The problem with a president who constantly lies is that, when he makes statements about serious issues, it’s impossible to know if he is telling the truth. At the G7, the narrative on the ground stands in stark contrast to what the President said.

Trump asserted without proof that China called this weekend to resume trade talks; this statement cannot be confirmed and we are left to wonder whether Trump once again lied simply to rally a declining stock market—a decline that is costing him politically.

In addition, the White House told reporters that Trump did not attend the G7 climate summit on Monday, asserting he instead was meeting privately with Narendra Modi, the Indian Prime Minister, and Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor; yet photos from the climate meeting show that both of these leaders attended despite Trump’s absence.

In his joint press conference at the G7, Trump asserted: "The first lady has gotten to know Kim Jong Un, and I think she would agree with me he is a man with a country that has tremendous potential." However, Melania Trump was not present for any of Trump's three meetings with Kim Jong Un, and there is no evidence she has ever spoken to Kim.
On the trade war with China, the President claimed: "We have billions and billions coming in." He also said: "The United States, which has never collected 10 cents from China, will in a fairly short period of time be over $100 billion in tariffs." In reality, Americans make the actual tariff payments, not people in China, and economic studies have concluded that the overwhelming majority of the costs are being eaten by Americans.

How sad that no one at home or abroad knows when the “leader of the free world” can be counted on to tell the truth. The consequences of untruthful presidential rhetoric are far more than political!

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