

Trumpists

They were living in the world dominated by the self-serving professionals who screwed things up and survived to screw things up again.

Despite what the Beltway types assured them, they knew that the wars were corrupt and the trade deals were bad. And what others saw as Trump's falsehoods they saw as a form of honesty, a plain-speaking directness that was refreshing in all its vulgarity.

They looked not to be saved by experts but rescued from them, and Trump's achievement was to make himself the vehicle of their hopes.

Thomas Frank, *Rendezvous with Oblivion*