

THE DICTATOR'S GUIDE TO DESTROYING DEMOCRACY

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(Back row): Marie “Let them eat cake” Antoinette, King “Heir-Head” Louis XVI, Mobutu Sese “The Long Nickname” Seko, General Idi Amin “The Butcher of Uganda” Dada, Saddam “Condiment King” Hussein, Bashar “Eye Care About Syria” Al Assad, Kim “Dear Leader” Jong Il, Kim “Rocket Man” Jong Un, (Front Row): Vladimir “No Homo” Putin, Joseph “Kegger Man” Stalin, Adolf “The Artist” Hitler, Donald “The Pudge” Trump, Benito “Il Douche” Mussolini

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The point of this book is to highlight the tactics used by demagogues to oppress the populations they rule over.

It is not meant to provide instructions on how to be a would-be dictator.

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Health Warning

Warning: Dictators, historically, have gone down in history as some of the most hated people ever, and a large portion of them are eventually killed, rather brutally, by their own people.

Absolute power will corrupt absolutely.

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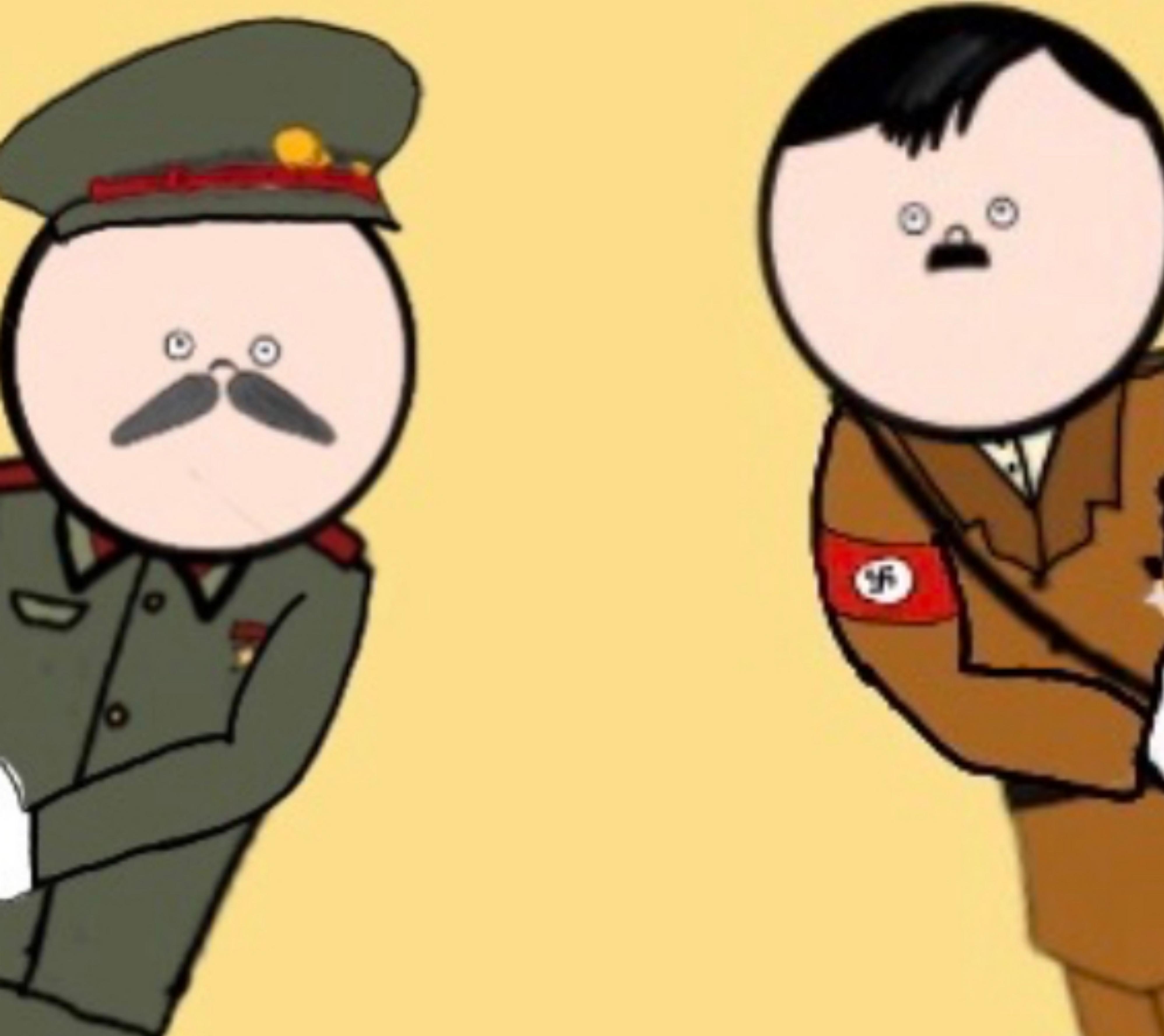
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Ask your authoritarian expert if dictatorship is right for you.

Introduction



Hey you!

Are you an up and coming dictator who wants to rule a country, nation or even the world, but you don't know where to start?

Does your homeland have systems in place that grant citizens the ability to influence and choose who governs or rules over national interests?

Well, worry not! This guide will help you on your journey to take over and implement yourself as the one true power of the people! Let us journey forth and learn how you—yes you—can destroy democracy and rule over the masses with an iron fist.

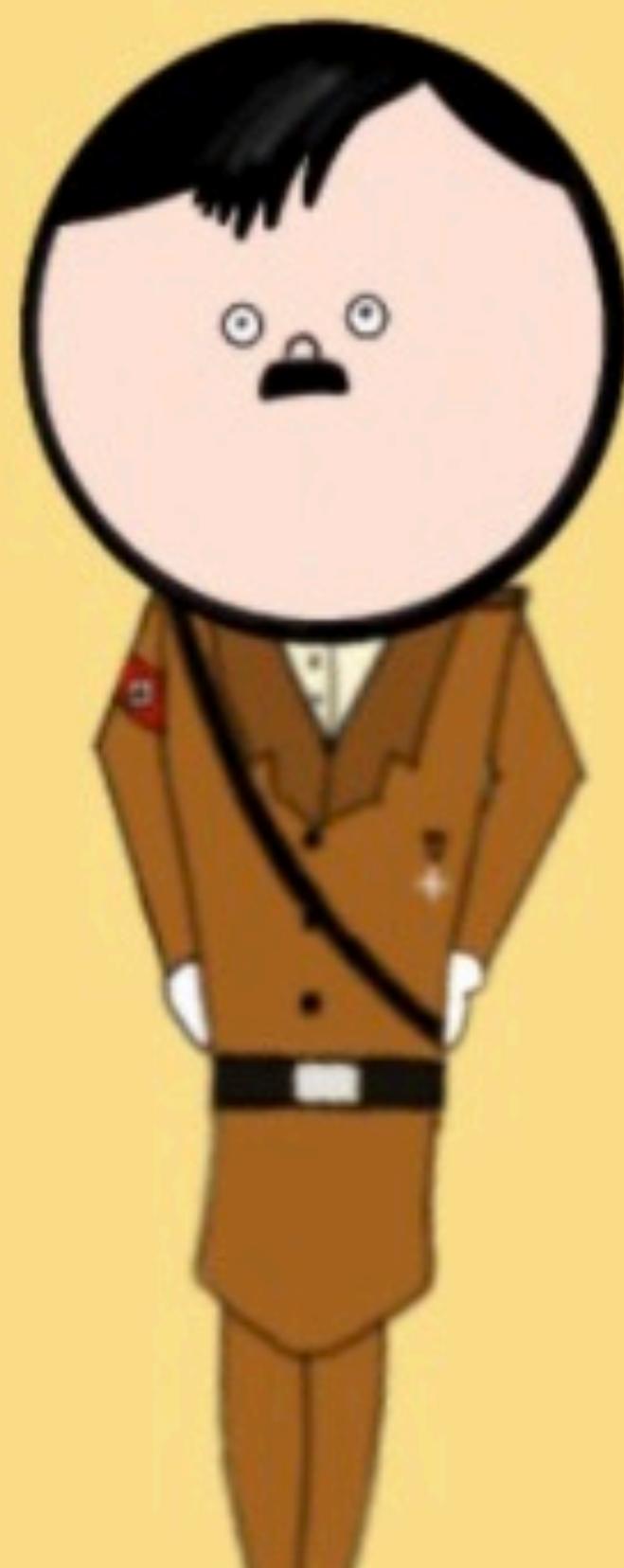
The following pages provide the steps to take for gaining enough power and influence to do so.



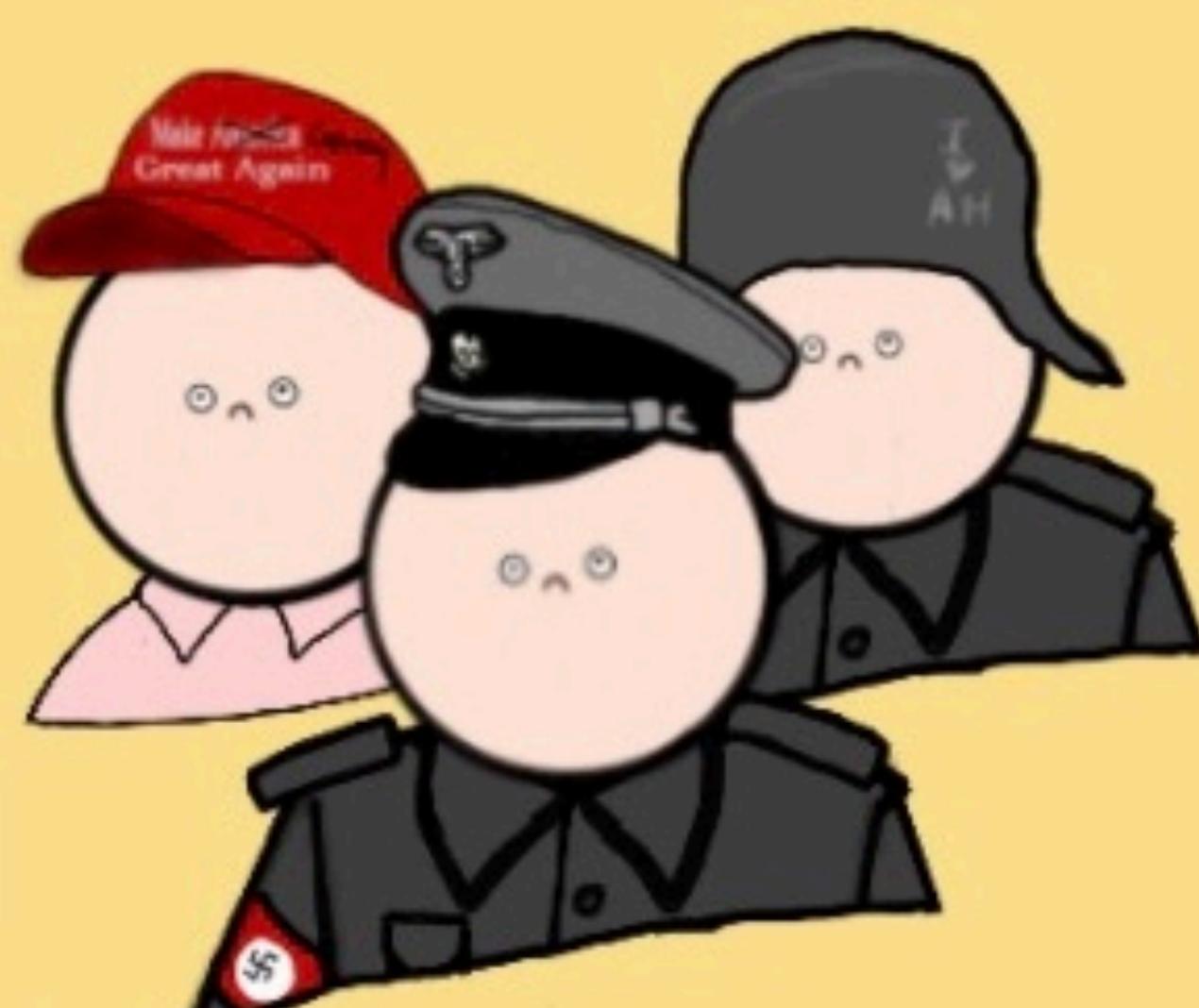
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TO RULE WITH AN IRON FIST

Things You Will Need:

- Charisma
- Capital (gained legally or illegally)
- Reputation
- Followers



CHARISMA WEALTH



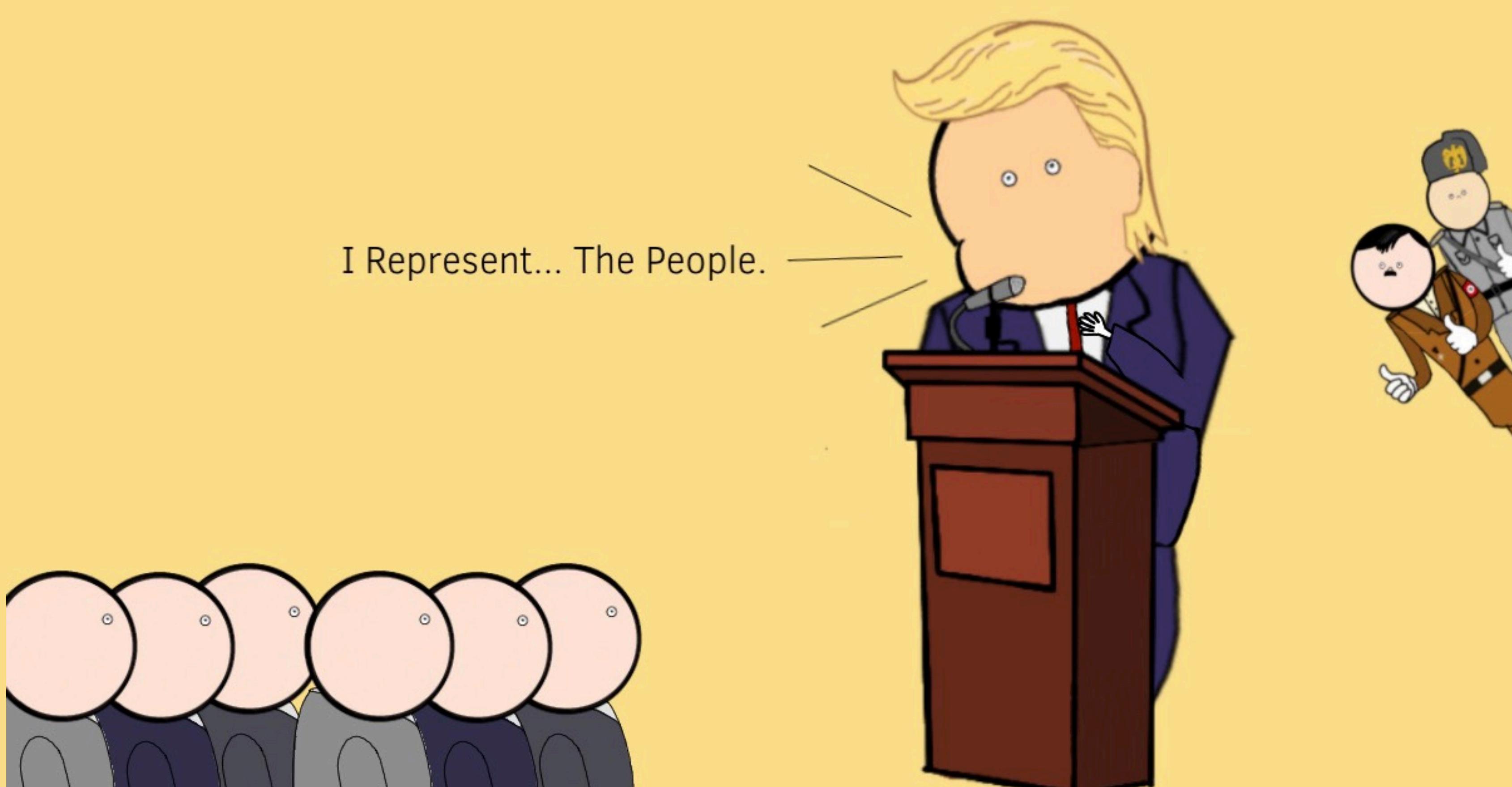
REPUTATION FOLLOWERS

Using charisma, you can acquire money (you can also take it from other people or just be born a rich person) that you can use to gain a reputation and attract like minded people, or followers, to your cause. Once you have amassed a large enough group, you can begin weeding out or distancing yourself from any weak or socially undesirable members.

Note: While distancing yourself, make sure not to distance yourself *too* much. You must always maintain the image of being “For The People” and so you should give the appearance of sympathy to all groups, even when you clearly have groups you wish to snuff out.

Remember, Public Relations is important in the beginning to ensure you maximize support, but minimize suspicion. Once power is achieved and made absolute, then you can be more obvious about your intentions.

Once your group has become unified and efficient, you will be able to create a “political party”. While you, the dictator, should place yourself as the face of the group, it is important to remember that your power to take over relies upon the power of the party members to enforce your will upon the people. (Hereafter, the party will further be referred to as The Party).





Tips For Creating Party Names:

Dictatorial positions are often not well received by a large number of the population. People in general, including those who you wish to rule, are often stubbornly opposed to having someone force them to do what they say.

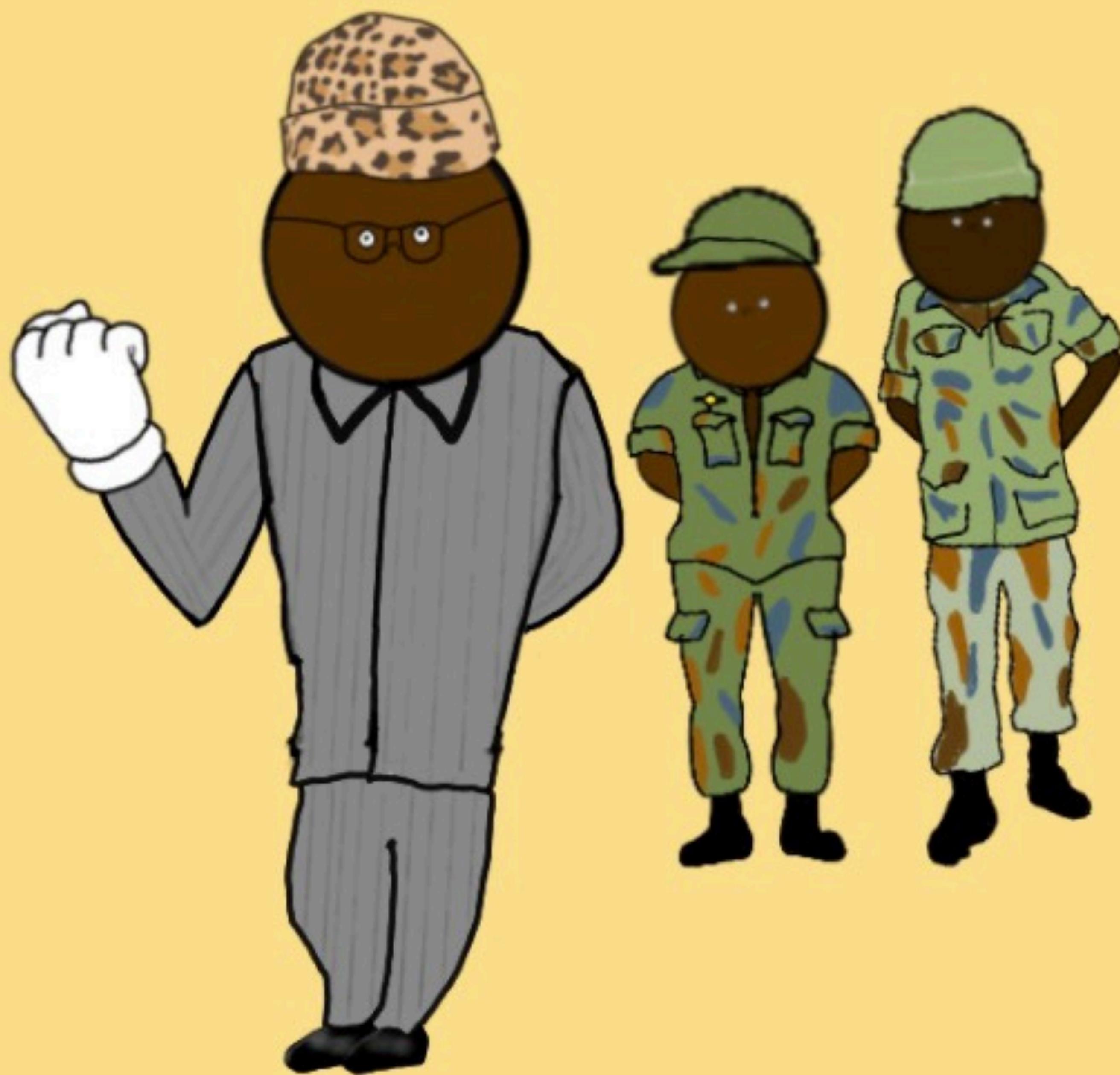
To ensure that The Party is well liked, using words that are more welcoming and have positive connotations is highly recommended.

Examples:

National Socialist Party — “National” has an inherent air of togetherness to it and “Socialist” promotes ideas of a government caring for its citizens, even though the actual National Socialist Party, was the Nazi party, who only liked *some* of their countrymen, and who hated socialism (but knew that their supporters did not).

Democratic People’s Republic of Korea — People like democracy because of the influence it gives them over who is in charge, so using “Democratic” is very appealing. The “People’s” part is attractive because a party that’s *for* the people makes people feel cared about. “Republic” sounds welcoming because of its gravitas and values of fairness. This is in stark contrast to the *actual* Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea) which is not democratic, is not for the people, and is not at all a republic.

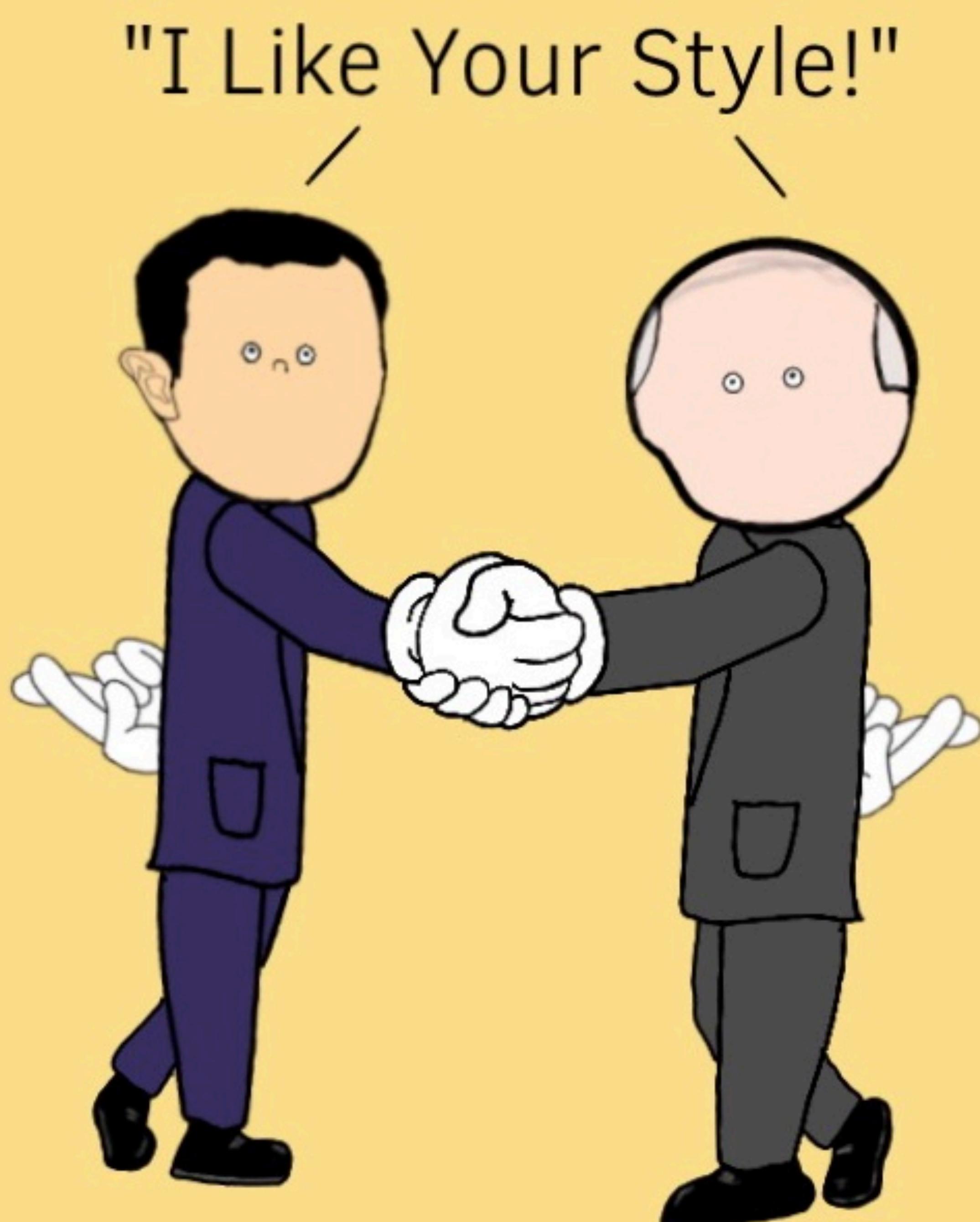
How To Conquer The Masses



To conquer the masses using the already established systems of democratic rule, one must use the system against itself. Democracy, despite its best intentions, has a key weakness: the voters. The Party can only become powerful if it has the will of the people on its side.

