

When I look at our desk, I see what I first think is chaos. Then, I reconsider and decide that, although there may be some surface disorder, the issues that are important and many that are just useful—if not absolutely necessary—are well taken care of. Bills are paid in an regular fashion, correspondence is kept relatively up to date even through this busy lambing and shearing season, necessary papers are where I can locate them even if it might take a few minutes.

The result of too much to do plus a more than average tolerance for an untidy desk appearance makes our “communications center” seem a little overly casual. This is not chaos.

Chaos is the Trump administration. He should have an almost unlimited supply of people who are qualified—both by experience and by temperament—to advise him on any issue one might name. This valued system is available to any President of the United States. But, when a person who attains that high office with limited ability chooses advisers who are incompetent, corrupt, or not suited for their positions, and when that President won’t take the advice of another person in any case, it is quite predictable that chaos would be the result.

What Trump is doing inside our country is unforgivable. What he is doing to our position in the world and to the rest of the nations with whom our fate is intertwined, is equally despicable. He has built his wall, for sure, but not the one he bragged about for so many years—to keep migrants out. Instead, he has now walled all of us in so that few people have any desire to come here as tourists, foreign students—an invaluable source of talents that have benefited all of us for decades—or as new citizens that keep a country vibrant and strong.

Trump is, of course a criminal, convicted of crimes by a jury of ordinary citizens. He was also indicted for several other crimes against the United States. He has cozied up to dictators and has denigrated allies. He has threatened other countries, including some of our best friends, with taking their territory. How could voters have expected anything different from this person?

There should have been a Senate trial in 2020 following the second impeachment of this corrupt and incompetent President. I wonder how Mitch McConnell sleeps at night, knowing he could have prevented the chaos that now dominates our country.