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It has to be said that Trump lived up to expectations during his inauguration.

In this regard, I see him as being remarkably like Keir Starmer. I always expected Starmer to deliver nothing of any consequence, and that is exactly what he has done.

I always expected Trump to deliver a programme based on hate, disruption, distraction, and delivery of benefit for the ultra-wealthy at a cost to everyone else in the USA and beyond, and again, that is exactly what it seems that he plans to do.

I tried to persuade myself that I did not need to watch the inauguration, but then I felt it impossible to miss it, so I dual-screened (as I seem to do whenever I watch television these days), editing videos while watching what I am calling the [Age of Aggression](#) begin. I then listened to Trump confirm that it would be as bad as I had anticipated.

As expected, Trump has turned on migrants.

Also, as expected, he has turned on the LGBTQ+ population.

Refugees are a target, as they always seem to be for those on the far right who wish to pretend that they are hard when all that they actually reveal is their lack of concern for their fellow human beings.

Trade war is going to happen, but the details are unclear as yet. The associated tax commentary was unbelievably stupid.

War was effectively declared on Panama. So far, Canada and Greenland have been spared. But that is just a matter of time.

The Green New Deal was ended.

Climate destruction was promised. "Drill, baby, drill" is on the agenda.

Some truly mad religious rhetoric was used.

General George Patton - the US anti-semitic General who claimed he did not realise that

World War 2 was fought to de-Nazify Germany - was lauded.

In this Age of Aggression, any semblance of rationality was dispensed with. All Trump wants to do is save his own skin while simultaneously enriching those who are already exceptionally wealthy, including himself. In this process, what passes for policy is actually nothing of the sort. It is simply promoted as a distraction, put in place to deflect attention from Trump's true agenda, which is motivated by greed alone, coupled with a visceral hatred of all those who he thinks might stand in his way and that of his billionaire associates.

That said, however, it was impossible to ignore Biden and Harris watching on. That was their role because the Democrats dismally failed to differentiate themselves from billionaires. They also failed to deliver for ordinary people, who saw none of the benefits from the growth that Biden could claim that he had delivered. The suggestion that the Democrats abandoned working-class people is true, as it is also true for Labour in the UK.

The consequence is, as I have explained in today's video, that we are now entering the Age of Aggression, with neo-fascism on open display. This will replace the Age of Indifference that was created by a neoliberal elite to eliminate economic and political competition so that the priorities of the wealthy came to be seen as the normalised goals of society, however inappropriate that very obviously was. The Age of Aggression is what logically follows from that. Those supposed left-wingers who let this happen have a lot they can rightly be blamed for.

Now, we live in an era where political-economic corruption is writ large. A political era that has been deeply destructive for our well-being - because it was an Age of Indifference - is being replaced by one that is worse. We really are in a mess.