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Just a quick thought this morning.

Suppose you ran a newspaper.

Suppose your country faced the very real prospect of a fascist president.

Suppose there was an alternative candidate who might be far from ideal but was a very long way from being a fascist.

And suppose you had endorsed candidates in Presidential elections for decades.

But this time, you decide you really can't endorse either candidate. It's impossible, you say, to decide between them. So this time, you say you are going to sit it out.

That is what the Washington Post - the paper that delivered the Watergate investigation - is doing for this presidential election campaign. Apparently, it can't decide whether a fascist is such a bad thing, after all.

Really?

What to conclude? It is that the US is not sleepwalking into fascism. It is being led there by the willing, who are the powerful who see every advantage from having a fascist in office.

That happened in Germany. It is happening in the US. It could definitely happen here.

On which thought, I am heading out for a walk to enjoy a glorious autumn morning, not to escape this issue, but to wonder what we have to do to prevent this.