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HURRICANE IRMA IS NOT THE MOST POWERFUL ATLANTIC HURRICANE EVER RECORDED

Hurricanes are not increasing in severity

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Editor's Note: This article is well worth a read given how the establishment media is already politicizing Hurricane Irma to push the "global warming" agenda.

Hurricane Irma is really bad.

It may be the worst storm to hit the U.S. since 1935... But it is NOT the most powerful Atlantic hurricane ever recorded. So... Why do they have to lie about this?

- [Hurricane Irma, the most powerful in recorded history, makes landfall in Caribbean islands](#)
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HURRICANE IRMA IS NOW THE MOST POWERFUL ATLANTIC OCEAN STORM IN RECORDED HISTORY

Fresh off the back of the devastating [Hurricane Harvey](#), the US is preparing for an even more dangerous storm – Hurricane Irma.

With wind speeds of 300 kilometers per hour (185 miles per hour), Irma now ranks as the [most powerful hurricane](#) in the Atlantic Ocean. It is the second most powerful in the Atlantic basin, which includes the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico, behind Hurricane Allen in 1980 that hit the latter two with winds of 305 km/h (190 mph).

[...]

[IFL Science!](#)

Does IFL stand for “I FLunked” Science?

GEOGRAPHY 101

The Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico are in the Atlantic Ocean, just as much as the Sargasso Sea is in the Atlantic Ocean.



<http://www.whatarethe7continents.com/atlantic-ocean/>

Caribbean Sea, suboceanic basin of the western **Atlantic Ocean**, lying between latitudes 9° and 22° N and longitudes 89° and 60° W. It is approximately 1,063,000 square miles (2,753,000 square km) in extent. To the south it is bounded by the coasts of **Venezuela**, **Colombia**, and **Panama**; to the west by **Costa Rica**, **Nicaragua**, **Honduras**, **Guatemala**, **Belize**, and the **Yucatán Peninsula** of **Mexico**; to the north by the **Greater Antilles** islands of **Cuba**, **Hispaniola**, **Jamaica**, and **Puerto Rico**; and to the east by the north-south chain of the **Lesser Antilles**, consisting of the **island arc** that extends from the **Virgin Islands** in the northeast to **Trinidad**, off the Venezuelan coast, in the southeast. Within the boundaries of the Caribbean itself, Jamaica, to the south of Cuba, is the largest of a number of islands.

Britannica

GULF OF MEXICO

The Gulf of Mexico is a smaller part of the Atlantic Ocean, but it is the ninth largest body of water in the world.

