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Democrats, the Media, and the Big Lie

By **Steve McCann** | April 1 2019

For the past two and a half years this nation has been roiled by the incessant drumbeat of accusations that its newly elected President, Donald Trump, was a clandestine agent of Russia and colluded with them to alter the outcome of the 2016 election. On their face, these accusations were so preposterous that anyone with a modicum of common sense would have thought them totally unbelievable.

Nonetheless, [within 7 months](#) after Trump's inauguration 54% of all Americans believed he had acted illegally or unethically in his dealings with Russia (80% of Democrats). [Within 14 months](#) after the inauguration 66% of Democrats believed Russia tampered with vote tallies in order to get Trump elected and 59% accepted the premise that there were improper relations between the Trump campaign and Russia before the 2016 election.

In what was a staged and unnecessary inquiry, and despite turning over every marginally relevant leaf and conducting a dogged 22-month investigation using partisan prosecutors, Robert Mueller was unable to link Donald Trump or his campaign to even the minutest degree of collusion with the Russian Government. Nonetheless the drumbeat of lies and insinuations was a major factor in the Democrats taking control of the House of Representatives in 2018.

The American citizenry now definitively knows that there was no collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russians during the presidential campaign of 2016. Further, based on the testimony of Rod Rosenstein and others involved in the Special Counsel probe, the Russians did not tamper with any [vote tallies](#).

How were the Democrats, and their allies in the mainstream media able to suspend rationality and manipulate the emotions of so many Americans for so long? They followed the playbook first established by Adolf Hitler and Joseph Goebbels and utilized by others such as Joseph Stalin. It is often referred to as "The Big Lie" theorem.

In 1925 Adolf Hitler in his screed entitled *Mein Kampf* coined the term "The Big Lie." A principal tool of propaganda defined as the use of a lie so colossal that no one would believe that someone "could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously." The execution of this strategy and the mindset of those prone to utilize it can be summarized in a report issued by the [Office of Strategic Services](#) during World War II:

1951 US Army training film (public domain)

His [Hitler's] primary rules were: never allow the public to cool off; never admit a fault or wrong; never concede that there may be some good in your enemy; never leave room for alternatives; never accept blame; concentrate on one enemy at a time and blame him for everything that goes wrong; people will believe a big lie sooner than a little one; and if you repeat it frequently enough people will sooner or later believe it.

Little did the author of the report, Walter C. Langer, realize that in analyzing the tactics of Hitler, he had laid out the roadmap for all those with a totalitarian bent,

including the modern American Left and the Democratic Party, to use in propagandizing and fomenting unrest among the populace.

The collusion lies relative to Donald Trump and the Russians began as a political ploy during the 2016 election cycle by the Hillary Clinton campaign in order to denigrate Trump and insinuate that he was unfit to be president because of a supposed chumminess with Vladimir Putin. At that stage it was no different than any other vile campaign tactic of innuendo and false accusations used over many decades of presidential elections.

However, when Donald Trump won the election, to the shock and dismay of the mainstream media, the Ruling Class and the Democratic Party, those same innuendos and false accusations were elevated by the Democratic Party, the mainstream media, the Department of Justice, the upper echelon of the FBI as well as the CIA (all with the tacit approval of Barack Obama) into a blunt instrument of "The Big Lie" propaganda machinery to so undermine his presidency that Trump would either be forced to resign or be impeached.

How did this tactic manifest itself?

From January 20, 2017 (Inauguration Day) through March 21, 2019 (791 days), the major networks, ABC, CBS, and NBC evening newscasts produced a combined [2,284 minutes](#) of "collusion" coverage. During this period no other issue received more than 10% of this level of attention. Further, the spin of the overall network coverage of Donald Trump was 92% negative.

Two cable networks, CNN and MSNBC, each devoted, on the average, nearly 2 to 3 hours *per day* on Trump and Russia collusion, or an estimated 1,978 hours (118,700 minutes) since the inauguration. Virtually all the coverage was negative with innumerable false and misleading reports, accusations of treason, supposed imminent arrests and the unabashed reporting of any salacious or unproven rumor or allegation.

The print media went down the same path as their counterparts in the electronic media. The *New York Times* and *The Washington Post* between them published nearly 1,000 front page articles on the subject and had to issue numerous retractions days later after the damage was done. That process was repeated by news services such as the Associated Press and Reuters, pumping out to its newspaper, radio and television station subscribers throughout the United States daily stories negative to Trump regarding collusion.

On a near daily basis, so-called celebrities in Hollywood and the entertainment establishment unabashedly regurgitated to their untold millions of followers on social media virtually all the false stories and innuendos promulgated by the media and the Democratic Party.

The illegal and unethical maneuvering of the upper echelon of the FBI and Department of Justice immediately after the inauguration to appoint a special counsel added gravitas to the accusations regarding Trump and the Russians, as well as a means of finding *anything* that would either implicate Donald Trump in any potential criminality, or misbehavior outside of the Russian matter that could lead to impeachment. Further, their willing accomplices in the media breathlessly

reported, without hesitation or confirmation, any leak or innuendo from these same denizens of the deep state.

The Democrats in Congress, undeterred by ethics or the laws of slander and defamation, were free to fabricate or leak stories regarding Russian collusion that were accepted at face value by their allies in the media.

On a parallel track, and meant to augment and amplify the accusations of treason regarding Russia, the entire Democrat-media-entertainment-deep state complex maintained an endless drumbeat of false accusations directed at President Trump and his administration. These included but were not limited to racism, misogyny, xenophobia, homophobia and narcissism. Further, every natural or man-made disaster was blamed on Donald Trump's incompetence and obliviousness. All to reinforce the need to rid the country of a traitor who colluded with Russia.

Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Minister of Propaganda, would have wholeheartedly approved of the recent execution of those tactics he made so famous. But the cabal that attempted to destroy Donald failed to heed a warning made by Goebbels himself:

If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. The lie can be maintained only for such time as the state can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the state to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the state.

The American Left and the Democratic Party has evolved into a combined entity that in order to assume power has but one tactic: the Hitlerian "The Big Lie" as described by Walter C. Langer in 1943. Whether it is the fabricated dire consequences of so-called climate change, the myth of rampant white nationalism, the fabrication that this is a virulently racist nation, the fictitious wonders of socialism, the destruction of any semblance of free speech and the single-minded obliteration of anyone who dares oppose them. The failure to crucify Donald Trump on the altar of "The Big Lie" has exposed the American Left, the mainstream media and the Democratic Party for who they are: the heirs to the Fascist mentality that first reared its ugly head in Italy in 1922.



Murder: It's a Democrat thing

By **Selwyn Duke** | Aug 7 2019

With leftists seeking to blame the El Paso shooting on President Trump, guns, white people, and whatever other boogiemans will help score political points, a simple fact should be understood:

Murder is a Democrat thing.

We can start with the [striking statistic](#) that 68 percent of all homicides occur in just certain parts of 5 percent of America's counties — and all, or virtually all, of these are Democrat areas.

Also striking is Democrats' devolution on prenatal infanticide. The line always was, though the savvy never believed it, "We want abortion to be safe, legal, and rare." Leftists also insisted that "we don't really know when life begins" or when "an unviable tissue mass becomes a baby." To echo Barack Obama's debate disclaimer from some years ago, that's above their "pay grade."

But all that has been aborted. Now leftists support prenatal infanticide up until birth, and sometimes beyond, though this is subject to change without notice. (Coming, perhaps, is the day leftists will absolutely know when an "unviable tissue mass" becomes human: when it can vote Democrat.)

In other words, yes, he's a baby; yes, he's human.

And yes, you can murder him because you feel like it. How sociopathic can you get?

This devolution is no surprise. Leftists are, almost one and all, de facto atheists; as such, they essentially believe that man is just a material being, a chemicals-and-water organic robot. To [quote](#) barrel-of-laugh botanist Lawrence Trevanion, people are "objects that perceive."

Obviously, viewing people as objects leads to objectification; you use objects and, when the spirit moves you, maybe even abuse objects. This is why leftists such as sanctimonious Pete Buttigieg and Irish Bob (O'Rourke) will politicize tragedies such as the El Paso and Dayton shootings before the blood is even dry. To them, the victims are objects that serve a purpose, a means to an end.

So they can be human props, just like the Illegal Alien Children in Cages™, or kids paraded in front of press conferences or on stage at Democratic National Conventions. "Do it for the children"? It's really "Do it with the children" or "Do it to the children" — whatever yields the power you crave.

Of course, projecting, leftists are also full of the hate they ascribe to others. (After all, they're incapable of hating what they see as the sin without hating whom they see as the sinner, so they assume that others operate likewise.) This is why former CNN host Reza Aslan, an Iranian immigrant who once [ate human flesh](#) on television, recently sent a tweet in which he [appeared to say](#) all Trump-supporters should be eradicated.

If that was his meaning, he'd just be carrying on a long tradition. The "Left" has been bloody ever since it was born during the French Revolution, where Maximilien Robespierre's crew killed thousands in the Reign of Terror. Since then, the USSR's Stalin, China's Mao, Cambodia's Pol Pot, and others have added approximately 100 million corpses to the total. The formula is simple, too: Leftists+Sufficient Power=Dropped Mask and Mass Murder.

Power really is the only limiting factor because godlessness, that leftist norm, correlates with moral nihilism, and thus are leftists bereft of true moral constraints. Fyodor Dostoevsky explained this state of being in *The Brothers Karamazov*, writing, "Without God, all things are permitted." Leftists have not principles, but preferences — which is why they're notorious for the political-wind-enabled goalpost shift.

Worse still is how leftists (and the conservatives who defend yesterday's liberals' mistakes) destroy children, on the inside, with corruptive miseducation, entertainment, and sexual-devolutionary messages and temptations. From bodies to hearts to minds to souls to statues and traditions and beyond, threatening all that's great and good, destruction is leftists' stock in trade.

Leftists were once part of the counter-culture, but the only culture that's truly theirs is the Culture of Death, that dark phenomenon Pope John Paul II so lamented. So you can point fingers, modern Democrats, but in your hearts, some of you, I suspect, know exactly what too many of you are: stone-cold killers.




For Peggy Noonan and her elitist pals... here's a little plainspeak for you

By **Eric Georgatos** | Oct 20 2019

So many of us with conservative leanings have long respected the prose and insight of Peggy Noonan, now a prominent Wall Street Journal columnist, but initially admired for her work as a Reagan speechwriter. But her recent columns show she's come to exemplify the ruling class elitism that simply doesn't grasp the groundswell in the American heart that elected Donald Trump president.

I consider myself to be right in the heart of that American heart. Raised in a lower middle-class home in small town America; father with a high school diploma, and mother with a junior college degree earned in middle age. Taught and embrace the Christian faith, work ethic, and 'marinated' in an atmosphere of love for America. Made it through college and law school; experienced a version of the American dream in terms of achieving a standard of living for my wife and three kids being substantially higher than that of my sister and me growing up.

Well, Peggy, let me help you understand where that background—shared in various forms with millions of Americans—positions my worldview. 

I resented the hell out of Barack Obama claiming authority to fundamentally transform America. He didn't admit to this mission until very late in his first campaign; there is no way in hell the majority of the American people who voted for him supported a fundamental transformation of this country.

I resented the hell out of the Eric Holder DOJ deliberately running guns to Mexican cartels so that ensuing violence could be traced to American gun manufacturers and morphed into an anti-2nd Amendment media narrative in America. I resented the hell out of the fact that no one was held accountable for this *government*-initiated, subvert-the-Constitution deceit.

I resented the hell out of Barack Obama brazenly lying to the American people 27 times about 'keep your doctor' and 'keep your plan' *when he knew he was lying* about the facts, intent and design of Obamacare. I resented the hell out of Nancy Pelosi making a mockery of the legislative process by telling Democrats they needed to pass Obamacare to find out what was in it.

I resented the hell out Chief Justice John Roberts making a joke out of the Supreme Court and the rule of law by upholding Obamacare as a tax when it was expressly not a tax. And all for the purpose of not upsetting whatever Barack Obama wanted to do in fundamentally transforming the country.

I resented the hell out of Barack Obama telling a Russian official to encourage Putin to be patient until after Obama's re-election, when he could be more flexible. I resent the hell out of the fact that to this day, this episode is ignored by those trying to paint President Trump as a Russian asset.

I resented the hell out of Barack Obama exploiting the Trayvon Martin tragedy to stoke racial tensions in America when there was absolutely no race angle whatsoever to the case, and the prosecutors engaged in blatant,

documented, [proven fraud](#) with the false witness Rachel Jeantel. I resent the hell that to this day, Democrats prop up these lies, as well as [the proven lie of "hands up, don't shoot"](#), to paint and foment an incendiary picture of race relations in America.

I resented the hell out of Barack Obama and **Hillary Clinton** escaping all accountability for their abject lying and malfeasance in connection with the Benghazi attack. That attack was not caused by an anti-Muslim video, and everyone in this country knows it. I resent the hell out of the fact that everyone in the executive branch of government, and senior military officers loyal to Obama and not the American people, just brazenly lied about it and figured we the people wouldn't notice, and wouldn't remember.

I resented the hell out of Barack Obama propping up the Muslim Brotherhood—which openly seeks the destruction of America—in multiple places around the world (including Libya, Egypt, and Syria), and transferring billions to "Death to America" Iran, including midnight delivery of cash on palates, in a move that plainly facilitated Iran's nuclear ambitions. To Americans with common sense, this was treason. GOP Senator Bob Corker facilitated it by disabling and disfiguring the Constitution's treaty approval provisions.

I resent the hell out of Joe Biden *on video* bragging about the hold up of financial aid to the Ukraine until a prosecutor investigating his son was fired. This is the textbook definition of a political quid pro quo. *On. Video.* I resent the hell out of a media that tries to tell me there is nothing wrong with this or that it has been 'debunked' or is 'unsubstantiated' or that the real culprit is President Trump for daring to engage in any action to get to the bottom of all aspects of 2016 election interference.

I resent the hell out of Joe Biden's son securing \$1.5B from China in the immediate aftermath of an Air Force Two trip with his father—because I have worked in corporate finance and this doesn't happen for any reason other than the pay-off by China for China-favorable policy decisions by the Obama/Biden administration. I resent the hell out of a media that won't acknowledge the obvious or tries to tell me to look past the Biden corruption that is right in my face.

Probably most of all, I resent the hell out of **a media and a Republican Party that would do absolutely nothing about any of these things because Barack Obama was the first President of color, and so these elites decided to pat Americans on the head, tell them to shut up with their concerns, and understand that Obama gets a free pass to destroy this country in the name of transforming it in accord with his leftist ideology. In President Trump's words, this is b*****t.** We the people are *not* too stupid to see what was done, and we don't forget who did it.

So as the evidence started to come out of the Obama/CIA/FBI/DOJ coup attempt against candidate Trump and then President Trump—and any moderately intelligent and objective observer knows that the evidence has continued accumulating and is now overwhelming and irrefutable in establishing the complete corruption and dishonesty of a federal government totally weaponized against the incumbent's political opponents and *under the direction of Barack Obama*—then, yeah, Peggy, I have gone from cautious tolerance of President Trump to a 1,000% Trump supporter; I despise the ruling class behavior of both parties in DC; I respect

President Trump as a fighter and disrupter of an absolutely rotten, entrenched elite and I don't care what he tweets in furtherance of calling these people out. And I will join *tens of millions* of Americans in massive outrage if the House dares to use Coup Hoax 2.0 to vote for impeachment and/or the Senate votes for conviction and removal.

Peggy, I hope you can wise up. You're in perfect touch with the ruling class; you are wildly out of touch with the American people.



Rush may be right: Hillary Clinton 'needs to be in jail'

By **Cheryl K. Chumley** - *The Washington Times* - April 24, 2019

Rush Limbaugh, on "The Story" on Fox News with Martha MacCallum, said it's not President Donald Trump who has anything to worry about when it comes to the whole Russia investigation thing — it's Hillary Clinton.

She should be in jail, Limbaugh said.

And a whole world of political watchers go — absolutely. And then, just as quickly, a whole world of political watchers go, sigh. 'Cause it'll never happen.

Still: For years, a handful of hard-core truth-seekers have been making the case that the collusion accusation slung Trump's way has really been the Democrats' way of covering their own tracks — has really been the left's way of distracting from the fact their own party was guilty of what they were accusing.

"The media is ignoring ties between the Clinton campaign and Russians," ran one Washington Post headline in February of 2018.

"Russian Collusion Investigation: It Was Hillary Clinton All Along," blasted another from Investors in November of 2018.

Yet another: "Clinton's Russia ties are also disturbing," from The Denver Post, back in November 2017.

And one more: "The case for Russia collusion ... against the Democrats," from this February in The Hill.

