

CRISES

How to Create & Use for Political Gain

1. The “Crisis”: Some situation exists, whose negative aspects the anointed propose to eliminate and is characterized as a crisis.
2. The “Solution”: Policies to end the crisis are advocated by the anointed that will lead to beneficial result A. Critics say they will lead to detrimental result Z.
3. The Results: The policies instituted lead to detrimental result Z.
4. The Response: Those who attribute detrimental result Z to the result are dismissed as simplistic for ignoring the “complexities” involved and assert things would have been much worse were it not for their programs.

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