

Right at the Top of the Stairs

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"I'm appalled by the choice that we have been delivered," political humorist P.J. O'Rourke told *Reason TV* last week, referring to the two major-party presidential nominees.

"Biden's campaign platform is 564 pages long. It promises everything to everybody," bemoans the 72-year-old author of a new book of essays, *A Cry from the Far Middle: Dispatches from a Divided Land*. "It's full of unicorns and flying ponies and candy-flavored rainbows and pixie dust."

As for President Trump, "I think we're done with this experiment of having the inmates run



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the asylum," O'Rourke jabs, calling Trump a "dangerous and unpredictable man" and "rude."

"It isn't so much exactly what Trump has done," admits the comedic writer, who while panning Trump's immigration policies, lauded his

lowering of corporate tax rates and his raising of "awareness that China is not our friend."

Instead, O'Rourke argues "it's a matter of what [Trump] can do" in a second term, calling him "a toddler at the top of the stairs."

Speaking of . . . P.J. turned back to the Democratic ticket: "They seem to be wrong, all wrong, quite wrong, about everything."

He's not wrong.

"But" of Biden and Harris, O'Rourke contends they are "wrong between normal parameters of wrong." Adding that, "There's wrong and there's damn wrong." Meaning Trump is "damn wrong."

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And Mr. Trump is the first president in two decades not to drag the U.S. into a regime change war.

"Wrong on everything" or "a toddler at the top of the stairs"?

This P.J. thinks the better choice is Common Sense.