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Pay attention to Trump's actions

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President Donald Trump recently signed a bill to end regulations protecting waterways from coal ash, despite huge public support for clean streams. The regulations protected 6,000 miles of streams and 52,000 acres of forest.

Another Trump executive order elevated his top adviser, white nationalist Stephen Bannon, to the National Security Council where issues of highest security and foreign policy are discussed, a role normally held only by military generals.

The order demoted the director of national intelligence and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (the highest-ranking military officer in the U.S.), to only attending meetings “where issues pertaining to their responsibilities and expertise are to be discussed.”

Thus the refugee ban never got vetted by our generals. The ban ignores the fact of zero terrorist violence since 9/11 by thoroughly vetted refugees. The Cato Institute calculates the chance of being killed in a refugee terrorist attack is about 1 in 3.6 billion, but the odds of being killed in our 36 daily gun deaths are 1 in 24,000.

Trump signed Republican-supported legislation that repealed a rule that prevented an estimated 75,000 people with mental disorders from being able to purchase a firearm. This makes all of us less safe, Mr. President.

Trump wants to get rid of the Volcker Rule, which stops big banks from speculating with government guaranteed deposits. Wall Street loves these “heads I win, tails taxpayers lose” deals. What happened to draining the swamp?

If we want our democracy to survive, we need to put country before party, truth before tribe, facts before fictions.

The truth is the foundation on which our democracy rests. Pay attention and resist anything that undermines our democracy.