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I tried to find stuff not all about Trump – on alt.net and dailykos, on huffpost, on patheos and Progressive Secular Humanist – really, I tried. But the maniacally tweeting and frothing-at-the-mouth Orange Idiot is ubiquitous on every freethought and political site. So herein an attempt at a balance, I hope, with factual freethought news from Pew Research before a focus on the stupidest Congressman, on shape-shifting zombies, woke-ness, circular logic, Never Trumper screeds, and the 6,200 thoughts worming inside your skull. But first, one great American eulogizes another. —JR

EULOGY

Barack Obama

(Excerpted from his eulogy of Rep. John Lewis, July 29)

I, like so many Americans, owe a great debt to John Lewis and his vision of freedom. This country is a constant work in progress. We're born with instructions, to form a more perfect union. Explicit in those words is the idea that we're imperfect. That what gives each new generation purpose is to take up the unfinished work of the last and carry it further than any might have thought possible.

The life of John Lewis was, in so many ways, exceptional. It vindicated the faith in our founding. Redeemed that faith. That most American of ideas, the idea that any of us, ordinary people without rank or wealth or title or fame, can somehow point out the imperfections of this nation and come together and challenge the status quo. And decide that it is in our power to remake this country that we love, until it more closely aligns with our highest ideals.

What a radical idea. What a revolutionary notion. This idea that any of us ordinary people, a young kid from Troy, can stand up to the powers and principalities and say no, this isn't right, this isn't true. This isn't just. We can do better.

And someday when we do finish that long journey toward freedom, when we do form a more perfect union, whether it's years from now or decades or even if it takes another two centuries, John Lewis will be a founding father of that fuller, fairer, better America. He believed that in all of us there exists the capacity for great courage. That in all of us, there's a longing to do what's right. That in all of us there's a willingness to love all people and extend to them God-given rights to dignity and respect.

So many of us lose that sense. It's taught out of us. We start feeling as if in fact we can't afford to extend kindness or decency to other people. That we're better off if we're above

other people. And looking down on them. And so often that's encouraged in our culture. But John always said he always saw the best in us. And he never gave up. And never stopped speaking out because he saw the best in us.

He knew that the march is not over. That the race is not yet won. That we have not yet reached that blessed destination where we are judged by the content of our character. He knew that progress is fragile. That we have to be vigilant against the darker currents of this country's history. Of our own history. Where there are whirlpools of violence and hatred and despair that can always rise again.

There are some who might say we shouldn't dwell on such things. But that's why I'm talking about it. John Lewis devoted his time on this earth fighting the very attacks on democracy and what's best in America that we're seeing circulate right now. He knew that every single one of us has a God-given power and that the faith of this democracy depends on how we use it. That democracy isn't automatic. It has to be nurtured. Has to be tended to.

We have to work at it. It's hard. And so he knew that it depends on whether we summon a measure, just a measure of John's moral courage to question what's right and what's wrong. And call things as they are. He said as long as he had a breath in his body, he would do everything he could to preserve this democracy, and as long as we have breath in our bodies, we had to continue his cause. ...

And that's what John Lewis teaches us. That's where real courage comes from. Not from turning on each other. But by turning toward one another. Not by sowing hatred and division but by spreading love and truth. Not by avoiding our responsibilities to create a better America but by embracing those responsibilities with joy and perseverance. And discovering that, in our beloved community, we do not walk alone. What a gift John Lewis was.

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EIGHT FACTS ABOUT RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Dalia Fahmy

(Excerpted from *pewresearch.org*, 7/15/2020)

The separation of church and state has come under scrutiny again this summer after the Supreme Court sided with religious conservatives in a series of rulings. One of the rulings allows states to fund religious schools indirectly, while another protects religious schools from federal employment discrimination lawsuits.

Here are eight facts about the connections between religion and government in the United States, based on previously published Pew Research Center analyses.

1. While the U.S. Constitution does not mention God, every state constitution references either God or the divine. God also appears in the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance and on U.S. currency.

2. Congress has always been overwhelmingly Christian, and roughly nine-in-ten representatives (88 percent) in the current Congress identify as Christian, according to a 2019 analysis. While the number of self-identified Christians in Congress ticked down in the last election, Christians as a whole – and especially Protestants and Catholics – are still overrepresented on Capitol Hill relative to their share of the U.S. population.

