

Firefighter, Riverside, California

I've been at this for years and it gets worse  
and worse. First, heat. Then smoke so thick you can  
barely see or breathe. The men and women  
I work with are amazing. It's a curse,  
though, in California. A universe  
of fires, mudslides, the odd earthquakes. The land  
is speaking up. It's an American  
outrage, which I see first-hand. It gets worse  
and worse. I'm not very political,  
but this shouldn't be about politics.  
I want someone who's environmental  
making decisions on top. They can fix  
this. Or try. We've gone the wrong direction.  
I'll definitely vote this election.

Pastry Chef, Kansas City, Missouri

I keep asking myself what's wrong with him.  
It's abnormal. It's unprecedented.  
At some point it'll all come to a head.  
Of course, I'm well aware it's not just him,  
but all his enablers. That's the problem  
and it's really increasing. A friend said  
we can just vote them all out. I'll be dead  
before we can get rid of enough of them  
to make a real difference. The country  
is screwed. If Trump wins again, I see years  
of complete utter criminality.  
The courts are in his pocket so he fears  
nothing. And if Trump somehow doesn't win,  
vile senators will stick it to Biden.

Travel Agent, West Bend, Wisconsin

They scare me, Black looters and rioters  
who can show up anywhere. Milwaukee  
isn't safe. All I want is to be free  
to go about my life. Black Lives fighters  
down in Kenosha, armed with their lighters  
and matches. Leftists are going crazy  
and want to burn it down, including me  
and what I hold dear. We need much tighter  
policing, not less. I'm Republican  
and always have been. The young man who shot  
protesters is a hero. I gave him  
money. We need more like him. Me, I'm not  
racist, if that's what you're thinking. I'm just  
a good citizen doing what she must.

Accountant, Wilmington, North Carolina

I have three daughters who'd never respect  
me unless I said I worked against him  
this season. I know he's just a symptom,  
not the cause, a pathetic, undersexed,  
grumpy, surly, stupid old man who's wrecked  
everything decent people hold dear. I'm  
nobody special, an American  
mother, daughter, taxpayer, who rejects  
all he stands for. My girls are 21,  
17, and 11. I've raised them  
to think critically and pay attention  
to a world full of beauty and problems.  
I'm not rich but I've donated money  
and time to fight for our precious country.

Clothing Store Owner, Gadsden, Alabama

So many stories. Most have to be fake—  
he can't be as bad as some of them say.  
He's the president. It's a plus the way  
he makes people listen, even if it takes  
some getting used to. He wants a fair shake,  
and I don't blame him. I don't care he plays  
golf sometimes. So did Obama. Some days  
he makes me laugh. I like how he can make  
his own rules, which is what I try to do  
in my own life. I'm a Republican  
and proud to call myself one. So much news  
is fake, not like Fox. Hillary Clinton  
still gets my goat. We're lucky Trump beat her.  
He's been a good, patriotic leader.

Jeweler, Williamsburg, Virginia

God, he's the ugliest American,  
the so-called president of our country,  
who embarrasses our democracy  
every single frigging day. Imagine  
a bloated Hitler in a suit. I can—  
and call him the Mango Mussolini  
or Twitler. My doc says don't watch TV  
because of my blood pressure. But we're in  
history-making times so I can't stop.  
I watch all that I can to stay informed.  
The president is such a monster. Cops  
love him. If he loses, I see a storm  
almost like civil war. If he happens  
to win, I'll move to England or Scotland.

Landlord, Jonesboro, Arkansas

Enough already. How can Democrats have it both ways? The illegitimate Biden/Harris team really ought to quit proclaiming their innocence. We know that they've hacked voting machines. We've got proof what all they've been doing in Georgia. Bullshit, we call bullshit. Half-dead Biden didn't win there. He couldn't have! Look at the stats— it's a red state. But the Democrats say now it's theirs. We were up election night with an insurmountable lead. No way losses there and Michigan. It's not right. Pennsylvania, too. And Arizona. Some say we also won California.

Print Journalist, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

I've never blamed him. It's the ignorant people who follow him that's the problem.

And the senators who enabled him.

Without them, he's a zero. All he wants is to play golf and hear his name. I can't imagine a worse leader. The system made him. Fox news. Plus the Republicans who let him play this role. All they want are their conservative judges, and their dismissal of rules and regulations.

His followers are brainwashed. They don't care about neighbors, or children. The nation's welfare means nothing. The world's in trouble. Trump's a symptom.. The culture's culpable.

Seamstress, Detroit, Michigan

They don't make it easy for us, do they—  
IDs, long lines, standing for hours, every  
little thing harder than it needs to be  
just so we can vote and have our small say  
in how the state and country goes. The way  
they close polling stations, I guarantee  
it's to make us quit. But life is a tree  
we've got to keep climbing, and every day  
there's another branch, so we go higher  
and higher. I'll keep on with the bother  
because that's what I know. There's a big fire  
in me lit by my mother and father  
and all my brothers and sisters. We won't  
be silenced. We can't. We won't. So we vote.

Private Investigator, Sacramento, California

That was something, rioters invading  
the Capitol. Sedition, insurrection,  
whatever you want to call it. I'm done  
with understanding. No more placating  
the enemy crazies. They're creating  
their own demise. It's de-evolution,  
if you will, even if revolution  
is their aim. It's Facebook, Twitter, gaming  
that's made them lose their minds. Way too much time  
on screens and TV. Plus hate radio.  
It's going to be a long, hard, slow climb  
out of this. Random violence. I know  
it'll get worse. But I'm an optimist.  
Trump will be out of there. But Jesus Christ . . .