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Why do some supporters of Trump insist that he is truthful and never lies?

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**Some supporters of Donald Trump** have a steadfast belief in his honesty and truthfulness, even in the face of evidence to the contrary. Understanding why this happens involves considering several factors:

### 1. Core Supporters and Forgotten Groups:

- Trump's core supporters, who follow him no matter what, are often the forgotten and ignored segments of the population. They feel that the national government does not serve their interests.
- Historically, regions like the South and the West in the United States have resented the federal government, feeling ignored by politicians from the northeastern parts of the country. While the West has become an economic powerhouse, some resentment still exists in the South due to a lack of representation in national policies.

### 2. Evangelical Christians:

- Evangelical Christians form a diverse group within Trump's base. They believe that America is God's chosen nation and often perceive moral decline.
- Trump's speeches and actions align with their concerns, leading some to support him. For instance, he became the first president to attend the annual March for Life, a pro-life event, in January 2020.

### 3. Xenophobia and Economic Disadvantage:

- Another segment of hard-core supporters believes that America is under attack by foreigners. This includes concerns about Central Americans crossing the southern border.

### 4. Perception of Trump as Protector:

- Some supporters view Trump as their protector. His ruthlessness, which might be seen as a vice by others, becomes a virtue in their eyes.

### 5. Selective Perception and Cognitive Bias:

- When Trump was elected, some media dismissed his supporters as lacking education. However, cognitive biases play a role.
- Confirmation bias leads people to seek information that confirms their existing beliefs. Supporters may ignore or downplay evidence of Trump's lies because it contradicts their perception of him as a truth-teller.

In summary, Trump's supporters have diverse reasons for their loyalty, ranging from economic concerns to moral values and perceived protection. Their unwavering support often persists despite factual evidence of his falsehoods. If you'd like to explore this topic further, there are additional articles available [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

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- Humans tend to seek information that confirms their existing beliefs while ignoring or downplaying contradictory evidence.
- Trump supporters may selectively focus on news sources or narratives that align with their perception of him as truthful, reinforcing their self-deception.

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- Group dynamics play a significant role. Being part of a political or social group can lead to conformity.
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- Emotional attachment to a leader can cloud judgment.
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