It's out there.

It's not untoward to suggest that Clinton, with her secretary of state position, her White House inside knowledge, her long-time political career, her long-reaching access and influence, her foundation and many, many friends and allies — and ability to silence enemies — would have some dark dealings with Russia in her past. Really, with this woman's political past, it'd almost be more remarkable if she didn't.

As Limbaugh said, how ironic that it's Trump — the guy who never held a political office, pre-presidency, in his life — who is accused of dirty politicking with Russia.

"This is the irony," he said on Fox. "Hillary Clinton is who tried to rig a presidential election. ... Clinton and her pals in the Obama Department of Justice and their pals in the FBI — they are the ones who colluded with the Russians. They are the ones that gave us this entirely bogus Steele dossier. You want to talk about irony — for Hillary Clinton to be talking about impeaching Donald Trump. Hillary needs to be investigated, she needs to be indicted and she needs to be in jail, and any of her co-conspirators in this whole sordid affair, which amounted to nothing more than a silent coup to overturn the election results of 2016."

Quite right.

But don't hold your breath.

Clinton, to put it bluntly, pretty much knows where all the dead bodies are buried.

The chance for her to be thrown in jail is just south of, say, the chance for the Democrats and leftist and progressives and socialists to stop trying to toss Trump from office. In other words: It just ain't gonna happen.

For the Clintons, justice will have to wait until the next lifetime.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/apr/24/rush-limbaugh-makes-case-hillary-clinton-needs-be-/>

A Top Ten List of Hillary's Lies, Scams, Hustles and Deceitfulness

by **Edward Klein** | Dec 23 2015

Donald Trump says Hillary Clinton "lies like crazy."

He's in good company.

Nearly 20 years ago, the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist William Safire wrote: "Americans of all political persuasions are coming to the sad realization that [Hillary Clinton] is a congenital liar."

Here, as a refresher course for those with short memories, is a Top Ten List of Hillary's Lies, Scams, Hustles and Deceitfulness.

1. "I remember landing [in Bosnia] under sniper fire," Hillary boasted. In fact, a video of the trip shows Hillary and her daughter Chelsea being greeted at the peaceful airport in Tuzla, Bosnia, by a young girl with flowers.
2. Hillary complained that she and her husband left the White House "dead broke." In fact, they left with contracts for lecture and speeches worth between \$20 and \$30 million.
3. As a junior senator, Hillary voted to authorize the war in Iraq. But when the war became unpopular, she flip-flopped and opposed the surge in Iraq. Later she admitted she did so purely out of political expediency—she wanted to gain advantage over Barack Obama in the 2008 Democrat primary.
4. When Hillary was running for the 2008 Democrat nomination, she told the editorial board of the *Nashua Telegraph*, a leading New Hampshire newspaper, that she favored a plan to give driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. She later claimed she never said that.
5. Hillary approved an unethical—and probably illegal—sweetheart deal for her closest aide Huma Abedin. It allowed Huma to receive a \$135,000-a-year salary from the State Department, while she was being paid as a member of the board of the Clinton Foundation, and worked as a \$335,000-a-year outside consultant to a firm founded by a Bill Clinton crony named Doug Band.
6. Hillary refused to designate the notorious al Qaeda-linked Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram as a terrorist organization because a major contributor to the Clinton Foundation, who had business interests in Nigeria, asked her not to.
7. Hillary voted to approve the sale of 20 percent of the uranium production capacity in the United States to a Russian company.
8. Hillary intervened to fix a problem that UBS, a giant of the Swiss banking industry, was having with the IRS. She did so because UBS had donated \$600,000 to the Clinton Foundation and paid Bill Clinton \$1.5 million for a series of speeches.
9. Hillary lied about Benghazi. She e-mailed her daughter Chelsea that the attack on the consulate was caused by al-Qaeda elements, but she told the families of the four dead Americans and the American people that it was caused by a video.

10. Hillary lied numerous times about her e-mails.

a) She said it wasn't convenient to carry two phones, so she carried only one with her private e-mail account. Not true. She had multiple electronic devices, including another BlackBerry and an iPad. And not incidentally, her aide Huma Abedin, not Hillary, carried the phone.

b) She said she turned over her emails because of a routine State Department request. Not true. The e-mails were subpoenaed by the Benghazi committee.

c) She said she turned over all her work-related e-mails. Not true. Missing from the 30,000 e-mails were contacts with Sidney Blumenthal, Tony Blair, and CIA director David Petraeus, among others.

d) She said that among the 33,000 "private" e-mails that she deleted were communications with her husband. Not true. Bill Clinton said that he had sent a grand total of two e-mails in his life.

e) She said she did not e-mail any classified material. Not true. The Inspector General of the intelligence community found that Hillary received and sent many classified e-mails, including those relating to the North Korean nuclear program.

f) In a letter to Representative Trey Gowdy, the chairman of the House Select Committee investigating the deadly terrorist attacks in Benghazi, Hillary said that the only private e-mail address she ever used while secretary of state was hdr22@clintonemail.com. Not true. In fact, she had a second e-mail address, HRod17@clintonemail.com, and didn't tell Gowdy about it.

g) She kept her second e-mail address secret because she used it in secret exchanges with Sidney Blumenthal, who was acting as her back channel on Libya.

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Hillary Clinton: Lies, Misdemeanors, Felonies, and Treason

Posted by **Hardworking1**



It is hard to imagine how one person could do so much wrong and never once be charged with a crime. Even worse she was elected to the U.S. Senate, was nominated to be Secretary of State and confirmed to be Secretary of State by the U.S. Senate. Now she is about to be "anointed" the President of the United States of America by the Democratic National Committee and Obama in spite of the fact that she is

the subject of two FBI criminal investigations. One of the investigations is about her illegal use of an unsecured private server to conduct Official Government business and the other is an investigation into the activities of the Clinton Foundation. However Obama's recent enthusiastic public endorsement of her to be President proves that he has ordered the Department of Justice to refuse to file any charges against her no matter how strong a case the FBI presents to the Department of Justice.

Many people refer to Hillary as the "devil", with good reason. I actually began to refer to her that way years ago and then began to hear other people do the same thing. Recently I saw a news clip of one of her carefully choreographed speeches, to a carefully screened audience where she actually pointed out that she, "does not have horns"! It was meant as a laugh line for her sycophant supporters but it told me that her handlers are very much aware of her image problem. My delight at hearing this quickly subsided when I remembered hearing so many people say, "yes I know she is bad, but I am still going to vote for her" and learning that I could literally be verbally assaulted at places like the gym if I dared to say anything negative about her around some people!

I have no idea how many books have been written about her specifically, much less about her and Bill together. When you add the internet writings about her and him to the books there is probably more public information available about them than any couple in history. While some of the published information was written to make them look good or to attempt to overcome negative information, the majority of the writings provide detailed negative information about them. With Hillary running for President the focus has been much more on her than Bill in recent years.

Hillary began her irrational, head first dive into politics during her college years when she became a disciple of Saul Alinsky. For those of you who are not familiar with Alinsky he was the father of the radical community organizer movement in America. Hillary's senior thesis in college was about him. Obama was also an Alinsky disciple.

Over the years a lot of what has been written about Hillary, from a wide variety of unrelated sources, confirms that she is totally irrational and has an explosive temper. Some of her long, loud, profanity laced, and at times physical, attacks on Bill behind closed doors at the White House were so bad that the Secret Service agents on duty were concerned about how to protect the President from the First Lady.

Anyone who has watched her interviews or speeches, even on a limited basis has to admit that she "changes her story" from one moment to the next (lies).

Hillary's first job after law school was working for the Watergate Special Prosecutor. She got the job as a favor to a friend. She was fired from that job for lying and evidence tampering. She should have been disbarred and criminally charged. This appears to be the beginning of her lifetime of believing she could say or do anything without any negative consequences.

When some of her activities at the Rose Law firm in Arkansas were questioned critical files mysteriously disappeared. The obviously altered files reappeared on a bed side table in one of the White House bedrooms when the investigation ended.

There was also her extraordinarily successful, one time cattle futures trade.

Six months into Clinton's first term as President, White House Deputy Counsel Vince Foster committed suicide under what many say were questionable circumstances. He was more attached to Hillary than Bill. His primary responsibilities were to set up the Clinton's Blind Trust, which was not going well, and to be the "keeper" of the Clinton's pre White House files, including the "White Water" files. Regardless of what anyone may believe about his death, it is undeniable that Hillary's Chief of Staff, Margaret Williams literally walked around the Secret Service agent assigned to guard his office until appropriate investigators could get there and removed boxes of files.

"Travelgate" was an irrational and illegal Hillary disaster. She fabricated claims of inappropriate activities and actual charges were brought against the career, White House travel office staff in a failed attempt to award their positions to personal friends. In the process the career, working staff people's lives were virtually destroyed.

Everything in the White House except for personal things the First Family brings with them is public property. Much of it is very valuable (like the antique vase Hillary broke into many pieces when she threw it at Bill). There is actually a person assigned to maintain a detailed inventory of everything in the White House that is public property. The number and value of the items Hillary took with her when they moved out of the White House may be debated, but it is undeniable that she did remove items that were public property and had to return them.

After they left the White House the Clinton's immediately set out to clean up Bill's reputation, establish his legacy, set Hillary up to be President, and amass a personal fortune. Nothing was off limits in their efforts to accomplish all these goals. This is when Hillary first began to make her obsessive drive for personal money and power (she will never have enough of either). She immediately began her carefully orchestrated plan to become a U.S. Senator from New York, which was supposed to be her stepping stone to becoming President.

Just prior to becoming a Senator (while it was still legal?) she closed a deal for an \$8,000,000 book advance.

As soon as Hillary was sworn in as a U.S. Senator she began to do what almost all senators do. She worked at becoming friends with all the other senators, avoided doing anything that may appear to be controversial, fund raised and planned for her presidential run. However, unlike the other Senators dreaming about being President, she was supposed to be preordained. And then another Alinsky disciple came along and took the Presidency from her! But Hillary was not to be denied the Presidency. She simply moved on to a new plan to replace Obama as president and joined Bill in his efforts to turn the Clinton Foundation into an international money machine.

Hillary's new plan to be president actually worked out better than her initial one. It gave the Clintons an opportunity to cut an unbeatable deal with Obama. Hillary became Secretary of State, which added to her resume and allowed the Clintons to turn the Clinton Foundation into an international money machine on steroids! In exchange the Clintons agreed to help make sure Obama got re-elected and Hillary would be assured the Presidency in 2016.

Hillary was now in a position to do anything she wanted to with absolutely no concern about any consequences as long as she did her part to make sure Obama was reelected. This was an absolute "win win" situation for the Clintons and Obama. Obama was assured that he would be unchallenged by Hillary in his reelection bid and he would have her full support for his ideologically driven transformation of America. She was free to commit massive fraud and treason as Secretary of State and was guaranteed to be the next president.

Here is a small sample of the **illegal and treasonous** things Hillary did as Secretary of State:

- Did not appoint an Inspector General for the State Department while she was in office.
- Illegally used her power to facilitate hundreds of millions of questionable/illegal dollars in donations to the Clinton Foundation.
- Also illegally used her power to facilitate hundreds of millions of questionable/illegal dollars going into Bill Clinton's pockets for speaking fees and international business deals.
- Appointed an unqualified big donor to a sensitive committee.
- Refused to use State Department approved communication systems under any circumstances including using an unsecured private server in her home for all official communications.
- Everything she did was deliberate and coldly calculated to facilitate and cover up her illegal and treasonous activities regardless of the damage she did to America or how much she put America at risk.
- Obama has done what may be un-repairable damage to America economically and put us at an extreme level of risk for more and bigger terrorist attacks here and abroad.

Hillary will be worse than Obama in all respects unless we do something about it!*

[*Note: this was written in 2016; thank God we elected Donald Trump as POTUS!]



Hillary Clinton Should be in Jail, Not the White House

by **Tom Tancredo** | Nov 5 2016



[AP/Ross D. Franklin](#)

There is absolutely no reason anyone should still be “struggling” with the choice for President.

Voters do not have a choice between a perfect candidate and three others, but it is a national embarrassment that the Democrat candidate belongs in jail and not on the November ballot.

The only reason anyone should vote for Hillary Clinton on November 8 is give formal representation at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue to the nation’s criminal class. Clinton would indeed represent that class very well.

The scandal is that Hillary Clinton would already be in jail as the head of an international crime syndicate if she were not being protected by the media establishment and Obama’s political operatives in the Department of Justice. The ferocity with which she is being defended despite her public record betrays the moral bankruptcy of too many of elites— not only in government but in the media, the universities, law firms and in the business community.

Does anyone need a list of her crimes and her national security fiascoes? Should we ask voters to print a list of known crimes to take with them to the polling booth as a reminder? Maybe the Trump campaign should publish in the top 50 newspapers a full page ad providing a simple list of the top 100 reasons to send HRC back to Arkansas — while she awaits her day in court.

Any full list would occupy a large book and not a newspaper advertisement, but here are a few of the most well-documented crimes and national security nightmares that are in her resume. How many voters really want four years of such self-serving cronyism orchestrated out of the White House?

- While Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton used an illegal personal email server for sharing classified documents, thereby compromising national security and violating federal law.
- Clinton then lied about the email server and the classified documents to Congress, the FBI and the American people.
- Clinton as Secretary of State supported Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood candidate for president of Egypt and opposed his removal from power by a pro-American, anti-Islamist coalition.
- When in Arkansas and working for a private law firm, Hillary Clinton successfully defended a child rapist and then laughed about the case afterwards.
- Clinton cannot escape responsibility for the deaths of four Americans at the US embassy outpost at Benghazi on September 11, 2012 — through her denial of the additional security requested by the Americans in Benghazi and her refusal to send military forces to rescue the Americans who were under attack.
- Then Clinton lied to the American people for months about the al-Qaeda planned terrorist attack on Benghazi in order to protect Obama's re-election as President in 2012.
- As Secretary of State in 2010, Hillary Clinton proposed a "drone attack" on Wikileaks founder Julian Assange— that is, proposed to murder him to stop his revelations.
- The Clinton emails and messages revealed by Wikileaks showed Clinton approving military arms going to known jihadist groups in the Middle East.
- The Clinton campaign received a private "heads up" from within the Obama Justice Department about a pending email investigation— from a friend of Hillary's campaign chairman.
- Obama's political appointees at the Justice Department have for months blocked an FBI investigation of the Clinton Foundation, seeking to delay the investigation until after November — for obvious political reasons.
- While Secretary of State, over half of the individuals Clinton met with made donations or pledges to the Clinton Foundation.
- The Clinton Foundation required a \$100,000 donation for anyone seeking a personal meeting with Bill Clinton.
- The FBI is now actively investigating the "pay-to-play" activities of the Clinton Foundation, which involve billions of dollars in both foreign and domestic "donations" to gain access to government contracts and influence government policies. Those are federal crimes and will very likely result in indictments of top Clinton Foundation officials— possibly including Bill and Hillary Clinton.
- Clinton has proposed abandoning the 2nd Amendment guarantee of the right to own firearms for personal protection, and has promised to appoint

Supreme Court Judges who will re-write the 2nd Amendment to allow aggressive federal gun control laws.

- Clinton has publicly praised “open borders” and promised an end to immigration law enforcement and a general amnesty for all illegal aliens in her first 100 days.
- Clinton is promising expanded numbers of Syrian refugees brought to the United States, despite the fact that 99.1% of the 13,210 refugees admitted to the US in 2016 are Muslim and the FBI has said there is no way to adequately vet them for terrorist connections and sympathies.

Our true national scandal is not that Clinton has so far escaped indictment, it is that so many of our civic and political institutions have been corrupted by a misguided loyalty to the Clinton crime syndicate.

From the board rooms of Wall Street to the editorial boards of local newspapers and the town halls of the League of Women Voters, the defense of the “progressive cause” has come down to defending the indefensible –pay-for-play cronyism, open borders and national security breaches on a global scale.

A full chronicle of Hillary Clinton’s crimes will someday fill a large shelf of books, if not a whole library.

If she is elected President next week, a complete shelf of books will be needed to chronicle her impeachment in Congress, likely removal from office, and the resulting damage to our institutions. The Watergate scandal will look like a Sunday picnic by comparison.

The Clinton Crime Syndicate nightmare can be brought to an end by a resounding “NO!” vote on Hillary Clinton on November 8. Anything less will be an indictment not of her, but of our own cultural degradation and hopeless cronyism.



Hillary's Crime Sheet: Five Reasons Hillary Clinton Should be in Prison

By **Adam Garrie** | Feb 17 2018



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Hillary Clinton is crooked but she is worse.

She is a criminal in more ways than one.

Here is a list of her top five crimes.

