



Don't Kill Yourself

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As Donald Trump appeared to be winning last night, the number of Twitterers who proclaimed a hankering or a design to kill themselves rose dramatically. Michael Malice and others [found humor](#) in it, but it's a super-saddening development, if you ask me.

These Kamala Harris voters are not *really* going to kill themselves. It is just something to say on Twitter.

I really hope I'm not wrong about this.

I'll leave to others the counsel of life. That is the job of friends and family and emergency hotline dispatchers. My counsel is different: talking about suicide because your candidate lost is *undemocratic*. If the authoritarian

pronouncements of both major candidates alarmed you about the danger of anti-democratic trend, this fad should raise the alarm several decibels.

The whole point of democracy is to allow a transition of power *sans* bloodshed. And that requires both contenders and supporters not to shed each other's blood ... or their own. When they fail.

It's a requirement. Not to over-react.

The losers have to accept the loss, and the winners have to refrain from using the state to punish the losers further.

It's sort of that simple.

Resignation is key, as scientist Lawrence M. Krauss (@LKrauss1) [indicated](#): "Going to bed, reasonably resigned to Trump win at this point as it seemed to me from a distance for some time. He may be a nut, a liar, and a crook, but the bright side is a likely boost free speech and due process at unis and bump in tech sector, if we survive the rest."

We will survive. If Trump wins the Electoral Vote (I'm going to bed, too, before a final determination), or if Harris does.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.