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Occasional Virtual Soap Box

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GQP vs. John Donne.

The GQP ("Grand QAnon Party") is not just anti-democracy and pro-autocracy. It's also about selfishness. **Me. ME! ME!!**

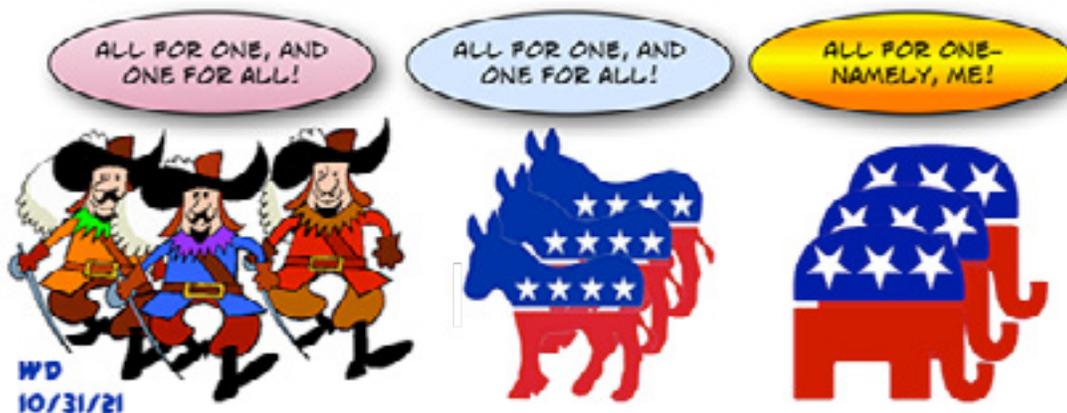
I'll go with John Donne:

No man is an island,
Entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less,
As well as if a promontory were:
As well as if a manor of thy friend's
Or of thine own were.

Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom
the bell tolls;

It tolls for thee.



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Editorial

Presuming, Projecting, and Pouting

Wayne Dickson

Three Ps.

There are the three *Ps* that we *Democrats* should always try to avoid, especially when we're dealing with each other.

Presuming.

Presuming often leads to *assuming*. And *assuming* means making an ass of you and me. Here's one of the ways it works:

Most Friday nights, person A meets at a wine tasting room with his spouse and friends to share a glass or two of wine and some appetizers before going their separate ways. Over the past 100 weeks, person A has suffered two mishaps at the tasting room. On one occasion he tripped on a chair leg while making his way toward his table. On another, he tipped over a glass of wine while reaching for the nachos.

Person B has been to this watering hole just twice. As it happens, those were Friday nights, and he witnessed both mishaps. "Ah ha!" he said to himself. Immediately, he wrote on *Facebook*, "Person A is a total lush. Every time I've seen him, he's been falling down drunk! Every single time!"

In reality Person A is not a lush. He hasn't been falling down drunk since his freshman year of college. When he tripped over the chair leg, he hadn't yet reached his table. He tipped over the glass of wine just after he sat down, before he'd had a single sip.

Don't presume. Don't assume. And don't open your yap via phone, email, or social media until you know what you're talking about.



Projecting.

I've written about projecting before (and will again!). Remember the definition?

Projection is the process of displacing one's feelings onto a different person.... The term is most commonly used to describe defensive projection—attributing one's own unacceptable urges to another. For example, if someone continuously bullies and ridicules a peer about his insecurities, the bully might be projecting his own struggle with self-esteem onto the other person. [*Psychology Today*.]

Extra Content

We're all unique, for better or worse!

- You perceive things many others don't. Many others perceive things you don't.
- You know things many others don't. Many others know things you don't.
- You feel things many others don't. Many others feel things you don't.
- You value things many others don't. Many others value things you don't.
- You care about things many others don't. Many others care about things you don't.
- You react in ways many others don't. Many others react in ways you don't.
- *Etc.*

So, again, don't presume!

Pouting.

Yes, I know that in *Garrison Keillor's Lake Woebegone* all the children are above average. But this isn't *Lake Woebegone*. Some of us might be above average in some ways. Most of us are average in most ways. All of us are below average in some ways.

Yes, I also know that "just 'cause you're paranoid, that doesn't mean they aren't out to get you." But most of the time, in most ways, no one's out to get us. Don't waste your life feeling aggrieved.

