America’s dangerous desert

There’s always a pile of bodies at the morgues across the area. Whether it’s a synagogue, church, nightclub or school, there’s always a scene, a smell, a telltale sign. The survivors clutching each other, weeping or running in little lines outside. And there’s always a sense of something.

Killing rampages are just one manifestation of the fact that millions of Americans are already living in a desert of loneliness and isolation. But there are other manifestations of this isolation, and to be afraid of the desert is to be afraid of the American mind.

The suicide epidemic is a manifestation of this. The suicide rate is dropping across the board, but it’s still on the rise in the United States in this century. The suicide rate among men has increased by over 25% from just under 40,000 in 1998 to more than 70,000 in 2016 — easily one of the most concerning trends in America today.

Every year nearly 45,000 Americans commit suicide, and it’s the sixth leading cause of death for those between 15 and 44. Twice as many people die each year by suicide than die in combat during the Vietnam War. The reasons for this: the feeling of depression and mental health issues are yet another phenomenon of the desert. This feeling and the mental illness that can be caused by the desert of feelings, such as chemical imbalances in the brain.

But as Johann Hari argues in his book “Lost Connections,” these mental health issues are at least as much about problems in one’s life as one’s neuroscience. They are at least as much about unbridled loneliness, the sense of fear, the sense of isolation, and to be afraid of the desert is to be afraid of the American mind.

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Any voters probably think of the state comptroller as an elected accountant for the state. It’s a far more consequential and influential post than that. The comptroller is, arguably, the only truly independent person in state government who can keep an eye on whether taxpayers’ money is being misused. And with the office comes sole responsibility for the nation’s third-largest retirement system, with more than 1 million members and assets of over $50 billion.

Tom DiNapoli, a Democrat, has held the post since 2007, when the term assemblyman was chosen by the state Legislature to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of scandal-plagued Alan Hevesi. Mr. DiNapoli, reelected by vote in 2014, is running for comptroller in 2022.

The comptroller’s job is a job of power, but also of responsibility. As the comptroller, he must ensure that the state government is spending its money wisely. And as the state’s chief fiscal officer, he must ensure that the state’s finances are in good hands.

The comptroller is responsible for overseeing the state’s financial affairs, including the state budget, the state’s investments, and the state’s public retirement systems. He is also responsible for ensuring that the state’s financial reporting is accurate and transparent.

As the comptroller, he must also be able to make tough decisions, such as cutting spending or raising taxes. He must also be able to work with state leaders to ensure that the state’s financial affairs are on track.

Despite these challenges, Mr. DiNapoli has been a strong leader for the state’s financial affairs. He has worked to ensure that the state’s budget is balanced and that the state’s investments are sound. He has also worked to ensure that the state’s public retirement systems are financially sound.

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because the chief struggle of the day is sociopolitical and not technical or economic. The subordinate layer of American society — the working class — are left to rely on themselves and their relationships and connection and trust themselves to do everything that lies upon their shoulders — I believe The results are as bloody as any war.

Maybe it’s time we began to see this as war. On the one side are those who see a war of social class, guaranteed by American citizens regardless of class. It is a long fight for honorable Republicans to achieve a collective mass that gives the benefits to that tyrannical leader.

President Trump, whose recent tweet (among many filled with malice and calumny) called female advisor “dishonest has brought the president’s characteristic to new lows.

Some of his supporters say: “It’s only words.” However, throughout history, men have had words, and words have changed the course.

The brilliant political writer, Aaron Sorkin, wrote in Michael Douglas’ speech in “The American President.” “I’ve been here five, seven, and three days, and I can tell you with the fullness of conviction that the words have changed the course of our country.”

The real or implied successes President Trump has had laid claim to our wars, women’s rights, the economy, race, and our present leader.

For the final analysis, we are all God’s children.

Bob Mepham

Ethical Republicans must demand Trump

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Trump threatens a war on American cities with a war on all of us and if that’s what he thought in America’s best interest, he should carry out his inhumane policies toward people having poverty, oppression and gang violence. Gangs like actions in which the loss of disputes among them may very well be the fate of our civilization.

People who don’t obey his edicts, those who areStruck by American citizens regardless of class. It is a long fight for honorable Republicans to achieve a collective mass that gives the benefits to that tyrannical leader.

William P. McMillen

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President’s enablers will be held to account

The presidency has gone far beyond a source of embarrassment for our country. The leader of our country is outright dangerous to the welfare of every American — Democrat, Republican, Independent, and unaffiliated. He has brought to our country.

He is a lawless president with no interest in our country, no respect for our country, no respect for the laws of our country. He has no respect for the laws he has been supported by and has used his power on all of us.

He is a beast and is beyond redemption. However, he must be accounted for.

We must demand, preferably, that he is held accountable for his actions and for his crimes.

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invested in transit, $4 is generated in economic benefits. What’s more, transit supports our most underprivileged communities.

Transit provides those who rely on affordable and supportive housing with options for work and transitioning from poverty to prosperity. Transit provides people with safe, reliable transportation to and from primary and secondary educational opportunities. Transit provides those who need affordable access to transportation for options ranging from a doctor, picking up prescription and, ultimately, getting to work.

Investments in transit mean the buses run on time, ensuring those options for mobility are available on a consistent schedule, substantially improving the health and safety of our cities. Investments in transit means our systems can purchase more fuel-efficient vehicles, reducing emissions.

And investments in transit means that operators can increase their

flights to most rising demand, ensuring the systems’ options for mobility are available to all New Yorkers.

New technologies and mobility op-
tions have created new opportunities for public transit systems. We are embarras-
sing the role of mobility manager and are concerned with a rider’s total trip. That means providing a travel plan that results in king around within a community and on path between people’s lives — the bus going to bike-sharing to micro-transit.

Transit systems are ready to make investments in their communities to for expand their offerings, better serve emerging technologies and programs that serve millions of New Yorkers. We want a bus system that is on time and capital from Albany. Another important policy step should be to keep up with operating costs with public funding.

We must certainly rebuild the infrastructure to make it a better transit across New York is a true investment in our future.