How The New President Will Dominate The Midterms

The new President knew he was not popular. Mid-term elections were due in a year and he needed to control the legislature. Already tax increases and health care cuts had been delayed until after the midterms. What would swing more voters his way?

He needed voters to feel afraid, he decided. They would rally around him. So he sent armed troops into selected cities (to stop crime.) He had the military destroy speedboats (allegedly running drugs into the nation.) He deported less illegal immigrants (businesses dependent on migrant workers complained about disappearing workers) although he publicized the deportations more. He ensured most health and science research was defunded. He limited vaccines.

Within a few months, as the midterms neared, there were national outbreaks of polio, smallpox, measles and chicken pox (on top of the ongoing covid variant pandemic.) As parents saw their children sicken, the new President promised he would fix this if he completely controlled the legislature, blaming the disease outbreaks on biowarfare from foreign terrorists. At the same time, he announced concerns about outer space terrorists and organized a civilian UAP Defence Group. Citizens totally supported the military fighting an alien invasion.

The new President knew his tariffs meant higher priced fertilizer, crippling crops. The Summer harvest was terrible and food imports extremely expensive. Voters entered the fall season hungry—and worried about terrorists smuggling drugs, crime, the outbreaks of infectious, deadly diseases and, of course, a possible invasion from outer space.

“These are not good times,” the new President told the nation in an announcement, “but vote to give me the government I need and it will all come together!”

Huge numbers of citizens voted–89% of the electorate. The new President sat watching the results—and was stunned to see 85% of the vote go to: Cartwright from South Park.

Voters blamed the new President for their problems and believed a cartoon would do better. Ironically, being a media creation was the former new President’s background. Voters assumed an actual cartoon would do better (and Mickey Mouse was retired.)

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