Epictetus, the Greek slave who became one of Rome's greatest Stoic philosophers (along

with the poet Seneca and the emperor Marcus Aurelius):

[Judge experience] by this: whether it concerns the things which are in our own control, or those which are not; and, if it concerns anything not in our control, be prepared to say that it is nothing to you.

Stephen Crane, the American journalist, fictionist, and poet:

A man said to the universe:
"Sir, I exist!"
"However," replied the universe,
"The fact has not created in me
A sense of obligation."

Emily Dickinson, American poet:

I'm Nobody! Who are you?
Are you – Nobody – too?
Then there's a pair of us!
Don't tell! they'd advertise – you know!

How dreary – to be – Somebody!
How public – like a Frog –
To tell one's name – the livelong June –

To an admiring Bog!



Feature

Why is Trump resisting turning over 1/6 documents? Guess!

John Wright and Raw Story October 29, 2021

AlterNet

Trump is trying to hide Jan. 6 docs because they are 'probably' incriminating: former GOP lawmaker



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Rep., Carlos Curbelo, who represented Florida in Congress from 2015 to 2019 and now serves as a political analyst for MSNBC, is one of two dozen Republican former lawmakers who signed a brief opposing Trump's lawsuit claiming the documents are protected by executive privilege.

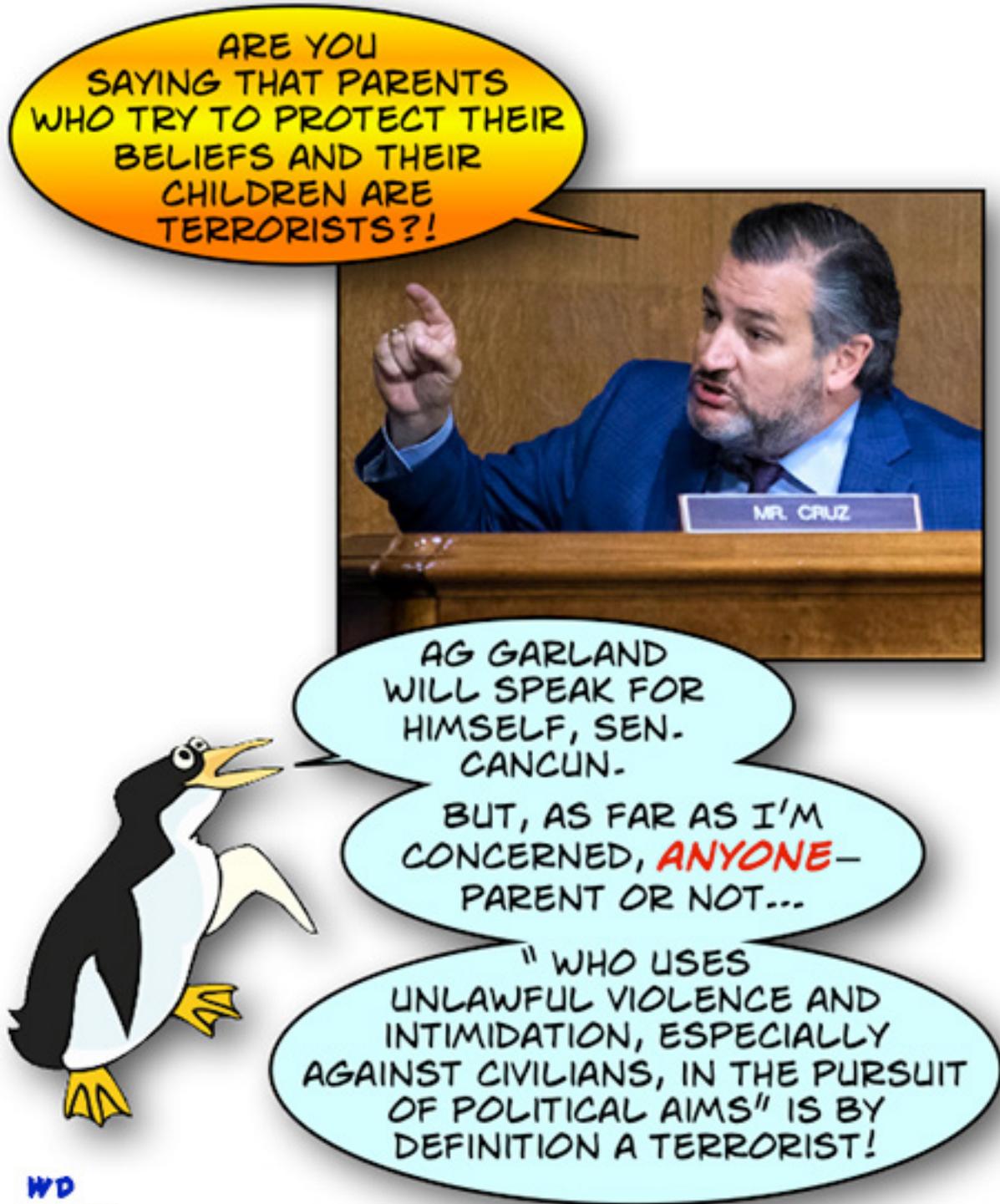
"The reason Donald Trump is claiming executive privilege is because he doesn't want people to

