

## How would Trump have compromised on slavery?

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Donald Trump's trademark blend of self-absorption and self-pity was on display when he bragged about being America's worst-treated president: "if I'm not number one over Abraham Lincoln, I will be very disappointed."

Trump insults others to make himself look better. He called Mitt Romney a "pompous ass." He said John McCain was "not a war hero" but "a [expletive] loser." Ridiculing McCain's thumbs-down refusal to repeal Obamacare, Trump mocked McCain's POW injuries: "McCain, for some reason, couldn't get his arm up that day,"

Trump said impeaching George W. Bush "would have been a wonderful thing." He said George H. W. Bush took "millions of documents to a former bowling alley... enough is enough - no more Bushes!" Trump attacked Reagan's free trade agreements and immigration reforms.

Trump even criticized Lincoln! After Nikki Haley pandered to the GOP's white supremacist base by pretending the Civil War was not caused by slavery, Trump, in effect, said 'hold my beer:' "The Civil War was so fascinating, so horrible. So many mistakes were made. See, there was something I think could have been negotiated. Of course, if he negotiated it, you probably wouldn't even know who Abraham Lincoln was."

Former Republican Conference Chair Liz Cheney asked, "Which part of the Civil War 'could have been negotiated'? The slavery part? The secession part? Whether Lincoln should have preserved the Union? Question for members of the GOP — the party of Lincoln — who have endorsed Donald Trump: How can you possibly defend this?"

Perhaps, inspired by the Constitution's three-fifths compromise, Trump would have "negotiated" freeing just 40%, leaving millions enslaved and ineligible to vote. And, because the three-fifths compromise was repealed by the 14th Amendment, which also disqualifies insurrectionists like Trump from holding office, scrapping it would be a win-win.

MAGA wouldn't just defend it, but celebrate it as genius because Trump's cult is only loyal to Trump—not the GOP and certainly not democracy.

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