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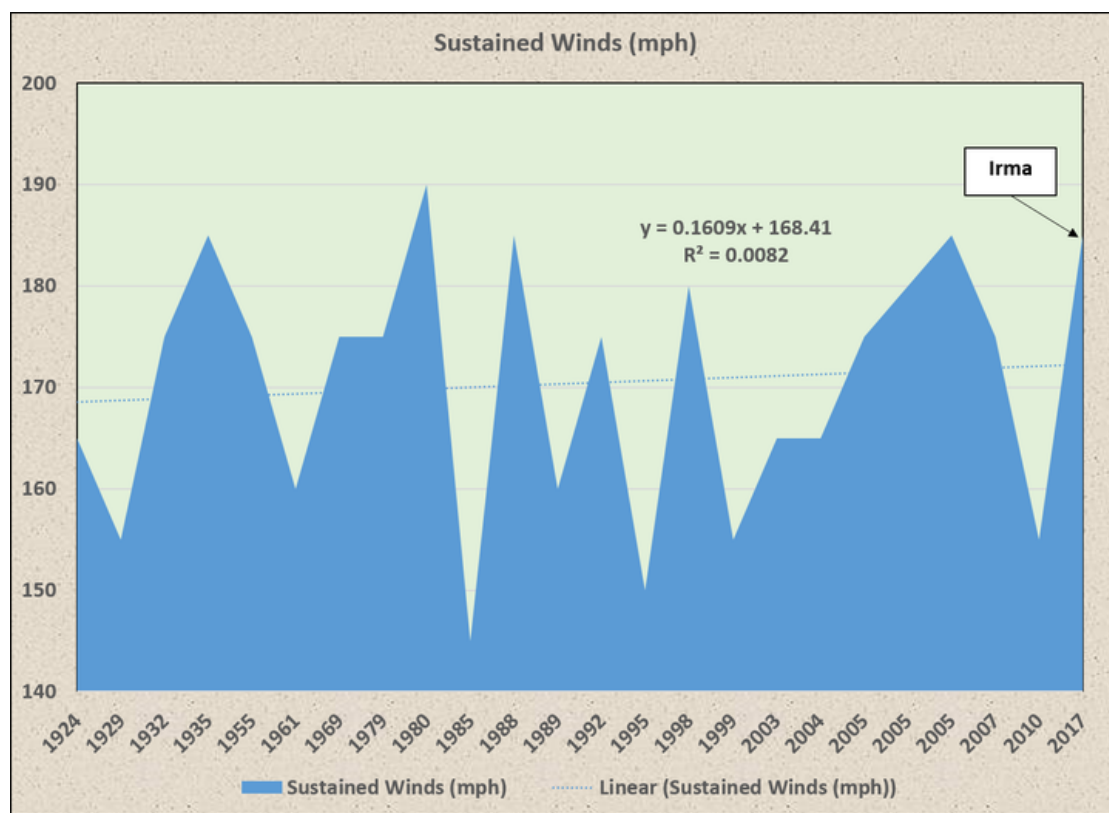
Deepsea Waters

Describing Irma as the most powerful Atlantic hurricane ever recorded is like calling Ted Williams the all-time American league home run leader because he hit the most home runs at Fenway Park.

Among the **24 most intense Atlantic hurricanes since 1924**, Irma is currently tied for second in wind speed.

		Maximum Sustained
Storm	Year	Winds (mph)
Allen	1980	190
“Labor Day”	1935	185
Gilbert	1988	185
Wilma	2005	185
Irma	2017	185
Mitch	1998	180
Rita	2005	180
“Cuba”	1932	175
Janet	1955	175

