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Lt. Gov. Janice McGeachin is one of the many Idaho Republicans to mingle with groups advocating for violent fascist rebellion, but you can blame the state's Republican voters for propping her and the others up.

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On Jan. 6, 2020, far-right nationalists staged a violent insurrection specifically intended to block Congress' ability to count electoral votes resulting from the November presidential elections. They attacked police officers and pushed violently through barricades for the specific purpose of entering the building and scattering or intimidating the assembled lawmakers. Once inside, they made good on those plans, using the resulting chaos to hunt for named elected officials and loot offices; evacuated lawmakers and the evacuated vice president were successfully blocked from acknowledging the election's result.

All those who were there that day had come explicitly for a "march" intended to alter the results of our democratic election. All those who walked through torn-down security lines after their peers violently attacked officers were co-conspirators who advanced so as to themselves help foil law enforcement efforts to stop the violence in front of them. All those who entered the building did so with the explicit purpose of halting the counting of electoral votes in a presidential election.

It was an act of pre-planned sedition, and the continued inability or unwillingness of the Department of Justice to bring the hammer down on those who attempted to overthrow democracy itself may yet be the thing that kills that democracy. Those who organized the "march" had planned it specifically to interfere with the ability of Congress to function. The evidence clearly shows that the organizers and allies used the resulting violence as part of a larger plan in which Trump would then issue a declaration restoring "order" by seizing faux emergency powers. The organizers included Republican lawmakers inside the Capitol, Trump administration officials, Trump himself, Republican strategists, Republican lawyers, and violent militia groups acting in a coordinated fashion with the others.

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Everyone who so much as crossed a single toe into the Capitol building itself should be rotting in federal prison for at least the next several years, but only a handful are charged with the sedition that each one of them so clearly intended. Most have been given probation or other light sentences, then left to return to their guns, their fellow extremists, and innumerable Republican campaign trails.

To get a feel for what is most likely to happen next, two stories from the rapidly failing state of Idaho give an unpleasantly detailed look at just how vigorous the American fascist movement has become. *The New York Times* focuses on the entirely deserved travails ([https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/15/us/idaho-republican-primary-little-mcgeachin.html?](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/15/us/idaho-republican-primary-little-mcgeachin.html?unlocked_article_code=AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAACEIPuomT1JKd6J17Vw1cRCfTTMQmqxCdw_Plxftm3iWka3DIDm8fiPkORImM8kfKILBuf8Y52zWQTdkeKKUuQfVo36pbPIBxTwTtp5CLIZ00IyQz74KvW2d8I7T8YYcFyx64JG-oNLU4g7SloxONNDX3X_DZ2HB1JQ96oZAxjUWti3AM2vzFF-Fq24R61f4iU5EqRTpWdzDK66ezc2h2MdWNaR_Z4gIkCaoOCXylw4nqu_9Xex5SCFnGUHp4_W47jdtZM98SN6v6RAUyLlu82f5CTzw1c_r6QsE5VIPWIL51sLHSqRHqyMS-w_s-Eas8r6rMwdK38WgVVX-htiN9R_1J&smid=url-share)

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The party is now a den of militia-premised violent extremism. it has been taken over by white nationalists who identify not just with the state's growing fascist militia groups but with the tattered remnants of the John Birch Society—a segregationist, misogynistic conspiracy group that was once akin to the current "QAnon" movement, but one that flourished back in the times when unhinged conspiracy rants had to be mailed out from one person to the next behind actual postage stamps. The poster child for this new pro-fascism Republicanism is the state's own Lt. Governor Janice McGeachin, now infamous for staging her own petty coups every time the state's hard-right sitting governor so much as goes out for a cup of coffee.

The story of the Idaho Republican Party is quite simple. The party continues to embrace the state's most dangerous proto-terrorist networks, white supremacist cults that have moved to the state and set up shop there with the specific intent of toppling the American government and founding a white nationalist ethnostate premised on shooting anyone who objects. The party endorses radicals who promote violent solutions. It is unashamed about putting the endorsers of terrorist rhetoric on school boards or in other local positions because backing anti-American militia crackpots is considered the lesser of two evils when considered against the purely imaginary dangers of supposed "critical race theory" being taught in the public schools—schools that much of the movement believes shouldn't exist at all.

The Idaho Republican Party is merging with domestic terrorist groups, and it's not going to end well

So you've got Republican candidates for office showing up at events in which other speakers are leading prayers asking for God's support for their attempts to secede from America to form their own nationalist murderstate, and anyone left in Republican circles who thinks that might be grotesque behavior now labels themselves a "traditional" Republican and struggles to explain to voters that despite their own party's willing embrace of this batshit nuttury, embracing terrorism-premised ethnostate rebellions is Bad, actually, and what the hell are the rest of you people even thinking.

The second look into Idaho's collapse into what seems likely to become a failed state is a much longer and more comprehensive writeup from Huffpost's Christopher Mathias (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/far-right-idaho_n_628277e2e4b0c84db7282bd6?29e), one that examines what the guts of Idaho's rapidly surging extremism actually looks like on the ground.

