

LESSONS FROM HISTORY - THE POPULIST'S PLAYBOOK

I enjoy studying history and politics, for the lessons that can be learned from it. With that in mind, I wish to share this statement with you:

Where all authority has vanished, only a man of the people can establish authority. The deeper the dictator was originally rooted in the broad masses, the better he understands how to treat them psychologically, the less the workers will distrust him, the more supporters he will win among these most energetic ranks of the people. He himself has nothing in common with the masses; like every great man, he is all personality.

While these words could have been written anytime within the past three years by any national publication within the country, they were in fact written by Rudolf Hess, in a prize-winning thesis, and published by the University of Munich in 1923.

The similarities between the two individuals in question is stunning; both secured power by attempting to drive a wedge between its citizens, marginalizing certain ethnic groups, and portraying himself as the savior of the country, all the while pushing the people towards the precipice of the abyss.

One of the majestic beauties of our country is that we are afforded the right to pick those whom we wish to lead the nation, and that decision-date is rapidly approaching. The question now before us is whether we will continue to be guided like a rudderless ship, adrift on the high seas, or select an individual whom can traverse a less treacherous course, and return our nation to the rule of law. The choice is yours...