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Anmerkung zu:

Philip Rucker / Carol Leonnig, A Very Stable Genius. Donald J. Trump's Testing of America, Penguin Press 2020

A dangerous „Michelin-man“, lout and philistine

I've read several interesting and good books about Donald Trump as President of the United States, but none is as extensive in quantity and quality as this. It extends over the entire term of office of the President until autumn 2019. It portrays – in detail and in relation to political decision-making in the context of his environment – his actions, characteristic for him, which are at the same time often transgressions, misconduct, misdemeanours. Again and again, during the presidency, which has now lasted more than three years, I was stunned that Trump was able to top his already well known “crazy” behaviour. Finally, I came to the conclusion that everything can be expected with this guy. And this is exactly what the book confirms. One hardly has, after the exclamation “that can't be true; that is impossible!“, calmed down, when you are dumbfounded again. And in helpless despair, one wonders at the end how such a person could ever have been elected and how he was able to exercise his office up to now ever more unfettered. The book is a “gold mine” for psychologists and psychoanalysts: A “Michelin-man”, stuck in puberty, with a tangible inferiority complex, which is also and especially expressed in his coarse and authoritarian macho behavior. In his total self-centredness, there is only one thing that he takes seriously: himself. He therefore lacks any sense of honesty and decency, of the importance of rules and institutions, let alone of education. It is indeed frightening that such a solipsistic and uneducated lout is president of the USA and will possibly be re-elected. It is good that every page of this book makes this danger, which is a threat not only to the USA, but to the whole world, visible and conscious.