

Ignorance

I've divided it [the Age of Ignorance] into the Three Stages of Ignorance: Ridicule, Acceptance and Celebration.

During the Ridicule stage, ignorance was a magnet for mockery ...

During the Acceptance stage, ignorance mutated into something more acceptable: a sign that a politician was authentic, down-to-earth, and a "normal person" ...

During the Celebration stage ... ignorance has become preferable to knowledge, dunces are exalted over experts, and a candidate can win a seat in Congress after blaming wildfires on Jewish space lasers.

Andy Borowitz, Profiles in Ignorance [2022]