conditioning in the mind, assumptions and delusions that filter out reality."

William Ruth on Salvia ...

"Arguing with rascists with conspiracy mindsets about science is a fairly fruitless endeavour, and exhausting."

Adam Rutherford.

"We haven't the money, so we have to think."

Ernest Rutherford

"It's not enough to be gifted. To be diligent. You have to be a little bit crazy.

It is not enough to be an extraordinary musician. You have to be crazy. You have to have the feeling that you cannot live without music."

"Bach provides a sense of order in a world of disorder."

"Don't hate. Hate is something that poisons your soul. Leave the revenge to God."

Zuzana Ruzickova

"The modern republic attempts to impose political equality on an economic inequality it has no way of alleviating."

Alan Ryan in Marx book

"I trust writers who know they aren't nice."

Kay Ryan, poet

"Freedom is the ability to buy what you want ..."

Paul Ryan