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No doubt nearly everyone saw at least part of that powerfully unpleasant "debate" between Joe Biden and Donald Trump last week. I certainly did, and I couldn't help imagining the legions of prominent Democrats who must've been screaming at their screens and smacking themselves in the forehead, wailing "Why, Joe!?! And why the HELL didn't I run this year??" Obviously, Mr Biden's performance was horrific and almost certainly tanked ~~any~~ already dwindling chance he had for re-election. Now, people everywhere are praying that Mr Biden can somehow be replaced, whether through his own withdrawal or some other mechanism, yet it appears he's digging in. By the time this posts we'll probably know how it all shook out, whether there's a new Democratic candidate, etc., but as of today it's all up in the air. The only thing not in any serious doubt anymore is that if there's no change between now and November, we will be getting Trump 2.0 for four more years... possibly longer. I wish people would be a bit more honest about that, about how none of the sweaty-palmed hand-wringing today is really about the president's ability to do the job now or for another 4 years, but about his ability to BEAT Donald Trump THIS year. From a purely political perspective, no one inclined to vote for Mr Biden gives half a shit whether the man can tie his own shoes or count to ten — they only care whether he will, one way or another, lead their "team" to victory. And in Mr Biden's case, the answer now is almost certainly "no". Anyway, all the same is true for Mr Trump and for every other politician belonging to one of America's two major parties; they are in favor if they can win, and they are discarded if they cannot. Trump at least has the faintest whiff of honesty (the only such whiff I've ever caught from him) about his appetite for merely "winning". Some call that "refreshing", but not me. I see it as no different from the honesty of one who baldly admits to hating Jews, or blacks, or whites, or immigrants, or gays, etc... it's honest, but it's not refreshing, it's just gross.

Regarding Mr Biden, what I'd like to know now is, what the hell happened to his 2020 promise that he was only a "bridge" to the removal of Donald Trump? (Never mind

that Bernie Sanders would've trounced Trump in either 2016 or 2020 if he hadn't been swept under the rug by the Democratic political machine.) Joe Biden was never a popular or even remotely inspiring candidate, but just one that enough Americans believed would be serviceable for ending the first Trump show, and he should've kept his promise to move out of the way once that sole purpose was served. Instead, here we are, witnessing yet a millionth example of how the inevitable intoxication by power consumes all who get a taste of it, and as a result, we have an even bigger mess now than the one Mr Biden was hired to clean up. By the way, IMHO, if Biden IS replaced, for god's sake let the replacement not be Kamala Harris! I realize she is the target of some sexist and even racist attacks, but that has nothing to do with my objection to her. My objection is that she made a career of putting people in cages. She is, not to put too fine a point on it, a pig. Or an ex-pig. Either way, she is utterly detestable to me. However, she is also disqualified because she may just be the ONLY other major Democrat besides Joe Biden with only a slim chance of beating Donald Trump.

All of this, among so much else, is why I am an anarchist. I just cannot stand the truly disgusting spectacle of politics.