

# The Monster of Mar-a-Lago embraces the crazies at Q-Anon

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On the weekend prior to the Republican National Convention, a remarkable episode of political cowardice was displayed on national television in America. White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows was being interviewed on “Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace.”

Meadows was completing a rambling response to a question from the veteran newscaster when Wallace interrupted, telling Meadows that he had only one minute left and had a final question.

To Meadows’ obvious distress, the question was about the political cult known as Q-Anon.

Wallace reminded the White House Chief of Staff that, days earlier in response to a reporter’s question, Trump had expressed gratitude for Q-Anon’s support for his re-election bid; although initially claiming that he knew “nothing about them.”

Wallace told Meadows that the FBI had designated Q-Anon as a “potential domestic terrorism threat.”

“You can put this behind us once and for all,” Wallace told Meadows. “Does the president disavow and condemn Q-Anon?”

The question galvanized Meadows into a fit of rapid-fire babbling. Repeating the bold lie that neither he, the president, nor the entire Republican Party had ever heard of Q-Anon, Meadows tore into an attack on the media for even raising the question.

Wallace seemed stunned by the attack, and tried several times to interject, but Meadows was not about to surrender the microphone and risk a follow-up. He spent the next minute stubbornly talking over Wallace as he tried to stop the diatribe, continuing to attack both the press and the FBI until time was exhausted.

“Very fine people on both sides,” I remember thinking as Meadows desperately scrambled to avoid criticizing his boss’ latest fan base.

The Q-Anon conspiracy theory had become national news in America days earlier when Marjorie Taylor Greene had won a congressional GOP runoff election in Georgia, making the Q-Anon supporter a likely Republican member of Congress in the 2020 election in November.

Despite congratulating Greene on her victory, Trump pretends to know nothing about the Q-Anon cause that Greene supports, except that “they really like me.”

Yes. Q-Anon really likes Donald Trump.

The cultists believe that the world is controlled by a global deep state of baby-eating cannibals and pedophiles led by Hillary Clinton and her allies, and that Donald Trump is the Messiah sent from heaven to expose and arrest them.

The embarrassment and moral failure displayed by Mark Meadows that Sunday morning is inextricably tied both to his terror of offending Trump and the certain fact that the whackos of Q-Anon are poised to officially become part of the fabric of the Republican Party in 2020.

Yikes.

A recent poll demonstrated that as many as 5% of Americans believe the Q-Anon view of a world run by baby-eating power brokers who devour infants to gain magical powers. Sadly, that number is growing. Q-Anon supporters scour Trump’s speeches and tweets for secret messages left by Q, who is believed to be working with Donald Trump to identify and arrest the baby traffickers.

Very fine people indeed, and the perfect addition to Trump’s collection of nativist, white supremacist racists and similarly-bigoted supporters (as well as some actual very fine, but misguided, people).

Trump is eager to get his votes any way he can, but some believe there may be more to Trump’s flirtation with Q-Anon.

Brian Stelter, host of CNN’s “Reliable Sources,” is the author of the newly-released book “Hoax: Donald Trump, Fox News and the Dangerous Distortion of Truth.”

Stelter believes that a Trump loss in the November elections could be the prelude to the conspiracy-loving Trump forming a new television network, propagating a steady diet of Q-Anon and other such material.

The Q-Anon cultists could continue to be an integral part of Trump’s future following.

So- if you think that defeating Trump at the polls may rid the nation of him, you may be about to see the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the chaos-loving demagogue.



