

## On “Adults in the Room”

The anonymous writer of that recent *New York Times* op-ed is supposedly a senior official in the Trump regime. They wrote, “It may be cold comfort in this chaotic era, but Americans should know that there are adults in the room. We fully recognize what is happening. And we are trying to do what’s right even when Donald Trump won’t.” I wonder, where were the “adults in the room” when: Barack Obama went after whistleblowers in record numbers? George Bush shoved the PATRIOT Act and two endless wars down our throats? Richard Nixon doubled down on the War on Drugs? Lyndon Johnson saddled Americans with his Great Society? Harry Truman committed genocide in Japan? Franklin Roosevelt hubristically signed his New Deal? and so on, and so forth. I have serious doubts that there’s ever been an “adult in the room” at the White House. And that’s today’s two cents.