3. Almost all U.S. presidents, including Donald Trump, have been Christian, and many have identified as either Episcopalian or Presbyterian. But two of the most famous presidents, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, had no formal religious affiliation. Most U.S. presidents have been sworn in with a Bible, and they traditionally seal their oath of office with “so help me God”*.

4. Roughly half of Americans feel it is either very (20 percent) or somewhat (32 percent) important for a president to have strong religious beliefs, according to a survey this past February. But only around four-in-ten (39 percent) say it is important for a president to share their religious beliefs. Republicans are more likely than Democrats to say it is at least somewhat important for a president to have strong religious beliefs (65 percent vs 41 percent).

5. Americans are divided on the extent to which the country’s laws should reflect Bible teachings. Roughly half of U.S. adults say the Bible should influence U.S. laws either a great deal (23 percent) or some (26 percent), and more than a quarter (28 percent) say the Bible should prevail over the will of the people if the two are at odds, according to the February survey. Half of Americans, meanwhile, say the Bible shouldn’t influence U.S. laws much (19 percent) or at all (31 percent).

6. More than six-in-ten Americans (63 percent) say churches and other houses of worship should stay out of politics. An even higher share (76 percent) say these houses of worship should not endorse political candidates during elections, according to a 2019 survey. Still, more than a third of Americans (36 percent) say churches and other houses of worship should express their views on social

and political matters. (The Johnson Amendment, enacted in 1954, prohibits tax-exempt institutions like churches from involvement in political campaigns on behalf of any candidate.)

7. Only about a third of Americans (32 percent) say government policies should support religious values. Two-thirds (65 percent) say religion should be kept out of government policies.

8. Even though the Supreme Court ruled in 1962 that it is unconstitutional for a teacher to lead a class in prayer at a public school, 8 percent of public school students ages 13 to 17 say they have ever experienced this, according to a 2019 survey. (It is, however, possible that some teens who said they’ve experienced this could have previously attended religious private schools where teacher-led prayer is constitutional.) This experience is more common in the South (12 percent) than in the Northeast (2 percent). Four-in-ten U.S. teens in public schools (41 percent) feel it’s appropriate for a teacher to lead a class in prayer, including 29 percent of teens who know that this practice is banned but say that it is acceptable nevertheless.

*Not so. “So help me God” was tacked on to the oath for the first time by Chester Alan Arthur in 1881, and not all 20th century presidents have used it. – JR

GOOD NEWS: FEWER AMERICANS NEED GOD Hemant Mehta

(Excerpted from “Most Americans Now Believe You Do Not Need God to be Good”, at *friendlyatheist on patheos.com*)

A new survey from the Pew Research Center finds that the majority of Americans – 54 percent – say you do not need God to be moral. Only 44 percent of people in the U.S. believe God is a prerequisite for morality, a sharp decline from 2002, when that number was 58 percent.

Younger people, with arguably more exposure to non-religious people and ideas, are less likely to link God and morality. Only 27 percent ages 18-29 link godliness and goodness, compared to 55 percent of those 50 and older.

Those with less formal education in the U.S. are more likely to connect God and good (52 percent) compared to those with more education (34 percent).

Now look at the political divide. In the U.S., only 24 percent of those on the ideological left say you need God to be good. 63 percent of those on the right would say the same. That’s a function of the polarization of our two major parties as much as anything else. The modern GOP has embraced white evangelical Christianity and vice versa, and that also means pushing everyone else to the other side.

On the whole, it’s actually a reason for hope that more people are coming to the realization that morality isn’t dependent on religion. When there are countless examples of religious leaders saying and doing the worst possible things, while the left [is] fighting for civil rights and equal justice, it’s obvious that religion isn’t the biggest factor when it comes to decency. If anything, Republicans constantly show how religion – their religion – hurts our country, whereas progressives are united under a different banner.

RACISM IS THE ORIGINAL SIN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Stuart Stevens

(Reprinted from "We Lost the Battle for the Republican Party's Soul Long Ago", a New York Times Op-Ed, 7/29/2020. Mr. Stevens is a Republican political consultant.)

