

Submerged voters – Trump’s submarine command

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People who make their money guessing how you will vote in elections have a new name for Trump voters. They call us *submerged voters*. On one hand, this bespeaks a climate of oppression, or at least the perception of it, that has just gone from awful to good grief. But on the other, it could mean the Democrats, or especially the pResident, have made a fatal mistake.

Submerged voters – who coined this term?

Mr. Robert C. Cahaly, head of polling for Trafalgar, coined this term *submerged voters*. He explained it on Twitter:

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The Free Press and *ProTrumpNews* have transcripts:

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What is he talking about?

He’s talking about *That Speech*, of course. Plus the Trump Raid, raids on other prominent Trump supporters, and internal memos calling half the country “domestic extremists.” This indeed has many of us who voted for Trump, waiting for a knock on the door. We then expect an initialism we now dread: “FBI.” That outfit is now a monster, and many of us, who remember when Pinkerton’s investigated most interstate crime, would sooner trust them for any real, crime-fighting function the FBI still serves.

And don’t think the FBI rank-and-file are copacetic with this, either! Current and former agents have come forward accusing the higher-ups of:

- Exaggerating the problem (if we even have one), and
- Labeling people as “white supremacists” to protect The Narrative.

We are kind of the lapdogs. We are the actual agents doing these kinds of investigations, trying to locate a crime that fits otherwise First Amendment-protected activity.

And *Second* Amendment activity, too. Do you fly a Gadsden “Don’t Tread On Me” flag? Do you own guns? Have you gone to a school board meeting lately and raised your voice against some “woke” nonsense or other? If so, watch out! They’ve Got Their Eye On You.

These are scenes right out of a failed TV pilot from 1967, titled *Shadow On the Land*.



Flag of the Internal Security Forces, from Shadow on the Land.

And the Legacy Media have been and are their willing accomplices.

From ignored voters to submerged voters

We now turn to how voters for sane public policy can now call ourselves submerged voters. First the phrase *ignored voters* fit better. Pollsters routinely underweighted us and overweighted our opponents. Organizations like Gallup and Harris and Marist and especially Quinnipiac University sought to dampen conservative confidence. And they did. Nor did Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Mitt Romney (R-Utah) help by running Presidential campaigns to lose.

Then Hillary called us “a basket of deplorables.” That made us *shy voters*, because we were *shy* about telling “just any average Joe” what we thought. But over time we heard this incredible man Trump – who might have sounded like a jerk sometimes (if the quotes from him are accurate) but had something on the ball that Hillary obviously did not. So Trump won.

In 2020 came Cancel Culture. People actually lost their jobs and even their bank accounts. That produced the *hidden voter*. But Trump still found more of us in 2020 than in 2016. Why did he lose anyway? Well, if you believe Biden, they found their own hidden voters who didn't

know how to vote. Now if the Democrats had governed as moderately as they said they would, they'd have no problem – if they're correct.

But they didn't. They knew they had a problem when they started to lose their baseline. The Virginia Pre-Midterm must have scared them.

From ignoring to direct attack

Mohandas Gandhi once said,

| First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.

The Democrats went directly from “ignore” to “fight” and skipped over the laughing. Which probably means they can't take a joke, much less make one. In any event, we got the National School Boards Association letter, and the FBI's willing participation. Then the Trump Raid, and *That Speech*. So now, as Mr. Cahaly says, we are the direct subjects of law-enforcement attention. Hence the submerged voters, who will make every effort *not* to call attention to themselves. Why should we post our opinions on Facebook or Twitter anyway, knowing that those two platforms will take them down?

Although: the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals recently set up a split in the circuits over online censorship. After the Eleventh Circuit affirmed a lower-court ruling striking down a State anti-censorship law, the *Fifth* Circuit *reversed* a lower-court ruling to similar effect. That's going to the Supreme Court. Bank on it. The Supreme Court *never* tolerates a split in the circuits for longer than a single term.

Reaction to the submerged voters concept

Reaction to the concept *submerged voters* signals agreement, with few serious observers willing to dispute it. “People's Pundit” Rich Baris tweets:

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| — Rich Baris "The People's Pundit" (@Peoples_Pundit) September 17, 2022

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Whoa-a-a-a. Expect the “Undecided” to break Republican this Midterms, if that's correct.

Here's one from one who calls himself “independent.”

I believe you are correct, Robert. I'm one who is an Independent, speaks out here (anon because my career was canceled in 2020), and conservative. I took the MAGA attack to mean anyone who voted for T ... and that made it personal. I'll be traveling home JUST TO VOTE IN PERSON.

— DKT (@DKTNews) [September 17, 2022](#)

And another:

Im the same way. I smile and keep my mouth shut

— HillNo! 🇺🇸 (@GirlMom2x) [September 17, 2022](#)

Here's one who testifies to direct attacks by opposing voters:

You live in a bubble. I don't sport bumper stickers because the Bernie/Beto people will key your car. Thus the shy voter.

— Mechanix – 48 Chromosome Congressman (@davM1A1) [September 17, 2022](#)

And one who offered a stark reminder of a quote from the pResident in 2020:

Personally, I said to my husband, I wanted to go to the doors of the democrat signs I saw and let them know how it must be nice to feel 'safe' displaying their political preference in their yard. I don't feel safe as a conservative leaning independent voter. I will [#VoteRed2022 pic.twitter.com/yGjU3UnP6Y](#)

— JB_disenchanted (@Brandyjb6) [September 19, 2022](#)

So there you have it. Since the inauguration of President Trump, Trump's voters have commonly used a railroad train as their symbol. Now, if Mr. Cahaly has guessed correctly (and the reaction shows that he has), Trump voters might take a new symbol – a submarine. The Navy calls submarines “the silent service,” for a good and obvious reason. Modern submarines are designed to run submerged for days, weeks, months at a time. So you don't even know they're there – until they're ready to launch torpedoes. Or missiles, which can be even more devastating.

That's the real metaphor for submerged voters. We'll quietly go about our business, and will develop ways to tell when it's safe to speak. (Usually that will happen when someone complains about inflation, shortages, and whatnot.) And then, at election time, we'll surprise everyone.