

Trump, mental competence and intelligence

Trump's recent discordant and chaotic actions and utterances have added greatly to a constant flow of questions. Political pundits currently guide the public to ask about his mental health and competence. Is he demented? Mentally ill? Stupidly oblivious?

Those questions assume that Trump, to be 'normal', should be applying his mental capacities to lessening or solving wider national and international problems. I think, though, that Trump's personal mission is starkly different: it is solely to make himself the most noticed, feared, adulated, contended, talked about person in the world. In this quest — to widely plant his exhibitionistic narcissism — he is massively successful. His particular and exceptional sociopathic intelligence — yoked to our increasingly uncontrollable modern media — has made him, worldwide, the most famous person ever. Very few can now be unaware or unconcerned.

Trump's dangerous deficits are not cognitive, they are moral.