

The Big Lie Sets Them Free

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Attorney General William Barr investigated Trump's claim that the 2020 election was stolen. He said, "I told him all this stuff was bulls*** about election fraud. And it was wrong to be shoveling it out the way his team was." Trump knows the truth. He tells the Big Lie because lying sets him free.

Take Trump's April 2 Michigan rally. Trump lost Michigan by 154,000 votes. He lost the country by 7 million votes. Trump denied reality by claiming "the election was rigged and stolen" and "we won by a lot."

When Trump-Republican congresswoman Lisa McClain spoke, we saw the truly liberating effect of lying, and it delighted Trump's crowd. McClain lied about having no wars under Trump, ignoring 114 American war dead in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria from 2017-20.

She lied about the economy. "Unemployment, 40 year high" she said, one day after the March jobs report showed 431,000 new jobs, dropping the unemployment rate to 3.6%, its lowest since the pandemic began. Biden has created 7.9 million jobs, more jobs in the first 14 months of any presidency ever. McClain invented the "alternative facts" she preferred with a bald-faced lie.

Then she pitted the awesome liberating power of the lie against the space-time continuum. McClain said Trump "caught Osama Bin Laden!" Sadly, no. Bin Laden was killed in 2011 on President Obama's order, while Trump was busy hosting "The Apprentice."

At his April 9 rally in Selma, NC, Trump called himself "the most honest human being, perhaps, that God ever created." The crowd laughed; they were in on the joke.

Trump-Republicans know the truth, but the Big Lie sets them free. It allows them to live in the land of their dreams, where Trump is emperor and his new clothes are splendid, indeed.

Trump-Republicans don't lie because they're ill-informed. They lie because they can't handle the truth.

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