Well, at least the will of the *right* people.

Side Note: Dictators are very supportive of other dictators, especially when they are beneficial to them. Consider befriending other dictators to assist you in your conquering.



Caution: Other dictators may manipulate you, use you, or stab you in the back.

STEP 1. DIVIDE INTO US VS THEM GROUPS



To conquer the masses, one must first draw battle lines to determine who will be helpful to your cause, who will be harmful, and of course, who can be made to fight each other.

In order to make division easy, it helps to label entire groups of people under a single descriptor to help simplify things. Using *Identity Politics*, The Party can divide people into demographics and subcultures, and eventually pit those groups against each other.

You must try to make The Party appear as inclusive as possible, for as long as possible, until clearer divisions are discovered, assessed, and exacerbated in your favour.

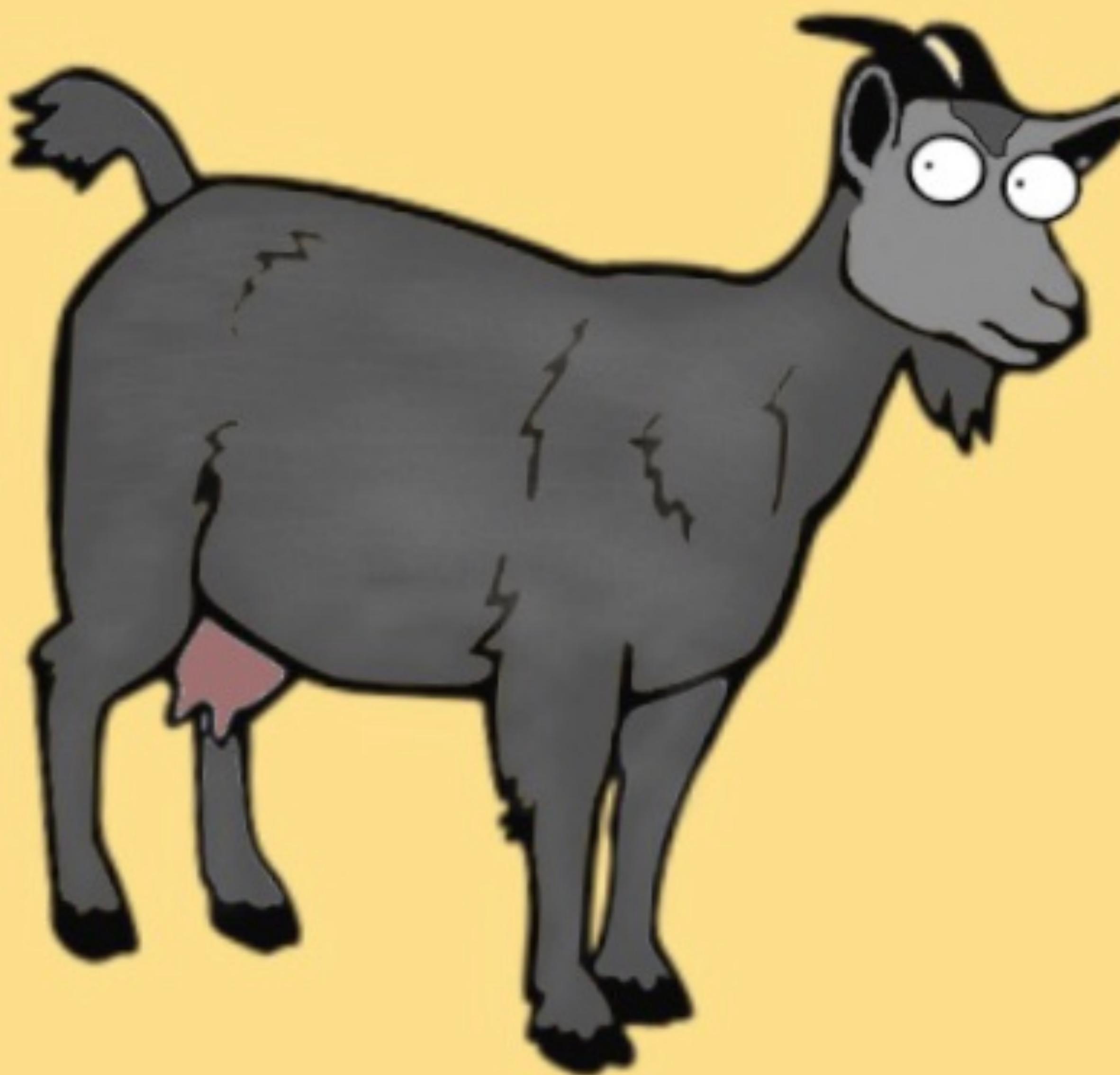
Once subgroups start to make their ideologies clear, it will be easier to figure out who is on your side, who you can convince to come to your side, and who you need to label “the opposition”. Anyone who has a difference of opinion or whose ideas may undermine your efforts, should be promoted as “enemies of the people” in order to rally together those who support you into bullying those who oppose you.

This will make the opposition more scared and distracted and thus less of a threat.

Remember: A scared and distracted voter, is usually a stay at home voter!

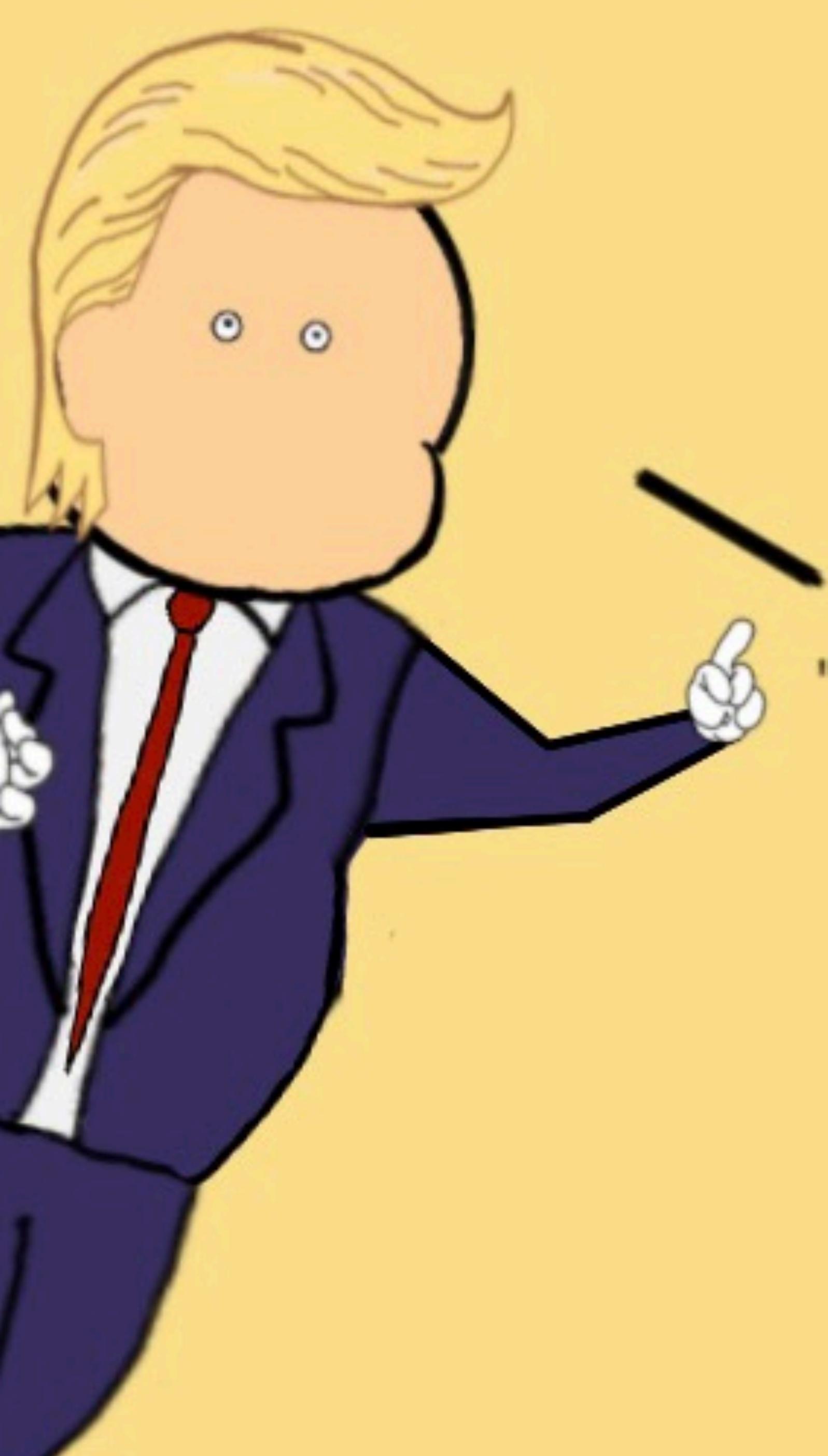
Tip: Choosing to vilify a visible minority makes it easier for people to distinguish friend from foe, and thus easier to rally and organize against. This is easy to achieve because prejudices are usually already present and just need some

insightful words to ignite the fury in people's hearts against those who are different from them. Blaming these opposition groups for most, or all, of the problems people face is called *scapegoating*, and it is a staple of the dictator community.



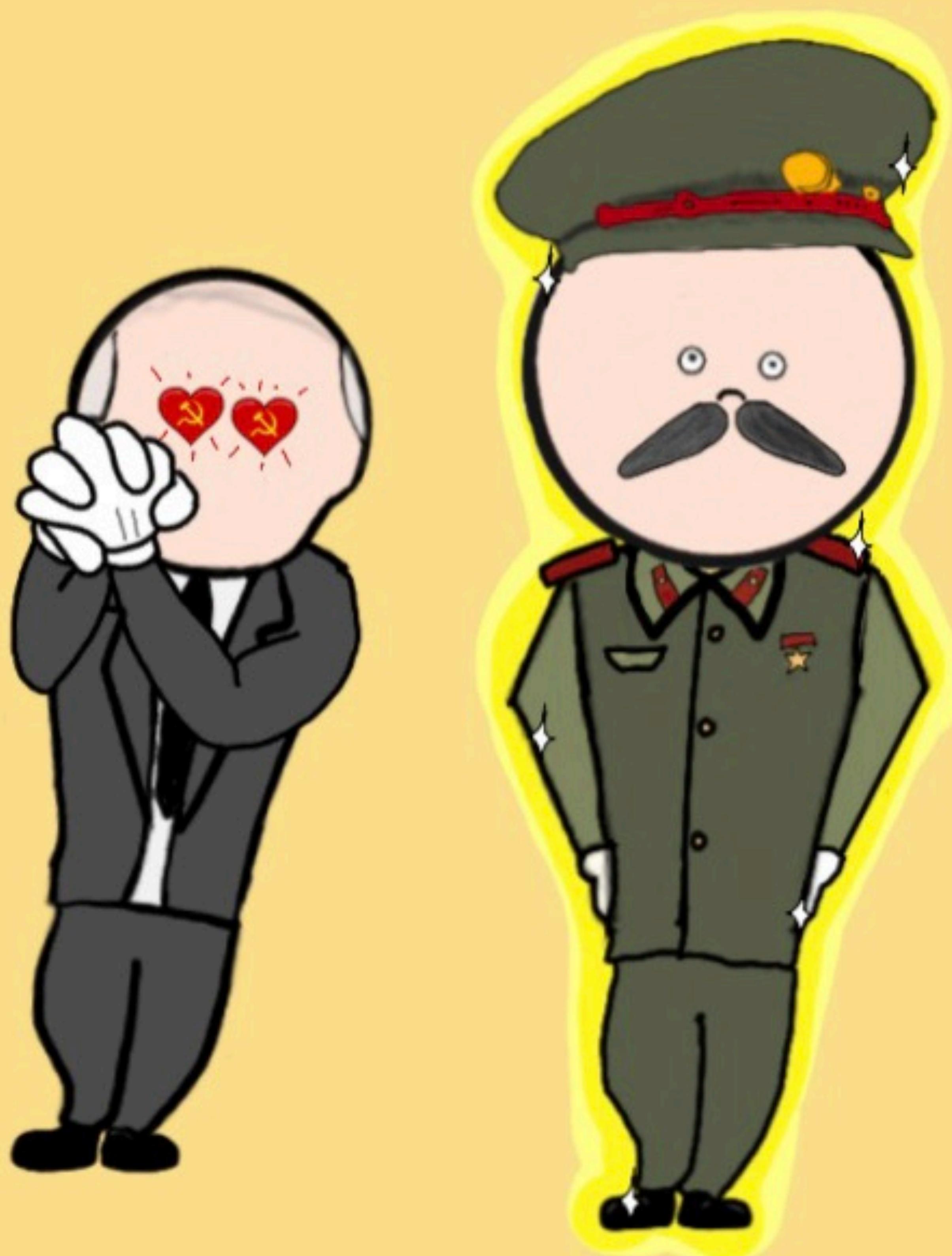
As time goes on, you can add additional subcultures to your list of scapegoats. The clearer the lines of division, the easier it is to see where the exploitable prejudices and weaknesses lie.