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1. **The War on Libya**



Hillary Clinton bears more responsibility for the ill-fated war on Libya than anyone else. Even Barack Obama has admitted it was a colossal mistake. The war has turned Libya into a prosperous state where terrorists were jailed into a failed state where competing groups of Islamic terrorists run the show. The war did not have authorisation by the United Nations.

2. Benghazi



Not content with destroying Libya as a nation, Hillary Clinton's woeful and questionably premeditated lack of security at the US diplomatic compound in Benghazi, one of the most violent cities not just in Libya but the world, must be investigated more seriously. The family of the murdered Chris Stevens blame Hillary Clinton for criminal negligence. I believe it is something more. It is analogous to when former British Prime Minister William Gladstone failed to relieve the besieged General Gordon in Khartoum leading to his death. This is a contemporary equivalent only far more sinister.

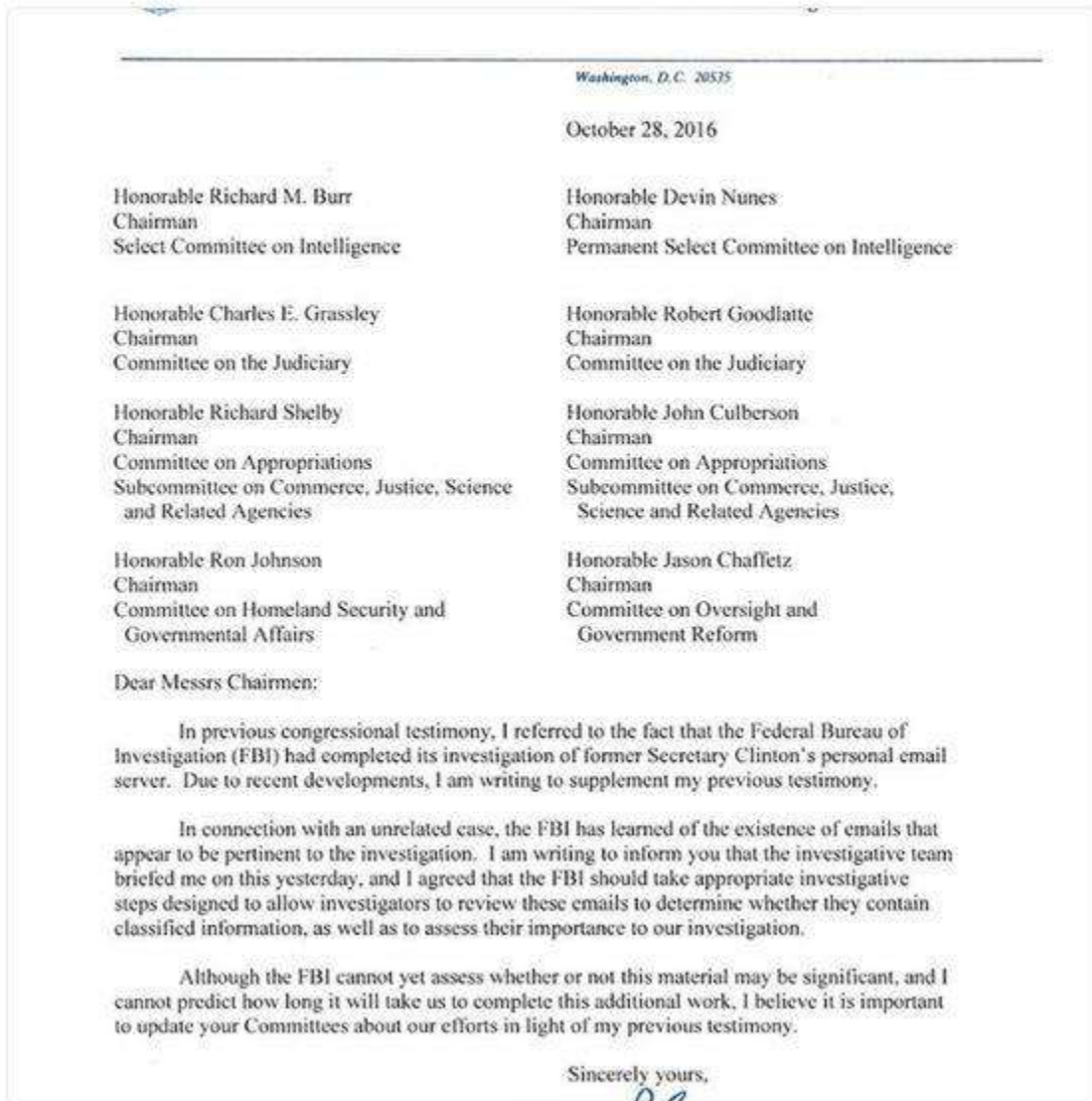
3. Burning Bernie Sanders



Vladimir Putin has not meddled in the US election, Hillary Clinton has. Leaked emails reveal that the popular socialist Bernie Sanders had his chance of becoming president stolen from him by Hillary Clinton and her associates at the Democratic National Committee. If defrauding democracy is worth going to war over, certainly it is worth going to jail over. Millions of Americans had their votes stolen. Imagine how much more civilised an election it would be if a traditional conservative like Trump were running against a traditional socialist like Sanders?

4. Email-Gate

FBI Director Comey, in letter to members of Congress, says FBI is investigating additional emails in Clinton private server case



Hillary Clinton's use of private servers to send classified state secrets is inexcusable. Hillary Clinton abused her power as Secretary of State, running America's foreign policy like a mafia state. If something like this were done in Africa or Latin America, the US Congress would be up in arms. The fact that the case has

been re-opened shows that perhaps justice may be done at last, whether for the [right reasons or otherwise](#).

5. **Funding Islamic Terrorism**

Donald Trump was mocked when he said that Obama and Hillary were the founders of ISIS. Anyone who knows how the world works saw a clear connection between American ambitions to illegally overthrow the legitimate government of Syria and the [funnelling of money through Saudi Arabia and Qatar to ISIS, Al Qaeda and others of the same ideology](#). Julian Assange has vindicated Donald Trump and if the world has any sense of justice left, [Hillary must be held responsible for unleashing the hell that is ISIS and their compatriots](#).

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A Full List of Hillary Clinton's Crimes

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The 2016 election was a referendum on many things that had once been accepted as political norms in our society, including taking the media's word at face value, believing all the polls, and always choosing the candidate with more beltway "experience," rather than taking a leap of faith and electing a truly revolutionary candidate.

By electing Donald J. Trump, we not only changed the course of history and dashed all of those norms to pieces, but we also made a stand that we would no longer settle for a blatantly corrupt political class that repeatedly gets away with crimes for which many of us would serve years in prison.

Perhaps no candidate in modern history better represents such arrogance and defiance of the rule of law than Hillary Clinton. Over the course of her nearly 40 years in public life, Hillary has racked up enough scandals, and outright crimes, to put Frank Underwood to shame.

Although there are [a plethora of wrongdoings](#) by Hillary Clinton we could enumerate that alternate between the offensive, the immoral, and the hypocritical, we are going to provide a more concise list of the most patently criminal acts Hillary Clinton has committed during her political career. The media has tried to label these crimes "conspiracies," but they are all the truth, and nothing but the truth.

Whitewater and Cattle Futures

Some of the Clintons' earliest crimes have become their most oft-forgotten, even though they had their fingerprints on a number of cases of extremely shady business practices, including potential insider trading and bribery, in the late 1970s and the 1980s.

The most infamous example is the Whitewater controversy, in which then-Governor and First Lady of Arkansas, Bill and Hillary Clinton, invested in the real-estate company Whitewater Development Corporation, which was owned by two of their closest associates at the time, James and Susan McDougal. The McDougals also owned a savings and loan association called Madison Guaranty.

Both Whitewater and Madison Guaranty eventually went under, after the Clintons had invested tens of thousands of dollars into the former.

In what appeared to be an attempt to pay back the McDougals, banker David Hale eventually testified under oath that Bill Clinton attempted to pressure him into giving a \$300,000 loan as a bribe to Susan McDougal. Although the McDougals were eventually charged with a variety of crimes including fraud, no charges were ever brought against the Clintons for their involvement in it.

This would prove not to be an isolated incident, as Hillary herself eventually came under fire for a similar financial irregularity in the late 1970s. After trading in cattle futures contracts with a starting investment of just \$1,000, she netted a return of almost \$100,000 after just ten months before stopping her trading. Such a sky-high profit is extremely unlikely to happen naturally, and although a number of scenarios were proposed – including bribery and insider trading – Hillary faced no charges again.

Russian Pay-to-Play Schemes

Projection has become a favorite distraction technique for the Left, especially with the media serving as their mouthpiece. While baseless allegations of Russian “collusion” have been relentlessly thrown at President Trump and his Administration, the real instances of collusion between a high-ranking U.S. official and Russian forces come from the other side of the political aisle.

For a number of years, the Clinton Foundation – a supposedly “charitable” organization – served as the front for many of the biggest payments to the Clinton family by those seeking influence, both domestic and international.

But the most glaring example of such a pay-to-play scheme involving the Clintons and a foreign actor is the [Uranium One case](#). Uranium One is a Canadian uranium mining company that first acquired another Canadian mining company, UrAsia Energy, before Uranium One was subsequently acquired by the Russian state-owned corporation Rosatom.

It was eventually revealed – by *The New York Times*, of all sources – that UrAsia’s owner Frank Giustra had [donated as much as \\$145 million](#) to the Clinton Foundation just two years before selling his company to Uranium One for [\\$3.7 billion](#). Then it was revealed that the chairman of Uranium One, Ian Telfer, had also made a donation of over \$2 million to the Clinton Foundation before the company’s acquisition by Rosatom.

Shortly after the successful acquisition of Uranium One – which took place during Obama’s first term, while Clinton was Secretary of State – [Bill Clinton was paid \\$500,000](#) by the Russian bank Renaissance Capital to give a speech in Moscow. Not so coincidentally, this took place just a few months after Obama signed the “New START” nuclear treaty with Russia, an initiative that was spearheaded by Secretary Clinton. Although the treaty proved to be a disaster that [most likely will not be extended](#), the Clintons did walk away with a significantly fuller bank account.

What this all boils down to is a clear-cut case of the Clintons organizing a massive international deal that saw a significant amount of uranium – a key natural resource that is fundamental to national security and American dominance on the world

stage – signed away to Russia. The Clintons bargained with nuclear capabilities and completely sold America down the river, just so they could make millions. This can only be described as “collusion” and “pay-to-play.”

Emails and the Espionage Act

This is perhaps the most significant of Hillary’s scandals, not only because of its central role in her 2016 loss, but because of the sheer hypocrisy that was highlighted as a result.

Using an unsecured private email server for government use, of course, is a crime in and of itself. But in true Nixonian fashion, Clinton took it a step further by covering up the underlying crime. She initially refused to turn over the server in question, even as she used the server’s eventual breach by hackers as supposed “proof” of Russian interference. When the server was finally handed over to the FBI, it was done only after more than [30,000 emails had been erased](#), with Clinton claiming – without evidence – that all of the deleted emails were “personal.”

When further questioned about deliberately wiping the server, Clinton gave a response that feigned ignorance but reeked of arrogance, sarcastically asking [“What, like with a cloth or something?”](#) It’s not hard to imagine that if President Trump had made a similar statement, the media would have an absolute field day with such a response, and use it to call into question his intelligence, integrity, or even his ability to hold the office. But Clinton, as always, got a free pass from the media.

This deliberate obstruction of justice, and subsequent destruction of evidence, was the same crime for which Richard Nixon was ultimately driven out of office. But Clinton’s mass deletion of evidence was on a vastly larger scale than the mere 18 minutes of Watergate tapes that Nixon erased, and the bungled burglary he tried to hide. And furthermore, with a wide variety of matters discussed and shared on Clinton’s private server, it’s clear that far greater national security risks were taken by Clinton than by Nixon, who only sought to cover up a single crime that was relatively petty by comparison.

In both cases, the cover-up far exceeded the original crime. But while both of them eventually did face consequences, Nixon at least did so on his own terms and eventually admitted to his own wrongdoing, resigning the office in atonement. Clinton actively sought to take the highest office in the land even despite her crimes; her comeuppance delivered by the American people at the ballot box, in perhaps the greatest act of non-judicial justice ever administered in modern American history.

Benghazi

By far the most serious crime that Hillary Clinton ever committed is the one that produced an actual body count. As expansive, egregious, and unpunished as her other crimes may be, nothing compares to the scandal in which then-Secretary of State Clinton took a series of decisions that directly led to the deaths of four brave Americans, only for her to then lie about the circumstances of ~~her~~ deaths and cover up her own involvement in them.

Ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens, [made numerous requests](#) for security at the U.S. mission in Benghazi to be increased, as he feared for his own safety and the safety of the other Americans present at the compound. All of these requests were denied time and again by Secretary Clinton's State Department, a fact that even the left-wing "fact-checking" website [PolitiFact has admitted to be true](#).

This failure to provide more security left the compound all the more unprepared when the terrorist group Ansar al-Sharia launched its fatal attack on September 11, 2012, killing Ambassador Stevens and three other Americans: Information Officer Sean Smith, and CIA operatives Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods, who bravely fought to defend their fellow Americans against overwhelming odds.

But in true Clintonian fashion, Hillary just couldn't stop with the original scandal and had to rush to cover up her own culpability. Rather than accept blame for blatantly refusing to tighten security at the Benghazi mission, Clinton and others in the Obama Administration made shallow and disingenuous attempts to claim that the attack was not the result of a well-coordinated plan by a terrorist organization on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Instead, they insisted, the violence was supposedly the result of a spontaneous demonstration against an anti-Muslim YouTube video that virtually no one had ever seen before. To this end, the Administration ordered then-United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice to repeat this cover story [on five different Sunday news shows](#) on the same day.

The man responsible for creating the YouTube video, an Egyptian-born U.S. resident named [Nakoula Nakoula](#), was subsequently [arrested, charged, and paraded around](#) as the scapegoat for the entire attack. Clinton even had the audacity to ["promise" to the families of the victims](#) that the Administration would hunt down and punish not the terrorists who actually killed their loved ones, but the filmmaker whom she blamed, as if he was somehow in part responsible for those deaths.

Keep in mind, in terms of the sheer quantity of wrongdoings attributable to Hillary Clinton, this list consists of just a fraction. The fact that she got away with all of these is a testament to the legal double-standard from which the corrupt elite benefits. There have been other, even more in-depth studies and compilations of her actions – and subsequent lack of consequences – by such men as Peter Schweizer, in his best-selling book [Clinton Cash](#).

Although she consistently managed to escape legal consequences for her actions, the Clintons' decades-long streak of getting away scot-free finally came to an end, at the hands of 63 million Americans, on November 8, 2016. Even if Hillary never spends a single day in prison for any of her crimes, from the millions of dollars of dark money to the lives lost on her watch, the eventual final political outcome for her – fading into irrelevance, with a lost presidential race as her last accomplishment – just might be the most satisfying outcome possible.

<https://www.sebgorka.com/a-full-list-of-hillary-clintons-crimes/>

Hillary Clinton Is not just a sore loser, she is a total loser

By **Kenneth Eliasberg** | Nov 30 2019

As one can readily see, Hillary Clinton has been unable to recover from having lost the 2016 presidential election -- a self-inflicted wound that she will never cop to. ~~Or, possibly,~~ an act of divine intervention. She has come up with well over a dozen reasons for her defeat -- every one but the real one, i.e. she is a loser -- not just a sore loser, but a total loser. She is incredibly incompetent, fundamentally dishonest, and criminally corrupt, and these are her good qualities. In addition, she is bereft of a trace of integrity or character, has absolutely no judgment, and is devoid of people skills (she's very easy to dislike and distrust and thereby become a member of her deplorables). The 2016 race was hers to lose, and by failing to listen to advice on where to campaign, she managed to do just that -- lose! **Thank God -- a Hillary Clinton presidency would be the last nail in America's coffin.**

We could go through the litany of Hillary Clinton's failures -- Cattlegate, Whitewater, Travelgate, Filegate, her clumsy and opaque handling of the health care assignment her husband handed her, her tour of duty in the U.S. Senate, or her stint at the State Department, starting with her failure to get the Russian word for "reset" correct and ending with her dereliction of duty in the case of Benghazi (which produced four dead Americans, including her "friend" Ambassador Christopher Stevens), which, on testifying before Congress, she fobbed off with "what difference, at this point, does it make?"



But, for present purposes, I would just like to focus on the liberties that she has always taken with the truth. When Bill Safire of the *New York Times* called her a congenital liar, he flattered her. You see, the Clintons don't just tell lies, they live them.

