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# Is Trump trying to become dictator?

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President Donald Trump points to members of the media as he answers questions in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York.

The Trump administration wants to prove voter fraud and is trying to collect data on every voter in every state. A possible outcome could be calling off the next presidential election because of too many spurious voters, Donald Trump could claim.

The Department of Justice is currently suing for the complete records of everyone who visited the "DisruptJ20" website. These were the more than one million protestors

against the election of Trump.

Yet in the aftermath of Charlottesville, Va., where three people died — one in a terrorist attack by a neo-Nazi — Trump claims there were many “innocent” people holding torches and shouting white supremacist slogans as they marched against taking down the statue of Robert E. Lee.

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I only hope people are paying attention, especially those in the Republican Party who facilitate this racist Trump. I think he wants to be a dictator.

### **Judith Pettibone**

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### **Commander-in-chief isn't political puppet**

You go Trump! Continue to say what you think. It may not be politically correct, but why care about that?

Although I don't agree with some of the stuff President Donald Trump says and does, it's refreshing having a commander-in-chief who isn't a party puppet.

U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz's "not my president" is an inflammatory statement — and a stupid one, too. "Not someone I agree with" would be less confrontational. But then again, it wouldn't rile up his voter base, would it? It's kind of like what ignited flames in Charlottesville, Va.

To paraphrase an old saying: It takes a community working together despite their differences.

### **Fred Fogel**

*Volcano*

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**President ignores middle America**

It is really ironic that the only “sides” that President Donald Trump treats with kid gloves (besides the sycophants around him who tell him how great he is every day) are the former “paleo-communists” on one side and the current “neo-fascists” on the other.

It is a real shame that he totally ignores the wishes and needs of the immensely vast middle that exemplifies the true America. As he usually ends his endless tweets: SAD!

**George Vozikis***Waikiki*

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**Lawmakers should not have immunity**

Upon reading the article, [“Effort to tax REITs stalls with senator gifted by them”](#) (Star-Advertiser, Aug. 13), I recalled a lawsuit I have been following involving state Sen. Roz Baker as defendant (Mark H. K. Greer v. Rosalyn H. Baker and State of Hawaii). As it stands, the concept of “absolute legislative immunity” has stalemated the case, even in the face of our Hawaii Whistleblower Protection Act.

With the subject of ethical governance at the forefront, now may be the time to make moot “absolute legislative immunity.” Do we really want our legislators to be absolutely immune to any inquiry of amoral behavior? This does not seem conducive to a healthy relationship between politicians and their constituents and veers toward authoritarianism.

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