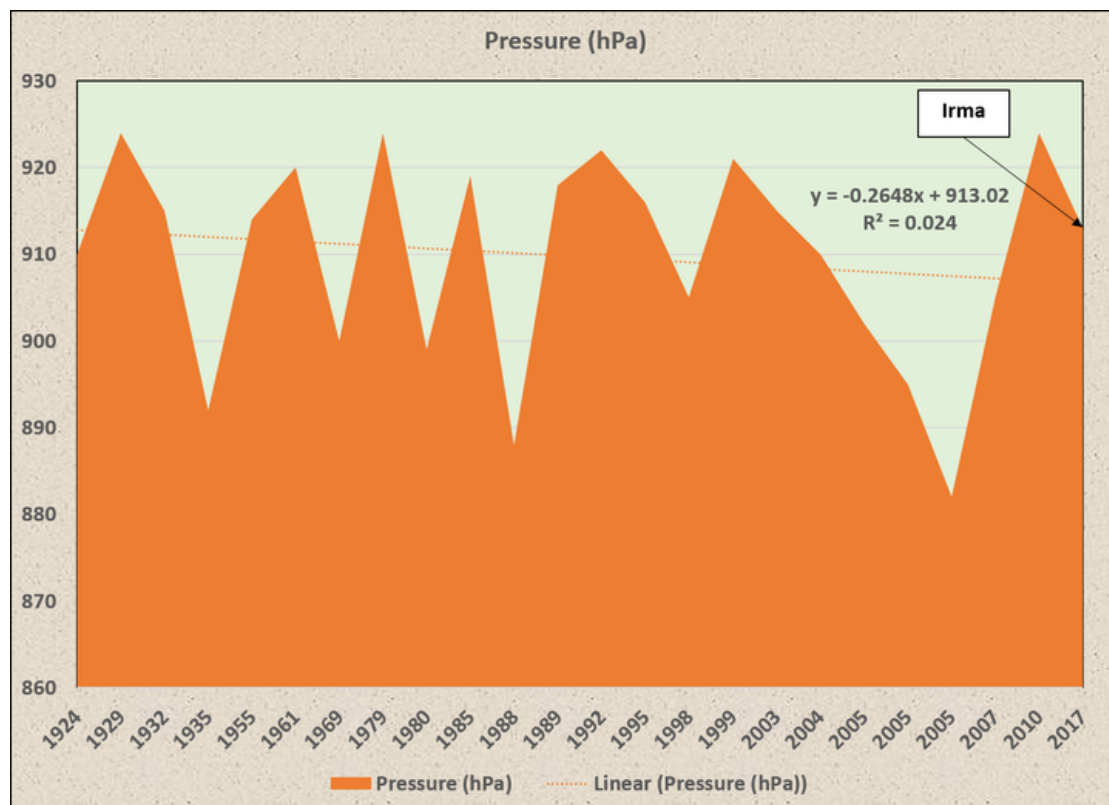
Camille	1969	175
David	1979	175
Andrew	1992	175
Katrina	2005	175
Dean	2007	175
“Cuba”	1924	165
Isabel	2003	165
Ivan	2004	165
Hattie	1961	160
Hugo	1989	160
“Bahamas”	1929	155
Floyd	1999	155
Igor	2010	155
Opal	1995	150
Gloria	1985	145



And tied for 12th place according to atmospheric pressure:

Storm	Year	Minimum Atmospheric Pressure (hPa)
Wilma	2005	882
Gilbert	1988	888
