

### Who am !?

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# Why does this matter now?

### History

is power.

Fascist politics
thrives on
rewriting
history.

authoritarianism a cult of the leader promises national restoration humiliation by minorities masculine, violent response start as democratic parties

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We used to be great.



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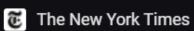
Us vs. Them.





"Science is only useful if it strengthens the nation."

### Unreality Umreality Unreality Unreality Umreality



#### 'They're Eating the Cats': Trump Repeats False Claim About Immigrants

Former President Donald J. Trump repeated a false and outlandish claim that Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, have abducted and eaten their neighbors'...

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#### get people used to lies.



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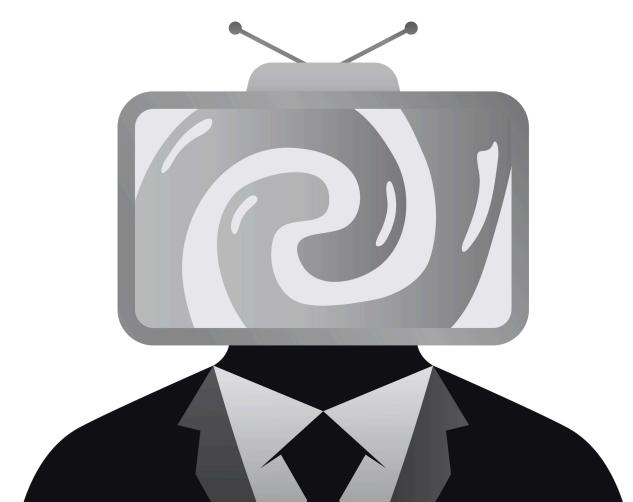
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equality is an attack.



Victimhood
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majority as the oppressed.



Law & Order Law & Order Law & Order Law & Order Law & Order

Loyalty = Lawfulness



gender panic to justify control.

Sodom & Gomorrah

Rural areas are
where "real"
Americans live and
work.



Arbeit Macht Frei Arbeit Macht Frei Arbeit Macht Frei Arbeit Macht Frei Arbeit Macht Frei

The worthy work, the unworthy perish.

# But what can you do for real?

### Do Not Obey in Advance.

Stop anticipatory obedience.

Stop self-policing research topics.

Stop pulling books from shelves.

Resist.

### Defend Institutions.

Fight for academic freedom.

Support teachers' unions.

Stand with universities.

Defend libraries, historical archives, newspapers, etc.

Take
Responsibility
for the Face of
the World.

Take Combat symbols of hate.

bility Challenge fascist language.

Analyze dog whistles.

### Investigate.

Teach students how to seek the truth.

Analyze primary sources.

Compare different news reports on the same event.

Assign research projects on misinformation.

Encourage skepticism, not cynicism.

## Be Kind to Our Language.

Expose political manipulation.

Teach students how words are weaponized.

Question how political rhetoric shapes reality.

"Classical education" is used to justify erasing feminist, LGBTQ+, and postcolonial perspectives.

# Make Eye Contact and Small Talk.

Build solidarity.

Encourage face-to-face discussions and debates.

Foster community.

Small acts of connection weaken propaganda.

# Be as Courageous as You Can.

Speak up while you still can.

The first restriction is never the last.

Silence = Complicity.

Support teachers & professors.

Support unions & democratic institutions.

Refuse to be silent.

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