

is the root of all evil? Can there be redemption without repentance?

We see the results of a spoiled pathological liar pursuing nothing but power and money all of his life. He has become a narcissistic sociopath without empathy or compassion. He has bragged of sexually assaulting women, been convicted of rape, bank fraud and now 34 felony counts of voter fraud. There are another 54 crimes charged that have been postponed because of political bias.

He would not have been elected were it not for this crime, the help of the Russians, and the policy breaches of the FBI which disclosed Hilary Clinton's investigation (which led to nothing) while withholding his own investigation.

While the president, his main policies were tax cuts for the 1 percent, elimination of President Obama's programs, and accelerating climate change. He eliminated all of the preparations to prevent and react to a pandemic, and when it came, after providing big pharma money to develop the vaccine, he did everything he could to spread the virus, with super-spreader events and discouraging masks and vaccinations.

As a result, he is directly responsible for hundreds of thousands of unnecessary lives lost to COVID.

The 2020 election was verified by Donald Trump's experts, as the fairest, with the least fraud, yet he claimed it was stolen and led an insurrection to prevent certification. Next time he'll eliminate democracy.

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ENOUGH WITH ASININE TAXES!

Twice a month I get a pay stub listing eight different taxes that are confiscated from my earnings before I can even buy a loaf of bread for my family. Yep, 27 percent of every dollar I work for goes to others who think they know how to spend my family's money better than me. How about the \$23 million per year Eugene Safety Tax that was rammed through without a vote of the people? How was "public safety" funded before this new tax and where is that 'old' money going now? PERS?

My boss is required to pay Lane Transit District tax on my earnings. Ac-

cording to the LTD website, for every fare dollar paid by LTD riders, taxpayers pay about \$23 just to cover the cost of each ride. It's asinine. I won't even mention the millions in damage inflicted on our streets by LTD buses that pay *nothing* for road repairs.

Nor will I mention my property tax bill listing 18 different taxes I pay under threat of confiscation of my home. Taxes increase every year without fail. Enough! I don't expect to pay zero taxes, but there needs to be a limit.

Now is the time to send a message. Be fair, equitable and inclusive about it. Vote no on all tax increases and tax extensions.

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THE UO CAVED

On May 25, Karl Scholz, president of the UO, signed an agreement with the pro-Palestine encampment. There are 23,000-plus students at the UO, and the lesson I read is that if a few hundred stomp their feet and yell, then the president will cave in to their "demands." It is an indictment on our higher education that these students are not addressing

even more severe humanitarian crises occurring in Yemen, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine. It's just easier to react emotionally to the news and to target hate against Israel and Jews. After all, the history is very complicated, and where is Yemen anyway?

The scary part is that this capitulation plays precisely into the overall strategy of radical Islamic extremism. George Washington University has a research program called Center on Extremism which offers insight into the goals of Hamas and other like-minded groups. It also clearly explains the difference between Islam as a religion and far-right radical Islamism i.e. Hamas, a defined terrorist organization.

The strategy is definitely an in-your-face one — insist that a University (or any entity) demand a cease-fire even though this is not under the jurisdiction of the organization, insist on displays of flags and other paraphernalia even when it's inappropriate, dictate the hummus menu and rename Johnson Hall to Alareer Hall, rest of UO be damned.

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