know the truth, because whatever is in those documents is surely embarrassing and probably indicting, so he doesn't want people to see it," Curbelo told *MSNBC's Deadline: White House* on Friday. "Plus, he probably thinks it will make it harder for him to run in 2024 if he ultimately decides to do that."

Cartoon/s

Cancun Ted

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Extra Content

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noun

a person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims: *four commercial aircraft were hijacked by terrorists* | *a suspected terrorist*.

Name	Parent?	Action	Terrorist?
Bin Laden	Y	Sponsored & financed 9/11 attack	Y
Sheik Khalid	Y	Planned 9/11 attack	Y
Donald Trump	Y	Sponsored & inspired 1/6 attempted insurrection	?
Mike Pence	Y	Intended victim of 1/6 attempted insurrection	?
Nancy Pelosi	Y	Intended victim of 1/6 violent insurrection	?

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**Ted Cruz embarrassed after
claiming Republicans don't
have private jets.**



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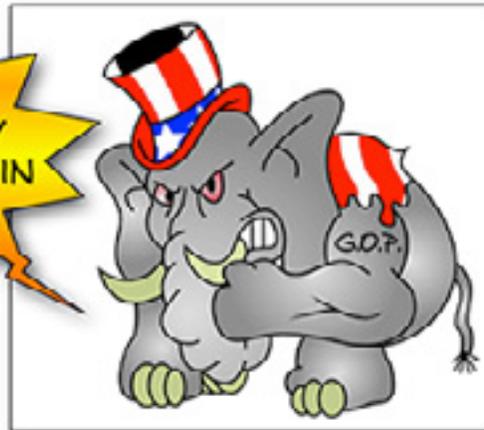
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Cause & Effect

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Feature

“My people are the best!”

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Donald Trump said he hired only the very best people. In saying this, as in almost everything else he's ever done, he was either lying, exhibiting exceptionally poor judgment, or both.

What follows is an excerpt from an **AlterNet** article on one of those wonderful people: John Eastman, the lawyer who developed the rationale behind the January 6th insurrection. You may recall that last week he **said in public** that the plan to overthrow the government he outlined in his notorious memo, and that Trump adopted and followed, was “crazy” and “not viable.” Then, a couple of days later, he was

caught on video by undercover reporter **Lauren Windsor** insisting that if Pence hadn't been so “spineless” it would have worked.

The image below shows him (dressed for a Wild West shoot-out) with Rudy. Trump was going to be late for his appearance at the “pre-coup pep rally,” so these two were asked to speak for awhile pending his arrival.

Rudy has already lost his license to practice law in *Washington DC* and *New York*. Let's hope that Eastman will soon join him in disbarment.

AlterNet

Scathing new report sheds light on the most shocking aspect of John Eastman's involvement in the Capitol riots

Meaghan Ellis • October 30, 2021



The report, written by *Washington Post* reporters Josh Dawsey, Jacqueline Alemany, Jon Swaine, and Emma Brown, explains how Eastman attempted to build a case to persuade former Vice President Mike Pence

to overturn the election. It has been revealed that “even as rioters overran the *Capitol* and a recalcitrant Pence was forced into hiding, Eastman emailed a Pence aide to actually blame Pence for the scene.”