

**"To Erode – to diminish or destroy by degrees; erosion – the action or process of eroding"**

In the first weeks of his administration, Donald J. Trump is eroding many things we the American people and the world hold dear and sacred.

**Erosion of trust** as civil servants are fired for no cause other than they are on probation.

**Erosion of justice** as non-partisan inspector generals are fired from multiple departments and whistleblowers and people who have been abused have no one to turn to.

**Erosion of good government** as vocal and loyal partisans are put in charge of critical government agencies and departments with orders to dismantle them.

**Erosion of transparency** as trusted independent media sources are shut out.

**Erosion of wealth** as tariffs are bandied about like cudgels causing uncertainty in markets which destabilize companies, institutions and individual's investments.

**Erosion of public trust** as vital government services are curtailed and people are left to fend for themselves against greed.

**Erosion of the world's goodwill** as health and nutrition programs are summarily cutoff and people are left to go hungry and become sick.

**Erosion of science and wisdom** as experts are let go and/or ignored at health, climate & weather, agricultural agencies.

**Erosion of compassion** as civil servants are sent away with just a few days termination notice, and their families have to scramble to pay bills, relocate, find new jobs.

**Erosion of civil society** as laws are ignored and trampled on and cities and towns have to pick up the pieces of traumatized families.

**Erosion of stability** as farmers are shut out of traditional markets, input costs rise, and advice and financial tools are taken away.

**Erosion of democracy** as support for allies and embattled Ukraine is jerked away.

**Erosion of human and civil rights** as laws are ignored, norms are broken, and discrimination prevails.

**Erosion of faith** as one version of Christianity is used to justify political ends, and other versions and religions are denigrated as wrong or just plain evil.

**Erosion of truth** as immigrants and foreign countries are blamed for all of the United States' ills.

**Erosion of fairness** as political friends are rewarded and political opponents are punished not according to law, but according to of the whims of the occupant the Oval Office.

**Erosion of decency** as Mr. Trump spreads lies and half-truths about his critics and anyone who would try to hold him accountable to the spirit and letter of the US Constitution.

Whether or not he intends, **Donald J. Trump is eroding the American Dream and Ideal**, and Congress and the Courts need to stand up to his bullying and stop him NOW before it is too late.

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