"I mostly blamed Bolshevik Jews, but I also used people of colour, homosexuals, the romani, and anyone disabled!"



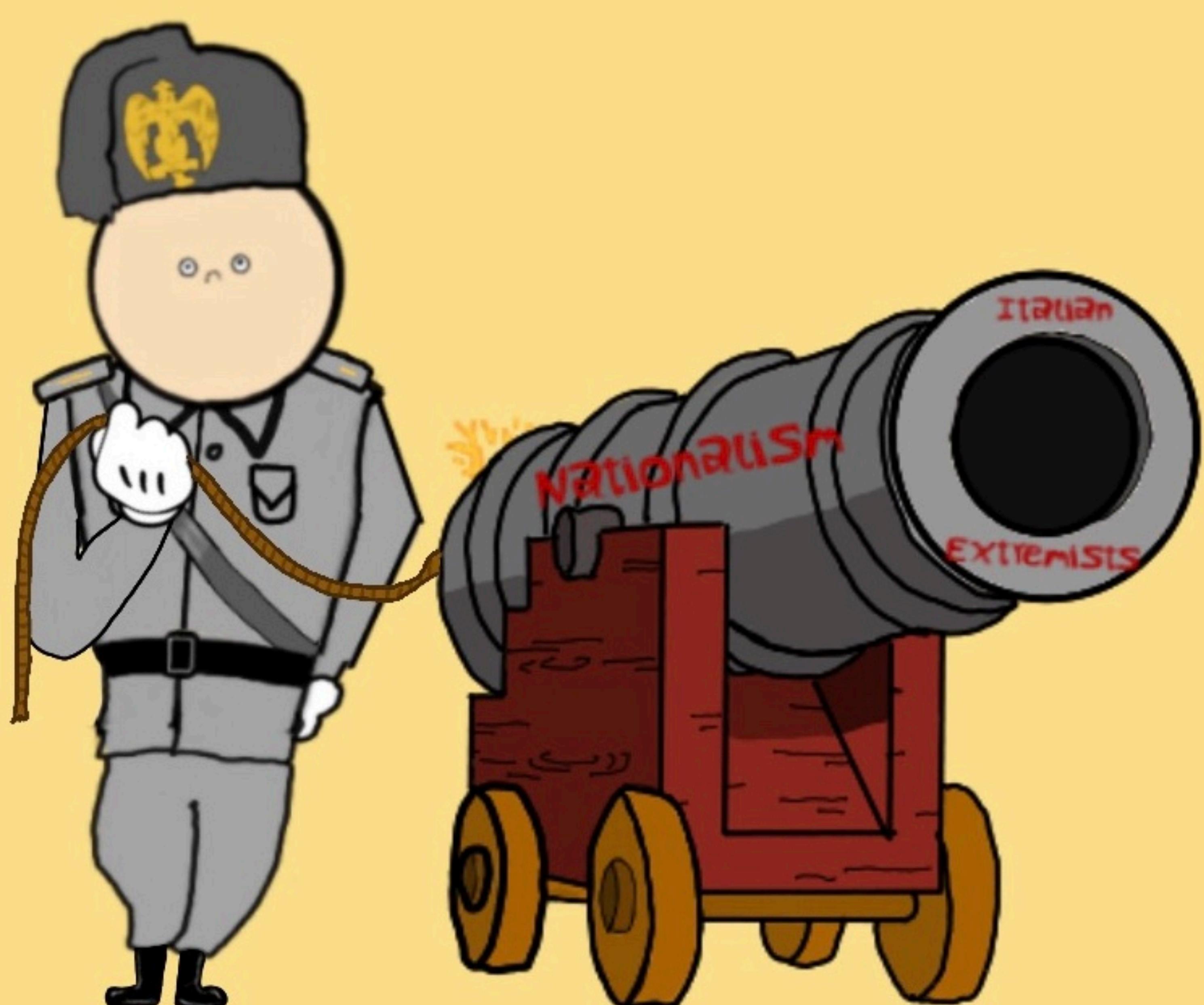
"I blamed everything on Obama, Mexico, China, Muslims, People of Colour, and (...to be continued)"

STEP 2. SIDE WITH THE BLINDLY LOYAL



The Party should side with the groups who share the most values with them, but The Party should do their best to focus on catering to the *blindly* loyal, in particular anyone more extreme about their positions (as long as it is an extension of The Party's values). Whoever is the most stubborn, hateful, and overzealous in combination with being blindly devout, will not only be your most loyal follower, but will also perform the unpopular tasks (such as violence against those who oppose you) that you can't afford to do yourself for fear of public outcry.

Remember: It is better to have a loose cannon aimed at your enemies, than to have it aimed at you!



STEP 3. GAIN MORE POWER BY MAXIMIZING YOUR SUPPORT

"you also had people that were very fine people, on both sides."



The Party should not play favourites with any one group in public (always maintain the guise of being “of” or “for the people” as it is broadly inclusive).

In secret, or at least, with subtlety and misdirection, show support for the groups that are most prejudiced against those you have deemed the opposition or the scapegoats. This will keep your followers distracted as they blame any problems they have on those scapegoats (again, insert whatever groups you prefer. Overt differences are good. Established prejudices are even better).

Carefully maintain optics of inclusivity, whilst using “unassociated” hate groups to fuel the division. Maintaining plausible deniability is key. You must say things that resonate with the hate groups, while distancing yourself from them to maintain a positive image in the public eye. However, one must avoid outright dismissing or vilifying those hate groups as The Party must still use them peripherally to bully the opposition into submission.

Promise popular policies even if you have no intention of doing any of them. The more grand and ridiculous, the better. To avoid getting caught later on, simply make your promise and then blame the inability to keep your promise on the actions of the opposition. In actuality, if any of these proposed policies *are* implemented, ensure that they benefit “The Party” most, even if it damages your base. If they are loyal or distracted enough, they won’t notice.

If you guarantee that your loyal followers are willing to vote, and that the most extreme of your followers are bullying your scapegoats and opposition into not voting, all while maintaining flimsy but plausible deniability for the sake of your public image, you will ensure the support of the most

vocal and interactive sections of the voting public, and should you run for office, you will be unlikely to lose.

This means that you will finally be in power and have the ability to use your influence to consolidate more power for yourself, and of course, The Party.

Well done! You're in the political system with actual influence and a sizeable following! Perhaps you've even managed to get a majority seat in the political administration, which will make it easier to propose or pass new legislation. Either way, congratulations are in order!

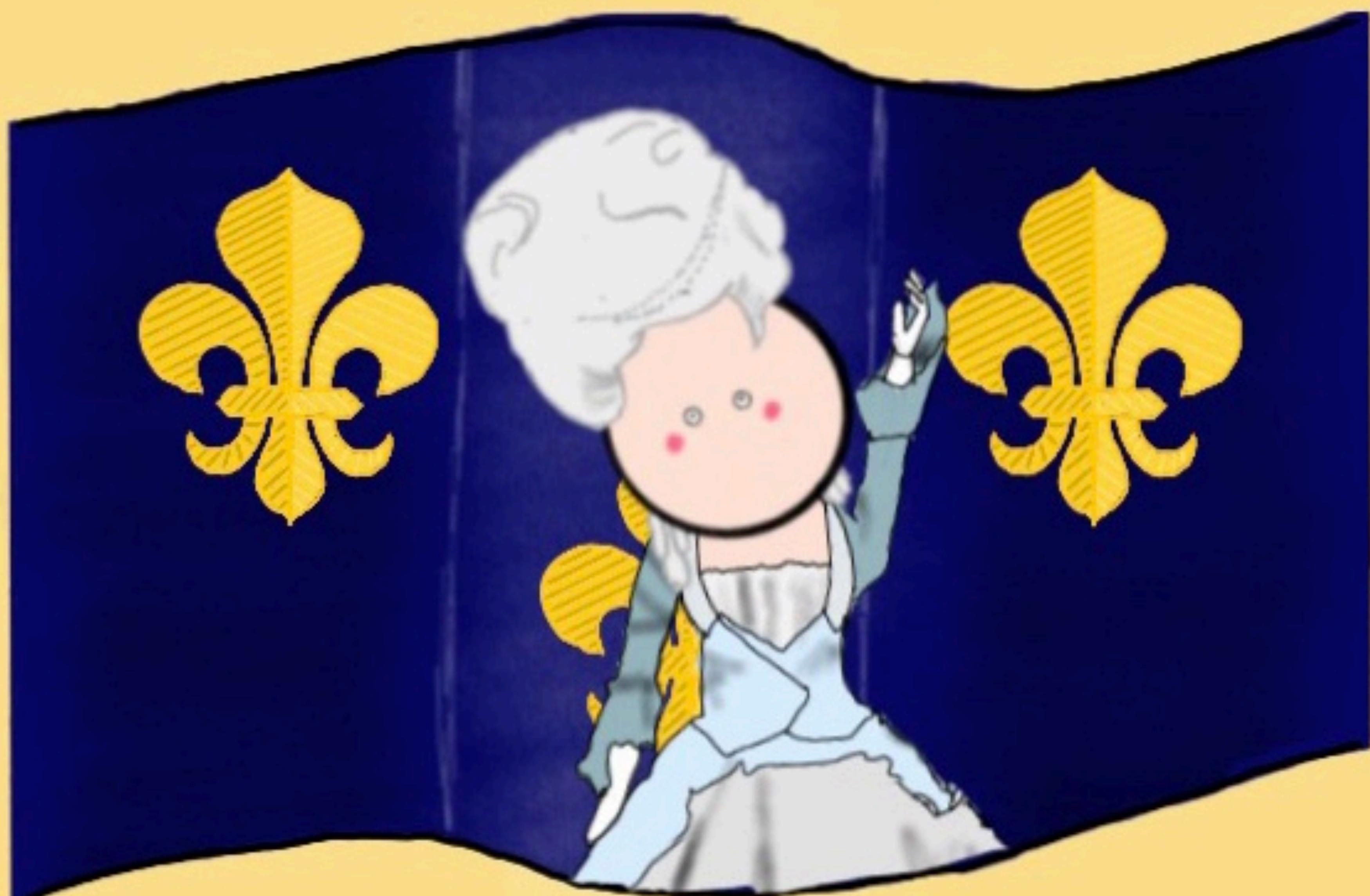


The next few steps are to continue growing your power, whilst weakening the positions of anyone who opposes you (or even just the people you don't like.) Using the scapegoats that you've already established, set forth to marginalize those groups (...and all others) even further! In the meantime, sit down and take the time to celebrate your new throne of power!



Step 4. Weaken The Populace

"Let Them Eat Cake!"



Now that you have more power, you should begin to implement policies and systems that keep money and power in the hands of The Party and out of the hands of everyone else. To do this, privatizing essential services as much as possible, whilst cutting social services, will keep people too sick and too poor to rise up against you!

Making access to vital services as expensive as possible will also keep the poorer people in a cycle of higher fatality rates, which will lessen their ability to fight The Party, even though they have the most reason to do so. The impoverished will have no access to care due to their lack of financial means and so will die off in massive numbers.

If scapegoating has been successful, you'll have an easier time implementing policies that sentence your chosen opposition to a vicious life cycle of being too poor to live and thus keep them weakened, while your party continues to strengthen itself and limit the freedoms of the citizens.

For this step, several strategies will be outlined to maximize the crippling of your subjects both physically and emotionally. These steps will help keep you in control by weakening everyone while empowering yourself and The Party.

HOW TO WEAKEN THE POPULACE



Own The Means Of Production

First, to gain more power, The Party must amass wealth and resources. Once in power, you will already be at an advantage due to the governmental control you have over social services and the law.

