

## Nation hurt by good people failing to oppose Trump

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GREEN BAY - Happy New Year to every person who didn't vote for Donald Trump or who no longer supports him. Although I'm trying to look forward to the coming year with some optimism, the truth is I've become overwhelmed with disillusionment. I no longer think of the country in which I live, or many of the people who live in it, in the same way.



The greatest disillusionment to me isn't Trump himself. I expected he'd be a horrible president because he's a horrible person. He lacks a single kind or empathetic impulse, is impervious to compassion, and morally incapable of leading the country. Since his election, Trump has clearly caused the ugliness that exists among us to be elevated to a level not seen for over half a century.

My disillusionment comes with the reality that too many people I cared about and respected, people I thought were good people with admirable values, many of whom I considered to be friends, are largely fine with all of the vicious, toxic filth we've been infected with and are not outraged or uncomfortable enough to take action or speak out against the rising hatred and those who perpetuate it.

America will not return to the greatness and decency it once had until we all join together to hold our leaders to a higher standard of honesty and integrity. It's the least we deserve as a nation.