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We have excised a tumor, but the cancer still remains.

It will be tempting, once Trump has finally been ripped from the levers of power, to believe that everything is ok.

It isn't.

The conditions that led to Trump being elected in the first place haven't gone away.

They've gotten worse.

We haven't made our way back to zero. We're still in the red.

It is reliving to the soul and a respite that we are not being dragged further down.

Celebrate that.

We must embrace our successes and recognize the fruits of our labor.

But we must confuse victory in battle with victory in war.

Tomorrow, it will look like we have made our way back to 2015.

Seriousness in the White House, no Executive support of supremacists.

But we haven't.

We did not win societal change
We did not stage a revolution
We did not repair the nation
We did not undo Trumpism
We did not gain civil rights
We did not restore our standing.

What we did win was space and time.

We won space to breathe.

We won time for scientists and medical professionals to work.

We won the room we need to do the rigorous planning necessary to build on these victories.

The sword of Damocles no longer hangs above us and we have won a lower heart rate.

But we are worse off.

We do not have allies in the White House. We have less reckless and erratic opponents.

We have a nation that has lost all faith in legitimacy.

We have an ongoing and growing housing crisis

Police are going to be even better funded and supported in the wake of the Capitol riots.

The fierceness and violence against protest will increase.

Police militarization and unending support is bipartisan.

We have a short window of time to reverse the cultural and political changes of Trumpism before they set and harden into the foundation of society.

Post-Hitler, Germany de-Nazified. They looked at what was broken and overhauled it

If we don't do the same, we will do this again

Those who support fascism have learned under Trump what works and what doesn't.

They have learned what they can get away with and what America will and will not tolerate.

They will evolve and adapt.

If we act like everything is ok, we will fail to evolve and adapt.

Our national coddling of white nationalism led us to the nightmare of the past four years.

To continue is to beg for them to rise again, this time with the experience and boldness to secure their hold on power permanently.

Our path through Covid is very similar to our path through Trumpism.

It could have been contained but instead of preventative measures, we chose skepticism, denial, conspiracy and lies.

Therefore it ran rampant throughout the country infecting everyone up to the highest levels.

Now we have a chance to vaccinate. To build immunity. To push back the spread by being vigilant and savvy and relentless and compassionate.

If we do not build immunity, we will continue to die. We will continue to suffer.