The most important takeaway is that the extremists make no effort to hide their eagerness to embrace terrorism—not just to achieve their desired white nationalist utopia, but against any public official, private citizen, or stray school-aged children who offer up objections. Far-right activists brag not just about their intentions of wiping America out and replacing it with a fascist state, but about their access to doting Republican leaders who continue to back them no matter how radical the movement becomes. **There are no unread comments at this time.**

So, as one example, a racial justice protest by a group of local high schoolers suddenly finds themselves opposed by "40 men in camo gear carrying AR-15s" telling them they "deserved to be raped" for staging their rally. The militia stains were backed by a Republican county commissioner, who had requested a public counter to the high schoolers, and if you are beginning to believe that there's no evident means of de-radicalizing Idaho's violent underbelly aside from sending in armed federal officials in to clean house the hard way, you're not likely to be alone.

This is what the new anti-democratic, pro-fascist, pro-violence bent of Republicanism looks like. It is not a question of avoiding violence; the people with pictures of guns on their hats and clothing are intent on *using* violence, real or threatened, against anyone who might oppose them. To be a non-radical government official in Idaho means facing violent threats over anything from textbooks to mask guidance to vaccines to local ordinances—threats which will be either ignored or endorsed by Republican candidates looking to consolidate power.

Both of these Idaho reports focus, perhaps as necessity, on individual officials who are either promoting the radicalization or attempting to oppose it. Much of the radicalization can be traced to profoundly mean two-bit local Republican powerbrokers like Brent Regan, a valuable ally to anti-semites, white supremacists, and assorted other terrorism-adjacent extremists. Less examined is the plain truth that none of these white nationalist thugs and other human poisons would be getting anywhere if a very broad chunk of the state's Republican voters didn't back those things. They do. McGeachin hangs out with the would-be architects of a terrorism-premised white nationalist state and pays no price because the Republican church-goers of her state *want* someone at least as extremist as she is to be in a top government position.

For all the talk about fascist outsiders traipsing into Idaho to transform it into White Nationalist Disneyland, you don't hear many accounts of them facing widespread public opposition from the good Christian salt-of-the-earth locals who don't want white nationalist terrorism, just the white nationalism part. Those are the people who may or may not have power to stop domestic terrorism cells from flourishing in their own towns, but they absolutely have the power to prevent such cells from gaining Republican Party-backed representation in their local and state governments.

And yet:

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The state of Idaho provides us with what may be a very accurate picture of what the rest of Republicanism will soon look like, as the party refuses to back down from its own attempted coup, as it continues to work feverishly to sabotage investigations into the violence it caused, as it brazenly passes law after law putting new asterisks on presumed civil rights, and smugly brags as a judiciary stacked with movement ideologues nods and claims none of those things are rights to begin with. There's no effort inside Fox News to stop hosts from broadcasting false claims used to justify new terrorist movements. The Republican officials who have encouraged militia thugs to turn out to oppose protesting schoolchildren have not been wringing their hands at how far downhill things have gone since then.

Most to the point, however, both the nation's media and the nation's government has signaled that violent insurrection is *not*, in fact, so antithetical to our nation's democracy that it cannot be tolerated. It is being tolerated. It is being pressed for, still, and none of the people doing the pressing are paying any significant price. The architects walk free—and, through lawyers, simply ignore congressional and law enforcement demands to tell what they know.

That lack of urgency, treating a party-backed descent into fascism as a status quo issue in which congressional panels shuffle along in relative obscurity and individual saboteurs rallying to thwart the transfer of presidential powers get hurried through our courts while largely dodging the question of how it was that each of them got there, is almost certainly working to boost Idaho's own seditious fervor. If you can intentionally storm the Capitol and successfully, for a time, thwart the outcome of a democratic election, and even that is met with no great resistance from the government you were trying to topple, then as an extremist it would seem quite reasonable to treat the episode as little more than a practice run. The militia groups threatening schoolchildren in Idaho will hardly be quaking in terror if a few of their members are slapped with middling sentences for doing what their entire militias are premised on doing.

And the Republican Party officials who continue to back the notion of erasing elections when the votes coming in from non-Republican American cities go to candidates who are not their own have no reason whatsoever to balk now. There is no national shunning. Chuck Todd and *Meet the Press* will banter with the advocates for sedition on what new tax policies might look like. Local far-right gadflies who have screamed for scrubbing out votes are elected to new positions; those unwilling to back such crimes continue to be tossed out.

The press has acted with cowardice from beginning to end, treating democracy and overthrow as competing theories of government that must each be balanced against the other.

The Republican Party has acted as fervent backer of fascist insurrection, and continues to, and pays no price.

The Democratic Party pretends at normalcy even after coup, still waiting for "decent" Republicans to find their soul rather than acknowledging that anti-election extremism coupled with faux-populist hoax *is* the soul of Republicanism as currently practiced.

We are told that the Department of Justice, the independent portion of government tasked with responding to criminal acts by American citizens against each other, is on the case. And the clock ticks on toward a November election that may render their careful deliberations moot as pro-insurrection candidates vow to immunize the top criminals from whatever charges prosecutors might yet announce.

There is literally no reason for the Idaho Republican Party to disengage from the state's pro-sedition, pro-terrorism wing—at least until acts of terrorism start popping up in the state with enough regularity or impact to cause the federal government to step in and erase whichever militias crossed those lines. Republican lawmakers will continue

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The Idaho Republican Party is merging with domestic terrorist groups, and it's not going to end well to carry guns to protect themselves from their own far-right. School board members will continue to face personal threats of violence after Republican-backed smear campaigns, and local officials will continue to face Republican-backed opponents who appear at white nationalist conventions and bow their heads with everyone else as the crowd prays for the violent erasure of all those who oppose them, or might oppose them, or who they simply do not like.

