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“He Who Must Not Be Named”¹

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We are in for a rough four years, but if we learned anything over the last four years, it is that attacking Trump personally only strengthens him.

We must resist the urge to demonize him, however malignant he may be. We must attack what he does and not what he is.

We must focus on the impact of his “policies” and appointments on our economy, our system of governance, our defense, and Americans in general.

Deporting millions of immigrants and implementing tariffs is sure to explode inflation.

Repealing Obamacare (and don’t think that Republicans won’t succeed this time) will make insurance unaffordable for millions of Americans and allow insurance companies to deny insurance to people with preexisting conditions. Tens of thousands of Americans will die prematurely and needlessly.

Appointing a TV personality as Secretary of Defense will weaken our defenses and warm the cockles of autocrats around the world. Appointing a vaccine denier to head the Department of Health and Human Services will create a public health disaster.

Unproductive, unnecessary tax cuts to plutocrats will be funded by cutting or denying essential services to the needy and will explode the deficit in any case.

In short, he will overreach, as Republicans always do. If we work hard and avoid hominem attacks, 2026 will be a repeat of 2018.

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