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So it appears that one bitter enemy of the working folk and the marginalised of the world has been replaced with yet another. So much was clear from at least April. The challenge for those of us who stand with all of those who lack agency will be to avoid repeating the last four

decades of humbug and brutality with its ugly climax in 2016 but instead build the vehicles needed to rewrite governance in America and elsewhere as an instantiation of informed collective agency manifest in policies that maintainable meet the human need for wellbeing in all

the senses covered by the famous Maslovian Hierarchy. As things stand, governance is at the pleasure of the 0.1%. The current 'choice' of the common folk is to choose their preferred modalities of misery and risk. This reflects the absence of any vehicle through which other

claims can be put onto the agenda. In America, neither human safety nor biological need are assured for most people and so whatever we create must begin with addressing those fundamental needs around physical wellbeing. Too many go hungry and lack shelter, have limited effective

access to basic health care, have to pay too much for pharmaceuticals. Clearly, policies of securing access to quality public housing and health care should be key discriminators of the worth of any new political formation that arises from the wreckage of the last 40 years.

The DNC has repeatedly shown its incapacity to address such matters and so the time has come to prise its cold clammy fingers from the necks of rational and communitarian folk and to caucus with those who see these as key. There is no 'lesser evil' that ignores such matters.

Equally though, humanity currently faces two existential crises both of them touching us all today. Most obviously on short timelines there is #Covid19 which is cutting a swathe through human populations (including but not limited to) those of the richest countries on Earth.

America has suffered roughly 237k Covid deaths since January of 2020 — nearly five times as many Americans killed as it lost killing 2 million or so in the war on Indochina of the mid-60s and 70s. Some time next year America may have lost a

further half a million or so.

Losses on this scale utterly dwarf the losses in past disasters on US soil, yet even this understated the problem because as these lines are written there is no evidence that humans can acquire enduring immunity to the virus and even those who survive are blighted in ways likely

to prejudice seriously their quality of life and longevity. Halting community transmission is an existential challenge and the burden of this challenge must not be settled significantly on the three lowest quintiles of the population. This is a challenge that the richest 40%

of the populace must embrace as their own and compel the infamous 1% to implement because sadly, they are going to be with us for some time. We ought to have a far more equal society and Covid, which is like a barium meal highlighting social dysfunction forces us to look on them.