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Thanks, Daniel. The use of anaphora is really effective here. —Jeff

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This madman should scare the hell out of us

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TEXT BODY:

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It's finally time for us Americans to wake up to something  
that has long been obvious to even casual observers in other  
countries.

We are being governed by a madman:

- A madman who believes he has absolute power to act  
out his wildest impulses regardless of our own laws or  
international law.

11 • A madman who will stop at nothing to expand and  
12 cement his power over all aspects of American life, and over  
13 other countries he perceives as weak or contrary to American  
14 interests — which, in his mind, are indistinguishable from his  
15 own personal interests.

16 • A madman whose entire raison d'être is to punish  
17 anyone who refuses to acquiesce to his lies about the 2020  
18 election, about the nonexistence of climate change, or about his  
19 own infallibility.

20 • A madman who lies habitually and who bullies his  
21 entire party and the entire federal workforce to repeat and  
22 amplify his lies.

23 • A madman with complete ignorance of and contempt  
24 for science, for history, and for customs and traditions that have  
25 governed sane people for centuries.

26 • A madman who has unleashed a massive federal  
27 police force to round up and detain or deport millions of non-  
28 white people who contribute critically to our economy, not to  
29 mention the communities they live in.

30 If all of this doesn't scare the hell out of us, and motivate  
31 us to do something about it, then I don't know what will.

32 What specifically we can do about it in the moment is  
33 up to each of us to parse out. The people who can set us back on  
34 a more-sane footing are the Republicans, who control the  
35 Congress. I'm not sure how to convince them to start looking out  
36 for their own skins instead of Trump's.

37 One thing I'm sure of: Our predicament will get much  
38 worse if this monster isn't stopped. And it will affect all of us  
39 much closer to home than we'd like.

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