

Now that Trump has won another term, what do we as liberty-minded people need to do?

Yes, it was a historic win. Not just the electoral college, but the popular vote, the house, and the senate.

Thank goodness we aren't going to have to hear any ignorant short-sighted gibberish about the electoral college for a while.

However, it's important to remember that the progressives who feel entitled to rule you and me aren't done, not by a long shot.

It's up to us to ensure that Trump is not merely a four-year speed bump on the path to the "end of history," as the progressives believe in it.

And what does "the end of history" mean to them? They cover it in velvet terms of friendly democracy, comfort, prosperity, and consensus, but what they always leave out is the iron fist under the velvet—its hard, unswerving grip on every aspect of your life. Its power to strip you of everything in the name of some vague good somewhere else in the world. And, most of all, its absolute immunity to any of your protests.

Think about the wailing when some Britons decided they didn't want to be ruled by unaccountable bureaucrats in Brussels; that's what we're up against, only more so.

It's important to remember that the mentally ill people fake-crying on TikTok are not the real danger; they're just in it for the clicks and the ego-stroking from their fellow crazies.

They are one of the many smokescreens that your would-be rulers encourage to keep you busy.

The people who really intend to rule are now absolutely determined to ensure that Trump's influence on the government is minimal, and that they will be right back on track toward undisputed, unchecked rulership over your life in four years.

They have at their disposal edifices that they have built up over the last hundred years. The central bank. The federal regulatory apparatus. The corporate media.

Don't be surprised when they paint Trump and all of his colleagues as fascists, Nazis, far-right, authoritarians, totalitarians—anything to attack him—for the next four years. If the American political process goes as it usually does, they know Vance is likely to be the next presidential candidate, and therefore we must expect an unending and constantly escalating stream of slander against him.

If liberty-minded people don't keep the pressure up and counter their slurs with calm, convincing, well-sourced rebuttals, we should also expect things to get worse—not just after Trump is out of office, but while he's in office, too.

Furthermore, expect them to provide plenty of branches for us to hack at, in an attempt to protect the roots.

Expect an endless supply of frivolous legal challenges and knots made of red tape.

Expect them to promise a fountain of free stuff to people on the fence, too.

Recall that Thoreau wrote: “There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one striking at the root.” We have to try our hardest to do the opposite: to remain laser focused on the heart of the problem and not be distracted by the branches that the state apparatus throws up as bait.

There’s a lot that the state can do without Trump or Congress’s approval to micromanage your life, and throwing up smokescreens for what they’re doing is these bureaucrats’ bread and butter.

They will try to hide their operations from Trump’s administration, in the same way that the military-industrial complex hid soldiers in warzones from Trump’s previous administration.

Remember, these people believe they are working in the service of the collective good, which just so happens to put them in positions of authority. They believe, in many cases, that the ends justify the means. They believe the average person is merely a chess piece to be moved around to serve their perceptions of what the collective needs. And they have no qualms about throwing chess pieces away and getting new ones that will follow their orders better.

Because that’s what they want. Mindless pieces that will follow orders. Pieces that see their rulers with awe, and not as the worst who get on top, to paraphrase Hayek.

Pieces that will own nothing, and be happy.

We need to hope that none of them do something irreversible, in the next two and a half months especially. We need to ensure that they cannot act without oversight, in the shadows, for the next four years. And we must beware that they will try to influence Trump and his administration, through lies and omitted truths, into enacting as many of their totalitarian impulses as they can.

They fully expect to establish themselves as unaccountable and permanent rulers as soon as possible, and it’s up to us to make sure their plans do not come to fruition.

Keep your powder dry, your eyes peeled, and your ears open.

This fight is not over, not by a long shot.