The real question is not how this ends, because it will absolutely end with violence. The Republican Party in Idaho is absolutely assuring that. The only question is how the violence will unfold, how many victims there will be, how many of the victims will be Republicans that the party pretends to give a damn about versus other Idaho residents that they don't, and which of the names currently appearing in these two news stories will end up dead at the end of it, elevated to martyr status by Tucker Carlson and/or whatever collection of dimwitted fascists remain.

This will end with the feds having to take action, because the Idaho Republican Party is rapidly becoming a front for the state's far-right militia groups and the whole premise of those militia groups is to push against the boundaries of what's considered terrorism and what's not until there's no choice left but to get into a shooting war. Even the state's Republicans can see things bending that way, but so long as it provides a momentary election advantage, they're still content to ride that extremist wave.

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firewise (/users/firewise)

May 19, 2022 at 10:20:43 AM

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Welcome to Greater Idaho.

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neznamo (/users/neznamo) ▶ firewise

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Never!

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kay dub (/users/kay dub)

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Yes, it is frightening. But Idahoans have dealt with it before, so there is some reason to hope. When Richard Butler's Aryan Nation outfit ruled the roost in Kootenai County in the late 70s and 80s (I remember hearing racist Sunday sermons on the all-in-with-fascists Spokane radio stations) brave, determined souls formed the Task Force on Human Relations (<https://www.boisestatepublicradio.org/politics-government/2017-10-02/legacy-of-hate-human-rights-task-force-talks-aryan-nations-and-north-idaho-culture>) and eventually bankrupted their Nazi asses. It's hard work, but they showed it can be done (<https://hrei.org/about/>), and in Idaho, too.

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Throw The Bums Out (/users/throw the bums out) ▶ kay dub

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Except that was only possible because said Aryan Nation outfit wasn't both willing and able to simply kill anyone and everyone who tried to be a part of the Task Force on Human Relations. I suspect that trying a similar tactic nowadays would just get all of those trying it killed.

Do you really think that 40 men with body armor and their AR-15s, some converted to fire full auto, couldn't carry out an armed takeover of your average courthouse? Though even that wouldn't be necessary.

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markodochartaigh (/users/markodochartaigh)

▶ **Throw The Bums Out**

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"carry out an armed takeover of your average courthouse? " After the Malheur Refuge takeover, January 6, and the plot to kidnap Governor Whitmer I wish that everyone who would think that your statement is hyperbole would realize what the anti-democracy forces in the US want and are capable of. I hope that we are not a country which cares more about hamberders and sportsball than democracy.

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FargoSam (/users/fargosam) ▶ **kay dub**

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(/comments/2098609/83615948#comment_83615948)

The GQP has become the US Taliban. They say no rights to women, children, POCs, LGBTQs and immigrants. Any from these groups who have voted GQP have been sold a bill of goods. Only small (brained) white boys with weapons want to tell everyone else what to do have any rights. The so-called legislators only listen to Mar A Lago, Moscow, and their Afghan cousins. And they tend towards Holy Rollers instead of Islam.

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Kono (/users/kono) ▶ **kay dub**

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(/comments/2098609/83616686#comment_83616686)

I agree.

I live next door to Idaho, and have many shirt-tail relatives still living there, in Blackfoot and surrounding area, and they have no use for these idiots like Bundy and such.

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SomaSailor9 (/users/somasailor9)

May 19, 2022 at 10:24:28 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615008#comment_83615008)

All Idaho has is mountains and potatoes, of which neither are useful to me.

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originalcinner (/users/originalcinner) ▶ **SomaSailor9**

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Their two main weapons are mountains and potatoes.

And a fanatical devotion to whomever is their pope du jour.

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• **mrfleas (/users/mrfleas) ▶ originalcinner**

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(/comments/2098609/83616778#comment_83616778)

I am taking next week off for a motorcycle camping trip. I was planning to go thru Idaho for part of the trip but am now leaning toward staying on the OR and WA sides of the border with my CA plated bike.

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• **Bill in Boise (/users/bill in boise) ▶ mrfleas**

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Be careful, though. Eastern WA and OR are still as dicey as Idaho.

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• **silence (/users/silence) ▶ SomaSailor9**

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You shouldn't expect a fascist takeover of Idaho to stay in Idaho.

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• **JJJG (/users/jjg) ▶ silence**

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(/comments/2098609/83615683#comment_83615683)

As a Washington native next door to Idaho I've been watching them go down this path for a long time now and foresee a time in the not so distant future where our Washington State governor may need to establish a hard border between our neighboring states due to security concerns, ie: domestic terrorism. We have enough of our own homegrown extremists, especially in NE Washington, that we definitely don't need them streaming across the border committing acts of violence and intimidation.

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• **Orygun (/users/orygun) ▶ JJJG**

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Same here in Oregon: we just had another county vote to 'explore' joining Idaho. Fortunately, two far more significant and prosperous counties voted 'no'. Still, disturbing times here in the 'Great Northwest'.

