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THE INFINITE EMPTINESS OF TOTAL CONNECTIVITY

I have completely had it with so called “Social Media”.

Did you know that it is impossible to delete your Facebook account?

Oh... They say that you can delete it... As you chase around their website searching for the “delete” button... But you will never find it.

There are even multiple You Tube videos showing how to delete your account. But Facebook has changed their site to eliminate this option.

You *are* allowed to “deactivate” your account. So people can’t see it... But all of your data is still there. On Facebook... “You can checkout... but you can never leave” (with respect to Don Henley & The Eagles).

With the recent revelation of their important role in Russia and Trump’s winning of “our” Presidential Election... I am sure that thousands have been running for the door. But that door is now locked. There is no telephone number, customer service, or EMAIL help on Facebook.

Less members means a lower stock value... And since the Facebook “Terms of Service” states that *they* own all of your data and postings... They will most certainly be “using” these in the future. For whatever.

Brad Parscal... the “Social Media” guy with Trump’s 2016 campaign who was recently announced as the next campaign manager for 2020... Stated that in 2016 they had “communicated through Twitter but had won the election through Facebook”.

[The Trump campaign actually had people embedded within Facebook, Twitter, & Google](#) to help the campaign target individuals with advertising... probably with Russian help... to raise the hatred of Hillary Clinton so much that Sanders voters wouldn’t go out and vote... and they encouraged votes for Jill Stein by urging that “you wouldn’t be throwing your vote away”. And that’s how Russia and Trump won.

Sanders voters all assumed that Hillary would win and didn’t want to soil their purist progressive reputations by pulling the Hillary lever in a voting booth. “Don’t blame *me*... *I* didn’t vote for the bitch!”

If the Stein votes in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin had gone to Hillary... she would be president today. [And why was Jill Stein at the same Moscow dinner as Flynn?](#) “Progressive” my ass!

“Social Media” is a very dark world. And it is winning.

Teenage girls are committing suicide because of online bullying (which ironically is a first lady project for Melania Trump. Has she no shame?)

Terrorists regularly use these platforms to plan attacks all over the world... While others pass around photos of the meals they are eating.

And of course Donald Trump has elevated Twitter to a new instant total communication network that bypasses the traditional media and helps spread what is now calculated to be over [2,000 lies to America](#) in his first year in office. He is evil incarnate. With dictatorial ambitions.

“Social Media” today will near certainly be the end of our civilization.

There is no more truth. There is no more reality. Which is terrifying.

I haven't been on Facebook in nearly three years and I quit Twitter about three months ago as I figured out that almost all of the postings I was seeing following political statements by people I followed were most probably coming from Russia. The trolls are very easy to spot.

And people believe all of this shit. America is filled with idiots.

Which isn't surprising since Trump and Fox News have convinced the world that no other traditional media sources can be trusted. Just like Hitler did in Germany. Trump may not be Hitler... But he wants to be.

As *his* government build “camps” to hold Hispanics in the Southwest.

This is from Sec. 5. of [Trump's Executive Order on Border Security: Detention Facilities](#). (a) The Secretary shall take all appropriate action and allocate all legally available resources to immediately construct, operate, control, or establish contracts to construct, operate, or control facilities to detain aliens at or near the land border with Mexico.

I would love to be able to give up the internet entirely but my businesses rely on my web sites. And I do enjoy emails from friends and texts from family and B&B guests. But I refuse to continue to give up my data, thoughts, and opinions for these corporate tyrant's usage.

I encourage everyone to escape "Social Media" platforms. It isn't easy to quit but you can do it. And maybe try something *really* radical...

Like maybe picking up the phone and actually *TALKING* to a friend.

Give it a shot. It's the "human" thing to do.

And part of my leaving this world will be the end of any writing about politics. So many are already doing such a great job and I encourage everyone to subscribe... (Yes... *pay money*)... for digital subscriptions to The NY Times & The Washington Post. They are doing a great job as they lead the charge to bring down the totally insane, corrupt, sexual deviant, now running America with his strings firmly attached to Vladimir Putin and Russia. Putin has won and America is now his.

Many people have recently asked to quit receiving The Gazette... As they don't want to read or think about any of this anymore. People have given up. But I will continue the fight by working for change at the local level in the 2018 Congressional race. As we must *still* fight back.

I will miss The Gazette. And may still occasionally write about nature and music. But I've had it with adding to the digital political clutter.

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