Consider her most recent whopper -- the one in which she observed, on being asked what was her most difficult decision, that it was remaining in her marriage. Why was this her biggest whopper? Because she had no choice but to remain in her marriage, if, indeed, the arrangement that the Clintons have qualifies as a "marriage," rather than a political partnership looking to advance the ambitions of each of the partners.

Some have applauded her incredible loyalty to Bill in view of his tawdry behavior. However, if all they had was an "arrangement" to advance their ambitions, his infidelities were irrelevant as far as hurt feelings were concerned.

But they were necessary to make her both the object of sympathy (although one has to wonder why you are deserving of pity on your husband's 1000th marital transgression). Also, every time he got caught, so it goes, he owed her one. Ergo, the health care assignment, her Senate term, and, finally, her stint as Secretary of State. In each of these situations she distinguished herself more for her failures than any accomplishment.

The point here is that Hillary had no choice but to stay in her marriage. Without her connection to Bill Clinton, Hillary could not be nominated for, let alone be elected to, dog catcher of even the smallest of communities. Her successes in securing all of these positions was achieved by attaching herself to Bill's coattails and riding them to each one of these positions.

So why did Hillary lose the 2016 Presidential election? Because she's Hillary Clinton, a born loser. And, more to the point, Hillary Clinton belongs in the Big House, not in the White House.



Obama: The Most Corrupt and America-Hating President in U.S. History

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Obama was elected for two reasons. First was the color of his skin, the first black U.S. President, and history was made. The second was that the America haters inside and outside of this country recognized that the timing was right for them to destroy America and he was the perfect "tool" for them to use to do it.

Last week I wrote about Hillary's life of corruption and that she had never been charged with a crime. Obama also has a history of corruption, has never been charged with a crime, will never be charged with a crime, and was elected to be President twice. Obama has one other thing that Hillary does not have. Hillary does not care about anything but money and power. Obama, in addition to an obsession with money and power, absolutely hates America and everything about it. This last thing is what makes him the perfect "tool" for the people who are intent on destroying America, and as noted above the timing was right.

Under Obama we have become so politically correct (PC) we cannot function, our economy is destroyed, our allies do not trust us, our enemies laugh at us and taunt us, our government functions at a minimal level at best, lawlessness is rampant, especially in many of our major cities and even in most federal government agencies, and our state of readiness militarily is at an all-time low.

If you think I am overstating any of these issues Goggle it and go to my website www.onlymakessense.com. This will be the 27th article posted on this website. Each one of my previous articles details a part of how we got to this place in America.

The America haters have actually been steadily chipping away at the very fabric of American life for about 50 years. All their efforts have been carefully orchestrated with time on their side. They were perfectly willing to experience a minor setback from time to time as long as they got what they wanted in the end. And then along came Obama, an America hating man totally without a conscience. Everything he has done as an adult confirms that.

Let's begin with Obama's college years. Where are his college records? Why are they sealed? What are they hiding? Who spends a fortune (of other people's money) having their college records sealed and keeping them sealed?

After college Obama claims that he was a Constitutional law professor. In fact, he was only a part-time lecturer who spent most of his time writing a book about himself.

Obama was a Saul Alinsky disciple and close friends with Bill Ayers. Some sources say that it was Bill Ayers who actually made Obama's book readable and ready to be published while Obama became a community organizer. Saul Alinsky was the person responsible for creating the destructive community organizer movement in America. Bill Ayers was a member of the radical "Weather Underground" group in the late 60's and early 70's. He went underground to escape prosecution for his part in several terrorist bombings the group did, re-emerged and became a tenured college professor!

During all his time in Chicago after college, Obama sat in Reverend Jeremiah Wright's extremely radical, "God Damn America" church almost every Sunday.

Obama's first step into politics was when he "finagled" an Illinois Senate seat where he did very little except plan his next move to the U.S. Senate.

After Obama made it to the U.S. Senate, he again did very little except plan his Presidential run. When he did make a speech or vote it was always an anti-Bush media show.

During Obama's first Presidential run every America hater piled on and threw truckloads of money at him. And the main stream media enthusiastically signed on. "Fundamentally Change America" became their Holy Grail. Ethics, rules, facts or laws were not to be an impediment in any way.

As soon as he was elected Obama openly displayed a level of arrogance that is not fitting to the office of the President of the United States of America. During his first term, in one of his extremely rare bi-partisan white house meetings Obama said to John McCain, "elections have consequences, I won". Immediately after his second election he moved from "fundamentally changing America" to "we are going to punish our enemies and reward our friends".

After Obama was sworn into his promised "most transparent administration in history", the administration became the most secretive and blatantly corrupt administration in history.

Obama appointed total sycophants to every presidentially appointed position in the Federal Government, preferably as America hating and lacking in ethics as he was. He even created some new positions like a lot of new Whitehouse Czars. Some of the Obama administration's appointments have actually been members of the Muslim Brotherhood. Many state and local governments and Democratic Party organizations immediately followed Obama's lead (Baltimore).

Throughout his two terms Obama continued to appoint people who he could depend on to blindly carry out his agenda, including illegal recess appointments. Additionally there is no end to the budgets, maximum allowable salaries and even

bonuses for everyone who successfully plays Obama's game (VA and IRS are examples). If anyone fails to publicly and blindly do what Obama wants they are "out" instantly. If anyone displeases Obama he does not hesitate to throw them "under the buss". And God help a "whistle blower" no matter what the situation, in spite of specific Federal laws protecting them.

As President nothing is beneath Obama or his supporters in their efforts to destroy America. The list of "scandals" during Obama's two terms is actually many pages long. Below is a brief explanation of some of the most corrupt Obama Administration actions.

A totally agenda driven and corrupt DOJ was created shortly after Obama began his first term. This was critical for the Obama Administration to do as it pleased with no fear of being questioned, let alone anyone being charged with wrong doing. This began with the blatant voter intimidation **convictions** against the Philadelphia Black Panthers being thrown out by Eric Holder.

Obamacare was illegally implemented and changed with multiple illegal executive orders.

"Fast and Furious" was an illegal, poorly conceived, poorly managed, extremely costly, secret operation run by the DOJ and BATF. It was designed to discredit Federally Licensed Firearms dealers in order to set up an opportunity to take the first steps to destroy the 2nd Amendment.

The IRS illegally targeting conservative groups was a deliberate attack on the 1st Amendment. This massive and lengthy operation was a calculated and **successful** attempt to dramatically influence Obama's re-election.

"Fast and Furious" and the IRS targeting operation were both orchestrated and covered up at the highest levels of the Obama Administration, especially at the DOJ. Eric Holder repeatedly lied to Congress about both, changed his "story" on multiple occasions and refused to turn over relevant documents. In fact he was so arrogant and dishonest in his interactions with Congress that he was charged with contempt (which had no effect on him since he is the chief law enforcement officer in America). Obama attempted to protect Holder and various records about these illegal activities with "executive orders" (which have been ruled illegal).

Operation "Choke Point" was another DOJ operation that was launched secretly using bank regulators to try and force banks to refuse to do business with industries the Obama Administration did not like. Firearm, coal and precious metals businesses were their specific targets. The effort was intended to shut down these industries by denying them banking services. Another agenda driven attack on the 1st and 2nd Amendments!

During his 1st term Obama began to establish a Federal police force (armed police that report to the Federal Government). They are armed and their uniforms and vehicles have "Federal Police" identification. Government agencies like the IRS are spending millions of dollars on guns and ammunition and designating employees who can become part of a Federal police force. The Federal Reserve refers to its security staff as Federal Reserve Bank Police. Their uniform I.D. is "FRB Police".

During Obama's 1st term in office his administration spent untold millions of dollars buying up and stock piling ammunition. This was a twofold operation. One objective was to have an unlimited supply of ammunition for the "Federal Police". The second was to prevent U.S. Citizens from stock piling ammunition. For many months ammunition dealers were limiting the amount of ammunition a customer could buy (if they had any stock at all of some calibers). The Obama Administration also stopped selling surplus military ammunition to dealers and even stopped selling used bullet brass to bullet manufacturers to prevent them from producing bullets.

The Obama Administration's auto industry "take over" was another massive and illegal operation. It openly violated a number of long standing Federal and state trade and DMV laws. They even went so far as deciding which dealers were terminated, without proper notice, and who got to keep dealerships based on their political affiliations and especially who supported and donated to Obama's campaign. They literally created illegal monopolies for certain brands in some large geographic areas. Terminated dealerships were left with new vehicles on their lots that they could not legally sell to the public. And of course the unions were protected from being negatively financially impacted at the expense of secured lenders.

When the Inspector General for the Department of Agriculture found that hundreds of "Food Stamp" vendors were committing massive fraud the investigation was shut down with no action taken.

After Obama's re-election the "Free Cell Phone" program was expanded by over a \$100,000,000 with distribution contracts going to big Obama donors.

Under the Obama Administration "Legal Immigration" has basically been turned into a massive graft and corruption program to expand the Democratic donor and voter base.

Under Obama Illegal Immigration has been mismanaged and corrupted so it can be used as a political wedge issue by the Democrats to expand their donor and voter base.

Based on immigration alone you need over 100,000 net new jobs each month for the unemployment rate to stay the same. In May we only had 38,000 net new jobs yet the Obama Administration proudly announced that the unemployment rate fell from 5 to 4.7 percent!

Under Obama our economy has been destroyed. The 1st quarter GDP growth rate was only .005 (one half of one percent). We need a minimum of 3 percent to meet America's expanding needs.

Our national debt is about to reach an inconceivable level of 20 trillion dollars (\$20,000,000,000,000)! At some point in time we will not be able to pay the interest on this debt, let alone pay it off!

The "climate change fantasy" is an integral part of Obama's corrupt administration. Billions of dollars were illegally given to green energy projects that failed immediately but benefited big donors, insider trading on green energy projects was rampant, and the EPA and other Government agencies took illegal steps to hurt the

coal, oil and gas industries. And now the DOJ is planning to bring federal charges against "climate change deniers" using the Rico organized crime statues!

Under Obama we now have the worst level of national defense we have had in decades (even worse than it was under Bill Clinton). Every branch of our military is understaffed, underequipped, and run by political ideologies at every level. All the career patriotic warriors have been forced out from the top Generals to the line officers and senior NCOs.

Benghazi. While men were dying there was a meeting/conference call, which Obama did not participate in, with half the meeting time dedicated to developing the video story. NOT a single piece of military equipment moved while the brave men were fighting and dying except for one, hours into the battle, and it went to Tripoli, not Benghazi. The only help they got was a group of CIA folks who took it upon themselves to basically commandeer a plane in Tripoli to get Benghazi during the fight at the Annex (one of them was killed). BUT IT WAS ONLY 51 DAYS TO Obama's RE-ELECTION AND HE HAD SINGLEHANDEDLY DEFEATED TERRORISM....

As noted above this is only a partial list. Do not forget the Iran deal, Gitmo, the Bergdahl trade, and other Obama Administration actions that have damaged America and put us at increased risk of attack here and abroad.

The real shame in all this is that it was all coldly calculated and deliberately executed with a compliant Congress, including rhino Republicans!

Obama Leaves A Terrible Legacy To His Successor

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When President Obama leaves the White House for good, he will bequeath a country that is in many ways much worse off than when he arrived. (White House)

Elections: "Change has come to America," was what Barack Obama said after winning the election eight years ago. Change did come. But no matter who wins the election this year, the next president will inherit a country that has, in almost every way, changed for the worse.

There's no doubt the liberal press and leftist academia will declare Obama's presidency a monumental success. Heck, they've been doing that already for the past eight years. But the actual results of Obama's two terms as president tell a much different story. On issue after issue, Obama is leaving his successor problems that have either festered through inaction or that Obama made worse.

Space prohibits listing all of them, but here's a summary.

The Economy: Obama and his defenders have said endlessly that, if nothing else, Obama deserves credit for saving the country from a second Great Depression. It's a claim without foundation. The recession was ending even as he was sworn in, and was over before most of his "stimulus" policies took effect. Even liberal economists admit that the Fed's actions, along with the TARP program enacted under Bush, prevented a further meltdown.

If Obama's economic performance is to be judged, it must be on the strength of the recovery, which began just a few months after he took office. And on that score, he fails miserably. Despite repeated promises that his policies would produce growth rates of 3% to 4% a year, annual GDP growth never reached 3% once — making it the worst recovery since the Depression. Had Obama's recovery been merely average, GDP would be \$2 trillion bigger and there'd be millions more with jobs.

The Middle Class: Obama, like every Democrat running for office, claimed to be the champion of the middle class, and that instead of "trickle down" economics, he'd grow the economy from the "middle out." Instead, middle class wages stagnated throughout Obama's term in office, with real median household income today exactly where it was when Obama took office.

And despite Obama's constant bragging about the "longest" stretch of private sector job growth, the 15.5 million private sector jobs added since February 2010 hasn't even kept pace with population growth — which climbed 17.5 million over that time. As a result, more than 14 million people have dropped out of the labor force since Obama took office. In fact, without the huge decline in labor force participation under Obama, the unemployment rate would be more like 10%, rather than the official 4.9%.

Health Care: ObamaCare was supposed to be Obama's grand legacy, showing how government could be a force for good. Instead, it's become an epic failure that will have to be dealt with by the next president. The reforms Obama said would repair a "broken" health system have themselves broken it. Premiums in the newly government-run individual market are up an average 22% nationwide, and at rates of 50%, 60%, even 113% in some states — increases unheard of before ObamaCare. Insurance markets that were once vibrantly competitive are now dominated by one or two carriers. ObamaCare has made Medicaid, an already terrible health program, worse by dumping millions more into it. ObamaCare's taxes, mandates, and regulations are suffocating businesses.

Race Relations: Obama came to national prominence promising that he could bridge racial and political divides and bring the country together. From the moment he stepped into the White House, however, Obama stoked racial tensions and governed as a bitter divisive partisan. Does anyone dispute that the country is more divided than it was eight years ago?

The National Debt: When it came to the federal budget, Obama promised a "new era of responsibility." Eight years later, the national debt is now 127% bigger, annual deficits are on track to top \$1 trillion again, and the Congressional Budget Office says that Obama's policies have put the nation on a course toward fiscal ruin. Under current law, publicly held debt will soar by over \$9 trillion to \$23.1 trillion between now and 2026, rising from its current post-World War II high of 77% of GDP to 86% in a decade — a level that most economists agree will damage the economy's growth by siphoning vast amounts of money from the productive sector into the far-less productive government sector.

The War On Terror: Since Obama took office, nine radical Islamic terrorist attacks — each of which came with plenty of warning signs — have claimed 91 lives and injured about 400. Obama acted as if this scourge can be defeated with kind words, gun control, shuttering Guantanamo, and civil trials. Because he walked away from his duties as commander in chief and refused to recognize the ongoing threat, the U.S. faces an increased risk of a major terrorist attack for years to come.

Financial Reform: Sold initially by President Obama and congressional Democrats as "financial reform" and an end to the "too big to fail" doctrine, the 2010 Dodd-Frank law has instead become a straitjacket for lending and the economy. It's a massive law, at 2,300 pages, and few fully understood it at the time it was passed.

Now they do. A report by the American Action Forum in 2015 estimated that, over 10 years, Dodd-Frank's spate of restrictions on lending and financial innovation will cost the U.S. economy \$1 trillion in output. What's worse, it's still in place, doing its damage. As Peter Wallison, a financial industry expert with the American Enterprise Institute who was part of the government's financial crisis investigation, put it: "It is likely that, without the repeal or substantial reform of Dodd-Frank, the U.S. economy will continue to grow only slowly into the future."

International Relations: In his first inaugural speech, Obama said that the country was "ready to lead once more," and that he would be "ushering in a new era of peace." The next president will take office with nation's global leadership dangerously diminished, while instability has grown and more wars are being waged than when Obama took office.

A list of Obama's foreign policy failures would fill a volume, but here are just a few: Obama in 2011 prematurely removed troops from Iraq, creating a power vacuum later filled by ISIS; he let Iran's covert nuclear weapons program continue, starting a nuclear arms race in the Mideast; after Obama called ISIS a "jayvee team," it grew in clout and territory as a result of Obama's neglect; Obama's intervention in Libya during that country's civil war led to the country becoming a terrorist haven, with no real government; he and Hillary Clinton pushed the "reset button" with Russia's Vladimir Putin, and Russia launched hostile actions against its neighbors in Crimea and Ukraine, and threats to the Baltic states; Obama has signaled ambivalence over protecting traditional allies in Asia, leading to China arming up and bullying its neighbors. With massive defense cuts Obama put in place, it's safe to say the U.S. hasn't been this weak since the nadir of the Carter years.

Obama's legacy is secure. It's one of abject failure. The only question of importance now is whether the next president can repair the damage.

