Demand the truth

A recent *New York Times* essay listed the astounding number of President Donald Trump’s lies since he took the oath of office--almost one lie per day. The authors made the case that it's time for us to stop normalizing this, arguing that the country should avoid becoming numb by the frequency of the President's lies.

It would serve us well to remember that, while all presidents may from time-to-time be guilty of not telling the truth, perhaps even lying, no person should occupy the presidency who is a habitual liar.

Interestingly, if voters were asked prior to the nomination and election of specific candidates whether they would vote for someone who lied as frequently as Trump, I suspect the overwhelming majority would answer with a resounding "no."

The problem, therefore, is not one of a lack of ethical or moral principles but politicization and polarization. As I have argued in several op-eds, the issue is how long ethics will take a back seat to politics. Put simply: How long will our nation tolerate and defer to a leader who continually lies?

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