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## “The Same Lunatics”

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Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump characterized a subset of federal government employees as “scum.”

While some pearls will no doubt be clutched out there among the Big Government fan base, he’s not wrong.

On Truth Social the president wrote: “I just called the mother of Ross William Ulbright to let her know that in honor of her and the Libertarian Movement, which supported me so strongly, it was my pleasure to have just signed a full and unconditional pardon of her son, Ross.”

This pardon, which readers of This Is Common Sense have

certainly [heard](#) about [before](#), was a long time coming. Ross Ulbright had been [sentenced](#) for establishing and running The Silk Road, a Dark Web marketplace, way back in 2015.

Interestingly, Trump pardoned Ross, as he put it, in honor of Ross’s mother and friends—chiefly libertarians, specifically in the Libertarian Party. This may be the most significant thing the Libertarian Party has accomplished in years: a man is free.

Then [we read](#) the killer sentence: “The scum that worked to convict him were some of the same lunatics who were involved in the modern day weaponization of government against me.” While Trump defined the pardon as a matter of honor, the most important point may be who he is *dishonoring*.

But of Ross’s [plight](#), Trump wrote, “He was given two life sentences, plus 40 years. Ridiculous!”

Yes, ridiculous. [Overkill](#). The inhabitants of permanent government were trying to send a message: they would not allow commerce outside the scope of their moderation and oversight.

Trump now sends a different message. He knows what his enemies are.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.