After Mitt Romney lost the 2012 presidential race, the Republican National Committee chairman, Reince Priebus, commissioned an internal party study to examine why the party had won the popular vote only once since 1998.

The results of that so-called autopsy were fairly obvious: The party needed to appeal to more people of color, reach out to younger voters, become more welcoming to women. Those conclusions were presented as not only a political necessity but also a moral mandate if the Republican Party were to be a governing party in a rapidly changing America.

Then Donald Trump emerged and the party threw all those conclusions out the window with an almost audible sigh of relief: *Thank God we can win without pretending we really care about this stuff.* That reaction was sadly predictable.

I spent decades working to elect Republicans, including Mr. Romney and four other presidential candidates, and I bear reluctant witness that Mr. Trump didn't hijack the Republican Party. He is the logical conclusion of what the party became over the past 50 years, a natural product of the seeds of race-baiting, self-deception and anger that now dominate it. Hold Donald Trump up to a mirror and that bulging, scowling orange face is today's Republican Party.

I saw the warning signs but ignored them and chose to believe what I wanted to believe: the party wasn't just a white grievance party; there was still a big tent; the others guys were worse. Many of us in the party saw this dark side and told ourselves it was a recessive gene. We were wrong. It turned out to be the dominant gene.

What is most telling is that the Republican Party actively embraced, supported, defended and now enthusiastically identifies with a man who eagerly exploits the nation's racial tensions. In our system, political parties should serve a circuit breaker function. The Republican Party never pulled the switch.

Racism is the original sin of the modern Republican Party. While many Republicans today like to mourn the absence of an intellectual voice like William Buckley, it is often overlooked that Mr. Buckley began his career as a racist defending segregation.

In the Richard Nixon White House, Pat Buchanan and Kevin Phillips wrote a re-election campaign memo headed "Dividing the Democrats" in which they outlined what would come to be known as the Southern Strategy. It assumes there is little Republicans can do to attract Black Americans and details a two-pronged strategy: Utilize Black support of Democrats to alienate white voters while trying to decrease that support by sowing dissension within the Democratic Party.

That strategy has worked so well that it was copied by

the Russians in their 2016 efforts to help elect Mr. Trump.

In the 2000 George W. Bush campaign, on which I worked, we acknowledged the failures of Republicans to attract significant nonwhite support. When Mr. Bush called himself a "compassionate conservative", some on the right attacked him, calling it an admission that conservatism had not been compassionate. That was true; it had not been. Many of us believed we could steer the party to that "kinder, gentler" place his father described. We were wrong.

Reading Mr. Bush's 2000 acceptance speech at the convention now is like stumbling across a document from a lost civilization, with its calls for humility, service and compassion. That message couldn't attract 20 percent in a Republican presidential primary today. If there really was a battle for the soul of the Republican Party, we lost.

There is a collective blame to be shared by those of us who have created the modern Republican Party that has so egregiously betrayed the principles it claimed to represent. My *j'accuse* is against us all, not a few individuals who were the most egregious.

THE WORST PRESIDENT EVER

Steve Schmidt

(He was a senior advisor to the 2008 McCain campaign)

Donald Trump has been the worst president this country has ever had. And, I don't say that hyperbolically. He is. But he is a consequential president. And, he has brought this country in three short years to a place of weakness that is simply unimaginable if you were pondering where we are today from the day when Barack Obama left office. And there were a lot of us on that day who were deeply skeptical and very worried about what a Trump presidency would be. But this is a moment of unparalleled national humiliation, of weakness.

When you listen to the President, these are the musings of an imbecile. An idiot. And I don't use those words to name call. I use them because they are the precise words of the English language to describe his behavior, his comportment, his actions. We've never seen a level of incompetence, a level of ineptitude so staggering on a daily basis by anybody in the history of the country whose ever been charged with substantial responsibilities.

It's just astonishing that this man is president of the United States. Con man, many bankruptcies, failed businesses, a reality show that branded him as something he never was, a successful businessman. Well, he's the President now, and the man who said he would make the country great again. And he's brought death, suffering, and economic collapse on truly an epic scale.

