

Nineteen Eighty-Four

The power of political brainwashing can be intense. George Orwell's novel illustrates how, through physical and psychological pressures, one's cognitive dissonances can be eliminated, faculty of reason destroyed, and emotions so corrupted that virtually any significant political idea will be believed. For example...

War is peace.
Freedom is slavery.
Ignorance is strength.
Two plus two equals five.

To what extent does this novel accurately predict political gaslighting in our century?

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