

# **MICHAEL SHEAR AND REID EPSTEIN FEIGN STUPIDITY ABOUT TRUMP'S DECADE-LONG PITCH FOR AUTHORITARIANISM**

In 2020, Joe Biden, a member of the Silent Generation, offered a defense of democracy as democracy, which was enough for people who remember fascism and actual communism. In an era when many have forgotten that history and lost faith in democracy, GenX Kamala Harris has to do something more: She has to sell democracy, which Trump has been discrediting for a decade, itself.

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## **THREE THINGS: SO MUCH STUPID**

Open thread because we need a place to discuss so much stupid going on.

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## **OLIGARCHY HAS ARRIVED. CONGRESS MUST TAKE NOTICE — AND ACT!**

In this guest post: an innovative tax-the-rich proposal now before lawmakers would reverse the

wealth concentration that's suffocating our  
democracy

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## **LET'S GIVE 'EM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT: COOKED, HOOKED, MOOKED**

Trump liable and on the hook for \$5 million;  
Santos' goose may be cooked by the feds;  
McCarthy's mooked us by threatening the economy.  
What else should we talk about?

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## **THREE THINGS: CRYING ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK**

I hate feeling like Cassandra. Did we not learn  
anything from the 2008 crash? Or the decade-long  
savings and loan crises?

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## **IT'S YOUR ECONOMY, STUPID GOPR**

Yet another Trumpy GOP candidate exposing his  
ignorance about the state's economy while  
punching down. Arizona, don't inflict this on  
yourself.

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## **THE FED PREPARES TO SCREW WORKING PEOPLE AGAIN**

The evidence doesn't support hurting workers to hike interest rates.

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## **THREE THINGS: POURING CEMENT DOWN THE WELLS**

There's no going back to the toxic avoidance of disruption. Change has come whether we like it or not – fossil fuel industries are finally feeling it.

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## **SOFT-HANDED ACADEMIC DUDES AND MINIMUM WAGE FAST FOOD: WHAT COULD GO WRONG?**

Why would any food service or retail employer think for a moment that minimum wage workers would be beating down the doors to come back to more of the same if their health and their lives had been and could be again at risk, for an absurdly low wage?

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# **GOODBYE, AMERICAN DREAM: THE UNAFFORDABILITY OF AMERICAN LIFE**

Speculation, the high cost of secondary education, and long-stagnant wages put the American Dream out of reach for millions of young people. Canceling \$50,000 student debt would be a good starting point to fix this mess.