And let's be clear. This isn't happening in every country around the world. This place, our place, our home, our country, the United States: *We* are the epicenter. *We* are the place where you're the most likely to die from this disease. *We're* the ones with the most shattered economy.

And we *are* because of the fool who sits in the Oval Office behind the Resolute Desk.

THE RHETORICAL END-RUN OF THE RIGHT-WING ZOMBIES

Jeremy Sherman

(From "This is the rhetorical trick most likely to cause our species' extinction", at *alternet.org*, 7/19/2020)

For all the invective we throw at the MAGA cult, we have yet to put a finger on, let alone driven a stake through that cult's mindless heartlessness. Our invective is at most therapeutic for us with little effect on them.

They're shape-shifters, masters of deflection, but it's not a blur of various identities. They're shape-togglers shuttling fluidly between two identities, prude and brat, pope and punk, saint and cynic, family-values and incel revolt, high-horse parent and petulant child, defenders of the status quo and cultural wrecking crew, upholders of moral propriety and anarchist dismantlers.

Yes, that's just another example of the cult's hypocrisy, but I think it's the pivotal one, the mother of all of their hypocrisies. It's how they declare us losers for not meeting their moral standards and losers for caring about moral standards. These shape-togglers reproach us for our political incorrectness and conversely for being PC.

Holy war is an oxymoron: Holiness is a commitment to righteousness but all's fair in war. There's no racket one can't dignify with holy war because there's no deed too dirty for the saints who wage it.

They don't just go low. They go above and below, anywhere but meeting us at eye level. They're pedant parents talking down to us, or petulant teens complaining about how domineering we are. That's how they escape adult-to-adult debate. It's "shame on you!" when that's to their advantage and when we try shaming them, it's "So what? You do it too" cynicism.

You don't have to be dumb to become one of these shape-toggling assholes fluidly shifting between playing saint and boor. You just have to be a little hungry, lazy, or swept up in some supposedly holy war.

The dumbness comes easily with time. Thinking about your inconsistency only gets in the way. Discover this shape-toggling trick and your mind just atrophies. You've found a more efficient way to thrive: Ignore words. Listen for sounds. If you hear threats to your authority, ape saintly high-horse condemnation. If you hear concern and care, ape crass ridicule and contempt. That's all. Two buttons; two pre-recordings. You'll find you no longer need a mind or a heart. Nothing purges a conscience as fast as outrage and with shape-toggling you have the only two routes to outrage you'll ever need - caring and not caring about moral standards.

Their cardinal sin is something viral. It's not alive and yet it's a parasite that makes zombies of people - not just the MAGA cult - that's just the current epidemic. There have been epidemics of it throughout history.

No deed too dirty for the holy followers of Christ, Hitler, Stalin, the Jihadists. It's how anyone plays God, eternally omnificient, omnipotent and omniscient. It's the

ass-holy trinity whereby saintliness licenses sin, sin wins and winning "proves" saintliness.

This zombie-like rhetorical end-run is, I'd argue the most probable cause of human extinction. Why? Because there's no talking to those infected. Reality, which zombies refuse to heed, gives them the ultimate smackdown.

THEY'RE COMING FROM THE LEFT, TOO Dennis Middlebooks

I think there is another salient reason for the attacks being levelled against Steven Pinker by hundreds of scholars in the linguistics field (ref. "Liberals, We Have a Problem", *PIQUE*, 7/28/2020). In his best-selling book, *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism and Progress*, Pinker lauds historical developments that have advanced humanity, but which are also largely the fruits of Western Civilization, starting with the 18th century Enlightenment. Sadly, reason, science, humanism and progress, along with "objectivity" and "perfectionism", are now regarded in many "woke" quarters as falling within the domain of nefarious White Supremacist thinking, with Western Civilization demonized as racist and genocidal and the bane of the human race. In addition, Pinker argues in his other best-selling book, *The Better Angels of Our Nature*, that violence has declined sharply across the globe in recent centuries as the direct result of human progress, starting with the aforementioned Enlightenment.