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• **JJJG (/users/jjg) ▶ Orygun**

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Yep, and eastern Oregon is much more sparsely populated then eastern Washington even. That would be a whole lot of border to patrol and secure. Not impossible, just a big, and expensive, undertaking. I still think that it's going to come to that, the Commerce Clause be damned. We've seen it before in American history (think of the Okkies fleeing the Dust Bowl for California) and I expect to see it again soon. Climate change refugees, political asylum seekers, etc, etc. A lot of folks are going to be on the move and they're not going to be welcome in many places. I see things getting really ugly.

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• **MissKT (/users/misskt)** ▶ JJJG

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Their "streaming across" to get safe abortions.

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• **JJJG (/users/jjg)** ▶ MissKT

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Those women and girls are, at least in my experience, not the one's most likely to try and shoot or bomb us. It's the "militia" type folks who are the more likely candidates. Beyond safe access to health care for everyone regardless of gender, there will be climate and political refugees in this country trying to get to anyplace viewed as "safe" and it will get ugly. Human nature has shown us that time and time again.

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• **snafuforyou (/users/snafuforyou)** ▶ MissKT

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Also to use our hospitals after theirs were standing room only.

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• **mach1 (/users/mach1)** ▶ JJJG

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Build the Wall!

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• **JJJG (/users/jjg)** ▶ mach1

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I think that by this point almost everyone has figured out that the wall really doesn't work, even the folks who whole heartedly supported it.

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skiptomylou (/users/skiptomylou) ▶ silence

May 19, 2022 at 01:21:48 PM

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Indeed. This socio-political movement is a cancer in the body of society. And, left unchecked, what does cancer do? It metastasizes.

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katylizzy (/users/katylizzy) ▶ SomaSailor9

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My husband's doctor has banned potatoes from his diet so they can keep them and if they want to secede, let them. ~~Will they become an independent nation?~~ **There are no unread comments at this time**

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MissKT (/users/misskt) ▶ katylizzy

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Washington, Oregon and California grow some very good potatoes....maybe better.

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Magnum05 (/users/magnum05) ▶ MissKT

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Even Wisconsin grows Potatoes.

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hself1901 (/users/hself1901) ▶ katylizzy

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Independent from reality.

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NebLib (/users/neplib) ▶ SomaSailor9

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(/comments/2098609/83615817#comment_83615817)

But if we put our head in the sand and allow it to take root there, it will spread to all the other proto-fascist groups in other states. We have to take a stand and hold them to the same standard of democracy as elsewhere — or we'll end up with it nowhere.

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CA Libertarian (/users/ca-libertarian) ▶ SomaSailor9

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Idaho has Micron semiconductor, one of the worlds leading suppliers of memory chips. HP's printer group is also headquartered there.

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AZnaturegrrrl (/users/aznaturegrrrl) ▶ CA Libertarian

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Then maybe we should pressure them to move...

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They move in a minute for \$

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NeverEverAgain (/users/nevereveragain) ▶ CA Libertarian

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I would bet micron would offer some serious pushback, and financial incentives like staying in the state, in exchange for these terrorist to shut up and sit on their hands. We are somewhat of a corporatocracy after all, aren't we?

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tjlord (/users/tjlord)

May 19, 2022 at 10:26:39 AM

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Unfortunately, the other potential end result is the victory by the fascists and the eventual genocide of the resistant and the elimination of the unconvinced.

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squarewheel (/users/squarewheel)

May 19, 2022 at 10:27:36 AM

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The democratic party is increasingly looking like they will go down in history as the party that lost democracy. Not an Abraham Lincoln in site. Merrick Garland is not up to the task. By extension either is Biden, since he should have replaced him long ago.

The only way we get out of this mess in prosecuting those responsible.

The big fish, as is often the case, are going to get away.

It was an act of pre-planned sedition, and the continued inability or unwillingness of the Department of Justice to bring the hammer down on those who attempted to overthrow democracy itself may yet be the thing that kills that democracy.

Lack of justice is always the thing that kills democracy. The Democrats are going to play by the rules until Republicans change the rules to make sure nothing can be done. Hungary, Poland, Turkey, Russia are all showing them the way. They have a plan and democracy is not part of it.

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Muslin Tarotist (/users/muslin tarotist) ▶ squarewheel

May 19, 2022 at 11:34:11 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615671#comment_83615671)

Preet Bharara would make an excellent AG. **There are no unread comments at this time.**

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AZnaturegrrrl (/users/aznaturegrrrl) ▶ Muslin Tarotist

May 19, 2022 at 01:00:03 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616495#comment_83616495)

And he would absolutely follow the law and probably do exactly what Garland is doing.

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Kono (/users/kono) ▶ AZnaturegrrrl

May 19, 2022 at 01:28:03 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616727#comment_83616727)

If Garland were 'following the law,' TFG and his insurrectionist leaders would already be in jail.

Garland thinks we're stupid and that we think he's doing his job by corralling the so-called 'low-hanging fruit,' the dumb ones who actually entered the Capitol.

If Malcomb X and MLK had engineered J6, don't tell me they wouldn't already have been indicted and jailed without bail.

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AZnaturegrrrl (/users/aznaturegrrrl) ▶ Kono

May 19, 2022 at 01:54:50 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616965#comment_83616965)

Cool your jets! Back in the real world, and as daddybunny said just below (above?), Garland has one shot at this and the case has to be rock solid — all the ducks, "i"s, "t"s, planets, aligned, crossed, dotted and put in a row — everything present and correct. The 1/6 comm is just about to go public — we're going to find out the full extent of the coup. It was just on CNN that the comm wants to talk to Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) about a tour he gave to "guests" prior to the insurrection. All this is going to come out during the summer — hopefully enough to make sure it filters through to every real patriot how important their vote is in the midterms.

