Character is Destiny

From Jonah Goldberg at National Review, The Last Straw

> *I have always believed that the Trump presidency would end badly because I believe character is destiny. There is no reasonable or morally sound definition of good character that Donald Trump can meet. That's why we learned nothing new about Donald Trump this week. He can't change. Some good, decent, and smart people couldn't or wouldn't see this. But every day, more people see this. The straw that breaks the camel's back is a collective phenomenon, but like all collective phenomena it's made up of a multitude of individual realizations.*
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> *I do think it was idiotic to nominate Donald Trump as the GOP's standard-bearer, but I do not think everyone who voted for him in the general election is an "idiot," as Lewis suggests. Some of the smartest people I know voted for him, for defensible reasons. Krein and his fellow Trumpist intellectuals weren't dumb, they were just wrong. And while I think the conservative movement would probably be in better shape if Hillary Clinton had won last November, I don't think it's nearly so obvious that America would be. But that is an entirely academic question at this point.*