

Blue Jean Nation 'We are better than this'

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FDR and the greatest generation of WWII had the courage to expect freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear for the whole world. Today's Americans are just afraid.

ALTOONA, WI - In his [first inaugural address](#) , **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** famously told a nation facing one of America's darkest moments that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

The resolve and emotional toughness Roosevelt called upon as the country descended into a Great Depression is conspicuously missing today. America is full of fear, largely because the nation's very un-Roosevelt-like leaders and the mass media keep feeding us reasons to be afraid. We are told to fear for our safety. We are told to fear foreigners. We are told to fear people we think look like foreigners. We are constantly warned of predators in our midst who aim to scam us or rob us or do us physical harm. Republicans tell us to fear Democrats. Democrats tell us to fear Republicans.

For all practical purposes, our true national motto is no longer *E Pluribus Unum* ("Out of Many, One") or *In God We Trust*
. It's more like
Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid
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We are better than this. Or at least we could be.

