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11/27/2016—A short break from the blog during Thanksgiving. I hope my readers had a happy holiday. The spirit of irrationality that is present all over America and the West has a new illustration—the request for a recount in Wisconsin by the Green Party candidate, Jill Stein, with requests to follow in Pennsylvania and Michigan if Clinton is shown to have won Wisconsin. On the one hand, this is pretty funny, since as Robert Reich has pointed out, without Jill Stein on the ballot, Hillary might have easily won all three States. So why should Jill Stein care now whether Hillary won or not? Stein, after all, did not win these States. This recount is an admission that Trump is a threat and it really mattered that people vote for Hillary. Well, then, isn't Jill Stein and the Green Party and her supporters to blame, rather than shadowy Russian hackers? Anyway, despite these "experts" and their alleged showings of paper ballot discrepancies in the voting, there was nothing wrong with the election results. How exactly was this hacking supposed to have happened? Voting machines are not connected to the Internet. Remember a few weeks ago, when election officials were assuring the public that voting was safe and accurate and Donald Trump was darkly suggesting problems with the voting. Progressives then said this was irrational paranoia on the Right. Still is, now on the Left. All of this is part of the prevailing loss of faith in Truth. Everything is now dark forces rather than simple cause and effect for which people are responsible. Lots of reasons Trump won. The Electoral College, Progressive indifference to working people, great strategy by Trump, somewhat low turnout among Democratic voters—and the Green Party (though largely offset by the Libertarian Party). And no doubt other things. Lots of reasons except hackers. I'm just sorry the Clinton campaign has gone along with this.