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squarewheel (/users/squarewheel) ▶ AZnaturegrrrl

May 20, 2022 at 12:02:25 AM

(/comments/2098609/83620908#comment_83620908)

except when deathstans and his fellow nazi's are in charge, they are going to get convictions whenever they want.

Garland is going to get a bunch of yahoo's convicted for vandalism.

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the ringleaders are going to go free, and they are going to understand precisely what they can get away with, and they are going to be even worse next time around.

our institutions will not save us.

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AZnaturegrrrl (/users/aznaturegrrrl) ▶ squarewheel

May 20, 2022 at 12:06:14 AM

(/comments/2098609/83620921#comment_83620921)

So, you throw out those institutions, the rule of law, and... what? Just start locking people up? Who does that make you? It makes you *them*. It makes you no better than TFG. It makes you Putin.

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squarewheel (/users/squarewheel) ▶ AZnaturegrrrl

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LOL.

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Feto Gomez (/users/feto gomez) ▶ squarewheel

May 19, 2022 at 11:36:47 AM

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The Democrats are going to play by the rules until Republicans change the rules to make sure nothing can be done.

Great observation. That is it all in a nutshell.

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Diamondman (/users/diamondman) ▶ Feto Gomez

May 19, 2022 at 12:11:32 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616035#comment_83616035)

Are you saying that the Dems should follow the GQP's lead and become our own autocratic party? It is not the country I want, so it's not the party that I want.

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AZnaturegrrrl (/users/aznaturegrrrl) ▶ Diamondman

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Exactly!

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Feto Gomez (/users/feto gomez) ▶ Diamondman

May 19, 2022 at 08:40:01 PM

(/comments/2098609/83619984#comment_83619984)

You won't have a party after they are done. We can't even draw congressional districts in blue states they favor Democrats while Republicans rig the game in every state they control. A lot of good following rules will do us when they have the House for the next ten years.

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squarewheel (/users/squarewheel) ▶ Diamondman

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good luck preserving the country you want.

once you've lost it , what exactly is your plan ?

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Diamondman (/users/diamondman) ▶ squarewheel

May 19, 2022 at 12:12:47 PM

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Offtopic: article never mentions Garland.

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squarewheel (/users/squarewheel) ▶ Diamondman

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so what's your point ?

my point was that lack of prosecution is what's giving rise to these groups and the spread of them. they see what they can get away with.

and Garland is contributing to that problem. so it's absolutely on-fucking-topic.

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Sulla (/users/sulla) ▶ squarewheel

May 19, 2022 at 12:13:08 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616055#comment_83616055)

We must remember that it took creating an entirely new political party, the Republican Party, to finally stand up to the slavers. **There are no unread comments at this time.** The Whigs were not up for it.

My hope is that more younger and newer Democrats can get hold of the party sooner rather than later so they do not fail as the Whigs failed.

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Blueismycolor123 (/users/blueismycolor123) ▶ squarewheel

May 19, 2022 at 12:15:02 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616069#comment_83616069)

As an American I am scared. We are really truly going to lose our democracy. We really are. What the hell is wrong with Garland? Why won't he prosecute?

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daddybunny (/users/daddybunny) ▶ Blueismycolor123

May 19, 2022 at 12:57:30 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616476#comment_83616476)

I suspect that it's due to the urge to create a case so tight and diamond-hard that even Don T would say, "Guilty!" You must know that the pile of lawyers at T's service are ready to deploy the usual "sue them til they go away" tactic we've seen all the way through each of the Grand Juries and prosecutions he has faced for all his crimes through the years. He should have been paupered and imprisoned years ago. The same tactic that is currently deployed by his Congressional enablers. Get a request to testify before a committee, ignore it. Get a subpoena because you ignored the request, ignore that too.

If you don't think this tactic is effective, just remember how long have we been waiting to see his tax returns.

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StLouisTrekkieAgainstDonaldTrump



(/users/stlouistrekkieagainstdonaldtrump)

► **squarewheel**

May 19, 2022 at 12:19:24 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616114#comment_83616114)

We need systems that keep far-right authoritarian bullies off the ballot.

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AZnaturegrrrl (/users/aznaturegrrrl) ► **squarewheel**

May 19, 2022 at 12:56:50 PM

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If you don't play by the rules, then you aren't the country you thought you were any more anyway. You don't get stuff by ignoring the law and come out of it without the taint of banana republic. There's a story on DKos today about Garland asking for the transcripts from the 1/6 comm. So things *are* going on at the DoJ.

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squarewheel (/users/squarewheel) ► **AZnaturegrrrl**

May 19, 2022 at 11:58:44 PM

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yes, your moral superiority is going to be really helpful when the nazi's are in charge. We play hardball or we're not going to play at all.

And then when your out protesting the awful things they'll be doing, they're not going to make fun of you, they're going to shoot you.

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healejd (/users/healejd)

May 19, 2022 at 10:29:43 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615070#comment_83615070)

Step 1.

Charge all Idaho R's involved in Jan 6th with sedition and throw the book at them. Every single one.

Step 2.

