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IT IS TIME FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO DO SOMETHING...

After two very successful terms as the Democratic Governor of Arizona, Janet Napolitano, was succeeded in the same election won by President Obama in 2008, by one of the first “Tea Bagger” Republicans to slither forth onto the scene.

Her name was Jan Brewer – a true political wing-nut — who spoke of such things as totally fictitious severed heads being found in the desert and other imagined immigrant horrors.

The Governor also wagged her finger at the “little colored boy” Obama at the Phoenix airport as she *scolded* him coming off of Air Force One – in a showering of disrespect for what she believed to be an illegitimate President.

But she is probably best remembered for proposing that Republicans may have to use “2nd amendment remedies” — If they didn't get their way against the Democrats.

In other words — Go for your guns and start firing!

Fast forward to 2016.

I am most certainly a full-fledged, masochistic, political junkie, and I was actually watching the Trump speech live, when he made the statement about “second amendment” people possibly being able to stop Clinton's future actions.

I jumped up and screamed at the television – “Jan Brewer!”

So I myself instantly concluded that Trump was now calling for the possible assassination of Hillary Clinton at a political rally before a bunch of uneducated, easily manipulated lemmings – searching desperately for someone to punch, pound, or possibly shoot – to “Make America Great Again”!

And if I could quickly jump to that conclusion from Trump's words — then surely many twisted wing-nuts could obviously do the same – and change American history.

Trump was completely defended by both the NRA and Sean Hannity on Fox News. Whom I am sure will soon be working for him after he loses and starts his own “news” network with Ailes – possibly using Russian billionaire/mob money.

Trump's support of Putin and Russia is the *real* scandal.

In his recent Ryan/McCain endorsement speech — which looked like a hostage video — the only things that made the news were the soundbites of the actual endorsements of the two Republicans that he had snubbed previously.

But in that same speech – Trump also stated...

“Wouldn't it be great if we got along with Russia”.

As he went on to say that we could *both* defeat ISIS.

Trump wants America and Russia to run the world together!

His campaign manager is [connected to Russian interests](#) through his previous work for the Putin-backed Ex-President of the Ukraine. He has also worked for other [“strong men”](#).

Together they removed our defense of the Ukraine from a second Russian invasion out of the official GOP platform.

And our Republican leaders are *supporting* this man?

What if Hillary Clinton was doing this?

Fox News would go crazy... LOCK HER UP!

I am also in utter shock after recently reading the new book by David Cay Johnston - [“The Making of Donald Trump”](#).

Johnston has been doing investigative reporting on Trump for decades, and he has two entire storage lockers (literally) filled with files and facts. He's been sued by Trump in the past and Trump has always lost. Johnston's got the goods!

The total scope and scale of Trump's life of dishonesty, scams, dealings with the New York crime families, giving a free apartment in Trump Tower to a known drug trafficker, and multiple other scandals and sleaze not yet covered in the press is beyond amazing. Everyone needs to read this!

Johnston's new book also covers the Trump family's history of racial discrimination in their real-estate dealings as well as the fact that Donald Trump's father was in the KKK.

Can you imagine if we learned that Hillary Clinton's father was in the KKK? We would never hear the end of it!

Or – If Barack Obama's father was in the Black Panthers?

Obviously he most certainly would not be president today.

Johnston also reveals that Trump's grandfather got his financial start within the dignified business of brothels.

Although Trump has claimed in the past that he has a [“great relationship with the blacks”](#) (his words) – today he is only polling at [1% with African Americans](#) . Even [Mitt Romney got 6% of the African American vote in 2012](#) – and he was possibly the “whitest” candidate in American history – AND running against America's first black presidential candidate!

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BUT BACK TO TRUMP'S "2ND AMENDMENT" SPEECH...

With *this* Trump "brain fart" – it has been amusing to watch the different media channels and how those on the left lined up perfectly with it being an assassination threat and those on the right believing Trump simply meant it was recognizing the power of block voting by Second Amendment extremists.

But neither side is seeing the forest for the trees – AGAIN!.

The truth is – Donald Trump is *melting down* – And he is also obviously *quite insane* – [As I wrote back in May](#).

Trump is not a young man — He's never had to work this hard in his life — He is totally worn out — He knows he's losing — He's desperate — It's not fun anymore — And he's now crawling into a dark defeatist space – To rant and rage.

