

Truth

Early in this [Trump] administration,
it was reasonable to say that
plausibility was the new truth:

The mere existence of a believable
opposing claim was sufficient to rebut
a balanced assessment of the
totality of evidence.

But when skepticism is a whole system
of thought, assertion is the new truth.
A claim no longer needs to be believable.
It simply needs to be made.

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