Remove ALL federal funding/contracts from the state.

Step 3.

Remove all federal military resources from the state including National Gaurd weapons/resources and decommission the soldiers. Take the weapons out of the state.

Step 4.

Remove Idaho R reps at the federal level from any position on committees. Severely limit their access to the levers of power.

Step 5.

Stop buying Idaho products. Maine grows nice potatoes.

Step 6.

Sit back and watch them try and survive without us.

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healejd (/users/healejd) ▶ healejd

May 19, 2022 at 10:32:02 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615094#comment_83615094)

Step. 6A

Provide support to Iowa citizens who wish to move to a blue state and help them escape their fascist overlords. Those who voted them in MUST stay. They cannot leave the state.

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Slideman (/users/slideman) ▶ Slideman

May 19, 2022 at 10:37:51 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615147#comment_83615147)

I think you mean Idaho.

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healejd (/users/healejd) ▶ Slideman

May 19, 2022 at 10:44:58 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615221#comment_83615221)

Freudian slip. Iowa seems to be running a close second. They will follow suit next week. Guess I was just hedging my bets. I will cut and paste this into their article. ;)

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Diamondman (/users/diamondman) ▶ healejd

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At least you did not say 'Iraq'

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Clutch Cargo (/users/clutch cargo) ▶ Diamondman

May 19, 2022 at 12:35:49 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616286#comment_83616286)

Yes, a famous person did that very recently! 😊

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a mighty deuce (/users/a mighty deuce) ▶ Slideman

The Idaho Republican Party is merging with domestic terrorist groups, and it's not going to end well



May 19, 2022 at 02:32:42 PM
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Coulda meant Idaho City, Ohio

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RoIn (/users/roin) ▶ healejd
May 19, 2022 at 10:37:57 AM
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Step 7: Build a big, beautiful wall around Idaho.

Step 8: Make Idaho pay for it.

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pigpaste (/users/pigpaste) ▶ healejd
May 19, 2022 at 12:05:08 PM
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There's a realtor based near Boise who has videos about Idaho on YouTube in which he warns people whose politics are not right wing that moving to Idaho is probably not a good idea for them.

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healejd (/users/healejd) ▶ pigpaste
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Great. If you value your life, don't move to Idaho.

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RoIn (/users/roin)
May 19, 2022 at 10:30:53 AM
(/comments/2098609/83615082#comment_83615082)

Many, many years ago I was in Coeur d'Alene and thought it was such a pretty town and with such a pretty name too.

I am deeply saddened by hearing what is going on there now.

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originalcinner (/users/originalcinner) ▶ RoIn
May 19, 2022 at 10:42:15 AM
(/comments/2098609/83615188#comment_83615188)

We did a road trip from Seattle to Winnipeg at the turn of the century. We went through Coeur d'Alene. I, too, loved the name and the scenery. But I've never felt so alien in any place in my entire life. I felt like every single person there was looking at me like I was lint on a black jacket, like I was an outsider who didn't belong and should be removed.

OK, I lied about it being the most unwelcoming place I've ever been to. It was the second most unwelcoming. Top of that particular pile would be the Peak District in England. My husband laughed when I told him how I felt about the Peak District, because he'd had the exact same experience, separately, before we met each other.

Some places just don't like "furriners". Even if you aren't actually foreign.

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RoIn (/users/roin) ▶ originalcinner

May 19, 2022 at 11:02:37 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615381#comment_83615381)

The sad thing is that, according to this, (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/upshot/2020-election-map.html>) Coeur d'Alene has some blue areas and that while Kootenai County vote more than 2-1 for t***p, more than 24,000 people there voted for President Biden.

I hope that those 24,000 people can find a way to band together and support each other.

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Missourilefty (/users/missourilefty)

May 19, 2022 at 10:34:41 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615117#comment_83615117)

Call it what it is: White nationalist fascism. We need to drop all pretenses and euphemisms. We are dealing with white nationalist fascism that is aligned with domestic terrorists.

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LeMoJoust (/users/lemojoust)

May 19, 2022 at 10:35:37 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615124#comment_83615124)

Idaho according to the FBI is rife with right wing militias, cowardly media, fascist republicreeps, and prairie dogs.

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PadreMellyrn (/users/padremellyrn) ▶ LeMoJoust

May 19, 2022 at 11:21:21 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615551#comment_83615551)

Always has been. Except that I am not sure on the amount of Prairie Dogs anymore, as they are the top Fav of people who like to kill things, just because they can.

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Z51Xfire (/users/z51xfire)

May 19, 2022 at 10:37:01 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615137#comment_83615137)

Odd how places like Chicago get singled out for violence(not incorrectly) but then we have these backwater areas like Idaho that are veritable incubators of mass violence and sedition in contrast to one on one unrest.

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Slideman (/users/slideman)

May 19, 2022 at 10:37:01 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615138#comment_83615138)

Great Diary and yes, the Feds need to get involved.

WTF happened to the state that gave us the great Frank Church? And is there a viable Democratic Party there to speak of???

