

WHO'S TO BLAME? NOT ME!

I am not sure if President Donald Trump has ever lost control of his Republican party, but have no doubt that the GOP has over Trump – not only recently but also almost right from the start. And now owing to Trump this party is faced with a historical responsibility to pull the country away from a “national disaster”. How can the party succeed in something it is least prepared to do. To tell the truth, Trump has been awfully successful in his multiple political fights to the extent that this very stable genius no longer really cares. To begin with, not so many believed that he, burdened with a scandal-ridden past (just ask National Review) and refusal to make public his tax returns, could win the Republican presidential nomination and even defeat the Democrat candidate, a highly experienced Hillary Clinton, in the 2016 elections.

Mr. Trump has also survived miraculously two crucial trials. Last year, Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into alleged Russian interference in the 2016 elections came to no concrete conclusions– although there seemed to be sufficient “circumstantial evidences” that required further probe. In the same way, early this year, owing to the Republicans who hold a majority in the Senate, he escaped the impeachment threat posed by the Democrats at the House of Representatives. While doing its best to protect Trump, the Republican party has repeatedly shown a high level of unprincipled tolerance and compromise in the past three years. It has fully supported his immigration and border policies without any reserve. Trump has had many sabotaging attempts to undermine Obamacare – and no Republican representative or senator ever told him “Stop it”. Trump has also quickly implemented his tax cut measures at the expense of the national budget resulting in unprecedented huge fiscal deficit amid a booming economy.

Nobody in the Republican party has expressed any dismay over his very weird foreign relations policies as far as friends and foes are concerned. Obviously he has failed the tests of North Korea and Venezuela in an awkward way. And his trade war with his “best friend’s” China is a laughable victory because American buyers now have to pay higher for Chinese imports. But the president could be more foolish and thus more dangerous now!

Owing to the irresponsibly belated and poorly inadequate response to the coronavirus offensive, almost 90,000 Americans have been killed by this pandemic in the past two months and a half. The U.S. is now ranked the world’s number one among the countries with highest death tolls. Trump, who had remained ignorant of the COVID-19 threat until early March, still stubbornly alleges that the death toll as reported was “highly inflated” and that he has saved “millions of American lives” with the decision to ban travel from China. He has repeatedly said “No” when asked if he felt any responsibility for these deaths. That’s the reason why he has never shown any sorrow for the dead and empathy for tens of millions of at-risks seniors.

Instead, not long ago he kept promoting the “miracle cure” of hydroxychloroquine, and even spent about 20 million dollars of the budget to buy this unproven drug. When the CDC officially warned that this unproven drug not only did not help but also could kill, he suggested that injection of disinfectants like Lysol could also help those with COVID-19!

It is no secret that Trump’s only thing in mind is his re-election bid. He understands that the COVID-19 and its consequential economic and social lock-down will dump all his campaign efforts. He has tirelessly suggested some dates when the pandemic would reach the “peak”, only to see his death targets being surpassed easily and quickly, from 60,000 to 75,000 to 90,000. Only crazy people could believe his wishful numbers.

Therefore, everything he acts or says is aimed at putting the blame of coronavirus on anyone else (China, Obama, CDC...) but him, and playing down the severity of COVID-19 (it will disappear after the election) to enforce the reopening of the country at any cost, "with or without vaccine". It is said that the coronavirus can pose some real mental problems for certain people, especially the older ones. People can be more nervous, depressed, desperate, lonely, angry, crazy and nonsensical. The president will be 74 in a couple of week. He is old, depressed, angry, desperate, and even lonely. He really does not know what to do. That's why he invented the Obamagate, threatened to cut all ties with China ("we can save 500 billions dollars" a year), ousted the general inspector of the State Department (Steve Linick), and along with his son began reosrting to dark tactics to blemish Joe Biden.

He seems ready to say anything but any remedy to the coronavirus that he does not have. Meanwhile, scientific observers fear that the COVID-19 may swell in a second and much more deadly wave later this year when the country preoccupied with the Trump-incited reopening will be least prepared for this. Trump seems to gamble on something impossible: the election will be five months and a half ahead, without understanding that his time is enough for the uncontrolled coronavirus to become uncontrollable.

So the question is: Who's to blame?

The culprit would say, as usual: Not me!