

FOOL YOU ONCE, KEEP GOING
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An assumption of intellectual superiority has to be one rationale behind many lies fed the voting public in America. Speakers must confidently assume they are capable of fooling listeners. The more outrageous the lie, the more a speaker must believe in their ability to baffle the audience. The assumptions are simple. Even though we think we know what is true, they can so dazzle us with rhetoric, we will fall for the nonsense. Moreover, if we choose to disagree, they can still outwit and out-reason us, overwhelming and silencing our argument.

That is just one reason the current level of falsehood in elected officials is so appalling. What an incredibly low opinion they must have of the voting public.

There is frequently no rationale behind the lies. Especially when what is said directly contradicts what the speaker said on another public occasion. Do they really believe they can change reality with their words? Only God truly does that. Perhaps we need to refer back to an incredible assumption of superiority.

There is often no justification for the lies. No votes to be gained, no power to be stolen, nor any other rationale sometimes used to condone daily and obvious deception during a campaign. When someone proves psychologically incapable of telling the truth, the term “pathological” used to be assigned that condition.

The increasing news reports of “misspeaking” or “gaffes” tends to generate more sadness than any other emotion. You see, an elected leader, in the eyes of everyone else, speaks for those they lead. Given what comes from our elected officials’ mouths, it becomes easy to understand why the rest of the world increasingly views America with contempt. We badly need different spokesmen.

That is the truth.