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America's Most Biblically-Hostile U. S. President

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Listed below in chronological order are (1) numerous records of [Obama's] attacks on Biblical persons or organizations; (2) examples of the hostility toward Biblical faith that have become evident in the past three years in the Obama-led military; (3) a listing of his open attacks on Biblical values; and finally (4) a listing of numerous incidents of his preferential deference for Islam's activities and positions, including letting his Islamic advisors guide and influence his hostility toward people of Biblical faith.

1. Acts of hostility toward people of Biblical faith:

December 2009-Present – The annual White House Christmas cards, rather than focusing on Christmas or faith, instead highlight things such as the family dogs. And the White House Christmas tree ornaments include figures such as Mao Tse-Tung and a drag queen. [1]

May 2016 – President Obama appoints a transgender to the Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships — an act of overt disdain and hostility toward traditional faith religions. [2]

September 2015 – For White House and State Department dinners, the president deliberately invites guests that he knows will be offensive to the Pope and who openly opposed his message, but he and the State Department very carefully avoid inviting guests that oppose or would offend the dictators of countries such as Cuba and China. [3]

June 2013 – The Obama Department of Justice defunds a Young Marines chapter in Louisiana because their oath mentioned God, and another youth program because it permits a voluntary student-led prayer. [4]

February 2013 – The Obama Administration announces that the rights of religious conscience for individuals will not be protected under the Affordable Care Act. [5]

January 2013 – Pastor Louie Giglio is pressured to remove himself from praying at the inauguration after it is discovered he once preached a sermon supporting the Biblical definition of marriage.[6]

February 2012 – The Obama administration forgives student loans in exchange for public service, but announces it will no longer forgive student loans if the public service is related to religion. [7]

January 2012 – The Obama administration argues that the First Amendment provides no protection for churches and synagogues in hiring their pastors and rabbis. [8]

December 2011 – The Obama administration denigrates other countries' religious beliefs as an obstacle to radical homosexual rights. [9]

November 2011 – President Obama opposes inclusion of President Franklin Roosevelt's famous D-Day Prayer in the WWII Memorial. [10]

November 2011 – Unlike previous presidents, Obama studiously avoids any religious references in his Thanksgiving speech. [11]

August 2011 – The Obama administration releases its new health care rules that override religious conscience protections for medical workers in the areas of abortion and contraception. [12]

April 2011 – For the first time in American history, Obama urges passage of a non-discrimination law that does not contain hiring protections for religious groups, forcing religious organizations to hire according to federal mandates without regard to the dictates of their own faith, thus eliminating conscience protection in hiring. [13]

February 2011 – Although he filled posts in the State Department, for more than two years Obama did not fill the post of religious freedom ambassador, an official that works against religious persecution across the world; he filled it only after heavy pressure from the public and from Congress. [14]

January 2011 – After a federal law was passed to transfer a WWI Memorial in the Mojave Desert to private ownership, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that the cross in the memorial could continue to stand, but the Obama administration refused to allow the land to be transferred as required by law, and refused to allow the cross to be re-erected as ordered by the Court. [15]

November 2010 – Obama misquotes the National Motto, saying it is “E pluribus unum” rather than “In God We Trust” as established by federal law. [16]

October 19, 2010 – Obama begins deliberately omitting the phrase about “the Creator” when quoting the Declaration of Independence – an omission he has made on no less than seven occasions. [17]

May 2009 – Obama declines to host services for the National Prayer Day (a day established by federal law) at the White House. [18]

April 2009 – When speaking at Georgetown University, Obama orders that a monogram symbolizing Jesus’ name be covered when he is making his speech. [19]

April 2009 – In a deliberate act of disrespect, Obama nominated three pro-abortion ambassadors to the Vatican; of course, the pro-life Vatican rejected all three. [20]

February 2009 – Obama announces plans to revoke conscience protection for health workers who refuse to participate in medical activities that go against their beliefs, and fully implements the plan in February 2011. [21]

April 2008 – Obama speaks disrespectfully of Christians, saying they “cling to guns or religion” and have an “antipathy to people who aren’t like them.” [22]

2. Acts of hostility from the Obama-led military toward people of Biblical faith:

October 2016 – Obama threatens to veto a defense bill over religious protections contained in it.[23]

June 2016 – A military prayer breakfast whose speaker was highly decorated Delta Force Lt. General Jerry Boykin (ret) was cancelled because Boykin was a traditional

value Christian who has voiced his support for natural marriage and his opposition to Islamic extremism. (The atheist critic behind the cancellation had complained that Boykin as a "homophobic, Islamophobic, fundamentalist Christian extremist.") [24]

April 2016 – At the orders of a commander, a 33-year Air Force veteran was forcibly and physically removed by four other airmen because he attempted to use the word "God" in a retirement speech. [25]

February 2016 – After a complaint was received, a Bible was removed from a display inside a Veterans Clinic. [26]

March 2015 – A decorated Navy chaplain was prohibited from fulfilling his duty of comforting the family (or any member of the unit) after the loss of a sailor because it was feared that he would say something about faith and God. He was even banned from the base on the day of the sailor's memorial service. [27]

March 2015 – A highly decorated Navy SEAL chaplain was relieved of duty for providing counseling that contained religious views on things such as faith, marriage, and sexuality. [28]

June 2014 – Official U. S. government personnel, both civilian and military, in Bahrain (a small Arabic nation near Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Iran) must wear clothing that facilitates the religious observance of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. [29]

March 2014 – Maxwell Air Force Base suddenly bans Gideons from handing out Bibles to willing recruits, a practice that had been occurring for years previously. [30]

December 2013 – A naval facility required that two nativity scenes — scenes depicting the event that caused Christmas to be declared a national federal holiday — be removed from the base dining hall and be confined to the base chapel, thus disallowing the open public acknowledgment of this national federal holiday. [30]

December 2013 – An Air Force base that allowed various public displays ordered the removal of one simply because it contained religious content. [32]

October 2013 – A counter-intelligence briefing at Fort Hood tells soldiers that evangelical Christians are a threat to Americans and that for a soldier to donate to such a group "was punishable under military regulations." [33]

October 2013 – Catholic priests hired to serve as military chaplains are prohibited from performing Mass services at base chapels during the government financial shutdown. When they offered to freely do Mass for soldiers, without regard to whether or not the chaplains were receiving pay, they are still denied permission to do so. [34]

October 2013 – The Air Force Academy, in response to a complaint from Mikey Weinstein's Military Religious Freedom Foundation, makes "so help me God" optional in cadets' honor oath. [35]

August 2013 – A Department of Defense military training manual teaches soldiers that people who talk about "individual liberties, states' rights, and how to make the world a better place" are "extremists." It also lists the Founding Fathers — those

“colonists who sought to free themselves from British rule” — as examples of those involved in “extremist ideologies and movements.” [36]

August 2013 – A Senior Master Sergeant was removed from his position and reassigned because he told his openly lesbian squadron commander that she should not punish a staff sergeant who expressed his views in favor of traditional marriage. [37]

August 2013 – The military does not provide heterosexual couples specific paid leave to travel to a state just for the purpose of being married, but it did extend these benefits to homosexual couples who want to marry, thus giving them preferential treatment not available to heterosexuals. [38]

August 2013 – The Air Force, in the midst of having launched a series of attacks against those expressing traditional religious or moral views, invited a drag queen group to perform at a base. [39]

July 2013 – When an Air Force sergeant with years of military service questioned a same-sex marriage ceremony performed at the Air Force Academy’s chapel, he received a letter of reprimand telling him that if he disagreed, he needed to get out of the military. His current six-year reenlistment was then reduced to only one-year, with the notification that he “be prepared to retire at the end of this year.” [40]

July 2013 – An Air Force chaplain who posted a website article on the importance of faith and the origin of the phrase “There are no atheists in foxholes” was officially ordered to remove his post because some were offended by the use of that famous World War II phrase.[41]

June 2013 – The U. S. Air Force, in consultation with the Pentagon, removed an inspirational painting that for years has been hanging at Mountain Home Air Force Base because its title was “Blessed Are The Peacemakers” — a phrase from Matthew 5:9 in the Bible. [42]

June 2013 – The Obama administration “strongly objects” to a Defense Authorization amendment to protect the constitutionally-guaranteed religious rights of soldiers and chaplains, claiming that it would have an “adverse effect on good order, discipline, morale, and mission accomplishment.” [43]

June 2013 – At a joint base in New Jersey, a video was made, based on a Super Bowl commercial, to honor First Sergeants. It stated: “On the eighth day, God looked down on His creation and said, ‘I need someone who will take care of the Airmen.’ So God created a First Sergeant.” Because the video mentioned the word “God,” the Air Force required that it be taken down. [44]

June 2013 – An Army Master Sergeant is reprimanded, threatened with judicial action, and given a bad efficiency report, being told he was “no longer a team player,” because he voiced his support of traditional marriage at his own promotion party. [45]

May 2013 – The Pentagon announces that “Air Force members are free to express their personal religious beliefs as long as it does not make others uncomfortable. “Proselytizing (inducing someone to convert to one’s faith) goes over that

line,” [46] affirming if a sharing of faith makes someone feel uncomfortable that it could be a court-marital offense [47] — the military equivalent of a civil felony.

May 2013 – An Air Force officer was actually made to remove a personal Bible from his own desk because it “might” appear that he was condoning the particular religion to which he belonged. [48]

April 2013 – Officials briefing U.S. Army soldiers placed “Evangelical Christianity” and “Catholicism” in a list that also included Al-Qaeda, Muslim Brotherhood, and Hamas as examples of “religious extremism.” [49]

April 2013 – The U.S. Army directs troops to scratch off and paint over tiny Scripture verse references that for decades had been forged into weapon scopes. [50]

April 2013 – The Air Force creates a “religious tolerance” policy but consults only a militant atheist group to do so — a group whose leader has described military personnel who are religious as ‘spiritual rapists’ and ‘human monsters’ [51] and who also says that soldiers who proselytize are guilty of treason and sedition and should be punished to hold back a “tidal wave of fundamentalists.” [52]

January 2013 – President Obama announced his opposition to a provision in the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act protecting the rights of conscience for military chaplains. [53]

June 2012 – Bibles for the American military have been printed in every conflict since the American Revolution, but the Obama Administration revokes the long-standing U. S. policy of allowing military service emblems to be placed on those military Bibles. [54]

May 2012 – The Obama administration opposed legislation to protect the rights of conscience for military chaplains who do not wish to perform same-sex marriages in violation of their strongly-held religious beliefs. [55]

April 2012 – A checklist for Air Force Inns will no longer include ensuring that a Bible is available in rooms for those who want to use them. [56]

February 2012 – The U. S. Military Academy at West Point disinvites three star Army general and decorated war hero Lieutenant General William G. (“Jerry”) Boykin (retired) from speaking at an event because he is an outspoken Christian. [57]

February 2012 – The Air Force removes “God” from the patch of Rapid Capabilities Office (the word on the patch was in Latin: Dei). [58]

February 2012 – The Army ordered Catholic chaplains not to read a letter to parishioners that their archbishop asked them to read. [59]

November 2011 – The Air Force Academy rescinds support for Operation Christmas Child, a program to send holiday gifts to impoverished children across the world, because the program is run by a Christian charity. [60]

November 2011 – President Obama opposes inclusion of President Franklin Roosevelt’s famous D-Day Prayer in the WWII Memorial. [61]

November 2011 – Even while restricting and disapprobating Christian religious expressions, the Air Force Academy pays \$80,000 to add a Stonehenge-like worship center for pagans, druids, witches and Wiccans at the Air Force Academy. [62]

September 2011 – Air Force Chief of Staff prohibits commanders from notifying airmen of programs and services available to them from chaplains. [63]

September 2011 – The Army issues guidelines for Walter Reed Medical Center stipulating that “No religious items (i.e. Bibles, reading materials and/or facts) are allowed to be given away or used during a visit.” [64]

August 2011 – The Air Force stops teaching the Just War theory to officers in California because the course is taught by chaplains and is based on a philosophy introduced by St. Augustine in the third century AD – a theory long taught by civilized nations across the world (except now, America). [65]

June 2011 – The Department of Veterans Affairs forbids references to God and Jesus during burial ceremonies at Houston National Cemetery. [66]

January 2010 – Because of “concerns” raised by the Department of Defense, tiny Bible verse references that had appeared for decades on scopes and gunsights were removed. [67]

3. Acts of hostility toward Biblical values:

October 2015 – The administration attempts to pick opponents for court cases dealing with Obamacare contraception mandate. [68]

March 2014 – The Obama administration seeks funding for every type of sex-education – except that which reflects traditional moral values. [69]

August 2013 – Non-profit charitable hospitals, especially faith-based ones, will face large fines or lose their tax-exempt status if they don’t comply with new strangling paperwork requirements related to giving free treatment to poor clients who do not have Obamacare insurance coverage. [70] Ironically, the first hospital in America was founded as a charitable institution in 1751 by Benjamin Franklin, and its logo was the Good Samaritan, with Luke 10:35 inscribed below him: “Take care of him, and I will repay thee,” being designed specifically to offer free medical care to the poor. [71] Benjamin Franklin’s hospital would likely be fined unless he placed more resources and funds into paperwork rather than helping the poor under the new faith-hostile policy of the Obama administration.

August 2013 – USAID, a federal government agency, shut down a conference in South Korea the night before it was scheduled to take place because some of the presentations were not pro-abortion but instead presented information on abortion complications, including the problems of “preterm births, mental health issues, and maternal mortality” among women giving birth who had previous abortions. [72]

June 2013 – The Obama Administration finalizes requirements that under the Obamacare insurance program, employers must make available abortion-causing drugs, regardless of the religious conscience objections of many employers and even despite the directive of several federal courts to protect the religious conscience of employers. [73]

April 2013 – The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), an official foreign policy agency of the U.S. government, begins a program to train homosexual activists in various countries around the world to overturn traditional marriage and anti-sodomy laws, targeting first those countries with strong Catholic influences, including Ecuador, Honduras, and Guatemala. [74]

December 2012 – Despite having campaigned to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, President Obama once again suspends the provisions of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 which requires the United States to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to move the American Embassy there. [75]

July 2012 – The Pentagon, for the first time, allows service members to wear their uniforms while marching in a parade – specifically, a gay pride parade in San Diego. [76]

October 2011 – The Obama administration eliminates federal grants to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for their extensive programs that aid victims of human trafficking because the Catholic Church is anti-abortion. [77]

September 2011 – The Pentagon directs that military chaplains may perform same-sex marriages at military facilities in violation of the federal Defense of Marriage Act. [78]

July 2011 – Obama allows homosexuals to serve openly in the military, reversing a policy originally instituted by George Washington in March 1778. [79]

March 2011 – The Obama administration refuses to investigate videos showing Planned Parenthood helping alleged sex traffickers get abortions for victimized underage girls. [80]

February 2011 – Obama directs the Justice Department to stop defending the federal Defense of Marriage Act. [81]

September 2010 – The Obama administration tells researchers to ignore a judge's decision striking down federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. [82]

August 2010 – The Obama administration Cuts funding for 176 abstinence education programs. [83]

July 2010 – The Obama administration uses federal funds in violation of federal law to get Kenya to change its constitution to include abortion. [84]

September 16, 2009 – The Obama administration appoints as EEOC Commissioner Chai Feldblum, who asserts that society should "not tolerate" any "private beliefs," including religious beliefs, if they may negatively affect homosexual "equality." [85]

July 2009 – The Obama administration illegally extends federal benefits to same-sex partners of Foreign Service and Executive Branch employees, in direction violation of the federal Defense of Marriage Act. [86]

May 2009 – The White House budget eliminates all funding for abstinence-only education and replaces it with "comprehensive" sexual education, repeatedly proven to increase teen pregnancies and abortions. [87] He continues the deletion in subsequent budgets. [88]

May 2009 – Obama officials assemble a terrorism dictionary calling pro-life advocates violent and charging that they use racism in their “criminal” activities. [89]

March 2009 – The Obama administration shut out pro-life groups from attending a White House-sponsored health care summit. [90]

March 2009 – Obama orders taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research. [91]

March 2009 – Obama gave \$50 million for the UNFPA, the UN population agency that promotes abortion and works closely with Chinese population control officials who use forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations. [92]

January 2009 – Obama lifts restrictions on U.S. government funding for groups that provide abortion services or counseling abroad, forcing taxpayers to fund pro-abortion groups that either promote or perform abortions in other nations. [93]

January 2009 – President Obama’s nominee for deputy secretary of state asserts that American taxpayers are required to pay for abortions and that limits on abortion funding are unconstitutional. [94]

4. Acts of preferentialism for Islam:

April – September 2015 – The administration negotiates a deal to stop economic sanctions of Iran because of nuclear power development, despite the warnings and concern of Israel. [95]

February 2012 – The Obama administration makes effulgent apologies for Korans being burned by the U. S. military, [96] but when Bibles were burned by the military, numerous reasons were offered why it was the right thing to do. [97]

October 2011 – Obama’s Muslim advisers block Middle Eastern Christians’ access to the White House. [98]

August 2010 – Obama speaks with great praise of Islam and condescendingly of Christianity. [99]

August 2010 – Obama went to great lengths to speak out on multiple occasions on behalf of building an Islamic mosque at Ground Zero, while at the same time he was silent about a Christian church being denied permission to rebuild at that location. [100]

April 2010 – Christian leader Franklin Graham is disinvited from the Pentagon’s National Day of Prayer Event because of complaints from the Muslim community. [101]

April 2010 – The Obama administration requires rewriting of government documents and a change in administration vocabulary to remove terms that are deemed offensive to Muslims, including jihad, jihadists, terrorists, radical Islamic, etc. [102]

May 2009 – While Obama does not host any National Day of Prayer event at the White House, he does host White House Iftar dinners in honor of Ramadan. [103]

2010 – While every White House traditionally issues hundreds of official proclamations and statements on numerous occasions, this White House avoids traditional Biblical holidays and events but regularly recognizes major Muslim holidays, as evidenced by its 2010 statements on Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr, Hajj, and Eid-ul-Adha. [104]

Many of these actions are literally unprecedented – this is the first time they have happened in four centuries of American history. The hostility of President Obama toward Biblical faith and values is without equal from any previous American president.

