

Age of Appallment

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We live in a tawdry time presided over in America by a twice-impeached felon found liable for sexual abuse—his victim awarded \$88.3 million by a jury.

A majority of voters thought he still deserved a second four-year term as president.

trump and his right-wing predecessors packed the Supreme Court with justices who believe myths are about real entities and events. And they appear to view freedom as the ability to restrict the freedoms of others.

Fundamentalist thinking in the United States is popular and has resulted in the rise of anti-science types such as the current head of the Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a former heroin addict, who has taken a stand against vaccines as if he knows more about infectious diseases than highly educated medical personnel.

Now it's emerged that convicted child molester Jeffrey Epstein said he was for ten years "Donald's closest friend" referring to the current president of the most powerful nation on Earth. Epstein's plane was called *The Lolita Express*.

To describe the present with all its vulgarity, I coined the phrase: "The Age of Appallment." Google search results confirm it's original.



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"Age of Appallment" is a term that does not appear to be a widely known or established concept in pop culture, academia, or other areas. The phrase may be a misunderstanding of a similar, legitimate title. Here are some possibilities: 

- ***The Age of Adaline***: A 2015 romantic fantasy film starring Blake Lively. She plays a woman who stops aging after an accident and remains 29 years old for nearly eight decades.
- **"Appallment" (the word)**: This is a very rarely used noun form of "appalled." In 1989, writer Robert Penn Warren reportedly thought he had coined the word but a dictionary search revealed it had been used, though infrequently, since 1611.
- ***The Age of Adoption* podcast**: This show explores the transition in climate technology from a period of innovation to one of widespread adoption.
- **Age of Apocalypse (band)**: A hardcore band from New York that some listeners may mistake for the phrase in question. 



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"Age of Appallment" is not a widely recognized or standard term. It may be a phrase coined by an individual for a specific piece of writing or a creative expression of a feeling of shock or dismay. 

Potential origins and meaning

- **Individual coinage**: In a 1989 *New York Times* column, the poet Robert Penn Warren is quoted talking about how he invented the word "appallment," saying, "This is a word that ought to exist. ... Appallment is my latest". He created the noun form of the verb "appall" to express a feeling of deep shock, dismay, or distress. The term "Age of Appallment" may have derived from this or a similar individual literary usage.
- **Literary and poetic usage**: The term has appeared in poetic or descriptive contexts to evoke a sense of stunned bewilderment. For instance, writer Martin Shaw used the phrase "wounded appallment at death" in a 2024 Substack post.
- **Biblical reference**: A Facebook post referencing a Talmudic interpretation mentions "appallment is set up" in relation to a passage from the Book of Daniel (Daniel 12:11), which could lead to a less common, religiously-based interpretation of the phrase.