

“Finally, Leadership”

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RESTON, Va.—The left is screaming that President Donald Trump is on some kind of ideological crusade.

Notice some recent headlines.

- “Trump’s and Musk’s Purge Isn’t Cost Cutting—It’s a Coup”
- “DOGE Is About Ideology and Mindless Budget Cutting”
- “Elon Musk’s Indiscriminate Carnage”
- “Dems Must Stand Up Against the Bully in the White House”

It’s sort of like labeling a company CEO ideological because he is driven to keep his company profitable and competitive.

One column in *The Guardian* says Trump is “lacerating the structures of U.S. democracy.”

In other words, protecting taxpayers and running the country efficiently is antidemocratic. But forgiving \$189 billion of student-loan debt—done under Biden—and dumping it all on taxpayers is not. Or government spending trillions and larding it all onto the federal debt rather than raising taxes is not.

The Congressional Budget Office just issued its latest 10-year outlook, and it is not a pretty picture regarding today’s economic realities of the nation. It forecasts that the federal debt will grow from 100 percent of GDP in 2025 to 118 percent of GDP by 2035, the highest in American history.

- Ideology is about words—slogans with no reality check.
- Business is about numbers, measurement and performance.

The failure of socialism, the failure of societies with oversized intrusive government and the failure of ideas like social justice falling into the realm of politics as politicians seize more and more power and take less and less responsibility.

When government expands at the expense of individual freedom, productivity and creativity suffer, and economic growth shrinks.

- These are not words.
- They are quantitative results.

In a recent Pew Research survey, 74 percent of Americans said they feel that our children will be worse off financially than their parents. These are Americans living in a country with government bigger and more intrusive than that of their forebears.

It's much harder to diet and lose weight than to overeat and get fat. It's much harder to sober up than to drink in excess.

But every individual, every country, sooner or later, must deal with reality. Our country has lost its way.

Those on the left who are verbally assaulting the new Trump administration are the ideologues. They are in love with empty words and bankrupt ideas.

Fortunately, we now have tough and courageous leadership willing to do the very hard work of getting a great country that has lost its way back on track.