

Has President Trump Lost His Mind or Has CNN Lost Its Bearings?

Hour after hour, with unrelenting intensity, CNN reporters bring the grim news. It appears that President Trump has lost his mind. This is a serious report about a serious story, without any bias or malice. It's looking really grim.

Yes, we are told, about a dozen senators and representative met last month with Yale psychiatrist Bandy X. Lee, deeply concerned about the president's mental health. (Of course, they were not biased either.)

"Lawmakers were saying they have been very concerned about this, the president's dangerousness, the dangers that his mental instability poses on the nation," Lee told CNN by phone last Thursday. "They know the concern is universal among Democrats, but it really depends on Republicans, they said. Some knew of Republicans that were concerned, maybe equally concerned, but whether they would act on those concerns was their worry."

Of course, Dr. Lee is not biased either. She is telling us the shocking facts.

And what did she tell the congressmen who met with her? One came on CNN to explain, sounding like a doctor who must inform the patient's family that there's nothing that can be done. Yes, the president's condition is untreatable and incurable. He's showing increasing signs of paranoia, delusion and isolation. It's all downhill from here.

Politico reported on the meeting on Jan. 3 before CNN jumped on it, while leaks from the new, Trump-bashing tell-all book provided the perfect backdrop, not to mention the president's

verbal attack on Steve Bannon adding further fuel to the fire.

And on and on the story goes on CNN, with the utmost seriousness and without the slightest self-consciousness that their “reporting” might appear to be in the least bit biased. Not at all. They’re just doing their job. (Hey, at least they weren’t advocating smoking pot on the air, right?)

Unfortunately, not only does their anti-Trump prejudice jump off the screen, but their reporting hardly considers that this is the same old story being repackaged again.

Consider this headline from Mother Jones dated Sept. 24, 2017: “A Group of Experts Wrote a Book About Donald Trump’s Mental Health—and the Controversy Has Just Begun.”

In the words of Bill Moyers, who interviewed psychohistorian Robert Jay Lifton in the article, “Some of the descriptions used to describe Trump—narcissistic personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, paranoid personality disorder, delusional disorder, malignant narcissist—even some have suggested early forms of dementia—are difficult for laypeople to grasp. Some experts say that it’s not one thing that’s wrong with him—there are a lot of things wrong with him and together they add up to what one of your colleagues calls ‘a scary witches brew, a toxic stew.’”

Note also that Dr. Lee was cited in this article as well.

Two months earlier, on July 25, 2017, Chelsea Schilling posted an op-ed piece on World Net Daily, stating, “It’s a ‘gag rule’ that mental-health professionals have followed for 44 years: It’s unethical for psychiatrists to ‘diagnose’ politicians or public figures based solely on that person’s public actions or statements, without conducting an actual in-person examination.

“But now that Donald Trump is president, a national psychology organization has given psychoanalysts the green light to

publicly comment on Trump's mental health. And the move could usher in a flood of mental-health 'experts' on TV news programs claiming the president is unstable or even unfit to serve in the White House.

"Without ever having examined Trump, psychological professionals already have called the president 'psychotic,' 'narcissistic,' 'paranoid,' 'hypomanic,' 'emotionally unstable,' 'delusional' and 'psychologically isolated' and claimed he has a 'dangerous mental illness.' One physician suggested Trump could be suffering from an untreated sexually transmitted disease known as neurosyphilis."

Three months before that, on May 16, 2017, the (totally unbiased) Huffington Post ran this headline: "Fears Over Trump's Mental State Gaining Traction In The Media." Then, "We can't maintain the pretense that Trump is a sane and balanced adult, however much we'd like to," says Andrew Sullivan."

Three months before that, on Feb. 16, 2017, *Psychology Today* ran this two-part story: "Is Donald Truly Delusional? The president and mental incapacitation."

And four months before that, on Oct. 16, 2016, an article on Slate noted, "Several people, spanning media and medicine, have tried to answer these questions, psychologizing Trump or at least discussing the propriety of psychologizing Trump. Can we blame the candidate's apparent insanity on an actual psychological condition? Are we watching the manifestation of a severe case of narcissistic personality disorder?"

"There have been cautiously speculative stories in *The New York Times*, here on *Slate*, in *Vanity Fair* and the *Washington Post* and *The Atlantic*, all of them seeming to grow from the same unspoken wish: to explain away the crazy by labeling it as a real disorder. We like to put a name to our monsters. Diagnosing Trump, whether doing so without examining him is proper or not, helps."

So, it looks like CNN's big story is the same old recycled story from the 2016 elections, with this one twist: This deluded, narcissistic candidate who was crazy enough to believe that he could become the president of the United States actually *did* become the president.

That, to CNN, is the scariest possible news of all.

Postscript: While doing research for this article, another headline popped on my screen: "Donald Trump SHOCKED After Daughter Publicly Admits to Taking Controversial 'Skinny Pill'—Behind Her Amazing Transformation!"

Upon further investigation, I discovered that this was just an ad, not news at all. These days, it's hard to tell what's real news and what's not.