

Authority Derangement Syndrome

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Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) has taken a huge toll on America. One doesn't need to be a Trump supporter to see it.

One only needs to read *The Atlantic*.

There are days when nearly every article ballyhooed in the rag's promotional email is about how awful the president is.

I'm not saying Trump's great. I just think that, even if quite bad, Trump should not be *relentlessly and consistently* despised.

But it's not really just about Trump. *The Atlantic* was once a liberal journal. No more. Now it is relentlessly *progressive*.

Take a recent article on Georgia Governor Brian Kemp.

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"The governor has demonstrated a willingness to defer to the president instead of his own constituents," writes Amanda Mull, in "America's Authoritarian Governor," begging the question of which constituents.

Who are, last I checked, not in total agreement.



Ms. Mull goes on to say that Kemp's deference to Trump (TDS Alert) sacrifices — yes, she uses the word "sacrifice" — "Georgians' safety to snipe at his political foes, and shore up his own power at the expense of democracy. In short, Kemp is a wannabe authoritarian, and millions of Georgians have suffered as a result, with no end in sight."

But how is Kemp an "authoritarian"? Mull objects to the governor not shutting down commerce quickly enough, hard enough, thoroughly enough, according to the scientists she regards as . . . *authorities*.

Though epidemiologists are *not* of one mind on how to deal with the current contagion, somehow politicians who reject the advice of *her* "authorities" *they* are "the authoritarians."

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Deranged.

Yes. But it's worse than mere TDS.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.