“Labor Day”	1935	892

Rita	2005	895
Allen	1980	899
Camille	1969	900
Katrina	2005	902
Mitch	1998	905
Dean	2007	905
“Cuba”	1924	910
Ivan	2004	910
Irma	2017	913
Janet	1955	914
“Cuba”	1932	915
Isabel	2003	915
Opal	1995	916
Hugo	1989	918
Gloria	1985	919
Hattie	1961	920
Floyd	1999	921
Andrew	1992	922
“Bahamas”	1929	924
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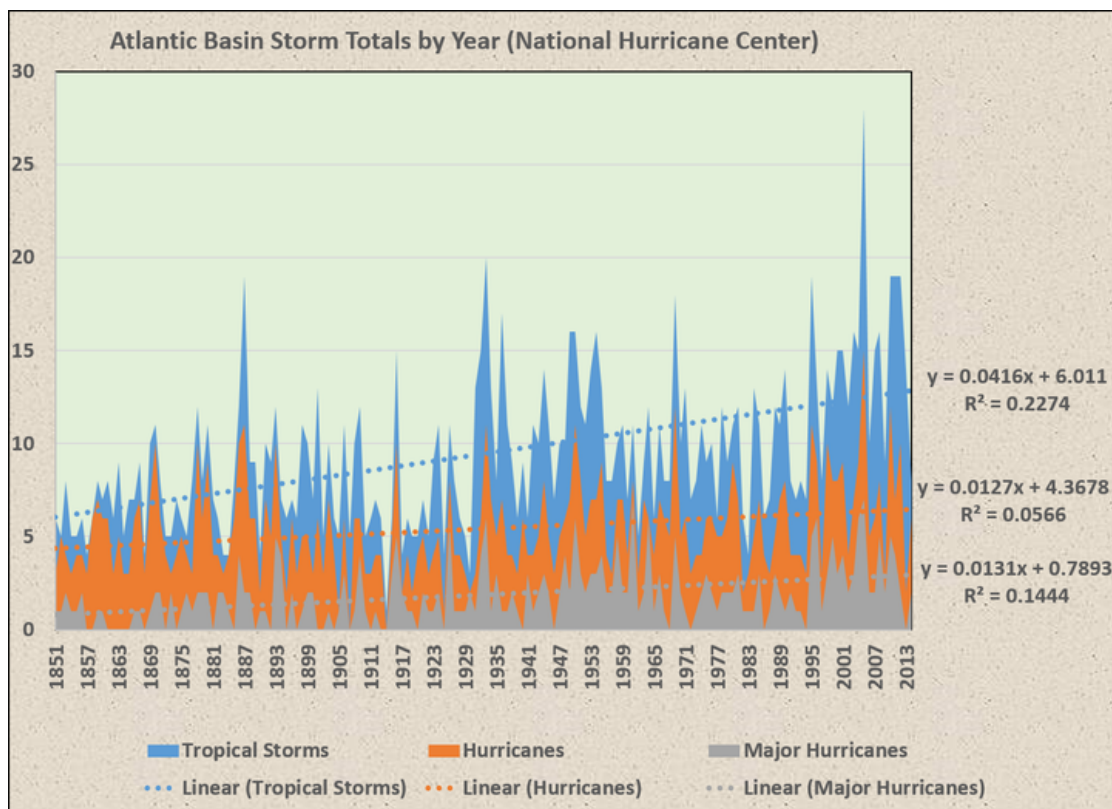


