

GOP's new slogan

In a video of a Trump rally, I saw a T-shirt that stated, "I'd rather be a Russian than a Democrat." Could this be the new slogan of the Republican Party? Their refusal to take any action against the Russians' continued interference in our electoral process demonstrates that it just might be. Why is that?

According to the Federal Election Commission, Donald Trump and the political action committees of several elected Republicans—Sens. John McCain, Mitch McConnell, Marco Rubio and Lindsey Graham, and Govs. Scott Walker and John Kasich—accepted \$7.35 million in contributions from Ukrainian-born oligarch Leonard "Len" Blavatnik's holding companies. Through business connections, Blavatnik has close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

During the 2015-16 election season, the top recipients from this foreign slush fund were McConnell, who raked in \$2.5 million, followed

by Rubio's \$1.5 million, Walker's \$1.1 million and Graham's \$800,000.

It was just a short 30 years ago that the Republican Party promoted itself as the "national security party," its members beating their chests with the American flag. Folklore has it that legendary delta blues guitarist Robert Johnson sold his soul to the devil to play the blues. Evidently the Republicans have sold theirs to stay in power.

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Note to fascists

In my letter dated Nov. 22, I made mention of at least two retired U.S. military generals—Gen. John Kelley, who referred to President Trump as "an idiot," and Gen. James Mattis, who said "Trump has the intellect of a fifth- or sixth-grader." Fast-forward one month, and both aforementioned former generals are now (or soon will be) former Trump cabinet members,

both basically resigning in protest of the chaotic Trump.

Would your fascist letter writers suggest that these two former war heroes should "just leave the country, and go somewhere that they like" just because they "hate America/Trump simply for disagreeing with his ridiculous, depression causing policies?"

At his victory rally in Las Vegas during the 2016 primaries, Trump stood on the stage and said, "I love the poorly educated." I've often wondered how many of the Chico News & Review letter writers were in attendance at the rally? Reading some of their right-wing posts/Trump tweets leaves room for a great deal of suspicion.

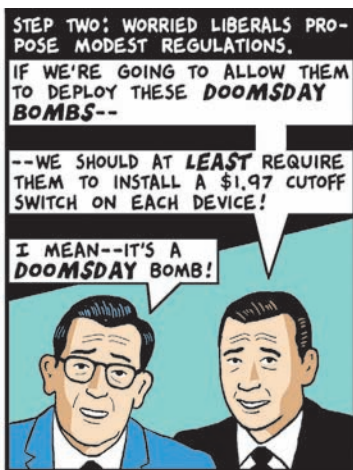
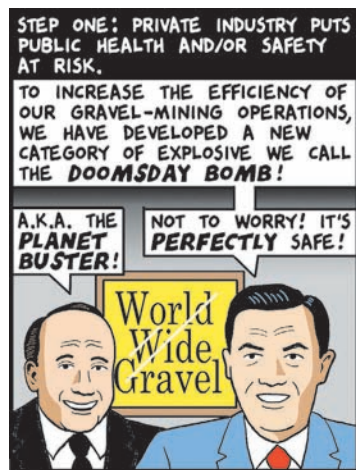
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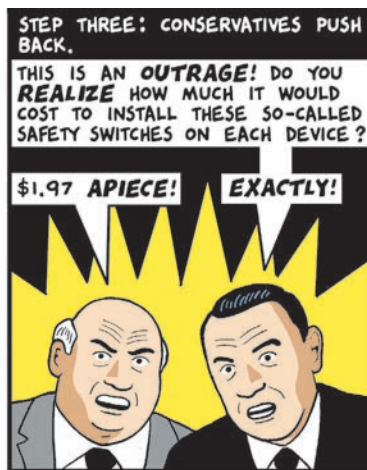
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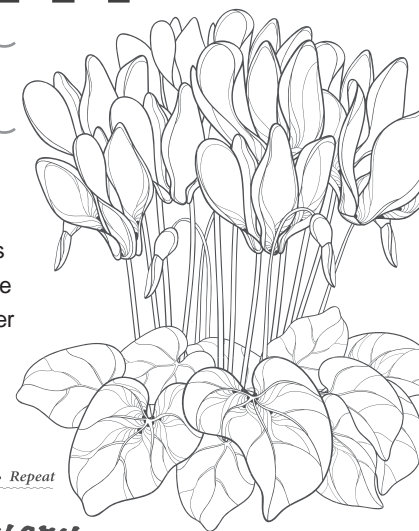
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