

Impeachment and climate change—two of the things most of us have heard a lot about these past few weeks, in particular. Nothing in common? In fact, they are linked in more ways than one might think. Both, in the first place, are, in great part the result of burying our heads in the sand and refusing to think beyond our immediate wants. And, it might seem odd to some that the same people who have given Donald Trump a pass on all kinds of bad behavior—much of it impeachable—are, in large part, the same folks who refuse to recognize the peril of the planet due to the warming of our Earth.

It doesn't seem strange at all to me. If we believe only what we want to believe, i.e. that Mother Earth is not in danger and that abortion, gun restrictions, gay rights, religious diversity, racial equality, health care for all of us, and narrowing of the gap between rich and poor are evils to be avoided, it explains why a lot of uninformed folks see impeachment of the current occupant of the White House as wrong. And, sadly, a lot of Americans are in this group, relying on their hard line "one-issue" politics to determine the stands they take.

So, they tolerate and make excuses for a person in the White House who has not the least speck of civility in his make up, a person who demonizes anyone who does not give him absolute loyalty regardless of his actions, a man who is neither intellectually nor morally fit for the highest office in the land—in fact, a person who shows signs of either dementia or mental illness.

Donald Trump absolutely deserves impeachment. He also, though, should then have a real trial in the Senate, not a sham procedure that makes a mockery of the provision in the Constitution. And Donald Trump should have to appear, as well as his associates, and they should be required to explain their actions to the Senate and to the American people.

Will this happen? I doubt it very much. And will the United States continue to be a rogue nation that refuses to take the vital steps to give us at least a chance to lessen the effects of climate change? As long as Donald Trump is President, our country will remain, in many respects, an outlaw in the eyes of the rest of the world. Do we deserve it? If we don't remove Donald Trump from office, either by trial or by the electoral process, and if we don't follow that necessary action by real reforms in the areas of climate and human rights, we most certainly deserve the designation as an unprincipled, uninformed, and uncaring land.