“The Most Powerful Atlantic Ocean Storm In Recorded History” meme fits the

narrative: Global warming is causing hurricanes to become more severe... Another lie.

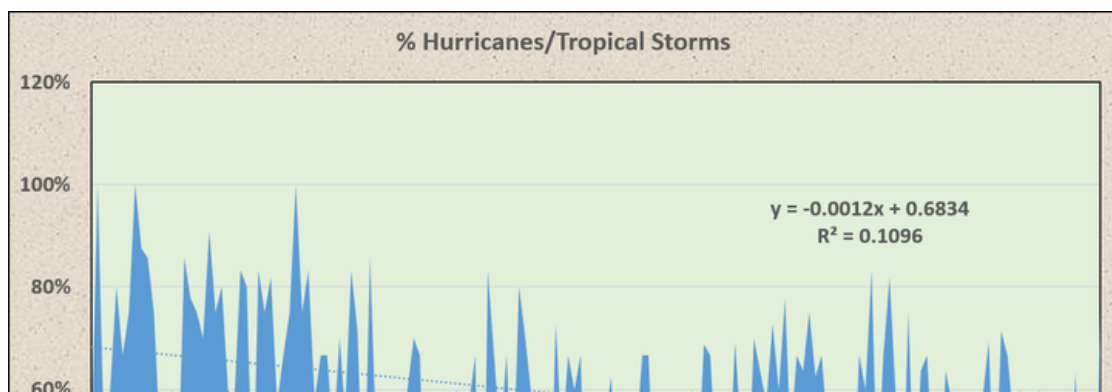
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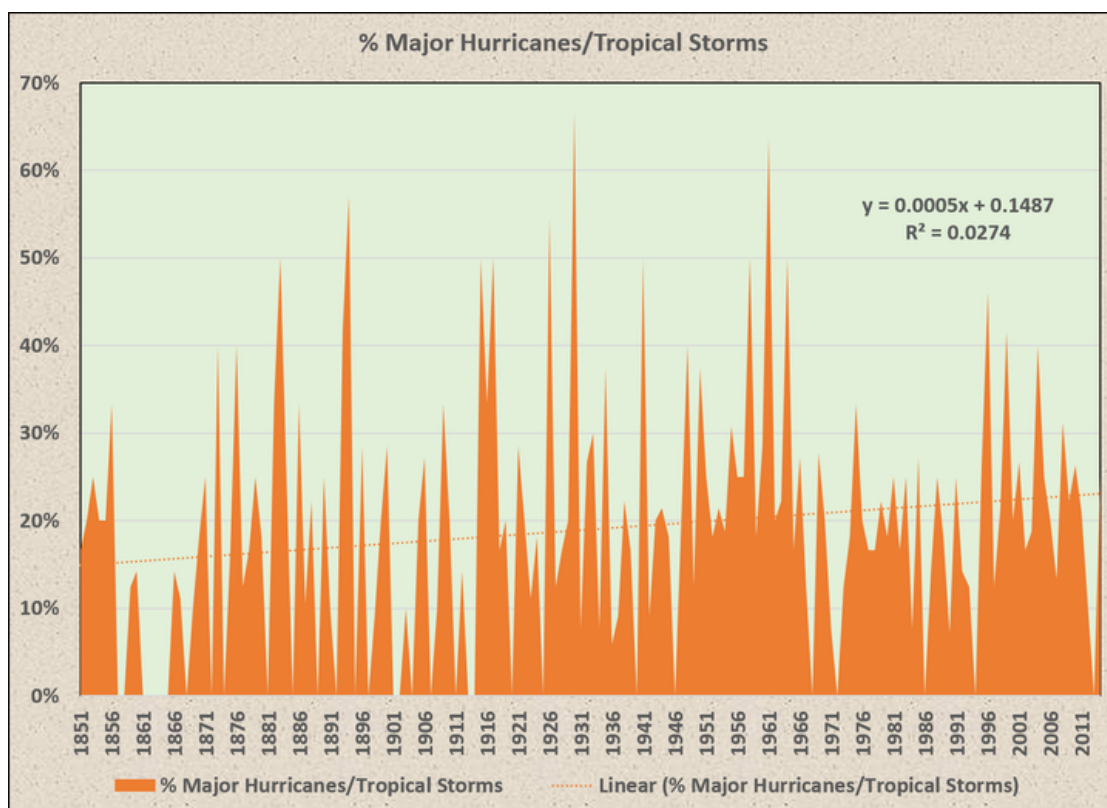
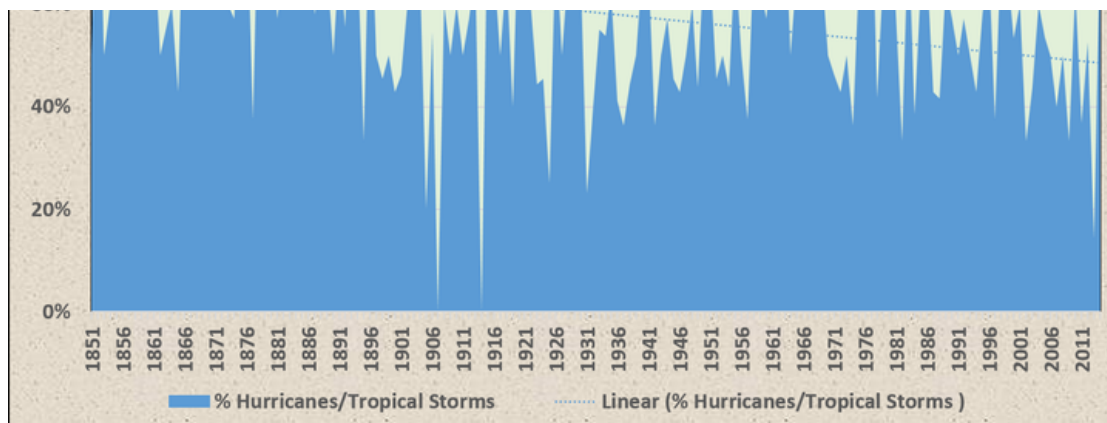
The National Hurricane Center's [hurricane climatology page](#) has a [handy list](#) of Atlantic Basin tropical storms, hurricanes and major hurricanes from 1851-2014. There is no statistically meaningful trend in hurricane frequency or severity.