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Obama farewell can't hide a disastrous legacy

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President Obama spent much of Tuesday's farewell address boasting about his success, but the facts paint a much different picture. The truth is, he oversaw the precipitous decline of the American economy, rammed through a disastrous health care law and presided over a thoroughly failed foreign policy.

The last eight years have brought the lowest labor participation rates since the 1970s, with 95 million Americans out of the labor force. The so-called recovery has been the weakest one since the 1940s. We have the lowest home ownership rate in 51 years – despite mortgage rates artificially kept at record lows. Over 11 million more Americans are on food stamps since he became president and more than 43 million Americans now live in poverty. One of every six men between 18 and 34 are either in prison or out of work.

And by the time he leaves office, President Obama will have added more to our national debt than all the other presidents before him combined. When President Obama finally leaves office, the national debt will be almost \$20 trillion. Prior to taking office, the man who has tacked on \$9.3 trillion to what our children and grandchildren owe once said the then \$9 trillion national debt was “unpatriotic.”

Then, of course, there's President Obama's assault on the business community through his burdensome regulations. Consider this: The estimated cost of regulations under Obama is a staggering \$873 billion. That includes a shocking \$344 billion cost in Environmental Protection Agency regulations alone. All told, the number of new regulations that been finalized under President Obama checks in at almost 3,000.

When it comes to jobs, President Obama is always bragging about how many he's created, but facts are stubborn things. In the past eight years, America has lost more than 300,000 manufacturing jobs and, although the president doesn't mention it, America had a global trade deficit of over \$732 billion last year.

Yet another drag on the American economy is ObamaCare, his signature legislation and crowning achievement. Remember when Obama repeatedly told you that under his plan you could keep your doctor, you keep your plan and that that it would drive down overall health costs to the point the average family would save \$2,500 a year? And how ObamaCare would actually reduce the deficit?

“No matter how we reform health care, we will keep this promise to the American people,” Obama said on June 15, 2009. “If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor, period. If you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan, period.”

Well, millions of people lost their doctors and their insurance plans, but that was just the start of the ObamaCare disaster. This year, Affordable Care Act premiums are exploding by 25 percent on average. In Arizona, they're jumping by a stunning 116 percent. Deductibles are so high that even if ObamaCare recipients pay their premiums, they can't afford to use their coverage in many cases.

As for the average American family saving \$2,500 a year on health care, the exact opposite has happened. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the increase in health care costs for employer-sponsored benefits since 2008 is now \$5,462. That is a 43 percent increase.

It just keeps getting worse. Choice in health care providers available through ObamaCare is evaporating. In states like Alabama, Alaska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Wyoming, people buying on the exchanges have a single insurer to choose from. It's because insurers are now pulling out after losing massive amounts of money. So much for choice.

So what about foreign policy? Obama gave Iran, the No. 1 state sponsor of terror, \$150 billion and allows them to continue to spin their centrifuges? And of course, he paid a ransom for four U.S. citizens Iran held prisoner, reversing longstanding policy and signaling to the world that there's money to be made from taking Americans captive.

Obama drew a "red line" when he warned Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad not to use chemical weapons. When Assad crossed it, Obama did nothing. Partly as a result, that country civil war continues and has created a massive worldwide humanitarian crisis.

In Egypt, Obama he gave Mohammed Morsi, the former Muslim Brotherhood head who became president but is now in prison for murder, F-16s, tanks and \$1.5 billion in taxpayer funds.

In Libya, the president helped overthrow Qaddafi, and that country has since fallen into chaos, creating a hotbed for ISIS.

And speaking of ISIS, back 2014, President Obama called the world's most dangerous terrorist organization the "JayVee" team. The next year, just hours before the horrific ISIS attack in Paris that killed 130 people, Obama assured us that ISIS was "contained." ISIS was never a junior varsity team, and certainly was not contained. In fact, it seized vast parts of Iraq because Obama created a vacuum when he pulled U.S. troops out too early for purely political reasons.

There's no doubt President Obama's legacy is one of severe damage to the country. But the good news is that we'll have a new president in 10 days in Donald Trump.

The president-elect has promised to clean up this mess and he has a very clear plan to do it. He will create millions of new jobs, lower taxes, reform the tax code, negotiate better and fairer trade deals, cut burdensome regulations, encourage multi-national corporations to bring back trillions of dollars, promote energy independence repeal and replace ObamaCare, build a border wall, vet refugees and appoint originalist justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

And the soon-to-be President Trump won't be afraid to say "radical Islam" while destroying ISIS. He will "drain the swamp," and reduce the size of government, eliminate bureaucratic waste, fraud, abuse and send control over public education back to the states.

There's reason to believe real, lasting change is coming our way. It will be up to all of us to hold Trump and his team accountable.

The legacy of Barack Obama (and it's not a good one)

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The legacy of Barack Obama was certainly historic, but for all the wrong reasons. Evan Vucci/AP

President Barack Obama's election in 2008 represented a new chapter in history. His meteoric rise to the presidency was swift and shocked not only a nation, but also the political elites, including Democratic favorites such as Sens. Hillary Clinton and John Edwards. But as we look back on the eight years that Obama served as president, we see a much different picture — a picture that's certainly historic, but for all the wrong reasons.

The legacy of Obama represented one of the most racially divided times in our nation's history. In a [New York Times/CBS News poll](#) conducted in July of Obama's final year in office, 69 percent of Americans said that race relations were bad and that "six in 10 Americans say that race relations were growing worse, up from 38 percent a year ago."

The legacy of Obama represented a time when race-related riots were on the rise. We can't forget the scenes on television in Baltimore and Ferguson, or the violence that erupted after the deaths of Oscar Grant, Trayvon Martin, Manuel Diaz, and Kimini Gray. Images taken from each of these events resembled combat zones, with police in riot gear while angry citizens burned cars, smashed windows, and vandalized storefronts.

The legacy of Obama represented a time when our enemies and allies abroad viewed us as weak. Shortly after his inauguration, Obama embarked on a worldwide apology tour throughout the Middle East and criticized America.

The legacy of Obama represented a time when homegrown domestic terrorism was on the rise. We can't forget the horrific scenes or the carnage in places like Fort Hood, Boston, Chattanooga, San Bernardino, and Orlando.

The legacy of Obama represented a time when Islamic State recruitment was on the rise. By fulfilling campaign promises to withdraw U.S. forces from Iraq and Afghanistan, he didn't take into account the void that would leave, as well as the opportunity for ISIS and our enemies to fill it.

The legacy of Obama represented a time when embassy officials were attacked in Benghazi that resulted in senseless deaths, including our Amb. Chris Stevens. The Obama administration failed to heed the warning signs in advance, and as a result, innocent Americans were killed. Stevens even warned Obama's State Department about an escalation in violence and the need for additional help. But those pleas were ignored.

The legacy of Obama represented a time of failed agreements such as the Iran nuclear deal. Not only did the president lie to Congress about the details of the deal, but he also ordered planes to secretly deliver billions of dollars in cash to Iranian officials.

The legacy of Obama represented a time when his landmark Obamacare legislation, which was meant to provide healthcare for all, still left 27 million Americans without insurance. And when he famously said, "If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor," that promise turned out to be a lie as well.

The legacy of Obama represented a time when America made terrible financial deals, like the more than \$2.2 billion in defaulted energy loans at taxpayers expense, including the now infamous \$500 million loan to Solyndra, where company executives misled Energy Department officials and later went bankrupt. And who can forget [when Obama said](#), "It's here that companies like Solyndra are leading the way toward a brighter and more prosperous future."

The legacy of Obama represented a time of personal enrichment. In 2009, when everyday people were recession-weary, Obama arranged, just days before his inauguration, a \$500,000 advance for a future book deal. Never before in our history had a president or president-elect negotiated a book deal before or during their time in office.

The legacy of Barack Obama was certainly historic, but for all the wrong reasons. As a candidate, he campaigned on "hope" and "change," but as president, America was left with no hope and very little change. In 2008, he sold the dream. But for eight years, America was left living the nightmare.

A legacy for sure — but not the kind to be very proud of.

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Clinton Foundation 'Pay to Play' Model Under Investigation

Seven documented examples of when payments to the Clintons and their foundation coincided with political favors

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While Hillary Clinton was America's top diplomat, foreign payments to the Clintons and their foundation soared

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The [Clinton Foundation](#) has raised [more than](#) \$2 billion since its inception in 1997, and [Bill and Hillary Clinton](#) have been paid [more than](#) \$150 million for delivering speeches. Notably, these payments [increased dramatically](#) after Hillary Clinton took office as secretary of state in 2009.

The tens of millions of dollars that flowed directly to the Clintons or their foundation, from foreign governments or other entities (or “benefactors”) who could benefit from Secretary Clinton’s actions, seem to pose inherent conflicts of interest.

The foundation is currently being probed by U.S. Attorney John Huber—who was assigned by then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions—for alleged wrongdoing.

“Mr. Huber with the Department of Justice and FBI has been having an investigation, at least part of his task was to look at the Clinton Foundation and what may or may not have happened as it relates to improper activity with that charitable foundation,” Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) [told](#) The Hill on Nov. 20. A scheduled testimony by Huber before Congress was postponed in response to the funeral of late President George H.W. Bush.

The Clintons’ apparent conflicts were concealed and their potential culpability has been mitigated by several factors: the memorandum of understanding (MOU) reached with Obama’s presidential transition team; special government employee (SGE) waivers; and the State Department’s ethics review apparatus.

The MOU was an agreement between the Clinton Foundation and the Obama transition team that outlined certain requirements for Hillary Clinton’s confirmation as secretary of state in 2009. The MOU identified a set of protocols that supposedly addressed concerns about possible foreign influence.

The foundation promised to observe these protocols—including, primarily, the increased and timely disclosure of payments. These essential requirements included the annual publication of Clinton Foundation donors and restrictions on donations from foreign governments.

The MOU satisfied lawmakers and the media, and Clinton was near-unanimously confirmed in January 2009. However, the MOU was violated almost immediately, and would be so repeatedly (in spirit and in letter) throughout Clinton’s tenure. For example, from the beginning of Clinton’s tenure in 2009, the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) never reported any of its foreign donors, as [acknowledged](#) by CHAI spokeswoman Maura Daley in 2015. Other significant violations include the failure to report donors annually, the failure to disclose foreign-government donations, and the failure to submit donations and speech payments for ethics reviews.

Absent the blanket immunity document, every payment to the Clintons from foreign entities with interests that Secretary Clinton could influence was, at best, a potential conflict of interest and, at worst, a bribe.

Clinton State Department’s ‘Special’ Employees

In addition to the tens of millions in foreign funds that flowed to the Clinton Foundation, the Clintons received tens of millions of dollars in the form of [Bill Clinton](#)’s speaking fees and consulting arrangements. Instead of these payments being reviewed by neutral or third-party ethics officials, they were reviewed by the State Department under Hillary Clinton and the process specifically [involved](#) longtime Clinton lawyer Cheryl Mills.

It is worth noting that Hillary Clinton’s State Department operated [without](#) an inspector general for the entirety of her tenure—an unprecedented duration without

a watchdog in place. Furthermore, Clinton granted SGE waivers to her closest staffers—such as Mills, Huma Abedin, Declan Kelly, and approximately 100 others—that allowed these staffers to work for both the State Department and other for-profit entities. SGE status is essentially a conflict of interest waiver.



Secretary of State Hillary Clinton receives a note from her aide Huma Abedin as she testifies about the State Department’s budget before Congress on March 10, 2011. (Jonathan Ernst/Getty Images)

Abedin was Hillary Clinton’s closest aide at the State Department. The controversial SGE waiver allowed her to simultaneously [work for](#) Clinton, the State Department, the Clinton Foundation, and consulting firm Teneo Strategies. For example, Teneo—a for-profit firm co-founded by Doug Band—[paid Abedin](#) \$355,000, while State paid her \$135,000 as an SGE. Abedin frequently corresponded with Clinton Foundation and Teneo executive Band and helped grant favors to Clinton Foundation donors and Teneo clients.

Teneo & ‘Bill Clinton Inc.’

Clinton Foundation official Band is a longtime personal assistant to Bill Clinton who helped capitalize and expand the Clinton Foundation in 2001. Emails first revealed by Judicial Watch show that from the beginning of Hillary Clinton’s tenure, Band frequently emailed Clinton State Department aides requesting favors for Foundation donors. Abedin would usually respond immediately to indicate the favor request had been received and was under consideration. Favors (described below) were granted to foundation donors, leading to widespread criticisms of “pay to play.”

Band’s firm, Teneo, [was founded](#) by Band and longtime Clinton friend and fundraiser Kelly in November 2009. Kelly [raised funds](#) for Hillary Clinton’s campaigns since 2000 and raised more than \$2 million for her 2008 presidential

bid. In September 2009, Hillary Clinton appointed Kelly to the State Department as “special economic envoy.” While at the State Department, Kelly received an SGE waiver and continued to advise his for-profit clients. Teneo hired Bill Clinton in 2011 as an adviser but “[changed the relationship](#)” after criticism that it had the appearance of conflicts. Teneo subsequently considered Clinton “a client.”



President Bill Clinton (r), his Chief of Staff John Podesta (c), and his aide Doug Band (l), leave the Oval Office of the White House for the last time on Jan. 20, 2001. (STEPHEN JAFFE/AFP/Getty Images)

A leaked 2011 internal memo [drafted](#) by Band revealed Teneo had approximately 20 clients—many of whom are also Clinton donors. In his [memo](#), Band described Teneo as an agent for “Bill Clinton, Inc.” that was dedicated to “helping the President secure and engage in for-profit activities—including speeches, books, and advisory service engagements.” Furthermore, Band and Kelly negotiated “in-kind services for the President and his family—for personal travel, hospitality, vacation, and the like.”

Band admits in the memo that Teneo clients were encouraged to make donations to the Clinton Foundation. After Teneo clients became foundation donors, they were encouraged to make payments to “Bill Clinton, Inc.” The 2011 Band memo refutes claims by the Clintons that the Clinton Foundation provided them no direct benefits.

Laureate Hired Bill as Honorary Chancellor, USAID Funds Increased

When Hillary Clinton became secretary of state, she “wrested control of USAID and influence over billions in foreign assistance,” according to a 2011 article by the Daily Beast. She appointed Rajiv Shah as USAID administrator; USAID then funded

numerous multimillion-dollar “partnerships” with Clinton benefactors. The grants were made in close proximity to payments to the Clinton Foundation. One example is the timing of USAID grants to a charity run by Bill Clinton’s friend Doug Becker.

Becker is the founder of Laureate Education Inc. and heads the International Youth Foundation (IYF). In 2008, Laureate [became](#) a Clinton Global Initiative [partner](#) and pledged \$10 million in scholarships. Laureate also is listed as a \$1 million to \$5 million donor to the Clinton Foundation. In 2009, Bill Clinton began giving speeches at Laureate campuses in [Spain, Brazil, and Peru](#).

In August 2009, then-Secretary Clinton told Mills to invite Becker (“[who Bill likes a lot](#)”) to a State Department dinner. Hillary Clinton made Laureate part of her State Department Global Partnership, and her undersecretary praised Laureate for “doing such important work.”

