

Daily Meditation 4/21/2023

Rupert Murdoch, Fox “News” and Lack of Shame

Good morning.

We've been meditating on shame lately. And two days ago, the biggest cable news company in the country admitted that it has been peddling lies for years. Feeding the Big Lie, which inspired the insurrection at the Capitol on January 6, and has sent hundreds of people to prison. It resulted in six deaths, many, many - 140 - officers wounded trying to defend the Capitol, and a wounded democracy for sure, because many on one side of the aisle are saying was no big deal, even "it was normal discourse."

And clearly America is as divided as it's ever been since the Civil War.

So the price one pays for lies from the media is tremendous. And especially in this day of social media, such rapid information sharing, or misinformation sharing, goes on.

So it was a big deal two days ago, that Rupert Murdoch and his empire made a slight confession about their mistakes. And so important, the revelations came out during the preparation for the trial, which was cancelled. Revelations of how front runners, the key people on the television screen day in and day out for Fox, one of whom gets \$30 million a year were telling lies.

Online, they were telling the party line, that was a lie. But behind the scenes, and this came out in all their emails and so forth, they were saying that they did not believe what they were saying on air.

So this is why Fox consented to a three-quarters of a billion dollar fine for what they've been doing. And they're up against other lawsuits that are coming their way because these truths have come out.

But I make the point that it's interesting that these companies, these corporations, are making three-quarters of a billion dollars from Fox News. But we citizens, we've surely suffered for watching our democracy turn into a circus and leaving a killing field watching this happen. It seems to me our citizens ought to be able to sue as well, not just corporations.

Now one point that people are making is that citizens can demand of corporations, that they cease advertising on these channels that are dedicated more to disinformation than information, more to lies than the truth. And that is a movement that needs to grow, to shame the corporations into supporting truthful news rather than news that covers up advice and is born of hypocrisy.

Thank you, we'll see you tomorrow.