Pinker's thesis is of course completely at variance with the "woke" notion that Western Civilization has been the cause of escalating violence and oppression around the world and mustn be reined in, if not destroyed. The very idea that the world may be improving, with falling levels of violence and rising levels of democracy and equality, as Pinker has demonstrated, is anathema to the worldview of many academics, journalists and activists.

CAREFULLY CORRECT CIRCULAR LOGIC

(Transcribed from the *Dilbert* comic strip, 7/14/2020)

Company CEO: We're getting reports that you're a white supremacist.

Dilbert's Pointy-Haired Boss: But I'm not.

CEO: We have proof because you follow racists on Twitter.

D'sP-HB: What makes you think they are racist?

CEO: Because they follow you on Twitter.

(Next day's comic strip, 7/15/2020)

CEO: I have to fire you because employees are saying you are a white supremacist.

D'sP-HB: But I'm not.

CEO: No matter. I care more about my career than your life.

D'sP-HB: You're firing me just to look good.

CEO: And I'll need to punch you in front of witnesses.

No drug, not even alcohol, causes the fundamental ills of society. If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs, we should test them for stupidity, greed, and love of power. - P.J. O'Rourke

**THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE,
EXCEPT THAT IT'S NOT**

John Rafferty

(Based on and quoted from reporting by Michael Stone at Progressive Secular Humanist on patheos.com, 7/28/2020)

Donald Trump went on a late night Twitter binge on Monday with more than a dozen posts pushing dubious claims about the drug hydroxychloroquine, including twice retweeting a video from a woman who claims that the drug is a "cure" for Covid-19 and that "you don't need a mask".

Dr. Stella Immanuel, a pediatrician and a religious minister with a long, long history of screwball, if not actually insane ideas, including claims that gynecological problems like cysts and endometriosis are in fact caused by people having sex in their dreams with demons and witches, now alleges that alien DNA is currently used in medical treatments, that scientists are cooking up a vaccine to prevent people from being religious, and that the government is run in part not by humans but by "reptilians" and other aliens.

Before Twitter deleted Immanuel's tweets as "false", "misleading" (and stupid), Trump re-tweeted her "medical advice". Twice.

Oh, and Rudy Giuliani called Immanuel "my hero".

So did pop megastar and sometime kabbalah devotee Madonna, who added that "The Truth will set us all Free!"

WAIT ... MAYBE THERE IS A GOD

Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX), widely recognized as "the stupidest man in Congress" (dictator al-Sisi is "the George Washington of Egypt") and a COVID-19 denier who has often refused to wear a mask or social distance, and who lives in his House office ... has tested positive for the virus.

The reason he was infected, he says, is that sometimes he had to wear a mask.

And Herman Cain, who promoted and attended Trump's maskless Tulsa rally ... um ... okay, *De mortuis nihil nisi bonum*.

1 DEATH PER MINUTE

One person in the United States died about every minute from COVID-19 on Wednesday as the national death toll surpassed 150,000, the highest in the world. The U.S. recorded 1,461 new deaths on Wednesday, the highest one-day increase since 1,484 on May 27. U.S. coronavirus deaths are rising at their fastest rate in two months and have increased by 10,000 in the past 11 days. On Friday, California reported a total of over *half a million* cases, and nationally, COVID-19 deaths have risen for three weeks in a row.

"We altogether have done a very good job." – Trump

Life is good. Power and influence are illusory. Rich people often get lousy health care. Doctors don't give thorough digital prostate exams to CEOs. Famous people are more likely to die in stupid accidents because their handlers are afraid to say, "Stop. That's crazy." – Garrison Keillor

6,200 THOUGHT WORMS?

Bigthink.com posts that a new study by psychologists at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario on observations of the transition from one thought to another in fMRI brain scans. Though the researchers didn't detect the content of our thoughts, their method allowed them to count each one. Referred to as "thought worms", the team says that the average human has 6,200 thoughts per day. "What we call 'thought worms' are adjacent points in a simplified representation of activity patterns in the brain," said senior study author Jordan Poppenk.

"The brain occupies a different point in this 'state space' at every moment. When a person moves onto a new thought, they create a new thought worm that we can detect with our methods." While we average 6,200 thought worms a day, Poppenk anticipates further research tracking the manner in which the number of daily thoughts an individual has may change over the course of a lifetime. Likewise, he's interested in investigating potential associations between how quickly a person jumps from one thought to another and other mental and personality traits.

