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When I see polling that 80 percent or more of Republicans do not believe that President-elect Joe Biden won the election (although Gallup found 32 percent of Republican college graduates say Biden won while only 15 percent of non-college graduates did), I assume some Republicans just enjoy tormenting pollsters, whom they associate with liberal elites (“Own the libs — tell ‘em President Trump won!”). But even if many are just putting on a show, it’s clear millions are utterly impervious to evidence and willing to believe anything their cult leader says.

To solve this, many pundits across the ideological spectrum have suggested that Biden supporters try to reach out to their deluded neighbors. Make friends with people who do not think like you do! Ask Biden not to raise “cultural” issues (usually issues of race) so as not to alienate the reality deniers even further. Push social media companies to take down (not just label) falsehoods. Such behavior might be socially desirable, but it is unlikely to lead to an epistemological breakthrough for MAGA-hat wearers.

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