

**COOL
KIDS**

**KNOW WHEN
HISTORY
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**SIGNS OF DANGEROUS
POLITICAL PATTERNS**

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- ⑥ USING FEAR OF THESE "ENEMIES" TO EXCUSE HARSH LAWS OR VIOLENT PHYSICAL ATTACKS.
- ⑥ IMPRISON AND/OR MURDER OPPOSITION AND MINORITY GROUP LEADERS.

CONTROLLING MASS MEDIA

- ① REWRITING THE NARRATIVE BY CONSTANTLY SPREADING LIES AND PROPAGANDA, MAKING DISTINGUISHING FACT FROM FICTION INCREASINGLY HARD.
- ② PORTRAYING HONEST JOURNALISTS AND NEWS OUTLETS AS ENEMIES OF THE COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE.
- ③ ANY DISAGREEMENT OR CRITICISM OF THE REGIME IS VIEWED AS A BETRAYAL OF THE COUNTRY.

SECURITY OBSESSION

④ CONSANTLY TELLING CITIZENS THE NATION IS IN DANGER AND UNDER ATTACK AND THEREORE NEEDS EXTREME SECURITY.

④ OBSESSION WITH CRIME & PUNISHMENT.

④ PRAISING MILITARY POWER AND POLICE FORCE.

④ JUSTIFYING AND GLORIFYING VIOLENT ACTION AS "REDEMPTIVE".

INFALLIBLE LEADER

- ⑥ CULT OF A REDEPTIVE, "INFALLIBLE" LEADER, ALMOST PORTRAYED AS A RELIGIOUS FIGURE AND SAVIOR WHO CLAIMS THEY ALONE CAN FIX THE NATION.
- ⑥ THE LEADER NEVER ADMITS ANY MISTAKES.
- ⑥ THE LEADERS'S ENEMIES ARE THE NATION'S ENEMIES. TO OPPOSE HIM, IS TO OPPOSE THE NATION ITSELF.

MORE SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR

BANNING BOOKS

DEHUMANIZING LANGUAGE

DISDAIN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

RAMPANT SEXISM

ATTACKING DEMOCRATIC NORMS

PROTECTING CORPORATE POWER

SUPRESSING LABOR POWER

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WHAT NOW

- VOTE WHEN YOU CAN
- BUILD COMMUNITIES
- BOYCOTT CORPORATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING HARMFUL REGIMES
- CALL OUT HATE SPEECH, PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATORY LEADERS
- PROTECT & SUPPORT THE MOST VULNERABLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- STAY INFORMED THROUGH DIVERSE, RELIABLE NEWS SOURCES
- REFUSE TO SPREAD MISINFORMATION
- DON'T BECOME NUMB

SOURCES:
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