In April 2010, Laureate appointed Bill Clinton as their “honorary chancellor” and [paid him](#) \$16.46 million over the next five years. Also, in 2010, Laureate and the IYF announced a joint \$10 million commitment to the Clinton Foundation.

While Becker’s Laureate [paid Bill](#) Clinton more than \$16 million between 2010 and 2015, USAID grants to Becker’s IYF [increased from](#) \$9 million in 2009 to \$25.5 million in 2012. USAID granted \$55 million from 2010 to 2012 to the IYF. Bill Clinton [abruptly resigned](#) from Laureate in April 2015—the same month his relationship with Laureate was exposed in the book “Clinton Cash.” USAID operates under “substantial guidance from the Secretary of State,” according to 64 lawmakers in a July 2016 [letter](#) to IRS Commissioner John Koskinen, “which creates an appearance that millions of dollars in taxpayer money was channeled to IYF by Secretary Clinton’s State Department as a kickback for her husband’s generous contract as an honorary Laureate chancellor.”

Shangri-La Received Favors From State Department After Hiring Bill

Billionaire Hollywood producer Steve Bing is a longtime Clinton friend and donor. Bing is listed as having donated \$10 million to \$25 million to the Clinton Foundation. Between 2009 and 2010, Bing’s construction company, Shangri-La Industries LLC, also personally paid Bill Clinton \$2.5 million to be an adviser.



Former President Bill Clinton and Hollywood mogul Steve Bing during the annual Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) meeting in New York City on Sept. 21, 2010. (Mario Tama/Getty Images)

Not long after Bill Clinton's for-profit consulting arrangement was approved, Bing requested his first favor. On July 16, 2009, a Shangri-La executive, Zachary Schwartz, asked Band for help with reversing the State Department's denial of a travel visa to Cuba. Band forwarded the request to Abedin, writing, "Please call zach asap on this... Important." Abedin responded, "I'll call zach when we land in India." Two weeks later, Bing's team was in Cuba, despite the travel restrictions for Americans.

UBS Payments to Clinton Foundation Increase Following Intervention

In 2007, Bradley Birkenfeld, a UBS Group executive-turned-whistleblower, revealed that UBS was encouraging its North American division to facilitate offshore transfers to Switzerland. UBS was soon investigated by the FBI and IRS for potentially facilitating massive criminal tax evasion.

By 2009, the IRS wanted UBS to turn over the [secret accounts](#) of approximately 52,000 Americans. In 2009, longtime Clinton fundraiser and Teneo co-founder Kelly [introduced](#) Bill Clinton to UBS executive Bob McCann, an Irishman and longtime client of Kelly's. "Mr. Kelly subsequently asked Mr. McCann to support the foundation ... [and] also encouraged Mr. McCann to invite President Clinton to give several paid speeches, which he has done," according to a leaked memo drafted by Clinton Foundation official Band.



A logo of the Swiss banking giant UBS in Zurich on Feb. 14, 2008. (FABRICE COFFRINI/AFP/Getty Images)

Shortly after Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration, Secretary Clinton flew to Geneva and met with her Swiss counterpart, Micheline Calmy-Rey, to discuss the UBS crisis. By July 2009, Clinton had fully [intervened](#) on UBS's behalf and negotiated a

settlement with the IRS. UBS only had to turn over the details of 4,450 American account holders, instead of the requested 52,000.

After Clinton's mysterious intervention, UBS's donations and sponsorships to the Clinton Foundation increased substantially. According to The Wall Street Journal, "Total donations by UBS to the Clinton Foundation grew from less than \$60,000 through 2008 to a cumulative total of about \$600,000 by the end of 2014, according to the foundation and the bank." Furthermore, UBS sponsored a series of speeches, moderated by McCann, which directly netted Bill Clinton more than \$1.5 million.

Clinton Benefactors Sought Keystone XL Approval

Canadian pipeline company TransCanada first proposed the Keystone XL oil pipeline in 2008. Keystone XL would be transporting petroleum tar sands from Canada to Texas for processing and thus required State Department approval to move forward. TransCanada's then-largest shareholder, TD Bank, began sponsoring speeches by Bill Clinton just days after Obama appointed Hillary Clinton as secretary of state, paying \$525,000 for three speeches.



Environmental activists protest against the proposed Keystone XL pipeline in front of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (SCIS) where former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is speaking on March 23, 2015. (NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/Getty Images)

In July 2009, Gordon Giffin, a lobbyist for Keystone XL, sent an email to Band, asking for an invite to an event at which Hillary Clinton was speaking. Giffin was Bill Clinton's ambassador to Canada from 1997 to 2001 and a major donor to Hillary Clinton's campaigns. Band forwarded Giffin's request to Abedin, and asked, "Can u get him in?" Abedin replied, "Yes will get him in."

In 2010, Secretary Clinton said she was “inclined” to approve the project, despite the Obama administration’s public opposition. In August 2011, Bill Clinton said, “We should embrace [Keystone XL].” In August 2011, Clinton’s State Department greenlighted the Keystone XL environmental review and stated the project will have “no significant impacts” to most U.S. resources. TransCanada lobbyist Giffin has donated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to the Clinton Foundation. And TD Bank paid Bill Clinton more than \$1.7 million to deliver 10 speeches, while the State Department considered the Keystone XL approval.

Clinton Donors Cashed In on Haiti Earthquake

On Jan. 12, 2010, Haiti was rocked by a devastating 7-magnitude earthquake. [Internal emails](#) sent just hours after the quake, and released under the Freedom of Information Act, reveal the State Department was communicating with the Clinton Foundation and prioritizing projects for Clinton benefactors. A top State Department aide to Hillary Clinton fielded incoming offers for relief assistance, asked the foundation for help identifying the offerors, and gave [special priority](#) to “FOBs” (friends of Bill) and “WJC VIPs.” Less than a month after the quake, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Merten [sent a cable](#) to State Department headquarters saying, “The Gold Rush is on.”

In April 2010, the Clinton State Department established the Interim Haiti Relief Commission (IHRC)—a quasi-governmental entity that coordinated relief efforts. Bill Clinton and Haitian President Jean-Max Bellerive were installed as co-commissioners. The IHRC approved projects that would be funded by either the State Department, USAID, or the Haiti Recovery Fund.




Former President Bill Clinton in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on March 22, 2010. (Sophia Paris/MINUSTAH via Getty Images)

The IHRC was Haiti's second unmitigated disaster; one year after the earthquake, global NGO Oxfam [reported](#) that "almost no major reconstruction projects [had] started." In an article, titled "The King and Queen of Haiti," Politico [reported](#), "Many of the most notable investments the Clintons helped launch, such as the new Marriott in the capital, have primarily benefited wealthy foreigners." The four-star luxury Marriott is owned by Clinton mega-donor Denis O'Brien's Digicel and was one of the first recovery projects the Clinton Foundation [facilitated](#). Hillary Clinton's brother, Tony Rodham, was a board member of VCS Mining, which [received](#) a lucrative gold mining lease—the first issued in Haiti in 50 years.

One of the biggest winners in the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake was Digicel, one of the largest telecom companies in the Caribbean. Digicel is owned by Irish billionaire O'Brien, who is a close friend of Bill Clinton and a major foundation donor. After the Haiti earthquake, O'Brien and the Clinton Foundation partnered on rebuilding infrastructure with substantial taxpayer/relief funding. USAID, in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, [provided more](#) than \$5 million in taxpayer-funded grants to Digicel. With the post-earthquake USAID funds, Digicel gave Haitians free cell phones and accounts and massively expanded its user base. Digicel then collected fees from the impoverished Haitians for every transaction, making millions of dollars in fees alone.

O'Brien has donated between \$5 million and \$10 million to the Clinton Foundation. Between 2010 and 2012, O'Brien arranged several lucrative speeches by Bill Clinton in Ireland, as well as a \$225,000 Digicel-sponsored speech in Jamaica. The timing of these speeches coincided with major grant awards to Digicel from USAID. As a 94-percent stakeholder in Digicel, O'Brien cashed in \$650 million worth of dividends in 2014 alone.

According to an [analysis](#) by the Center for Economic Policy Research, less than 1 percent of USAID funds (\$1.3 billion) went to local Haitian groups and more than 60 percent went to organizations operating inside the Washington Beltway. Four years later, USAID funds were still unaccounted for. 

Not only did the Clinton State Department and Clinton Foundation bungle relief efforts as Haitians suffered, but Clinton friends and donors were given sweetheart deals.

New Details on Uranium One Scandal

Uranium One was a Canadian mining company whose assets [included](#) mines in Utah and Wyoming, amounting to a projected 20 percent of domestic uranium production capacity at the time. The company was acquired in 2010 by Atomredmetzoloto (ARMZ), a fully controlled subsidiary of Russian state-owned nuclear conglomerate Rosatom. The purchase of Uranium One required a review by Obama's Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. (CFIUS), since there were significant national security implications. As secretary of state, Hillary Clinton was obligated to review the sale.

As detailed in the book "Clinton Cash," nine investors linked to Uranium One donated approximately \$145 million to the Clinton Foundation in close proximity to the CFIUS review. These investors included one of the Clintons' largest benefactors, billionaire Canadian mining mogul Frank Giustra, as well as the then-chairman of

Uranium One, Ian Telfer. Additionally, in June 2010, Bill Clinton was paid \$500,000 by Renaissance Capital—a Kremlin-backed bank that had been promoting Uranium One investment.



Then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meets with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin at the State residence of the Russian President Novo-Ogaryovo outside Moscow on March 19, 2010. (ALEXEY NIKOLSKY/AFP/Getty Images)



Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin speaks with former President Bill Clinton at the State residence of the Russian President Novo-Ogaryovo outside Moscow on June 29, 2010. On the same day, Clinton was paid \$500,000 by Renaissance Capital, a Russian investment bank with ties to Putin, for a 90-minute speech. (ALEXEY DRUZHININ/AFP/Getty Images)

Bill Clinton's office also requested permission for him to meet with one of Rosatom's board members, Arkady Dvorkovich. The speech was reviewed by the Clinton State Department and [approved within two days](#) of the request. Dvorkovich [attended](#) Clinton's Moscow speech, and after the speech, Clinton visited Vladimir Putin, who [thanked](#) him for speaking.

Ted Kassinger is an attorney and resident CFIUS expert at the international law firm O'Melveny & Myers. While Kassinger advised Clinton's State Department from 2010 to 2013, records indicate he was also advising the Russians on the takeover of Uranium One. Kassinger was specifically identified as the lead "U.S. Counsel" advising ARMZ in an announcement about the successful takeover.

Kassinger also repeatedly met with Hillary Clinton's undersecretary Jose Fernandez in 2010. Kassinger and Fernandez even met directly with Clinton in April 2010, just two months before ARMZ announced its intention to take a controlling stake in Uranium One.

In 2015, internal emails sent by John Podesta—who would later become the chairman of Clinton's presidential campaign—just days before the release of the book "Clinton Cash," suggest Fernandez was made the fall guy for the CFIUS approval.

On March 29, 2015, Fernandez [emailed](#) Podesta: "Hi John, I trust you are getting a brief rest after a job well done. Thanks no doubt to your recommendation I have joined the CAP [Center for American Progress] board of trustees, which I'm finding extremely rewarding[emphasis added]."

Less than three weeks later, on April 17, Fernandez [emailed](#) Podesta again and expressed willingness "to do all I can to support Secretary Clinton" as The New York Times prepared to release their front-page expose and reached out to Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon.

In Fallon's [rebuttal](#) to The New York Times' questions surrounding Clinton's involvement in the sale of Uranium One, he quoted Fernandez. "As you are aware," Fallon stated, "Mr. Fernandez has personally attested that 'Secretary Clinton never intervened with [him] on any CFIUS matter.'"

The implication was clear: Fernandez was taking the blame for the Uranium One CFIUS decision. The timing is damning and suggests a quid pro quo: Fernandez took the fall for Uranium One and he received a "very rewarding" board position thanks to Podesta's recommendation.

Besides the State Department, two other notable figures gave their approval to CFIUS for the Uranium One deal: FBI Director Robert Mueller, and Attorney General Eric Holder. While Mueller and Holder didn't apparently receive millions of dollars from Uranium One investors, they didn't act to block the Russian nuclear takeover, despite concerning evidence in their hands.

At the time of the Uranium One sale in 2010, the FBI was intimately aware of a Russian espionage scheme and a separate Russian racketeering and bribery scheme targeting the U.S. nuclear industry.

“The FBI had gathered substantial evidence that Russian nuclear industry officials were engaged in bribery, kickbacks, extortion and money laundering designed to grow Vladimir Putin’s atomic energy business inside the United States,” The Hill reported in October 2017.

Increase in Weapons Sales to Foundation Donors

The State Department is responsible for approving commercial arms sales to foreign countries, and the secretary of state [determines](#) which countries get approved. Hillary Clinton’s State Department approved commercial weapons sales totaling \$165 billion to 20 countries that donated to the Clinton Foundation, [according](#) to an analysis by International Business Times. Under Hillary Clinton’s direction, the State Department increased weapons sales 143 percent to 16 Clinton Foundation foreign donors—\$151 billion in total sales, compared with just over \$105 billion for the same time period under the Bush administration. Five countries with notorious human-rights abuses donated large sums to the Clinton Foundation and saw more than 97 percent increases in their State Department-approved weapons deals.

Qatar

In a 2009 cable, Clinton [acknowledged](#), “Qatar’s overall level of [counter terrorism] cooperation with the U.S. is considered the worst in the region.” In 2010, the Clinton State Department criticized Qatar for its human-rights abuses.

According to leaked emails from 2014, Hillary Clinton acknowledged that Qatar and Saudi Arabia were “providing clandestine financial and logistic support” to the ISIS terrorist group and other radical groups. Nonetheless, during Secretary Clinton’s tenure, the State Department [approved](#) \$4.3 billion in arms purchase agreements for Qatar—a 14-fold (1,482 percent) increase from her predecessor.



(L-R) Omani Minister of Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled al-Hamad Al-Sabah, US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Qatar’s Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani, attend a US- Gulf Cooperation Council forum in Riyadh on March 31, 2012. (FAYEZ NURELDINE/AFP/Getty Images)

Qatar has donated between \$1 million and \$5 million to the Clinton Foundation, including a controversial \$1 million "[birthday gift](#)" for Bill Clinton in 2012 while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state. Despite that the foundation was required to disclose large donations from foreign governments, the Clinton Foundation [confirmed](#) in 2015 that the \$1 million payment wasn't reviewed by ethics officials.

United Arab Emirates

According to a 2009 [diplomatic](#) cable, Secretary Clinton knew that entities within the United Arab Emirates supported terrorism. "UAE-based donors have provided financial support to a variety of terrorist groups, including al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and Hamas," Clinton stated. In 2010, Human Rights Watch [reported](#) that the UAE committed atrocious human-rights abuses, including "torture, restrictions on freedoms of expression and association, and violations of women's rights." According to [Human Rights Watch](#), the situation worsened each year from 2009 to 2012.

Nonetheless, the UAE received a 10-fold increase—one of the largest—in Clinton-approved weapons sales. Sales to the UAE totaled nearly \$25 billion during Clinton's tenure, compared with \$2.2 billion during the comparable period under Clinton's predecessor.

The UAE is a major Clinton Foundation donor.

Saudi Arabia

The Saudis have a long history with the Clintons and have donated between \$10 million and \$25 million to the Clinton Foundation, cumulatively. Additionally, a group called Friends of Saudi Arabia has donated between \$1 million and \$5 million. In 2009, Secretary Clinton lamented the "ongoing challenge to persuade Saudi officials to treat terrorist financing emanating from Saudi Arabia as a strategic priority," according to a leaked diplomatic cable. Nonetheless, the Saudis received State Department approval in 2011 for a \$29 billion deal to acquire Boeing fighter jets that was a "top priority" for Secretary Clinton personally, [according](#) to her aide Andrew Shapiro. According to leaked internal department emails, she and her staff reportedly worked behind the scenes to get the Saudi "[Christmas present](#)" from Boeing approved.

Algeria

In 2015, the Clinton Foundation revealed \$26 million in undisclosed donations. Among [those payments](#) was one of \$500,000 from the government of Algeria. This was an egregious violation of the MOU, especially considering Hillary Clinton's State Department approved massive increases in weapons sales to that country. The Clinton Foundation admitted the Algeria payment violated ethics rules and downplayed it as "an oversight."

Bahrain

The Crown Prince of Bahrain [committed](#) \$32 million to the Clinton Global Initiative in 2005, and the country is listed as a \$50,000 to \$100,000 donor. Clinton Foundation official Doug Band emailed State Department official Huma Abedin in

June 2009, seeking to set up a meeting for “our good friend” the Crown Prince of Bahrain. Abedin responded that Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad al Khalifa had sought a meeting with Secretary Clinton the previous week “thru normal channels,” and that Clinton “doesn’t want to commit to anything for Thurs or Fri until she knows how she will feel.”

