

## The lies, distortions and abuse to come

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In a post to this site in response [to my comments on the assassination attempt on Trump](#) that I treated as spam and which did not, as a result, appear on the blog, this was said:

*Richard in your post on 28th June you stated that trump is*

*... a rapist, a fascist and an outright opponent of democracy who clearly wishes to dismantle the US*

*Do you still stand by these words?*

Of course I do, is my response.

Facts have not been altered by what happened to Trump over the weekend.

Trump has been found guilty of rape in a court of law.

He is widely and reasonably (in the literal sense of the word) considered to be a fascist.

And he unquestionably tried to overthrow the state on 6 January 2021.

He has also promised a bloodbath if he does not win this time.

We can already see how the attack on Trump by a person whose motives are not known is going to be used. Reports, already commonplace, are suggesting that the blame for this attack should be laid at the door of the Democrats in the US because they have pointed out facts of the sort I note above. The suggestion is that the Democrat's comment supposedly fermented the sentiment that gave rise to the assassination attempt, although we will never actually know as the culprit is now dead.

These claims by those on the Right are Goebbelian. The idea that the Democrats created hate by pointing out what Trump has actually done or is doing is absurd. Goebbels' advice was always to accuse your enemies of that which you were guilty of,

and I have no doubt that this is exactly what the Republicans in the US and the far-right here are doing. I am also sure that this will become ever more commonplace.

I will continue to say what I think to be true of Trump, as I will of others. No one can know what the price for doing so might be, but if we are forced into indifference or even silence for fear of the consequences of telling the truth, the price that we will pay will be very high indeed.

Fascism threatens us all.

We have to say so.