While there might be a somewhat statistically significant increase in the number of tropical storms ($R^2 = 0.2274$), this could simply be due to improvements in the detection and identification of storms at sea... There is no statistically meaningful trend in the numbers of hurricanes or major hurricanes.

There are also no statistically meaningful trends in the rates at which tropical storms are “blossoming” into hurricanes or major hurricanes:





RECORDS ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN

Irma came very close to breaking a wind speed record. So what?

The probability, $p_n(1)$, that the n th observation of a series $x_m = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ has a higher value than the previous observations [$p_n(1) = \Pr(x_n > x_i \mid i < n)$] can be expressed as:

$$p_n(1) = 1/n$$

provided the values in series are iid random variables.

(Benestad, 2003)

In 1941, Ted Williams had a .406 batting average. He was the last major league baseball player to hit over .400. While each at bat had its own independent probability, if Ted Williams had 5 at bats in a game, he probably had 2 base hits.

While Irma has less than a 1% chance of breaking Allen's wind speed record, the sum of individual probabilities since 1924 indicate that it's about time for that record to fall.



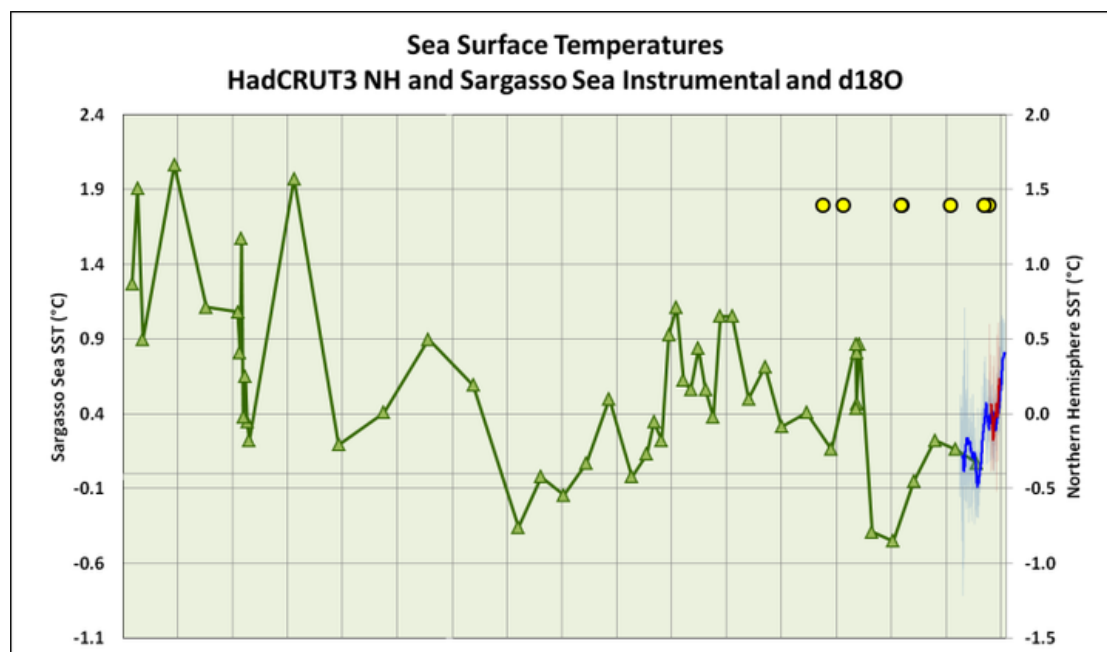
Y-axis is the sequential number of new records.

