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# After all of this, Trump shouldn't have a chance at reelection

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*President Donald Trump in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington, May 13, 2020.(Doug Mills/The New York Times)*

President Donald Trump has made a very bad situation very much worse. With people dying Nationwide and the economy in a free fall, Trump should not have a ghost of a chance of winning re-election.

At some point, his die-hard supporters will be forced to recognize the undisputable facts. It is not “fake news.” It is not “deep state.” It is not a conspiracy. It is not the news media.

Trump mishandled, mismanaged and ignored the truth. In the process, he caused undeniable hardship for tens of thousands of Americans.

It is discomfoting to remember that the Dow Jones Industrial Average stood at 29,551 on Feb. 12, 2020, just about 90 days ago, when President Xi Jinping

of China finally told the world that the coronavirus outbreak “had to be taken seriously.” Around this time the World Health Organization declared a “Global Health Emergency.”

What did Trump do? He said, “We have it fully under control.” Warnings that he and his staff should have issued would have saved thousands of lives and likely prevented the worst of the current economic collapse. Facts were disregarded. Medical supplies were not stockpiled. Chaos followed.

The buck *does* stop at his desk. He ignored multiple warnings because he didn’t want to believe them — or maybe he just didn’t understand the reality that was presented to him.

Trump was still not worried on Feb. 27 when he said, “One day, like a miracle, it will disappear.” On March 7, Trump, with total bravado, held a party at Mar-a-Lago. He described the coronavirus as “a little fluke.”

Where are we today? Nearly 1.5 million coronavirus infections, just in the United States. Almost 90,000 people in the United States have died — many more than we lost in the Vietnam War.

In the meantime, Trump had been doing a daily television show — falsely called a briefing. Since its beginning, these televised sessions have been campaign pieces for Trump. What a farce.

The funny thing is that the more time he spends on TV, the lower he goes in the polls. No wonder his staff has been urging him to halt this travesty. The more he talks, the more Trump says something incredibly stupid. And his lying occurs as frequently as embers and sparks appear in a fire.

Just in the last month or so, he claimed “When somebody’s the president of the United State, the authority is total.” Quite a lie — or maybe he just never heard of the Constitution’s 10th Amendment. Maybe he never read any part of our Constitution.

He also told people to use an anti-malaria, anti-lupus drug to cure coronavirus — without serious support from the scientific community. The drug, called hydroxychloroquine, caused a number of heart attacks when Trump followers took it.

Trump suggested that we take a look at injecting disinfectants to cure the virus. And then he asked about using light as a potential cure. The next day he said he was trying to be sarcastic with a hostile reporter. Clearly, he was not joking. Just look at the video.

Now we have the coronavirus affecting members of the White House staff, and Donald Trump is still walking around without wearing a mask, clearly giving everyone the wrong message. But let’s face it. He is desperate to get the economy somewhat moving because, without it, he doesn’t have any chance in November.

With a somewhat better economy I still think he will be a former president in a few months. I think most of the voting public really does get it. November cannot come fast enough when, hopefully, the American people will prove that Donald Trump was the biggest mistake ever made in the United States.

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