We are entering dangerous waters here.

He knows he's going to lose – So he's shooting for the stars.

And his perverted and distorted temperament will not allow him to be a "loser" – So now he's begun planting future conspiracy theories about the coming election being rigged.

In Pennsylvania this week he said that the only way he would lose the state is if Hillary Clinton cheated. And he asked his supporters to ["patrol" the polling places](#) in minority neighborhoods to make sure that everyone only voted once.

What could *possibly* go wrong with *that* scenario?

Clinton is currently ahead in the polls there by double digits.

When Trump loses – we will see conspiracy theories going on for decades about how he *really* won the election.

Trump follows conspiracy freak [Alex Jones](#) closely – and it's where he gets a lot of his "ideas" and "thoughts". Alex Jones is the man that still claims that the Newtown school killings never really happened and was a conspiracy by Obama to take everyone's guns away. [I'm not kidding](#). And Trump believes in this guy – and actually went on his [radio show](#).

A couple of weeks ago Eugene Robinson wrote a great piece in the [Washington Post](#) declaring that Donald Trump was indeed insane. Around the same time conservative [Republican Joe Scarborough](#) stated the same thing.

Scarborough also stated that he had spoken with a leading national security advisor who had met with Trump, and claimed that in his meeting, Trump had asked him *three times* [why we couldn't use nuclear weapons](#) if we were paying to have them built. This is *very scary stuff!*

AND NOW WE HAVE THIS...

For two recent days at multiple rallies, Trump has declared that [Obama and Clinton were the actual "founders of ISIS"](#).

On conservative Hugh Hewitt's radio show — Trump doubled down on the statement while Hewitt tried to direct him to the standard conservative answer that the creation of ISIS was caused by Obama's withdrawing of our troops (as he stuck

to the "Status of Forces" agreement previously signed by George W. Bush that the Iraqis would not renegotiate).

ISIS was actually a slowly evolving creation dating back to [Paul Bremer, Donald Rumsfeld, and Dick Cheney](#) – who after "winning" in Iraq, decided to kick out all of the members of Saddam Hussein's government and military – which were of course all of the people that knew how to fight and govern.

These ex-military Sunni leaders then took advantage of religious extremists as their *pawns* to wreak revenge on the West and the Shiites that now ran *their* old government.

These three riders of the Apocalypse basically turned Iraq over to Sunni extremists on one side, and Iran on the other.

But now – After a call to the "Principal's office" – Trump says that all of this was merely "*sarcasm*". Even after tripling down on the statements and having his surrogates go out to the news networks and defend this amazing bullshit. It's insane!

Keep in mind that fully [two thirds of Trump supporters](#) believe that Obama is a Muslim and not born in the United States – And now Trump is telling them to take "Second Amendment" actions against Hillary Clinton – As they are also being told that she is an evil traitor who "founded" ISIS!

This is *very dangerous* and irresponsible stuff folks.

The Republican Party needs to step in and fix this — Get Trump off the ticket — Write-off the election — But do *SOMETHING* to shut this guy down... For America!

The *BIG* problem – Is what to do about the enormous festering white cesspool of poorly educated Americans, bigots, and hate mongers – that has resulted from decades of GOP education cuts – the virus that is Fox News – endless anonymous emails – and right-wing radio.

The GOP nurtured and fed this monster for the past eight years with their redistricting of our country into pockets of stupidity and racial hatred. And it has now turned around – bitten them in the ass – and is taking them down fast.

And just wait for 2020 – When the traditional GOP will barely exist – And from *the far right* will come – [David Duke](#).

I believe 2016 will be an electoral landslide for Clinton.

But it needs to be a *MASSIVE* landslide in order to send a strong message to the world that America is *NOT* about hatred, bigotry, and idiocy.

America needs to take our dignity back from these heathens.

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Please note that an earlier version of this Grouse House Gazette had the mistaken statement that Rancher Cliven Bundy was from Arizona. I screwed up and forgot that he was actually from Nevada. So his part in the piece no longer made sense and was removed. Thanks to Gary Cascio of the great state of New Mexico for catching it! I feel like a complete idiot as [I even wrote about Bundy back in January!](#)