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RE: This weekend, Trump reminded Democrats what we're fighting for  
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It was 54 years ago this week that the Soviet Union became the first country to have a man walk in space. The U.S. was just days away from a launch of its own to achieve the same milestone, and instead, we'd just lost another leg in the space race.

There were no guarantees America would win that race. Uncertainty came before victory. Like so many of the great challenges that this nation has faced and won, nothing was assured from the outset.

But we did win. We rallied behind a national purpose, harnessing our collective ingenuity and unifying around our belief that the United States was destined to lead the world to the heavens.

Could we do the same now? Are we the same now?

At Future Majority, we're not in the habit of chasing President Trump's latest round of offensive tweets. We want to stay focused on big issues that matter to Americans' everyday lives.

But this weekend's unhinged attacks from the president of the United States were so beyond the pale that we at Future Majority thought they could be instructional.

After weeks of tension among Democrats and with an increasingly intense primary season looming larger, it can be easy at times to let Trump's outrages blend into the background. This weekend, they came back into focus, and with each attack, Trump did Democrats the great favor of reminding us of what we're up against and what we're fighting for.

So as this week gets rolling and Trump again wraps himself in the American flag, remember these three tweets and remember what they represent:

1. **We're fighting for our middle class.** This weekend, Trump threatened GM and attacked UAW Local President David Green, blaming both over GM's decision to idle its Lordstown, Ohio plant. Instead of real leadership and solutions that put people to work and food on the table, Trump is blaming others for the results of his disastrous and misguided trade war. Trump talks a good game about standing up for hard-working Americans in the Midwest, but that's all it is: talk.
2. **We're fighting to maintain our role as global leaders.** Hardly a day goes by that Trump doesn't tarnish and harm the global reputation built by the sacrifices of Americans who won World War II, won the space race and won the Cold War. Trump's callous and indifferent reaction to the massacre of 51 Muslim worshippers in New Zealand is just another painful step toward the degradation of all that America stands for and how we



look in the eyes of the world. The world used to be able to count on America to stand against evil, in solidarity and in grief with those who suffer at the hands of malevolence. Under Trump, that is no longer the case.

3. **And, as some of our presidential candidates like to remind us, we are fighting for the very soul of this nation.** Trump's deranged attacks on the memory of the late U.S. Sen. John McCain present this nation with a stark choice: Are we the America that aspires to serve others and serve this country as McCain did; or are we an America that rewards vulgar attacks on our most cherished principles with more power?

The answer to that last question is why we're all fighting every day to make sure Donald Trump doesn't get another four years in the White House. He has already done so much damage, and this weekend was yet another painful reminder that there is no depth to which this president will not sink.

But it was also a good reminder of what we're about to face and why we must face it -- together.