

What Donald Trump and Elon Musk are doing to this country is reprehensible, cruel, stupid, and disastrous. What they are now doing to the rest of the world is worse. I do not believe that most Americans want to see Ukraine abandoned, I don't think most of us are in favor of our country taking over other nations' possessions—whether the Panama Canal, Greenland, or Gaza. I doubt if American farmers are happy that all the grain and other food products they were selling, used in U.S.A.I.D. programs are no longer wanted. I suspect that most Americans would like to have a Department of Education. I doubt if most of us believe that firing those people charged with “watchdog” duties—the various Inspectors General—were fair targets for Trump and Musk's games. I think giving another huge tax break to the wealthiest people in the country while Medicaid is cut and Head Start eliminated might not be the most popular program Trump could come up with.

When we drive by homes of people we thought were ordinary, good-willed members of society and see the Trump sign or flag, I no longer think they must have been victims of the old mantra: “My family always voted Republican, so I do.” No, now, after what Trump and Musk are doing, I believe that we must look for another explanation, one that is much less innocent. Anyone who has voted for Trump and still supports his ideas is, in my opinion, cruel, bigoted, racist, and vicious—plus very short-sighted.

Call your Congressman every day and express your outrage. If you are in our district, John Moolenaar is supposedly representing us. His Washington office number is 202-225-3561. His Clare office number is 989-802-6040.