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Dear friends of democracy, following the assassination attempt July 15, it is again stridently clear how prone the Republican elite are to weaponize any and every event with a fabricated narrative intended to demonize their political opponent – Joe Biden and his Party.

With so much being hastily posted in the media frenzy that is our current culture, I would like to simply point to two post that I find particularly fitting.

- 1) **Rick Wilson** on how the tragedy in this shooting is not just the fatal death resulting from it, but also the culture of lost souls in America who find their fulfillment in violent acts of carnage. He also points to the nature of aggression as a reflex against vulnerability, thusly the sociopathic similarities between the assassin and the assassin's target. ([The Lost Boy Assassin and the Martyr Trump](#))
- 2) **Heather Cox Richardson** in an Interview with Secretary of State Antony Blinken: "*Dehumanization is the most potent poison in the common well we all drink from*" he states. "*When we fail to see the humanity in others, the heart hardens and things become possible that we never would have conceived possible.*" (https://heathercoxrichardson.substack.com/p/american-conversations-secretary-595?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email-restack-comment&r=2e62zh&triedRedirect=true)

The latter speaks to a spirit and set of values that have defined us as a nation since WW-1. The world has come to count on us as a partner, for inspiration and leadership. Anthony Blinken is an eloquent representative of this role we have held, even through major upheavals: the civil rights movement, the assassination of Kennedy, the Vietnam war, the Iraq war, and yes - also the first term of DT. The role of a presidency and his administration requires adults at the table, not raving fanatics. It requires reason, jurisprudence and respect. Are those qualities you hear coming out of the Republican camp? Ask yourselves, what are the principles we want to identify ourselves with as a nation?

Thank you for reading...

Let me know if you are already privy to these posts I have noted.

If not, then I am glad to share them. If yes, then share them and let me know what else you find important.

In the words of Joyce Vance,

"We are in this together," and the worse it gets, the more we need each other.

Sincerely,

Paul Kustermann, July 16th, 2024

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With best wishes from Berlin
Paul Kustermann