To maximize this power, The Party must allocate or ally itself with people who already own any products or services directly tied to vital necessities, such as real estate, education and resource systems. Once these assets are controlled and “privatized” (controlled by independent agents working on behalf of The Party), then The Party can slowly turn each of these assets into monopolies (or at the very least oligopolies) by altering policies to allow for such practices.



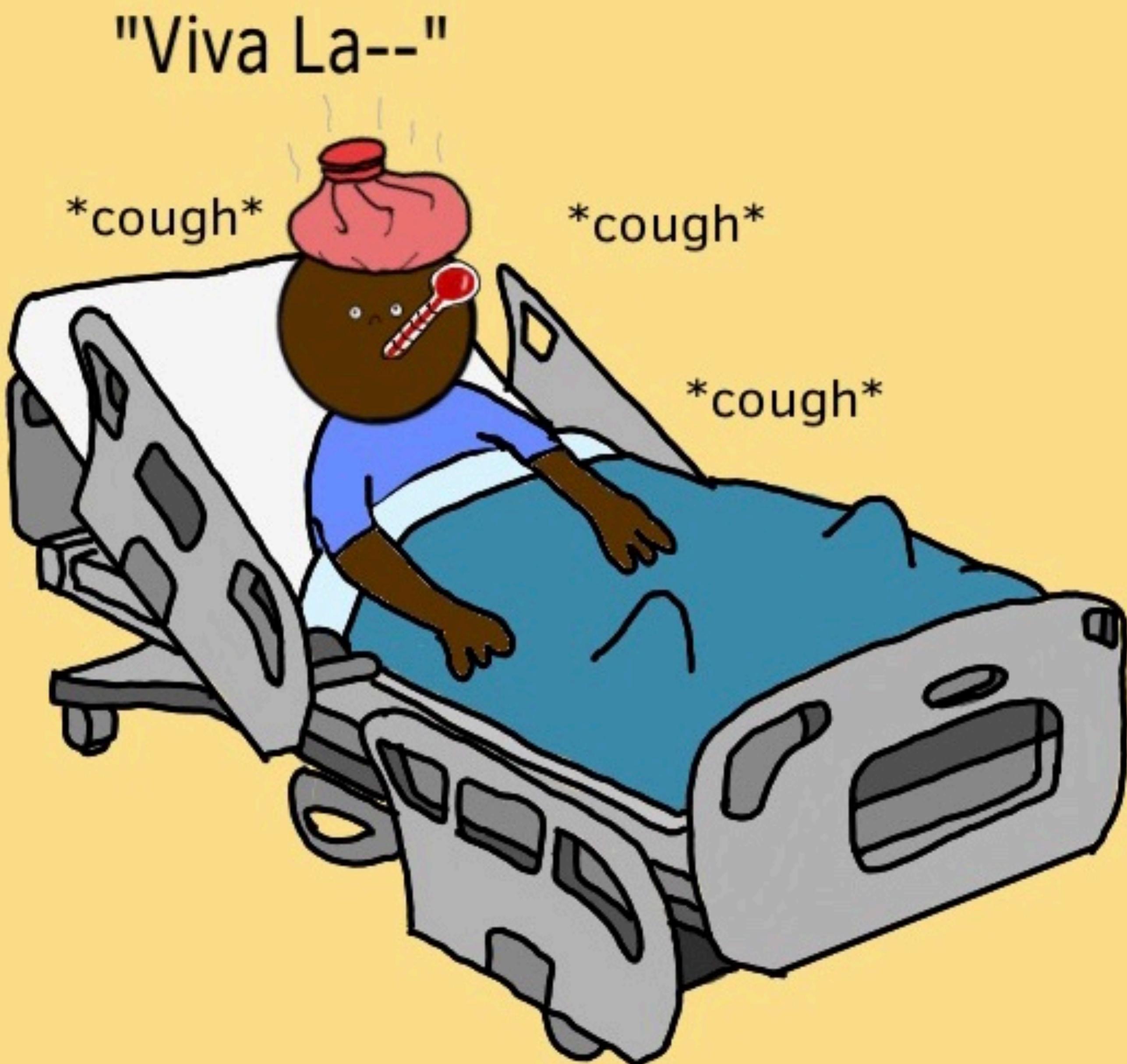
Once the take over of these businesses takes place, The Party can begin to charge whatever they want for these services and thus begin to exclude whomever they choose from the services themselves.

Make Health and Education More Exclusive

It is important to cut funding to both health **and** education.

Defunding and privatizing healthcare, makes it exclusive to those who are rich and in power. This distinction ensures that the most disenfranchised groups (which, if executed well, will primarily include your scapegoats and

political rivals) will be too distracted by poor health and therefore be too feeble to rise up and fight The Party.



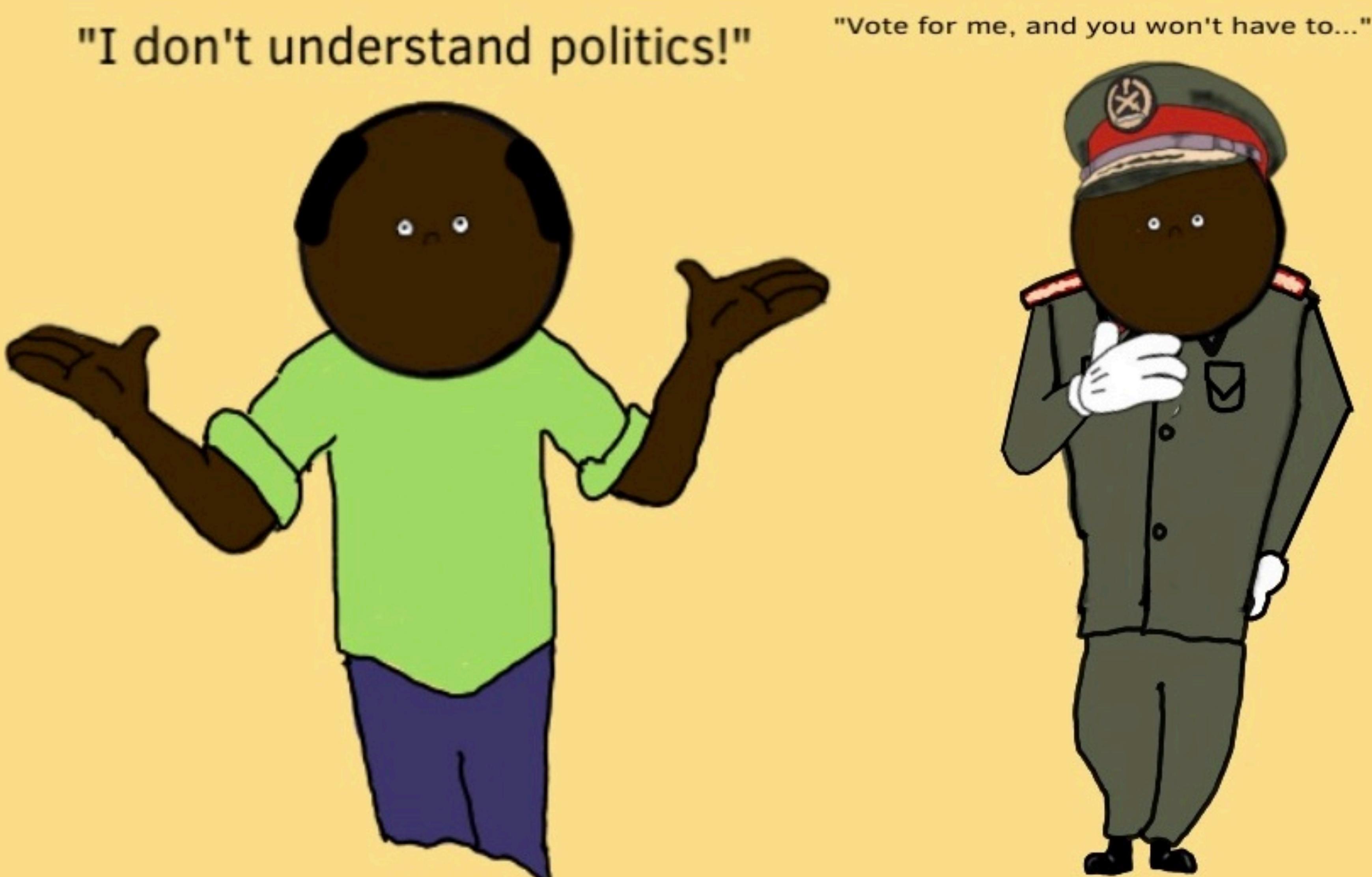
Defunding education makes sure that the marginalized are at an intellectual disadvantage meaning they will be easier to manipulate (and convince that you're the better party) **and** less likely to successfully organize against The Party.

Remember: Privatizing Education also allows for easy manipulation of children's realities, and children become adults. If you feed them the narrative early, it sticks!

The “cutting off” of services should be done slowly but with maximum impact on your targeted scapegoats and political enemies. Target the most visible minority groups first, as their visual differences will make it easier to

alienate them from your supporters and thus your supporters will blame them for their own shortcomings. One by one, begin to enforce policies that make those groups even more impoverished, while the rest of the people remain stable enough not to complain, but still too poor in comparison to you and your party to do much about anything.

Targeting particular demographics should be easy enough to accomplish. If you make it harder for poor people and your scapegoats to escape their state of poverty by changing rules and laws then you will have maximized your oppression of those groups.



Attack The Media

To keep the masses in a continued state of confusion, The Party should start accusing any and all educated sources, particularly in journalism and news, as untrustworthy, in order to further confusion and mistrust.

This discourse will reinforce the idea that The Party is the only reliable source of information.

The end result is that people will not know whether they can trust any information they see, leaving more room for incorrect information or outright lies to be taken as truthful. This uncertainty is strengthened if The Party continues to claim that they are the only trustworthy source of information and tries to foster a “trust us and only us” mantra among the masses.

Remember: Anyone who disagrees with The Party is wrong, if The Party is always right!

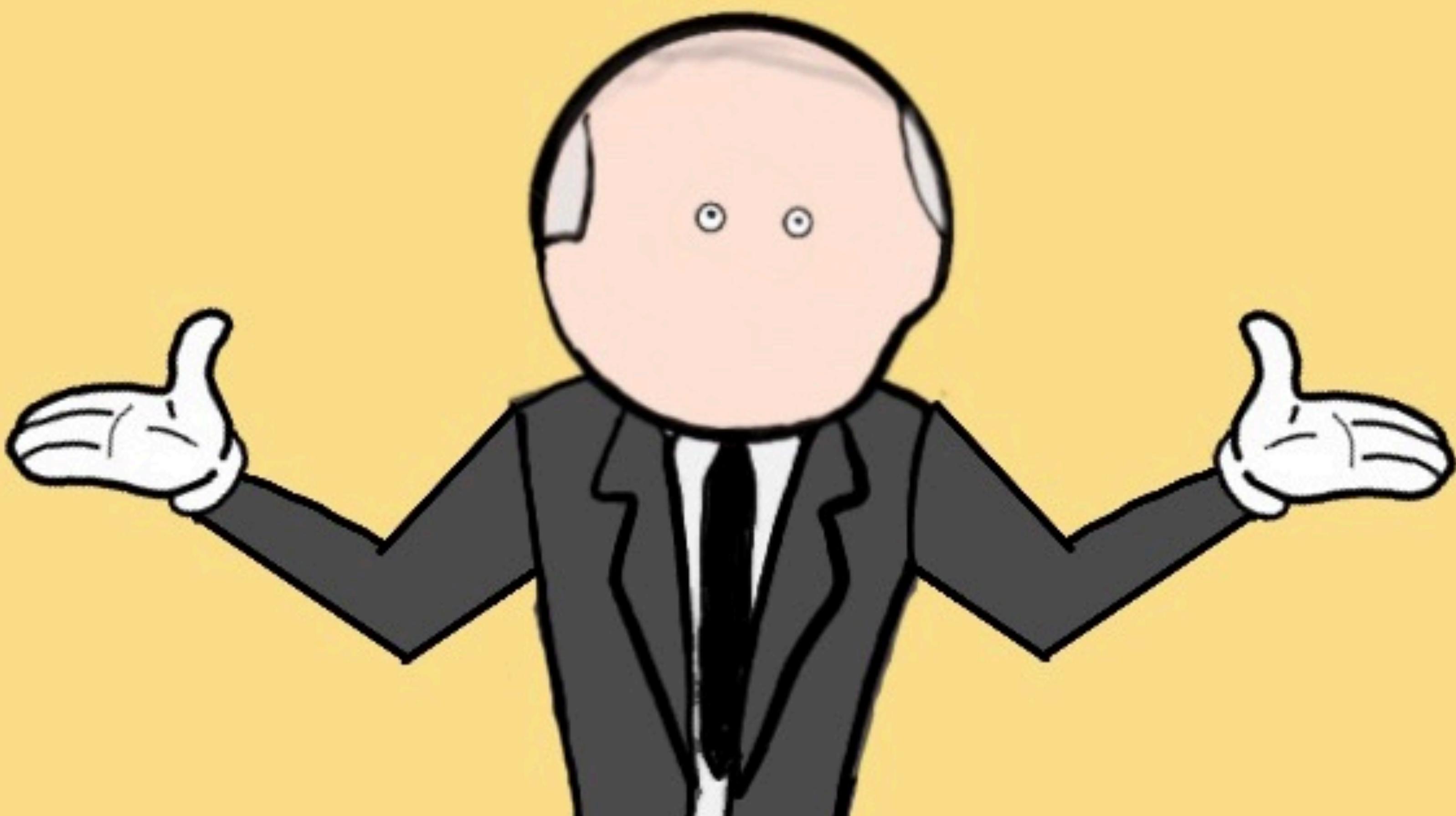
Tip 1: A bombardment of lies will increase the likelihood of *your truth* sticking in the minds of the citizens.

