

TRUMP'S DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT IS PERSONAL

I wanted to put up a longer post this morning addressing last night's stream of Hatch Act violations and nepotistic displays ignored by criminal hypocrites passing for the GOP political party's convention.

Unfortunately I have to be away from the desk for much of this morning, sorry. Feel free to use this open thread to share your observations about RNCC 2020: WTF Round 2.

While you have at it without me I'm meeting with my elderly parents. My father has had some recent health events which have been under observation, aren't getting better, and may need surgery.

The problem is the speed with which an elderly person with two residences – one in Florida, one in Michigan – can get the care they need during a pandemic if their health records are spread across north and south.

The physician who saw him yesterday wants records but they're at a different location.

"Don't mail them, whatever you have your care provider do," they told my parents.

Now they have to wait for records in Florida, a state which is still wrestling with COVID-19 cases, to be sent to Michigan. Will they be transferred promptly and securely to this new physician in Michigan, where sorting machines have been removed and service slowed? Who knows?

My folks have been able to rely on mail to ship records back and forth for decades between residences, knowing they would arrive securely in a reasonable period of time.

But it's not like it's a cancer drug or insulin or some other medical resource needed

expeditiously, one might think.

Imagine, though, it's records of a heart ailment. Or a brain lesion. Or some other threat to health which if not treated appropriately might result in disability or death.

I won't get any more specific but that's what's in these records which need to be shared between two entirely different, unconnected hospital systems.

U.S. Postal Service handling these records would have been just fine until this summer when Louis DeJoy took over as Postmaster General.

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There's an upside to this mess. It's not much in that it won't assure my dad's health will improve.

But Donald Trump's criminality and general fucked-up-edness has cost him two conservative voters.

My mother is FURIOUS about Trump. RABID. She makes me look like a goddamn fluffy kitten about Trump.

And this bullshit about COVID-19 being out of control was the capper for her. She's a retired health care professional who knows all of this could have been prevented by one man had he done the job he was supposed to do.

Now, with this distrust of the mail system, at a time when she needs it most? Mom is LIVID.

I don't dare discuss it with my dad because of his health.

I don't dare get into detail with Mom about Trump because my god, her blood pressure.

If something worse should happen to my dad because of Trump's screwing with government services we need, I wouldn't put it past her to sue the ever-living fuck out of Trump appointees.

And I will help her, gladly. It'll be the first time we've agreed on politics most of my adult lifetime.

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This is supposed to be a government of, by, and for the people. Not for banksters, not for cronies, not for foreign adversaries who've compromised elements of our leadership.

It's time to take it back to save our own lives.

It's time to do it for the memory of 178,410 COVID-19 victims our country has lost as of this morning because of Trump.

Again, this is an open thread.