Trump's risky decisions

Re "Forever marred by 45" (Editorial, Oct. 10):

Nothing is more dangerous to a nation and the world than a leader who is determined to exercise power, yet hasn't the knowledge or the inclination to learn the job. President Trump began undermining the Iran agreement negotiated by President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry, which had effectively stopped Iran's nuclear program. U.S. allies had all been in accord with the agreement. Trump's withdrawal caused a destabilization in the region, which has continued to the present. Iran's attack on Saudi oil installations affects us all.

Trump's abandonment of the Kurds in Syria is the direct result of a phone call from Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Turkey's right-wing leader. Most of Trump's cabinet and former advisers opposed the abandonment of our Kurdish allies in the fight against ISIS.

It took eight long years for President Obama to restore Bush's fractured economy, and to stabilize the Middle East after Bush's senseless invasion of Iraq. When will we learn to elect leaders who have our nation's welfare and the world's stability at heart?

> **Robert Woods** Forest Ranch

Don't you love these Johnny-comelately so-called leaders? It took Bernie Sanders four months to endorse Hillary Clinton after losing the 2016 Democratic Party primary to her, and only then after some severe arm-twisting by President Obama.

Fast-forward to July 25, 2019. The current occupant of the Oval Office did an Academy Awardwinning impression of Bernie when he called former stand-up comedian Volodymyr Zelensky to supposedly congratulate him on being elected as president of Ukraine, three full months after the day Zelensky had been elected on April 21, 2019. This alibi came after Trump had admitted to arms for dirt on live TV that even his "poorly educated" supporters

have to be scratching their heads over.

When Trump recently ordered U.S. ground troops to cut and run in Syria, stabbing our Kurdish allies in the back to appease his beloved strongmen dictator sidekicks, Bashar al-Assad, Recep Tavvip Erdoğan and Vladimir Putin, he lowered the bar even by his standards.

How long will America tolerate this kind of intolerance?

> **Ray Estes** Redding

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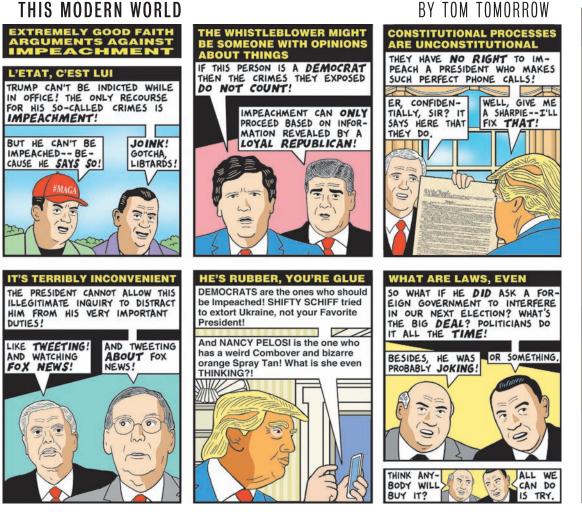
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