Tip 2: The more time people spend debunking your lies, no matter how obvious they are, the less time they can spend getting in the way of your plans for domination.

"I called them Lügenpresse!"

"I call it Fake News!"

"Fake, dead, what's the difference?"



Imprison Your Enemies and Scapegoats

The Party should put laws on the books that have harsh and strict prison sentencing, and use these new policies to target “the opposition”. Mandatory minimums that target the habits of your chosen scapegoats will allow for “justified” imprisonment of your enemies. The Party will be within its rights to implement the law as they see fit, and thus it will be easier to manipulate the system into incarcerating those they wish to incarcerate and keeping those they do not wish to be incarcerated out of prison.

This mass incarceration will also be aided by any existing prejudice that law enforcement already has towards your targeted scapegoats.

Remember: If they’re looking for an excuse to lock up or brutalize your scapegoats, give them one.

To keep in the public’s good graces, establish a narrative that any and all who have been “unjustly” imprisoned are either foreign intruders, confirmed criminals, or “threats to national security” (i.e. terrorists). This labelling will make those who are unaffected feel better about themselves and look down upon those who *are* affected, further driving a wedge between the groups. While they are distracted, both groups can continue to be taken advantage of.

If at all possible, you can also secretly and covertly lock people away for something as simple as speaking out against The Party, as long as you claim it is in the interest of important safety measures like “National Security”. This “safety precaution” ensures that anyone who speaks up can be taken out quietly and discreetly, while using National Security as an explanation to wave away the lack of any due process.



Suppress Voter Rights

Now, while you have successfully managed to end up in charge, you are still part of a democracy, and the will of the people is still *technically* where the power is. To ensure that their power is minimized, (in combination with all of the other weakening tactics) The Party has to suppress voter rights. Creating as many policies as possible to cause the most obstacles for voting is the top priority.

A few examples of this include: requiring government ID (which will disproportionately target minorities, immigrants and the houseless), and requiring an address (which will also target the homeless or anyone living on unregistered land). The amount of scapegoat-homeless will hopefully be maximized due to the increased price of vital essentials done earlier.

Remember: The easier it is to cause poverty, the easier it is to cause homelessness!

You can also limit accessibility by minimizing the number of days people can vote, and limiting the methods allowed for voting, like preventing mail-in voting for the immobile or isolated.

Hopefully you can also rely on oppressive forces to either coerce people into voting for you, or terrorize them into skipping out on voting out of fear.



Maintain Hopelessness

If you've been following along with the steps so far, you'll have sentenced a good number of your opposition and scapegoats to living in abject misery. They have either been sentenced to poverty, poor health and/or poor education, or they have been imprisoned for violating newly implemented laws that targeted them, or for being labelled terrorists. Make

sure to snuff out any resistance by making the act of protesting seem hopeless. Set a precedent that people who speak out against you and your party are enemies of the state and they will become targets of organized violence by your “distant” but loyal followers.

If possible, shut down internet access to prevent the spread of information within the country and out of the country. This communication blackout will isolate the populace and make it harder for them to plot and organize, as well as cut them off from international aid.

Result: A Weakened Populace

After applying all of these strategies, you should have people all over who are struggling to survive, unable to figure out why (or if they can, powerless to stop it) or who are unable to afford a different life. This is a good thing as long as you manage to keep the people supporting you and as worked up and angry as possible.

It is important to redirect that anger as far away from you as you can, especially since you are the direct cause of it. This concern brings us to our next step.

STEP 5. MISDIRECTION



As the populace continues to weaken, you must keep the masses distracted by placing even more blame on the scapegoats of your choice. Use divisive rhetoric to pit people against each other so that they are too busy fighting amongst themselves to fight against The Party. As long as you have people who follow you without question and instinctually doubt or reject anything that puts The Party in a negative light, you will have a distracted populous.

Furthermore, when massive groups of people are experiencing injustice, there always tends to be at least a few who are angry enough to cause destruction. This predictable response means that your goal should be to cause as much conflict as possible and wait for human nature to cause more and more conflict, thus increasing these acts of reactionary violence. This is needed in order to achieve a “justifiable act” in which to intervene with a strong-armed approach.

Remember: If violence cannot be achieved organically, you **can** manufacture it. You can incite violence by encouraging law enforcement to be brutal in their upholding of the law. You can also commit violence and blame it on certain demographics. With as much power as you have in combination with your loyal followers, no one important will be able to see the truth and call you out.

Once violent acts have been made by the opposition (or the narrative has successfully been spread), use this as an



opportunity to claim the “moral high ground” and thus be able to justify what will be a brutal response to those “violent acts”.

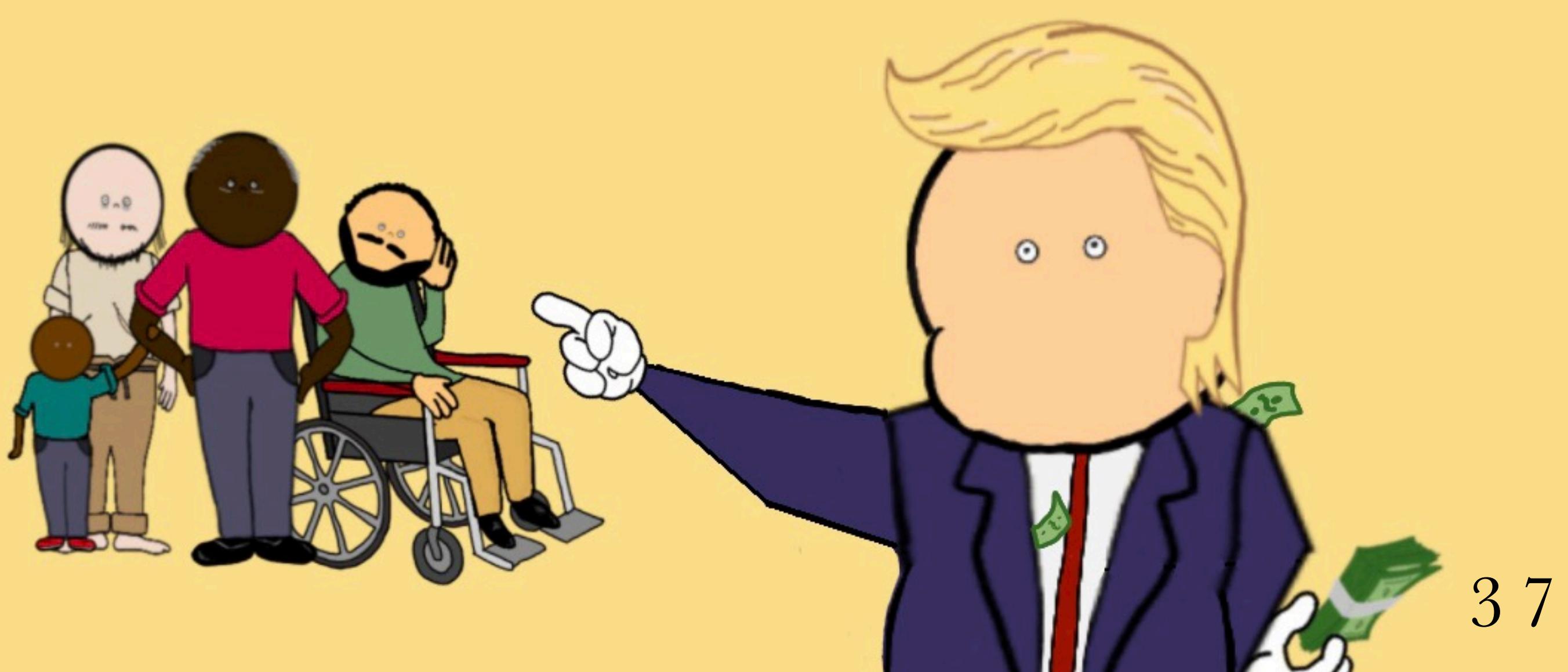
Using the incarceration of “undesirables”, The Party can skew the advantage of any conflicts towards whichever group that they wish to support. The best choice in this scenario would be whichever group is not only the most loyal to The Party, but also the most extreme in their displays of devotion.

Remember: Always maintain a positive image when possible. Blame mass incarceration of undesirables on the undesirables themselves and blame any and all problems on the scapegoated demographics. This minimizes push back from the weakened groups and gives certain other groups (who may have their own reasons for being mad at The Party) a target towards which to aim their anger at.

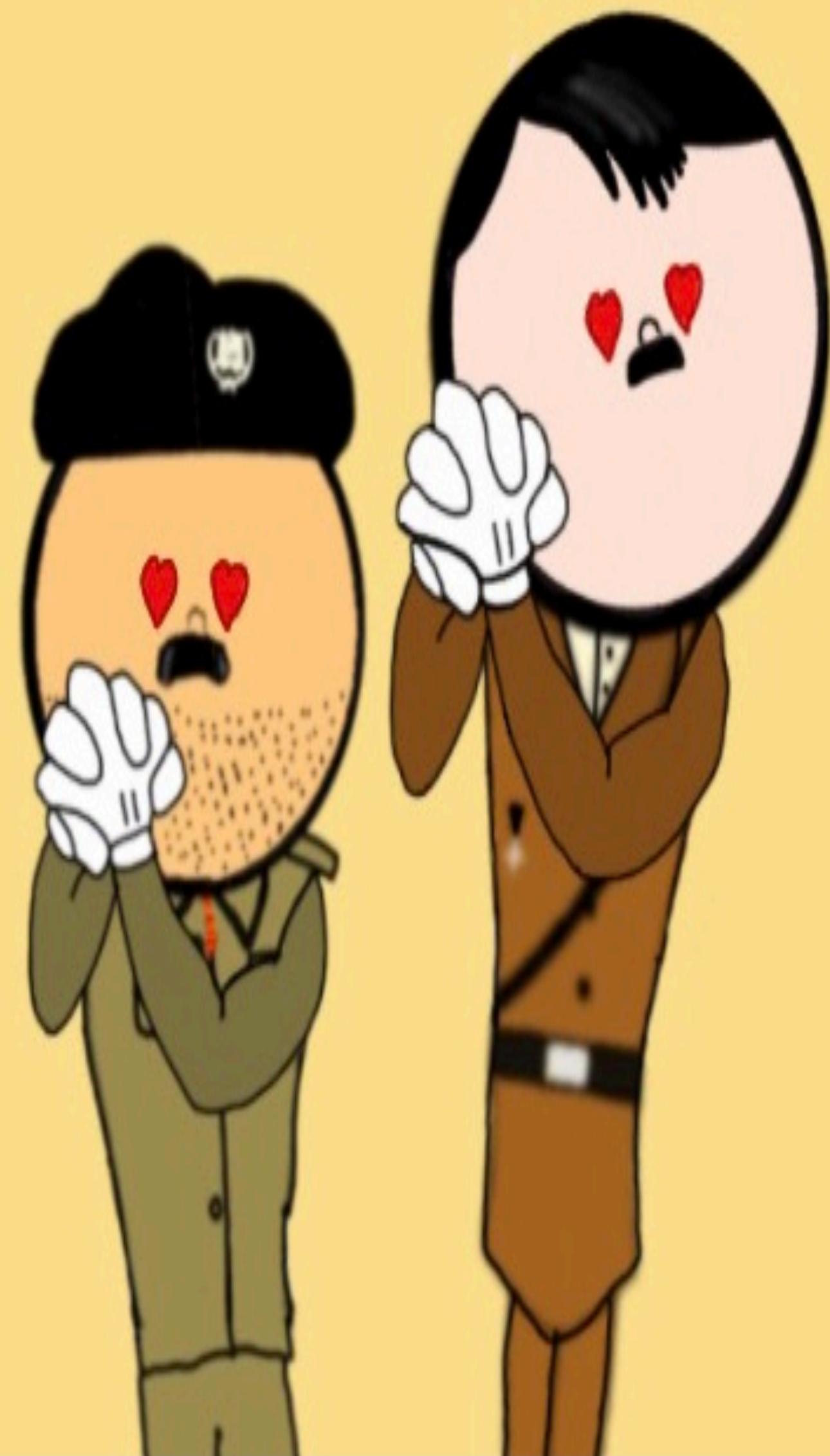
With each “justifiable act” allowing for stronger and more oppressive action to take place, more fatalities of “the opposition” (those opposed to The Party or who The Party deems “impure”) may occur, while maintaining a false narrative of moral superiority. The more fatalities, the lower the population, the less people in need of controlling, the easier it is to maintain control.

