

Definition

What does it mean?

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Morphology/Origins (breaking down the word)

WORD OF

KARMA

THE WEEK

Synonyms

Expand your vocabulary!

In a sentence

How may you use it?

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Chaos, confusion, contradiction and karma



Men in white coats: Couldn't put Donald Trump's campaign together again. © AP

Is it right to say that Donald Trump's Covid infection is "karma"? Did the truth-defying, science-mocking leader of the free world get what he deserves? Or is this just shallow moralising?

The newspapers this morning are agreed about at least one thing: for anyone trying to understand the truth about Donald Trump's health, it has been a rough weekend.

"White House reports on Trump's condition continue to be limited and contradictory," says the Washington Post. "As Trump seeks to project strength, doctors disclose alarming episodes," proclaims the New York Times.

This morning the USA retains its record as the nation with the highest number of cases of Covid-19 (7.3m) and the highest number of deaths (207,000) in the world (according to the World Health Organization).

Since the news of Trump's positive test emerged, the response by his detractors has been laden with Schadenfreude. Actor Dominic West said that he "jumped for joy" when he heard the news. Others have said that Covid-19 is his nemesis.

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Q: What do we know?

A: It is generally agreed that Donald Trump's illness struck at a crucial point for his re-election campaign. He had recently started campaigning more in swing states as he tried to reel in Joe Biden, his Democratic rival who is increasing his poll lead. A new NBC/Wall Street Journal poll last night gave Biden a 14-point lead, up six points from several weeks ago. Biden also leads in every swing state, underscoring the tough battle the president faces over the next 30 days.

Q: What do we not know?

A: One main area of debate is how the news that President Trump has COVID-19 will affect the presidential campaign — experts say this is simply an unprecedented situation so close to an election. In the UK, support for Boris Johnson's Conservative Party held steady at 51% for weeks following Johnson's own bout with the virus. However, it may have caused a small uptick in his approval rating – 62% of Britons approved of Johnson on the day of his diagnosis; shortly after he was hospitalised, it reached a peak of 66%.



ACTIVITIES

1. Imagine you are picked to give a get well card to President Trump in hospital. What message will you write inside it?
2. The US election is due to take place on 3 November. Make a list of all the advantages and disadvantages that Trump's illness may pose to his campaign.