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Trump as Revolt of the «Little Man»

The Little Man not necessarily needs to be the one with the harshest childhood and the worst relationship with his parents. But he probably is the one with the biggest existential risks during his life as an adult. His early traumas will be confirmed to a higher extent during his adult life than is the case in the adult lives of wealthier people. Therefore his need to act out his traumas is relatively high. This explains why Trump finds his basis among the little guys. And this, by the way, also invalidates the ideological left-liberal prejudice, that underprivileged people are always only good and that members of the establishment, even in a democracy, are principally bad. These considerations can be illustrated by the following cartoon which appeared after Trump had reversed course in his immigration politics, ending migrant family separations on June 20:

Rob Rogers



Gocomics.com, June 26, 2018

Link to cartoon : <https://www.gocomics.com/robrogers/2018/06/26>

Commentary :

After Trump's reversed course in the migration politics, little man didn't feel cleansed any more. In the contrary he feels threatened by feelings of poisoning stemming from the experience of the fetus in the uterus during the third trimester:

«The distress of the fetus is increasingly felt during its third trimester in the womb. As the fetus during this period increases its length from 13 to 20 inches and nearly triples its weight, it is more crowded, more affected by stress including hypoxia, moves less and dreams more, and begins to exhibit a definite "personality" which the mother can now recognize as its own, as it gets upset and vigorously kicks her in response to certain of her actions or positions-for instance, if she is sleeping in a position uncomfortable to the fetus. **The crucial problems for the fetus in this new cramped womb lies in its outgrowing the ability of its placenta to feed it, provide it with oxygen, and clean its blood of carbon dioxide and wastes.** The placenta not only stops growing during this period, it regresses in its efficiency, becoming tough and fibrous rather than spongy, as its cells and blood vessels degenerate and it becomes full of blood clots and calcified areas. As this happens, the effect on the fetus is to make it even more susceptible to hypoxia than previously. » (*Lloyd DeMause, Foundations Of Psychohistory, New York 1982, p 256*)

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