Comment: So 6,200 thoughts-a-day, divided by 16 waking hours equals 387.5 per hour, divided by 60 minutes per hour equals just about 6.5 per minute.

Which doesn't seem like much to me. What do you think?

Please send one (or more) of your 6,200 (or more) thoughts on the subject to editor@shsnj.org – JR

I WON'T WEAR A MASK BECAUSE



IT'D MAKE ME LOOK STUPID

SHSNY CALENDAR: AUGUST – OCTOBER 2020

FICTION BOOK CLUB ONLINE

The SHSNY Fiction Book Club meets online via Zoom, and will continue so for the duration of our enforced isolation.

To be included and notified of each meeting's link and password, email your address to Sharon Krutzel at sharonkrutzel@rcn.com

TUES, AUGUST 11, 7:00 pm DOUBLE WHAMMY Carl Hiaasen

Just for fun, follow the adventures of a news-photographer-turned-private-eye as he seeks truth, justice, and an affair with his ex-wife. A hilarious caper with unforgettable characters, including the lunatic ex-governor of Florida whose diet is roadkill.

TUESDAY, SEPT 8, 7:00 pm ALOYSIUS THE GREAT John Maxwell O'Brien

By Joyce scholar, author of *Alexander the Great: The Invisible Enemy*, and PIQUE subscriber O'Brien, *Aloysius* is now available in paper and e-formats at Amazon.

Mr. O'Brien advises that to purchase *Aloysius* in paperback most economically go to <http://bit.ly/AloysiusTheGreat>. \$22.99 there, with free shipping.

TUESDAY, OCT 13, 7:00 pm AMERICAN DIRT Jeanine Cummins

Stephen King calls it "extraordinary," and this *NYTimes* best-selling story of a comfortable, middle-class Mexican family caught up in the flight to *el Norte* and away from drug violence has been called "the international story of our times". Hardcover, Kindle.

HUMANIST BOOK CLUB ONLINE

We continue online for the duration of our social distancing. Harry French will send the linking codes for the Zoom meetings. Send your address to:

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Meanwhile, do the reading ...

THURS, AUGUST 6, 7:00 pm UNORTHODOX: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots Deborah Feldman

Deborah Feldman grew up under a Satmar code of relentlessly enforced customs governing every aspect of her life. At nineteen, with a baby, she realized that she would have to forge her own path to happiness and freedom.

Now a very good Netflix series.

THURS, SEPT 3, 7:00 pm SURVIVING AUTOCRACY Masha Gessen

As seen on MSNBC Morning Joe and heard on NPR All Things Considered: the bestselling, National Book Award-winning journalist offers an essential guide to understanding, resisting, and recovering from Trump and the ravages of our tumultuous times.

"When Gessen speaks about autocracy, you listen."
— *The New York Times*

THIRD THURSDAY GROUP THURS, AUGUST 20, 7:00 pm

Regulars of the Humanist Book Club have formed a Zoom-in "non-book" club to enjoy each other's company and more conversation. To join, send an email with your address to:

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HUMANIST HAPPY HOUR ONLINE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 5:00 pm

Let's get together even when we can't get together, via Zoom. Get comfortable at your computer with your beverage and/or snack of choice – and join 15, 20, or more of your fellow humanists in our Humanist Happy Hour!

Zoom in at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9806344432?pwd=c0NrNUoweDVGWHo2ditvYmJlVjVlGdz09>
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/skype/9806344432>

MONDAY MOVIES

MONDAY, AUG 10, 8:00 pm

We'll discuss Stanley Kubrick's **DR. STRANGELOVE**
(Or: *How I learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*)

Monday movie buffs meet every other Monday eve to discuss interesting and socially relevant films.

Together we choose a film, each watch it at home, free or cheap rental, then Zoom to discuss it.

Let's watch Peter Sellers play three roles (hilariously) in 1964's "Dr. Strangelove" (\$2.99 rental on Amazon) – #3 on the American Film Institute's list of Funniest American Films ever – then discuss Cold War paranoia and macabre black humor.

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