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SuWho (/users/suwho) ▶ Slideman

May 19, 2022 at 11:12:39 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615176#comment_83615176)

Well, let's just put it this way. After the election the other day, many of us noticed that the local news in eastern Idaho did not even bother to report on Democratic candidates... There are some of us progressives here, but it's almost amazing when you find out that another person you just met is on our team. I think we have all, across the nation, retreated to our corners with like-minded people because it just seems pointless to engage with a lot of our fellow citizens. I know good people who served in the Idaho legislature who just gave up because it was totally like swimming upstream and never getting anywhere and people who have resigned from school boards and other civic platforms for the same reason. It's all very sad. I'm kinda oldish and remember growing up with (very sane) Republican parents and nobody ever worried about someone else's politics unless they were obviously a nut job. Idaho is a beautiful state in many ways but it is definitely on the path to destruction. I remember thinking maybe 15 years ago that yeah, we have more than our share of crazies but at least the rest of the country is more sane. Unfortunately Idaho crazy seems to have spread like a virus....

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Slideman (/users/slideman) ▶ SuWho

May 19, 2022 at 11:24:38 AM

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So what can be done? Can the state be saved? I remember reading about a Native American woman running for Senate there.

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Mathy Kathy (/users/mathy kathy) ▶ Slideman

May 19, 2022 at 11:38:24 AM

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Yes Paulette Jordan wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paulette_Jordan)

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• **MamaLucia (/users/mamalucia)**

May 19, 2022 at 10:37:23 AM

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What makes the Rethuglicans think they can control the inevitable violence? The fact they have embraced violence to get their way is nearly as dangerous to them as it is to us.

And, dammit, I LIKE potatoes.



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• **Stevoreno (/users/stevoreno)**

May 19, 2022 at 10:37:25 AM

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Idaho, Wyoming, others, not far behind? Maybe even eastern Oregon and Washington split up their respective states?



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• **Falcon Hawke (/users/falcon hawke) ▶ Stevoreno**

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Um, no, not gonna' happen.



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• **Mathy Kathy (/users/mathy kathy) ▶ Stevoreno**

May 19, 2022 at 11:41:34 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615724#comment_83615724)



You are talking the 'greater Idaho' talk. They want to gerrymander salient parts of Washington, Montana, Wyoming, and Oregon to Idaho and create the giant militia state.



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• **Assaf (/users/assaf)**

May 19, 2022 at 10:40:00 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615165#comment_83615165)



Typo correction:

It was Jan 6 2021 not 2020.

In Jan 2020 US was getting ready for an impeachment trial over Trump's attempt to extort Ukraine, a trial which the corporate media framed as either "b-o-r-i-n-g!" or Dems being "unreasonable".

Those following global news knew of an outbreak in Wuhan China, probably the largest Chinese metropolis completely unknown in the West at the time.



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• **Medicine Man (/users/medicine man)**

May 19, 2022 at 10:43:32 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615206#comment_83615206)



Idaho has been the preferred tribal area of American Neo-Nazis for as long as I have been old enough to know what Neo-Nazis are. I always expected that at some point the Nazis would overwhelm and/or outnumber the normals and that they would take over the state — that point appears to be at hand.

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• **Tony Situ (/users/tony situ)**

May 19, 2022 at 10:45:13 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615223#comment_83615223)



Well, when a part and its leader organize a terrorist attack to overthrow the government, and absolutely nothing is done to hold them accountable, then why NOT merge with domestic terrorist groups (other than one's own conscience, which the trump party has zero of)?

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• **cosmo666 (/users/cosmo666)**

May 19, 2022 at 10:45:54 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615225#comment_83615225)



If we had an actual FBI or Attorney General that legitimately gave a shit about terrorism, this could end

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• **Tzimisce (/users/tzimisce) ▶ cosmo666**

May 19, 2022 at 11:00:37 AM

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We need to wait longer because: reasons. Garland needs to be shown the door.

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• **Diamondman (/users/diamondman) ▶ cosmo666**

May 19, 2022 at 12:19:00 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616110#comment_83616110)



And Garland does what with this situation? Using the national guard to round up Idahoians (sp?)? Why bash our own when this is clearly the fault of the GQP?

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• **cosmo666 (/users/cosmo666) ▶ Diamondman**

May 19, 2022 at 02:12:09 PM

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I think if local politicians are colluding with known terrorists, they could at the very least be infiltrated or monitored. And if there is a whiff of criminal shit— they could be dragged in in hand cuffs.

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**Diamondman (/users/diamondman) ▶ cosmo666**

May 19, 2022 at 06:38:50 PM

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The AG is not all-powerful, and as we know from the last admin, that is a good thing.

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**umbra (/users/umbra)**

May 19, 2022 at 10:46:12 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615228#comment_83615228)

Lots of folks moving to Idaho, the housing is affordable — mostly conservatives from Blue Cities, who think Boise will be nice, and its so white. But they don't understand until after they move that conservatives from Blue areas, are going to be the liberals in their new homes. They won't be able to afford to move back to their sane points of origin — because the cost there of housing has gone up. I don't feel the need help them move back, and the folks in the original Huffington Post and this article that are scared — lots of them are Republicans, so called sane ones who are growing afraid of the wackos in their own parties. They are not democrats — helping them move to sane places, where they would be conservatives is not a great ideal, they created the problem, let them clean it up.

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**Tax Haven (/users/tax haven) ▶ umbra**

May 19, 2022 at 11:28:04 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615607#comment_83615607)

Mmm . . . it does seem rather unlikely the Nazis will head straight round to Antifa Alley with BLM waiting on their tractors. Much safer and easier to start by rooting out those who aren't true believers. Purge the enemy within who have all the loot worth stealing. It was always so with fascists.