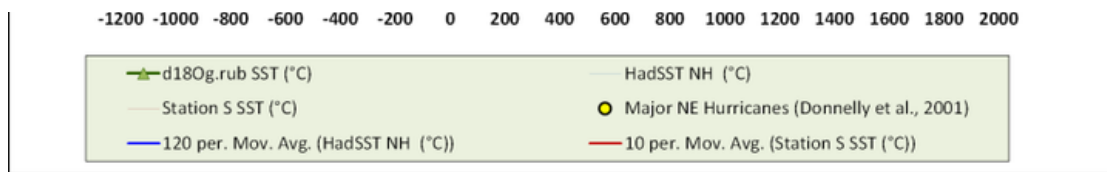
See sheet 1 of the following spreadsheet for expected record calculations:

[AtlanticStormTotalsTable \(1\)](#)

HOW DID WE EVER SURVIVE THE MEDIEVAL WARM PERIOD?

If warmer waters inevitably lead to more severe hurricanes... How did humanity survive the Medieval Warm Period? Or the Minoan Warm Period? There must have been Category 9 hurricanes every year in 1000 BC!!! (/SARC)





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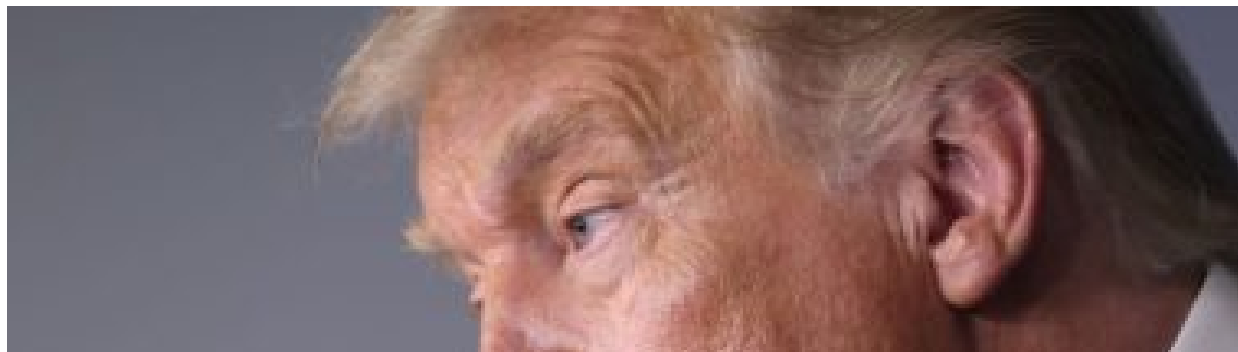
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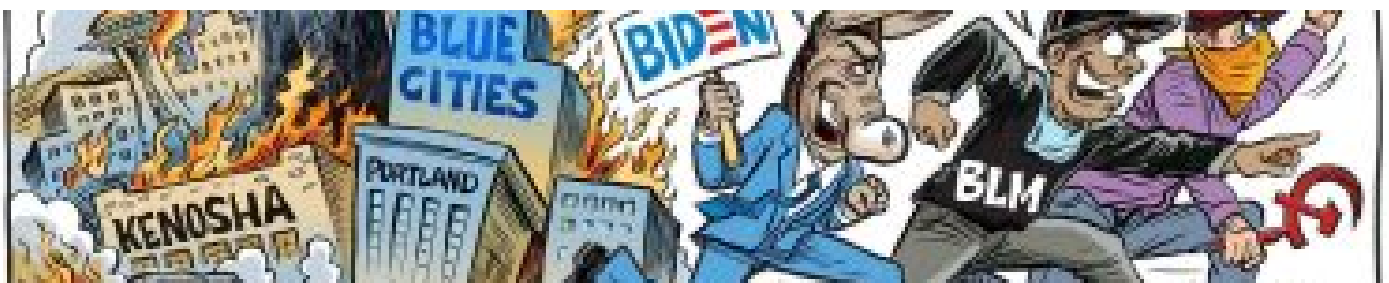


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- ☐ Terror attack
- ☐ Natural disaster
- ☐ Manmade disaster
- ☐ Economic disaster
- ☐ Nothing
- ☐ Political Scandal

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