ELECTION DAY COUNTDOWN: 4 DAYS

After the phone call I just got, I have zero patience for language policing today. If you can't stomach f-bombs, hit the the exit now.

I am goddamned sick of this tangerine-tainted blowhard and his constant incitement to violence. I am FURIOUS at his malignancy — his trash-talking about anyone who is competent and capable while he systematically fails this country.

I am just so fucking fed up with having to worry about COVID because that slack-assed corrupt sponge can't be bothered to turn over the job of stemming the pandemic to competent people and instead finds every opportunity to siphon money off every thing he touches.

Wow, Rayne, you seem triggered...

You're goddamned right I'm triggered. My younger kid just called and told me their boss tested positive for COVID. They've been in contact with their boss several times this week indoors at a retail entertainment venue, though part of those times the boss or my kid was wearing a mask.

And my spouse was in contact with the same boss at least three times in the last week, indoors, not wearing a mask all the time.

One of my BFFs was also in contact several times with the same COVID-positive person, indoors, with and without a mask.

All three — kid, spouse, friend — will have to get tested. If any of them test positive, I have to get tested, and then I have to make a bunch of phone calls to people with whom we've been in contact.

I've had three different companies here in my house doing repairs this week — two teams didn't wear masks, one did.

My spouse met our other kid up north last weekend to go bow hunting, staying overnight with my elderly in-laws, one of whom is being treated for cancer. I dread telling my older kid about the potential exposure because they were just tested 10 days ago due to a workplace exposure; the test administrator injured my kid with the swab. Kid has a little PTSD after that episode and is reluctant to get tested any time soon.

Our financial advisor met my spouse after a multi-state road trip earlier this week — they're on their way back across the same states. This advisor is a self-employed small business owner, has kids at home who are in a K-12 public school.

My kid's COVID-positive boss is a small business owner — a first-time business owner who hasn't yet finished their second full year running this operation. The business may have to shut down for two weeks depending on the rules covering their type of business.

Meanwhile, the utterly useless apricot-brained fuckwit is campaigning yet again in my state after causing a small spike in COVID cases when he campaigned here in September, spouting this kind of trash in front of his unmasked mouth-breathing base:

"Our doctors get more money if someone dies from Covid. You know that, right? I mean, our doctors are very smart people." — Trump pushes a baseless conspiracy that greedy American health care workers are overcounting coronavirus deaths pic.twitter.com/fsajGTvvN3

— Aaron Rupar (@atrupar) October 30, 2020

God damn it.

US COVID cases just surged past *9 million*

And Trump is claiming:

- -COVID is not that bad (229K+ deaths)
- -Doctors & hospitals are jacking up death tolls to make more money (No evidence of this)
- -Too much attention is being paid to COVID (Infections are on the rise in 47 states)
- Yamiche Alcindor (@Yamiche) October
 30, 2020

My kid's boss, somebody we've known for years, one of my spouse's friends, is now part of today's COVID statistics.

For all I know my kid's boss may have a second wave infection from the September campaign rally. Nobody is making money here off that wave of infection. Nobody will make money off the second wave.

Unless you're an executive or stockholder of Regeneron up to this week's problems with phase 2/3 trials of COVID therapy drug remdesivir, that is. What a pity for Trump's Briarcliff member, Regeneron CEO Leonard Schleifer.

How the hell is this country supposed to return to normal if it never makes a sustained effort to stop COVID's spread?

How is the economy supposed to turn around when the one person who could apply the powers of the executive branch to effectively end the pandemic, persists in undermining the states' efforts, incites seditious acts against states, and actively spreads COVID by holding rallies which are not socially distanced or maskmandatory?

How is this country supposed to simply muddle through without leadership to a safe and effective vaccine which may be one to two years away?

Vote that fucking hacktastic moron out of office in four days if you haven't already cast a vote.

Help others vote that stupid orange fuckweasel out of the White House if you have already voted.

Do it for the 228,701 Americans who have died from COVID, and all the families who have to put up with this unending COVID circus.