

Trump's war on the USA

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As the [Washington Post](#) noted yesterday:

President Donald Trump delivered a meandering address to an unprecedented gathering of the country's top military leaders, railing against his predecessor, celebrating tariffs and floating the idea of using American cities as a training ground for the military as he painted a picture of the U.S. under attack "from within."

They added:

Trump in recent months has lambasted blue cities and states as hotbeds of crime, but the speech at Marine Corps Base Quantico on Tuesday morning marked the first time he publicly directed military leaders to be "a major part" of fighting a "war from within" in cities such as San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Los Angeles.

Who did Trump describe as the "enemy within"? The far left was described as such.

Who did he say formed the far-left? He described the Democratic Party in this manner.

In other words, he assembled most of the hierarchy of US forces in one place to tell them that his mainstream political opponents - for whom many of those military personnel might vote - were the enemy within and that they must be ready for deployment on the streets of US cities to fight these people who have been (within the constraints of the US system of democracy) elected to office to serve the communities that they represent.

Trump did, in effect, declare war on democracy in the USA. Although there was little actual sign of any significant political difference between the Republicans and the Democrats in the USA before he arrived on the scene, the [Single Transferable Party](#) having effectively ruled the roost until then, he is now saying that US troops must fight Democrats on the streets of US cities because they are - despite their corporate backing and marked reluctance to back any candidate looking to do anything to shake the status quo - the enemy within.

To the extent that the Democrats are not willing to address the problems faced by ordinary Americans, I would agree that they do fail the people of the USA.

To the extent that they have, alongside the Republicans, been more than willing to represent the interests of corporate America above all else in the institutions of power in that country, I would agree that they are a massive impediment to political progress in that country.

To the extent that they have failed to hold back fascism, they have also failed, mainly by failing to articulate an alternative.

But let's be clear, all that this shows is that they are not the far-left, and that they are not a threat to the US in the way Trump describes.

There is, then, no case or issue for the US military to address, unless of course they are to become the instruments of the imposition of fascist power, which is very clearly what Trump and Hsgeth thought that this meeting of the US military hierarchy was all about, and which is what they were obviously demanding of them.

I think we can safely assume that those assembled were being monitored for their loyalty to Trump. Those entering into discussion on how to react to this demand will, no doubt, also be surveilled upon, and even now, the list of those to be culled from office is, I am sure, being prepared. The aim here, we can be sure, is to create a narrative that does describe the Democrats as the enemy within the USA to which those who will be commanded to fight them must be willing to subscribe. And no doubt, some will subscribe.

Trump is declaring war on the USA, and he is demanding that the USA's own military wage that war on their own people and their own choices of politicians. It is very hard to see what else this meeting was about.

In that case, is anyone pretending that the USA is not a fascist state any more? Surely, the days for pretence are over? The only questions left are those we must consider as a consequence.

Firstly, how do we adjust to this reality?

Secondly, how do we prevent this from happening here, meaning appeasement must cease, and preparation to defend our liberties must begin, [as I suggested yesterday](#)?

Thirdly, what narrative do we, and those who want to resist fascism now, build?

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