And when the population is diminished, divided and weakened, it becomes much easier to accomplish the next *crucial* step.

"Quick! They are stealing your money!"



STEP 6: CONQUER



Once the fatalities are high enough due to the cutting off enough people from social support services and vital services, in culmination with any incited incidents (riots, hate crimes, overall violence amongst the masses), and after incarcerating as many people as possible through exploitation of the law, and after any “justified” killing or harming of undesirables, use a final “justifiable act” to implement a military takeover and reduce the citizens’ rights to such an extent that they will be nigh powerless to stop the power of the party.

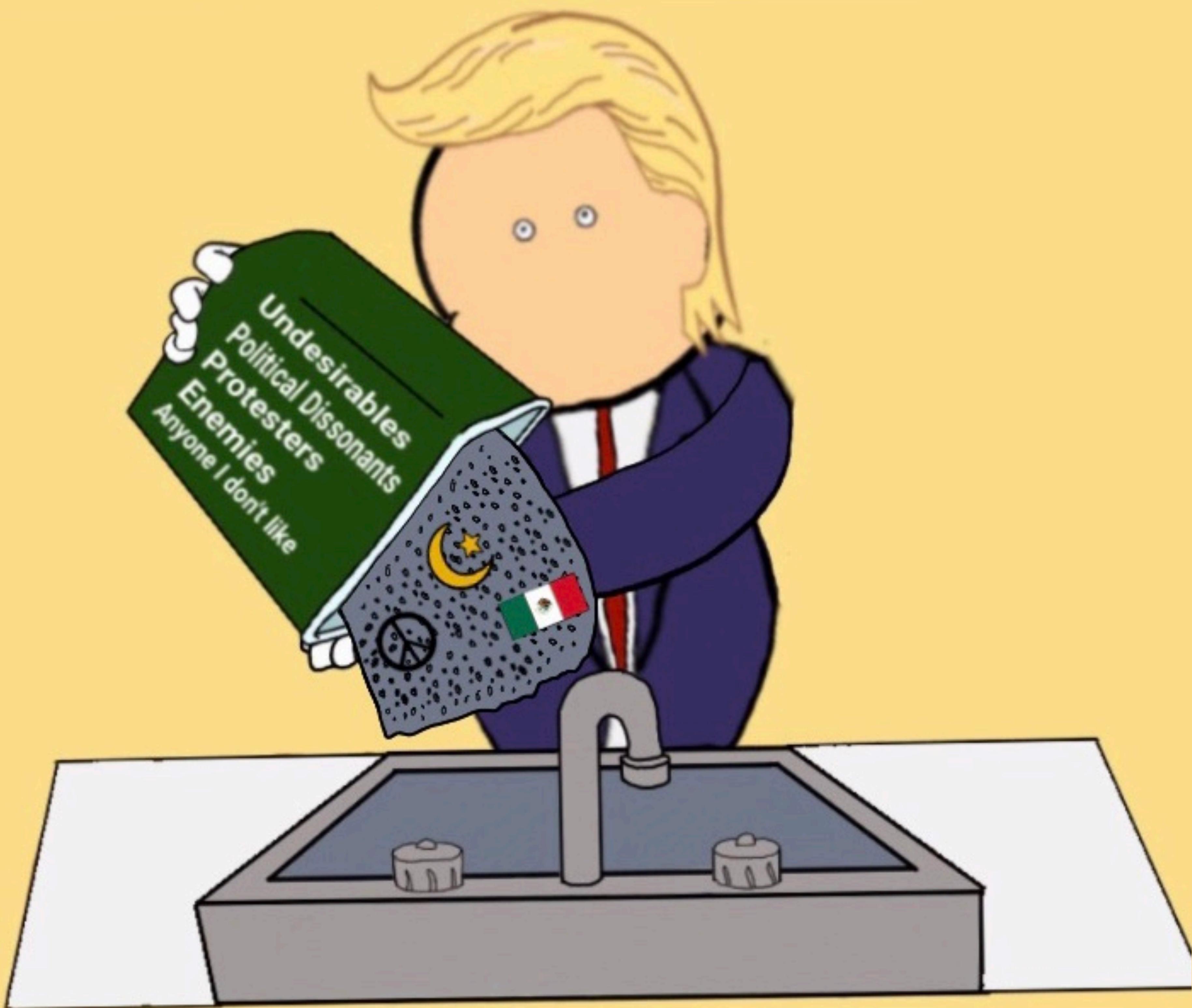
Claim it to be a matter of safety and security. This is used best when applied to a conflict’s peak moment of desperation (whether it is imagined or not). This is why it is often known as “The Final Solution,” because it will **finish** the problem.

You can use this to excuse imprisonments with no public awareness, which means you can eliminate any enemies you want in secret and forge their crimes after the fact.

Don’t forget! Confiscation of prisoners’ property for personal gain is perfectly acceptable, especially in the name of national security!



STEP 7. CAPTURE/DISPOSAL OF YOUR ENEMIES



Once the people are sufficiently overwhelmed by the power of the party and martial law is in effect, you can fully implement the capture, imprisonment or elimination of any and all who may show opposition. It is recommended that you keep alive only those loyal to The Party or those who pose zero threat. Any who oppose you can be named as “enemies of the state” or “terrorists,” and so you can incarcerate them or deem them as “enemy combatants,” and thus you can “justifiably” kill them.

Once all who oppose you have been taken care of, order has been achieved, and thus The Party will have seized total control and may begin to implement new innovations.



STEP 8. PROSPER



Increase scientific advancements in technology, medicine, information, etc. Increase life expectancy, healthcare, and education, but only amongst those most loyal to the party.

Limit procreation among the masses.

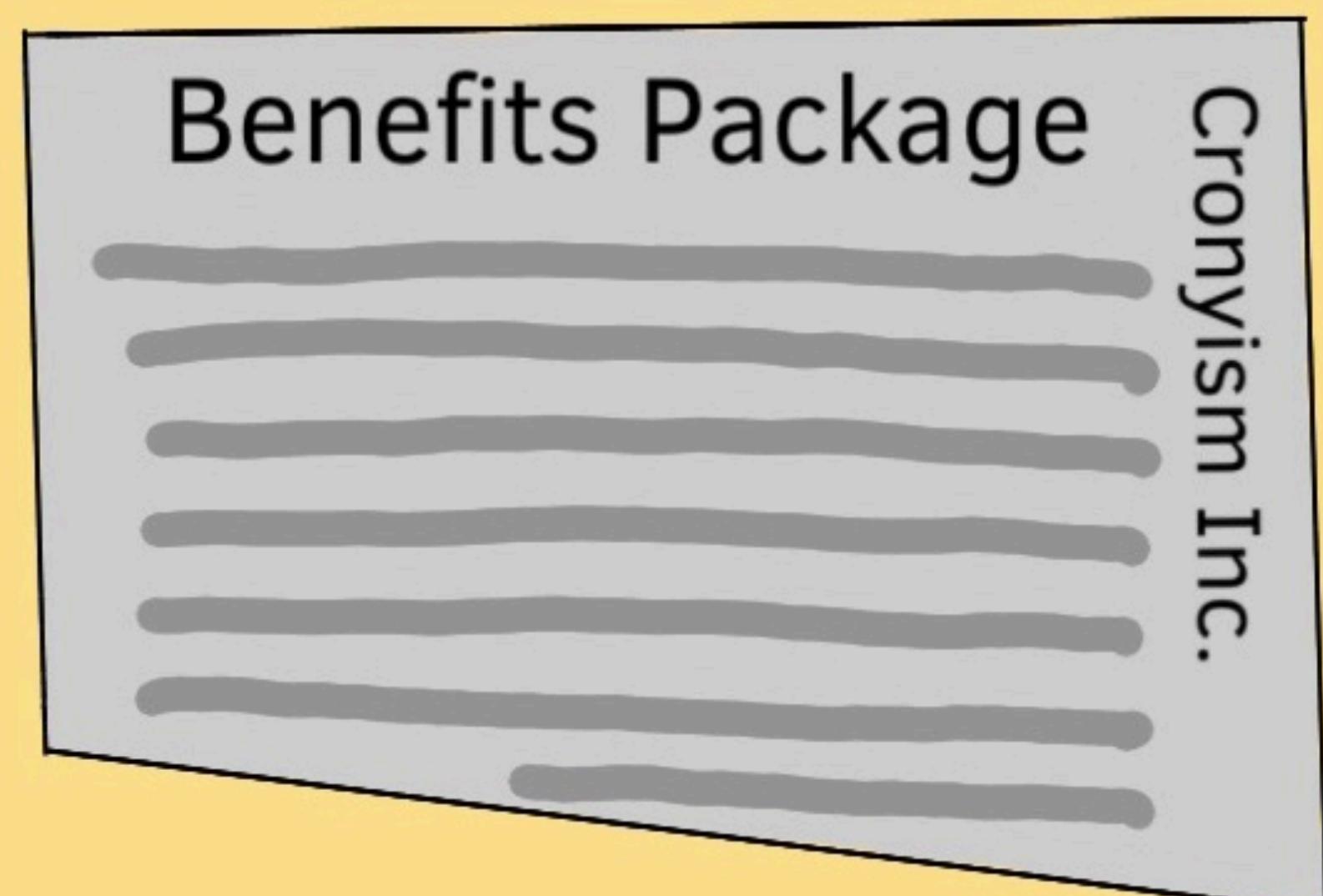
Continue to limit education and healthcare among the masses.

Limit the overall abilities of the masses.

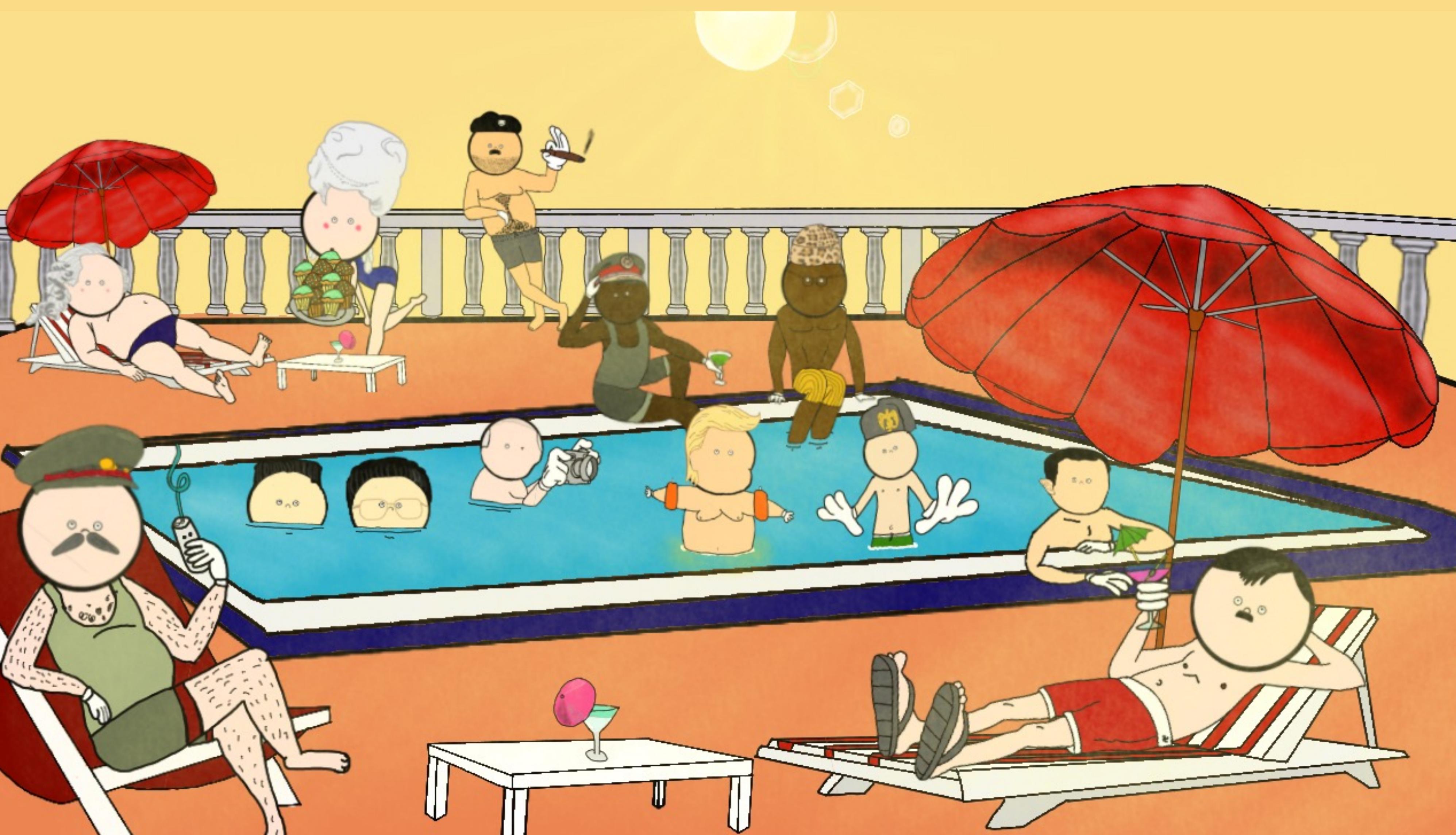
Rule forever as The Party of peace, security, and prosperity, at the price of mass death and mass oppression.

