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IN SOUNDING THE ALARM REGARDING "THE MAN CURRENTLY HOLDING COURT IN THE WHITE HOUSE" Dutch born Ineke H. Schair writes that "I could not help but be reminded of how in Germany, too, the fringe nationalist parties, supported by a passive citizenry, elected a demented psychopath as chancellor, giving rise to the Holocaust." The routine lying by the President has become a weapon of totalitarianism, racism and nativism. Hannah Arendt explains the banality of evil: "The trouble with Eichmann [architect of Hitler's Final Solution] was precisely that so many were like him, and that the many were neither perverted nor sadistic, that they were, and still are, terribly and terrifyingly normal. From the viewpoint of our legal institutions and of our moral standards of judgment, this normality was much more terrifying than all the atrocities put together."

Describing this behavior, Arendt writes: "What he said was always the same, expressed in the same words. The longer one listened to him, the more obvious it became that his inability to speak was closely connected with an inability to think, namely, to think from the standpoint of somebody else. No communication was possible with him, not because he lied but because he was surrounded by the most reliable of all safeguards against the words and the presence of others, and hence against reality as such". (Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil, 1963).

She concludes: "Bragging was the vice that was Eichmann's undoing."

Many Americans hope that the bragging by the occupant of the White House might ultimately triumph and cause the removal of this banality of evil from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

I wholeheartedly concur with Ineke H. Schair "Think [elections] November" and Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men [and women] to do nothing."