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**Orygun (/users/orygun) ▶ umbra**

May 19, 2022 at 12:08:05 PM

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My understanding is the politics of the in-migrating folks in Idaho are often more extreme than the natives. I don't have data on this but do know people in Boise that are disturbed by the Foxy politics of the people migrating in from California, Oregon, and Washington. Not identical but I saw an article in the Post that suggests people self-sorting are more extreme than natives even in historically conservative states: "Montanans used to live and let live. Today bitter confrontations dim Big Sky Country." Washington Post: 10/25/21

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**jdaron23 (/users/jdaron23)**

May 19, 2022 at 10:51:06 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615268#comment_83615268)

I don't understand...if they really want to secede, why don't we let them? What are they actually contributing (other than mountains and potatoes)? This doesn't need to be violent. If you want to go, go. Good luck without the fed \$\$.

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PadreMellyrn (/users/padremellyrn) ▶ **jdaron23**

May 19, 2022 at 11:25:45 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615583#comment_83615583)

Because we can't

I don't understand...if they really want to secede, why don't we let them?

There is no provision for 'secession" in the constitution. It's all, or nothing.

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Mathy Kathy (/users/mathy_kathy) ▶ **jdaron23**

May 19, 2022 at 11:46:05 AM

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They don't want to secede.

They want to take and create a giant militia state. Eastern Washington. Western Montana. All of Wyoming. Lots of Colorado. Eastern Oregon. Maybe some California and Utah.

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TEB (/users/teb) ▶ **Mathy Kathy**

May 20, 2022 at 12:53:17 PM

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they want the southern Oregon coast not just eastern Oregon as well as a chunk of the northern CA coast

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HollyValera (/users/hollyvalera)

May 19, 2022 at 11:05:43 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615411#comment_83615411)

Well written, Hunter—terrifyingly well written.

The real horror, as you say, is the unhinged, deeply ignorant 28% of Americans among us believing this shit is the answer to their current, wholly deserved poor circumstances, while determinedly—if not violently—denying said circumstances are the inevitable, hideously ironic conclusion to their own stubborn decades of voting for Republicans, no matter the glaring evidence they were being hornswoggled.

Damn. No wonder they hate us. We were right all along.

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**Speede14 (/users/speede14)**

May 19, 2022 at 11:30:40 AM

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Ask any republican in national office right now if they think that trumps coup was justified or not. I think your answers would tell you exactly where the republican party stands and where it is headed. Vote them out at every chance. The whole of the Democratic party needs to stop playing nice. Demand equal time from fox news since they are virtually an arm of the republican party

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**Falcon Hawke (/users/falcon hawke)**

May 19, 2022 at 11:32:26 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615655#comment_83615655)

The biggest current population increase in Idaho is likely undercover federal agents, because the DOJ is not as stupid nor lazy as many think.

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**Mathy Kathy (/users/mathy kathy) ▶ Falcon Hawke**

May 19, 2022 at 11:50:17 AM

(/comments/2098609/83615825#comment_83615825)

Idaho is way overbuilt. There is a little here. But not the billions of Boeing, Microsoft, Amazon, Starbucks.

Builders went apeshit building for the mythical upwardly mobile young professional.

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**Wheezer (/users/wheezer) ▶ Mathy Kathy**

May 19, 2022 at 12:27:13 PM

(/comments/2098609/83616205#comment_83616205)

Can Idaho support itself as a viable state economically? I imagine their tax policies will be extremely regressive and I don't know what the economic base is like. Can they (or will they) support services like health care, education-- etc.? (I assume they will support police and "correction" agencies) Do they have particular problems with drug addiction, homelessness. What are the demographics like? I assume they have a lot of retirees (who in turn have pensions Social Security etc.) but what about young people, job availability etc.

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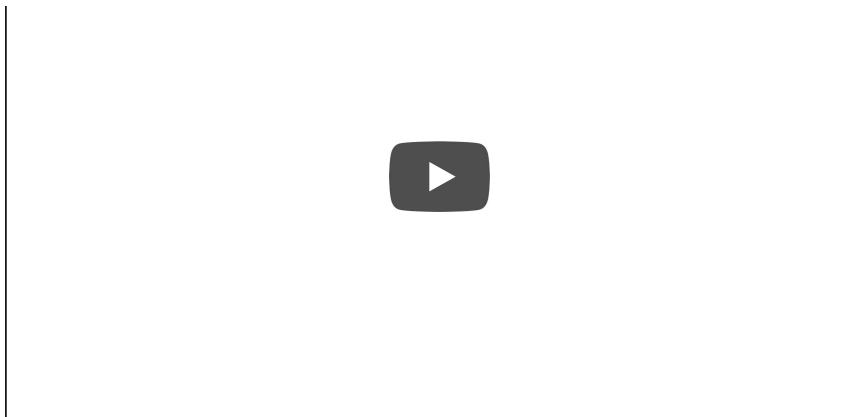
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Don't know. People seem to think it is. I think it is a house of cards. The local news did a piece on farmland around Boise.

Viewer question: irrigation water



There isn't Boeing, Microsoft, Amazon or Starbucks. There are people coming with their life savings and buying mansions on farmland. So I don't think it is sustainable.

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Watch the last minute. It juxtaposes 1964 farmland with 2017 farmland google map.

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