Maintain your position as leader of The Party and your power will be absolute. Thus you will be able to implement any and all that you wish.

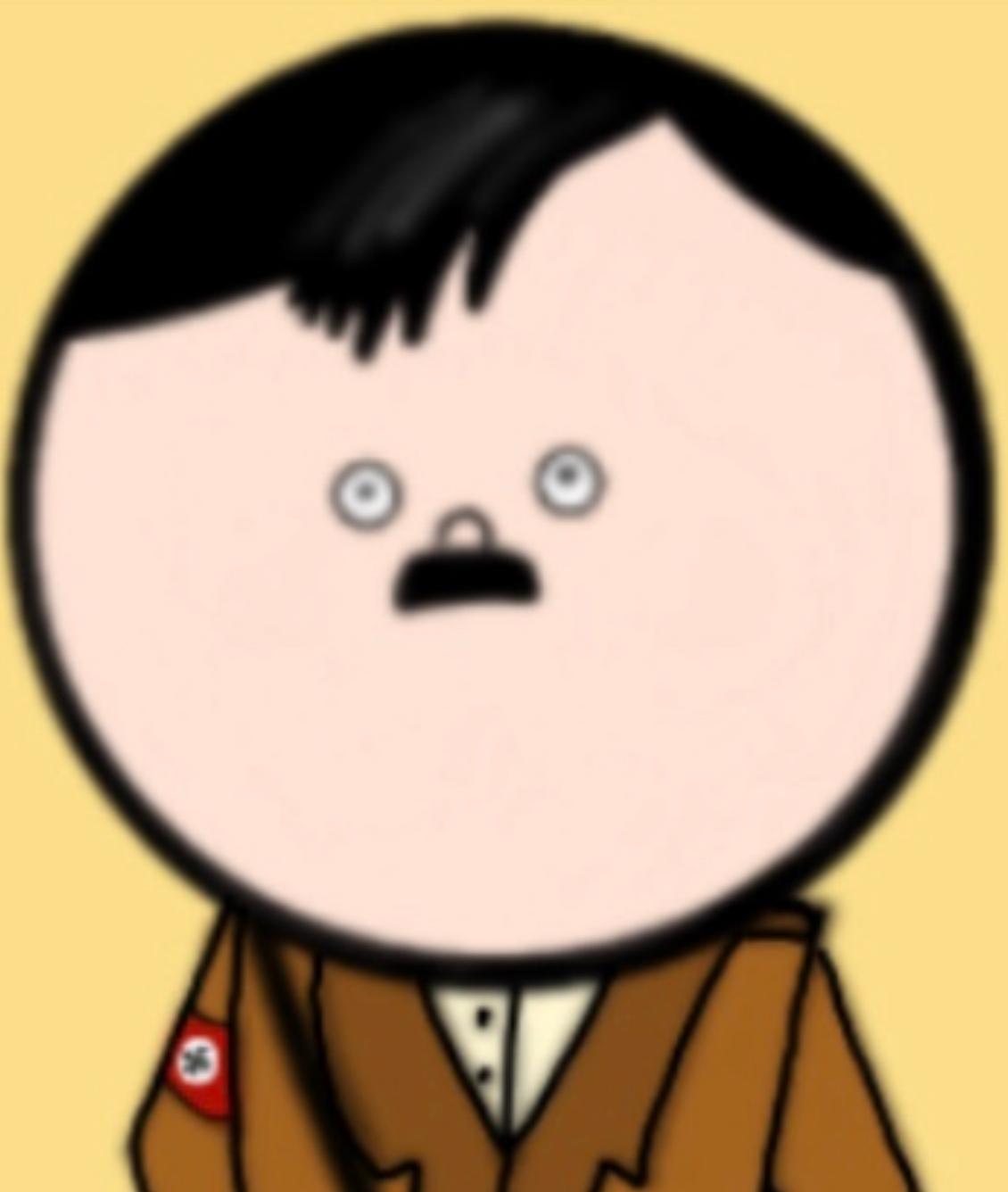
Congratulations! You have now destroyed democracy and crowned yourself the dictator in charge!



congratulations!!!



Notable Characters



Adolf Hitler

Born April 20, 1889. Leader of the Nazi (National Socialist) Party of Germany, Hitler was the leader of Germany from 1933 until his death (from suicide) on April 30 1945. Hitler was a fascist dictator during his time in power, launching military campaigns on other European nations and

implementing the holocaust, an event that doomed millions to die in concentration camps, including death camps where gas chambers were used to kill people en masse.



Bashar Al-Assad

Born September 11 1965, Bashar Al Assad is currently the leader of Syria, having become President in 2000. He has been recognized as a personalist dictator. His administration has launched many attacks on his own citizens throughout the Syrian civil war, targeting both rebel factions and

innocent bystanders alike. Accusations of war crimes for unsanctioned torture of prisoners from other nations have been made by many special interest groups.

Benito Mussolini



Born July 29, 1883, Benito Mussolini was the fascist leader of the Italian government from 1922 until 1943. He removed all of his political opponents via secret police and an outlawing of labour strikes. He was able to turn the country from a democratic government to a one-party system through the passing of many laws to consolidate his power and the power of his party. He was shot and killed at the end of the

Second World War, and his corpse was hung upside down to be battered and stoned by a crowd of people.

Donald J Trump



Born June 14, 1946, Donald Trump is the current President of The United States. His electoral platform was built upon the nationalist ideal “Make America Great Again” and has repeatedly used identity politics to marginalize vulnerable groups. He has imprisoned refugee children in cages, refused to denounce the actions of white supremacists, has limited the rights of lgbtq+ members, and has encouraged law enforcement to

dominate his citizenry during protests.

General Idi Amin Dada



Born in 1925, Idi Amin Dada was the 3rd President of Uganda from 1971-1979, after successfully launching a military coup amid rumours that the current president was going to have him arrested for misappropriating army funds. His rule persecuted ethnic groups and political dissidents. An estimated 100,000-500,000 people were killed under his rule, many of which were extrajudicial. He was finally driven out of his country in exile after a failed attempt to invade Tanzania resulted in his removal from power. He eventually ended up in Saudi Arabia until his death on August 16 2003.

Joseph Stalin



Born on December 18 (or December 6) 1878, Joseph Stalin was the leader of The Soviet Union from 1922-1953. He eventually consolidated power entirely, turning the country from a collective leadership, to a sole dictatorship with absolute dictatorship by 1937. He instituted “The Great Purge” from 1934-1939, in which over a million people were imprisoned and over 700,000 were executed. In his later years, his health deteriorated, and after several near death experiences, he finally died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Kim Jong Il



Born February 16 1941 (or 1942), Kim Jong Il was the second Supreme Leader of North Korea, having inherited the position from his father Kim Il Sung. He strengthened his political position with his “military first” stance making the military the central organizer of North Korean society. In 2004, Human Rights Watch named North Korea “among the world’s most oppressive regimes.”

Contributing to this was 200,000 political prisoners imprisoned by the regime. Kim Jong Il continued to rule as “Dear Leader” until his death on December 17, 2011.

Kim Jong Un

Born December 17 1982 (or 1983, or 1984), the current leader of The People’s Democratic Republic of North Korea. He inherited his position from his father, Kim Jong Il, and continued the tradition of absolute rule, with harsh punishment and imprisonment of

any protesters of the regime and many executions of political dissidents. He has maintained a cult of personality that

includes outlandish stories about his childhood in order for him to be revered as “more than human.”



King Louis The XVI

Born August 23 1754, King Louis The Sixteenth was the last French King during the French Revolution. Like past French monarchs, his rule was absolutist, giving him the right to imprison anyone he chose. His policies resulted in an increase in grain prices leading to mass starvation. This led to a massive revolt against him, his eventual arrest by his citizens, and ultimately in his death by guillotine on January 21 1793.



Marie Antoinette

Born November 2 1755, Marie Antoinette was the wife of King Louis XVI, and was a lavish spender of royal wealth. She was very disconnected from the impoverished suffering in her country, infamous for saying “Qu'ils mangent de la brioche” which roughly translates to “let them eat cake” (although actually refers to a sugary bread from the time, and it is still

debated whether she said this at all). She heavily influenced the king’s decisions convincing him to spend more lavishly during a time when the populace was struggling to eat. She eventually joined her husband at the guillotine, being executed on October 16 1793.



Mobutu Sese Seko

Born October 14 1930, Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga, was the President of Zaire, from 1965-1997, after acquiring the position through a second military coup. Once in the position, he ruled as a dictator. He was infamous for cronyism, putting his friends into powerful positions and embezzling

government funds to enrich himself and his friends. He eventually died of advanced prostate cancer in Morocco, leaving behind a legacy of corruption.

Saddam Hussein



Born April 28 1937, Saddam Hussein was the ruler of Iraq from July 16 1979 until April 9 2003, when he was hanged for crimes against humanity. Over the course of his oppressive regime, the security services of Saddam's government killed a conservative estimate of 250,000 people. He also

invaded Iran and Kuwait in an attempt to annex them.

Vladimir Putin



Born October 7th 1952, Vladimir Putin is the current President of Russia, a position he has held for three consecutive terms. Vladimir Putin is alleged to have stunted the Democratic process through alleged jailing of political opponents and suppression of the press. Many of his political opponents, dissidents, and general critics have ended up jailed or dying under mysterious circumstances. He also implemented an anti-LGBTQ+ propaganda law that silences members of the community and has resulted in violence committed upon them.

Terms

Fascism - A form of far-right, authoritarian ultranationalism characterized by dictatorial power, forcible suppression of opposition, as well as strong regimentation of society and of the economy that came to prominence in early 20th-century Europe.

It is a type of one-party dictatorship that works for a totalitarian one-party state. This aim is to prepare the nation for armed conflict and to respond to economic difficulties. Fascism puts nation and often race above the individual.

Dictator - A ruler with total power over a country, typically one who has obtained control by force.

Dictatorship - A form of government characterized by a single leader or group of leaders with little or no toleration for political pluralism or independent programs or media.

Autocrat - a ruler who has absolute power.

Autocracy - Form of government, in which an autocrat, defined as a single person or party, possesses supreme and absolute power.

Cronyism - The appointment of friends and associates to positions of authority without proper regard to their qualifications.

Nationalism - A way of thinking that says that some groups of humans, such as ethnic groups, should be free to rule themselves. Nationalists think that the best way to make this happen and avoid control or oppression by others is for each group to have their own nation.

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A Note From The Author

This book is **not** meant to be used to destroy democracy. This book is meant to be used in order to spot the signs ahead of time of an incoming encroachment of an Authoritarian Regime, Fascist Dictatorship, or otherwise Oppressive Administration.

As of writing this book, the world is being turned towards Strong Man ideologies, Right Wing Stances of Xenophobia and Nationalism, Fascism, and Dictatorial Political Ruling.

To combat this, this book is to be used as a spotting guide to help identify traits of these would-be dictators and their regimes/parties in an effort to stop them before they get a foothold and manage to take over our nations, our countries, or our world.

So be vigilant and on the look out for these traits to avoid any dictators coming in to destroy democracy.

- The Pretentious Gentleman B.A.