

I would guess that I would disagree with the legislative positions of Rep. Liz Cheney about ninety per cent of the time. But, still, she is, in my estimation, one of the most impressive public figure in the country at this time. And yet, it is strange that honesty and straight truth talking have to be considered extraordinary. Isn't this the way we should all conduct ourselves?

That was the assumption for most of the years of my existence on this beleaguered planet. But, that was before the era of Donald Trump, when many people abandoned truth for "alternate truths," meaning whatever one wanted it to be. And since that time, the spineless Republican Party has adopted this unethical system of belief (though it is doubtful if even most of them actually believe what they profess) nearly universally.

That is why Liz Cheney and a few other Republicans in Congress have been ostracized by most of their fellow GOP politicians. She, and a few more, have continued to speak the truth even after it was considered at first to be optional, and more recently, in bad form and totally unacceptable.

Anyone who has any regard at all for this country of ours should consider it their civic responsibility to watch, listen to, or read transcripts of the Congressional hearings that are investigating the January 6, 2021 attempt to destroy the rule of law and the system of government in the United States by means of a coup.

The Congressional committee conducting these hearings has already provided powerful testimony from many sources, including some within the Trump administration, making it clear that Trump had been told by his own people that his claims of a "stolen election" were bogus and that he had, indeed, lost the Presidential Election of 2020. But, he determined that he would, at all costs, retain the Presidency.

Read a little history. This is not how the United States of America is supposed to work. A peaceful transition from one administration to the next is a hallmark of our country. Never, even in the most fractious times, has a defeated President attempted to defy the Constitution and the rule of law that has governed our leaders' behavior for over two hundred years.

Donald Trump knew he lost the election. If you are reading this, and you do not know that he lost the election, you have not been doing any fact checking. The wacky conspiracy theories that abound on the internet are not based on truth. Remember that word? That is what we used to think we should use to guide our political lives—with facts, not with goofball disproven theories.

Follow the Congressional hearings. It is the responsibility of all of us if we want to call ourselves American citizens.