

# There is nothing to celebrate today

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I admit to waking up feeling tired, fatigued, and drained this morning. That's not normal for me. I am usually pretty good at starting the day and usually feel refreshed after the night.

This feeling may be entirely coincidental with it being Trump's inauguration day. I suspect it is. But if there was a day to feel low in energy, then this is it.

I have commented [in this morning's video](#) on the economic consequences of what Trump is likely to do, and that matters, of course. But it is only part of the story.

Trump's victory represents a win for a man driven insane, in my opinion, but his lust for power and self-preservation at untold cost to others.

It also represents the rise to power of others, similarly afflicted.

It is about the rise of a tyranny that will distort the truth to protect their wealth.

The price will be paid by the migrant who will be evicted, the child without access to medical care or education, the planet that will go unprotected, and the people in countries where debt payments due will rise because these people wish to inflate the value of the dollar, which is used to denominate the debts of so many of the poorest countries in the world.

It will be paid by those conned into buying useless and valueless Trump meme coins. Rarely, if ever, will a single person have so successfully ripped off those who he claims to be his supporters as Trump will do with these.

It will also be paid by everyone, everywhere, who suffers the rise of the far-right politician who literally seeks to tear apart the idea of society that is at the very heart of the human condition because, without it and our care for one another, whoever they might be, we cannot survive.

It will be a burden in times to come because this era will pass as all tyrannies do, but

the repercussions will take time to deal with if, as is the case with delay in tackling climate change, it is possible to do so.

It is about the harm to the sense of well-being of people everywhere who realise that their value is being deliberately diminished by a few who have used corporate power and wealth to deliberately harm them, which is what is going to happen.

This is not a day for the ordinary person; the working person, whose well-being will be made more precarious; women, whose rights will be abused; children, whose future will be prejudiced; the poor, whose interests will be ignored; the migrant, who will be threatened; the person who is not normal in the eyes of this administration, whose deviance from this administration's prescribed norm will put them at risk; the thinker, who will be threatened; the supporter of democracy, who will be oppressed; most people in other words.

Maybe I am right to feel drained. Maybe this is the beginning of a very difficult time in human history. Maybe it will take a long time to pass. I cannot tell for sure. No one can. But the sense that something very sinister and threatening is taking place is real. And it's right to react to that. This is, to be blunt, a bad day for the world, for humankind, people who care, and those who need the help of others. Those who will now govern the USA do not care. And that will harm us all.