



When you normalize evil

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The recent meeting between Trump and Mamdani has sent me thinking: Some people would say that doing this meeting shows that it is good to reach out across the political spectrum to have more civil political discourse. Others would say that this meeting gives credibility to the Democrat Socialist ideology as being acceptable. The question that is raised, at what point do we find ideas so repugnant that we should not even accept the people who express these ideas? How does this effect Woke ideology? To me this is an ethical and philosophical question. As I think that there is some truth to the fact that we must be more forgiving in public but unaccepting of ideas that are inherently evil.

Let me give some examples. Should a lawyer caught canoodling with an assistant on a park bench lose his job? Should a CEO who is seen at a concert lose his job because he is having an affair with his HR Director? As a matter of fact, should anybody lose their jobs or be ostracized for behaving essentially legally although some may consider them immoral simply because they are caught in public? I say that its nobody's business except to the people involved. I find that these exposures on social media and elsewhere are ethically and morally wrong.

But those examples are not politics. These are not public figures. Yet when public figures who are in positions of power engage in certain behaviors or actions, it is inherently different. And that really is where people should be condemned on social media, in real life and at the ballot box. Some people have ideas that are so inherently evil that they cannot be given the benefit of the doubt. They must be ostracized and fought against at every turn. The German people voted in Hitler. He was normalized. He went and used his power to usurp any shreds of Democracy in Germany. He ended up starting a war which led to the death of millions as well as having death camps. But he was elected. The world leaders treated him with respect and negotiated with him. What does that say about evil, that evil can exist and be promoted by even people who think they are doing good and keeping the peace.

So, this brings us back to Trump and Mamdani. Mamdani is inherently evil and his Democrat Socialist pals are inherently evil. Even the name of their party Democratic Socialists is reminiscent of the Nazi Socialist Party. They have several things in common. First, they are antisemitic. Second, they believe in controlling media and talk about reeducation camps and deplorable and killing their opponents and dismantling the American government as we know it. Members of their party have said things like this. They believe America is responsible for 9/11. They engage in conspiracy theories. They basically want to fundamentally end the American form of Republican government and institute one party rule.

I guess you can say that Hitler seemed like a nice guy similar to Trump calling Mamdani a nice guy. History tends to indicate that Hitler was a nice man. As a matter of fact, Chamberlain brought peace in our time by working with him. But what happened? It exploded in Chamberlains face, and it led the world into evil and chaos. Imagine if the western powers had stopped Hitler in his tracks and stopped him from re militarizing Germany. What a better world it would have been. Twelve million people, 6 million Jews and 6 million others would not have died including many soldiers on both sides.

So, Trump normalizing Mamdani whose ideas are basically evil speaks poorly for Trump. He is not reaching across the aisle but himself look foolish. He is destroying any hope of his party maintaining the congress. If Trump says people like Mamdani are ok, then the world thinks the rest of the DSA members are also. It's ok to be antisemitic and a socialist as long as you're a nice guy. So why not vote for every nice guy just like the Germans voted for a nice guy. That's my problem. Trump can easily work across the aisle with democrats. Many presidents have. But to work with somebody who does not share the ideas of the American people is intolerable. Hopefully his own party will tell the emperor he is wearing no clothes.