

Donald J. Trump and the Shooting of Americans on Fifth Avenue

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On January 23, 2016 candidate Donald Trump said:

"I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose voters."

The last year of the Obama administration, there were 4,720 hate crimes against persons in the US. Trump assumed the office of the President in 2017 and that year the number rose to 5,084 hate crimes. In 2018 there were **5,566 hate crimes** (FBI Hate Crimes Statistics in US).

Trump has been cozying up to the Russians since before his election. In June 2020 we learned that Putin has been paying bounties of up to \$100,000 to Taliban fighters to target US soldiers. Trump was informed of this and did nothing about it. **Twenty US soldiers** are believed to have been killed under the Russian Bounty Program.

As a gift to the authoritarian leader of Turkey, Trump pulled US troops out of a section of Syria allowing the Turks to slaughter **more than 200 of our trusted allies, the Kurds** (Ben Hubbard and Eric Schmitt, *As Kurds Tracked ISIS Leader, U.S. Withdrawal Threw Raid Into Turmoil*, *New York Times*, Oct 28, 2019).

As of July 31st 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic has killed **150,054 Americans**. Trump has abandoned much of the Federal coordination of the pandemic and left most of it for the States to pick up. He disagreed with the advice of his own medical teams and actively sought to silence them. He organized political rallies without physical distancing and encouraged people to not use facemasks, told them to get back to work, and to go to church. He promoted the use of drugs that are harmful to COVID-19 patients, suggested people ingest disinfectants and insert ultraviolet lights into their bodies, and falsely reported that the pandemic is going to end soon.

How many tens of thousands of Americans have died unnecessarily because of Donald J. Trump?
How many more will die because of his mismanagement of the pandemic?

Will Trump be held accountable for these tens of thousands of deaths?

And will Trump lose any voters because of it?