It is unclear why the Crown Prince chose to reach out to the State Department through the Clinton Foundation backchannel. However, the email is a clear indication that the foundation served as a [backchannel for donor access](#) to the Clinton State Department.

Boeing, Lockheed, and Clinton Speeches

Bill Clinton was [reportedly](#) paid \$625,000 for speeches sponsored by entities that benefitted from arms-purchase approvals by Secretary Clinton’s State Department. The speeches included a \$175,000 keynote address paid for by the Kuwait-America Foundation, hosted at the Kuwaiti ambassador’s house and sponsored in part by Boeing. Kuwait has donated between \$5 million and \$10 million to the Clinton Foundation and received increased weapons sales during Secretary Clinton’s tenure.

In April 2009, Lockheed Martin [donated](#) \$1 million to the U.S. Institute of Peace to sponsor their Dean Acheson lecture. Months later, Secretary Clinton was [selected](#) as the first speaker, sponsored by Lockheed’s contribution. The Chamber of Commerce in Egypt paid Bill Clinton \$250,000 to deliver a speech in Cairo in 2010, which has [reportedly](#) been linked to Lockheed. The company received two major weapons approvals from the State Department just days before the Cairo speech. Lockheed became a Clinton Foundation donor in 2010, and during that year, the State Department approved 17 arms deals for Lockheed. In 2011, the firm was a primary contractor on a \$650 million State Department-approved award to Qatar.

Like Boeing, Lockheed [hasn’t donated](#) to the Clinton Foundation since Clinton lost the 2016 presidential election.

In May 2010, the Russians got a [\\$3.7 billion](#) arms deal with Boeing, approved by the State Department. “This is a shameless pitch for Rosavia ... to buy Boeing aircraft,” Hillary Clinton [said](#), while touring a Boeing factory in Moscow. In August 2010, Boeing [donated](#) \$900,000 to Haiti relief efforts through the Clinton Foundation. Two months later, the Clinton State Department [approved](#) a \$29 billion sale of fighter jets to Saudi Arabia. Boeing has donated between \$1 million and \$5 million to the Clinton Foundation, and has sponsored at least [two speeches](#) that enriched the Clintons directly.

Drop in Donations

The pattern of payments to the Clintons reveals how intertwined money and power are. When the Clintons had the power to grant political favors, their income and donations [skyrocketed](#). Bill Clinton’s speaking fees [tripled](#) during Hillary Clinton’s tenure at the State Department.

Almost immediately after Hillary Clinton lost the 2016 election, donations by foreign governments sharply dropped. According to the Clinton Foundation’s 2014 IRS filing, total contributions amounted to \$217,832,954. The foundation’s 2017 filing

revealed contributions amounting to just \$22,843,211. This means support for the Clintons' global charitable enterprise fell by nearly 90 percent.

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Obama Brennan coup involved State Dept., DOD, DNI, DOJ, CIA and FBI

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WASHINGTON, DC: The coordinated efforts of the Obama Brennan Coup to spy on and destroy Donald Trump involved the highest levels of the State Department and Department of Defense.

It is now clear that the inner circle of the Obama White House, including the former President himself, were coordinators of the entire Russia hoax from inception through the Mueller inquisition. From the start all the way up to the coming indictments.

A coordinated conspiracy run from the Obama White House

That all elements of the senior departments of the major agencies of the United States Government were illegally weaponized to destroy a political opponent. A coordinated assault on the constitution and the Republic.

To sabotage an incoming President. Overthrow the government of the United States. Abuse their authorities to openly frame, smear and seek the destruction and criminal indictment of a duly elected President using the evidence they themselves fabricated. The Steele Dossier. The Mifsud, Halper, Downer frame-up.

All coordinated at the very top by John Brennan. Under the direction of Barack Obama.

Using the elements of NSA surveillance and international spy agencies to spy on Americans. To set up George Papadopoulos. Feed the fabricated Kremlin disinformation from the Steele dossier to the FBI nine ways to Sunday.

To stage a coup attempt against the elected government of Donald Trump.

Simpson, Steele and the State Department

We now know that Christopher Steele and Glenn Simpson of Fusion GPS were in regular contact with Victoria Nuland and Jonathan Winer at the State Department

throughout 2016 and into 2017. Pushing the contents of the Steele Dossier. We know that Clinton crony Sydney Blumenthal was doing the same.

Thanks to [newly released emails obtained by Judicial Watch](#), we know that the State Department was, in the words of [Tom Fitton](#), "all hands on deck" on the Steele dossier, from inception to disseminate throughout the government. That Victoria Nuland was briefing Democrat House Leader Steny Hoyer on a regular basis.

We also know that the John Brennan coordination with the foreign intelligence agencies of Italy, UK and Australia required State Department knowledge, coordination and approval. Ultimately, that could only come from Secretary of State John Kerry.

Clinton cronies: Sydney Blumenthal and Glenn Simpson

It is startling to see the level of high officials who were an integral part of initiating and coordinating the Russia hoax. Even as they were certain that Steele and Glenn Simpson were politically motivated. Especially as they knew they were in the employ of Hillary Clinton and the DNC.

In a sinister ironic twist, Sydney Blumenthal is cited as vouching for the veracity of Christopher Steele and the Steele dossier on the FISA warrant application written by Andrew Weissmann and Peter Strzok. Prior to that, they had actually been directly warned by State Department officials, and by Bruce Ohr, that Steele was highly politically motivated and that the contents of the Dossier were likely Kremlin disinformation.

Stefan Halper: Paid by the DOD to spy on Trump

We know that [Stefan Halper was paid \\$400,000 by the Department of Defense between July of 2016 and Sept of 2017](#) for his work with John Brennan in trying to entrap George Papadopolous in London. Halper was paid over \$1 million dollars by the DOD for reports of dubious value, over 4 years. Halper attended one session with a female FBI informant, using an assumed name, who also tried to seduce Papadopoulos.

That the DOD was a conduit for the payoff of the Cambridge Professor and American intelligence asset, then DOD head Ash Carter would have had to have been involved. We know Ash Carter and John Brennan tried to have NSA Director Mike Rogers fired the week after Trump was elected.

After Rogers discovered and reported the illegal spying by the Obama White House from 2012 – 2016 to the FISA court. And briefed the President-elect at Trump tower without notifying Brennan.

This is above and beyond what occurred in the campaign to destroy Trump in particular.

So Ash Carter and the Department of Defense can be added to the corrupted elements of the Obama Administration that blatantly abused their surveillance powers. Paid off, Stefan Halper. Actively and publicly conspired with John Brennan to remove the only man who knew the truth about the coup and the abuse. Admiral Mike Rogers at the NSA.

Framing Papadopolous with Mifsud, Halper, and Downer

We already know that John Brennan arranged for CIA asset Joseph Mifsud to meet with Papadopoulos, coordinated with the Italian intelligence agencies. MI-6 was clearly involved in the Stefan Halper and Australian Diplomat Alexander Downer's attempts to entrap Papadopoulos in London.

We also know there is exonerating evidence on the tapes and transcripts from the intelligence surveillance of those meetings. On the tape, Papadopoulos is clearly heard to say that he would never work with the Russians and that doing so would be treason. This exculpatory evidence was never presented to the FISA court and was hidden by the Mueller inquisition.



Professor Joseph Mifsud. Photo: Russian Embassy, London.

We also know that Brennan included the Steele Dossier in the bogus National Intelligence Assessment estimate of October 2016. Leaked like a sieve to the New York Times and Washington Post during the transition period. And was the point man for the entire operation, using the CIA as a weapon against the Republican Presidential nominee and incoming President of the United States. Such unprecedented treachery is criminal sedition, and dangerously unhinged.

A wide conspiracy run by the Obama White House

We already know of the role of the DOJ and the FBI in this sordid story of a constitutional crisis. We can name the names of those who are in the crosshairs of US Attorney John Durham. James Comey, Peter Strzok, Bruce Ohr, Nellie Ohr, Sally Yates, Andrew Weissman, and Loretta Lynch come to mind. We know the head of DNI, James Clapper, and John Brennan worked closely with James Comey at every stage of the Russia hoax.



In the Obama White House, the President was receiving regular “eyes only” briefings from John Brennan on the fruits of their illegal surveillance of Americans from at least 2012 – 2016. [As FISA Court Presiding Judge Rosemary Collyer ruled in April of 2017](#), of the 40000 searches of NSA databases, 85% or 32,500 were illegal and unconstitutional. Violations of the constitution and the 4th amendment.

“Unauthorized surveillance” and “Political Surveillance”

It is this activity that, among others, William Barr is referring to when he mentions “unauthorized surveillance” and “political surveillance”. No one had the authority to order and allow such a broad conspiracy to take place in so many agencies except for the President of the United States.

A counterintelligence investigation like the one launched against Trump by Peter Strzok is always on the specific authorization of the President. “The White House wants to know everything we are doing” texted Strzok to his co-conspirator Lisa Page. Sure they do.

The Obama White House had been running the Russia Hoax all along. This doesn’t even touch on the role of Valerie Jarrett, Susan Rice, Ben Rhodes and Samantha Powers in the coordination of the whole affair. Or the unmasking of American Citizens.

Now we know how systematic it was. The State Department, The Defense Department, the DOJ, the DNI, the CIA, the FBI. Just weeks before Trump took office the junta of coup plotters met in the Oval Office. Obama, Biden, Rice, Jarrett, Brennan, Clapper, Comey and Sally Yates. To plan out the next steps. Leaking the Steele dossier. Sabotaging the incoming President.

Conspiracy to overthrow the duly elected Government

The Obama Brennan coup attempt against President Trump is an assault on Democracy like never seen before. The Andrew Weissman, Peter Strzok insurance policy of the Mueller inquisition has left our country polarized, and paralyzed the political discourse with a diabolical basket of intentional smears. John Brennan has done more damage to America than the Russians could do in 100 years.

*As Tom Fitton says, **“If these were generals doing the same thing, you would call it a coup”.***

Well when its the CIA, DNI, DOJ, DOD, State Department and the Obama White House all working in concert to destroy the incoming President and remove him from office, then a coup is what it was. And the guilty must be exposed and punished.

We are about to find out what kind of country we live in. If John Durham delivers justice, transparency, and indictments of the coup plotters, then we will know that the integrity of the Republic is secure. But only by revealing the ugly truth about the full range of criminal activity will we finally be able to move forward.

Only God can forgive those who created this mess.

For now, in the name of public integrity, John Durham has to follow this wherever it leads. All the way to the Oval Office and Barack Hussein Obama. The truth be told lest the heavens fall.

Lead Image: John Brennan, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, delivers one of several briefings that President Barack Obama received on the attempted Times Square car bombing, in the Oval Office, May 3, 2010. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

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It's Not All About the Bidens: Why Trump Has Ukraine on the Brain

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The impeachment inquiry Democrats launched last month may ultimately hinge on a simple question: Did President Trump try to force a foreign power (or powers) to help him take down a political opponent, Joe Biden?

But the backdrop of their effort is far more complex and convoluted, connected not just to Trump's phone call with the president of Ukraine and related evidence but the three-year war of attrition the Democrats have waged against the president. Their main instrument was the Trump-Russia collusion story that roiled the capital until Special Counsel Robert Mueller pronounced it unfounded. Now they have moved on to one or more "whistleblower" complaints [from within the intelligence community](#).



President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine: Was Trump threatening him or trying to get to the bottom of Russiagate?

AP Photo/Sergei Grits

Given all the focus on nefarious Russia, you could be forgiven for missing the fact that Ukraine was always at the center of the Trump-Russia affair.

Viewed in this light, the Trump-Ukraine quid pro quo bribery narrative must compete with another explanation: Trump's determination to get to the bottom of an underhanded years-long campaign arrayed against him. One of the first things he did after the Mueller report debunked the collusion narrative was to call the Ukrainian president and ask him to help do just that.

The impeachment battle is not just about congressional probes and alleged presidential strong-arming, but about the Russiagate narrative. Anti-Trump forces in the government and media are working to vindicate their previous efforts and discredit a forthcoming Justice Department inquiry into the origins of Russiagate by again connecting Trump and a foreign power to a U.S. election.

I've covered the Trump-Russia story for three years. Even before these operations emerged publicly after Trump's 2016 victory, I doubted the pre-election whisper campaign circulating throughout the Washington press corps that held Trump was clandestinely cooperating with Moscow.

First, the idea that Trump had for many years been a Russian ally, even an agent, was hard to believe given that there had been no mention of this during a long career lived entirely in the spotlight. I was especially skeptical of this claim because Trump's business concerns were based largely in the most media-saturated city in the world, and because they involved industries – especially real estate and casinos – that attract the attention of legal authorities.



Family matters: Joe Biden, right, and his son Hunter at a commemoration for the Vice President's late son Beau.

AP Photo/Visar Kryeziu

Second, candidate Trump's proposed policies toward Russia were similar to those of the Obama administration – and would prove tougher after he was elected – making it hard to see how he was secretly beholden to Moscow.

I was not surprised when the special counsel concluded the story was false. Neither was it surprising, given the amount of money, time, and prestige spent on pushing collusion, to see Russiagate rebooted two weeks ago in the form of a whistleblower's complaint.

So far the basic facts are these: An active, and unnamed, CIA officer alleged that Trump had sought information from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky regarding Biden's involvement in a Ukrainian prosecution possibly involving his son Hunter. In exchange for information that, according to the CIA officer, would assist Trump's 2020 re-election, the president would release military aid to Ukraine.

Although the details are different – no mention this time of hookers and golden showers – the whistleblower's central claim closely resembles the thesis laid out in the anti-Trump dossier compiled by the former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele, which the FBI used as its roadmap to collusion: That Trump took or solicited dirt on his Democratic opponent from a foreign power in exchange for favors to that country's government.

Once again, much of the media seem to be treating every allegation against Trump as probable fact, while dismissing any questions and concerns as conspiracy theories.



Attorney General William Barr and President Trump: "Our country has been through a lot," Trump told President Zelensky. "They say a lot of it started with Ukraine."

AP Photo/Alex Brandon

Although the whistleblower complaint seems to have emerged quickly, it must be viewed in context of the long war against Trump and its numerous elements tied to Ukraine.

Recent interviews with senior sources on Capitol Hill and newly acquired documents show that Ukraine was and continues to be central to the effort to take down Trump.

That's why Trump's most urgent request of the Ukrainian president was to assist Attorney General William Barr in his investigation of the origins of the FBI's Trump-Russia probe.

“Our country has been through a lot,” Trump told President Zelensky. “They say a lot of it started with Ukraine.”

This assertion was not wrong. And yet for all of the foreigners, including Ukrainians, who played roles in Russiagate, this is a story about Americans with the sort of scruples, ambitions, and labyrinthine connections found in a Dostoevsky novel.

Origins of Clinton-Tied Ukraine Dirt-Digging

It is significant, in this time of separate left and right media echo chambers, that an early account of Hillary Clinton campaign efforts to dig up dirt on Team Trump using Ukraine didn't originate on the right: It was a [Politico report](#) by Kenneth P. Vogel and David Stern. (A repeat seems unlikely now: Vogel's current employer, the New York Times, has dismissed Trump's claims about Ukraine's role in Russiagate as part of a right-wing conspiracy theory.)



The Ukraine story starts no later than March 2016, when *Democratic Party operative and Ukrainian-American activist Alexandra Chalupa* approached the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington for information on the Trump campaign.

YouTube screen grab/Fox News

As John Solomon of The Hill newspaper wrote in May, Chalupa asked Ukrainian diplomats for “evidence that Trump, his organization and [campaign manager Paul] Manafort were Russian assets, working to hurt the U.S. and working with Putin against the U.S. interests.”

Chalupa emailed Democratic National Committee officials that she was briefing U.S. media on Manafort's work in Ukraine. One of the journalists was Michael Isikoff of Yahoo News, who would later publish one of the key stories advancing the collusion narrative.

Ukraine's ambassador to Washington [told](#) Solomon that Chalupa wanted to approach a member of Congress to initiate hearings on Manafort or arrange for Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko to comment on Manafort's alleged Kremlin ties during a visit to Washington.

Keep that in mind when Democrats and their media allies routinely suggest it is treasonous to seek foreign aid during an election.

As Chalupa was pursuing these channels, the Clinton campaign stepped up its efforts to find foreign dirt on Trump by hiring the Washington, D.C., firm Fusion GPS that March to compile and distribute opposition research on Trump. One of the company's co-founders, Glenn Simpson, was a former Wall Street Journal reporter who had written several articles about Manafort's work for former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich.



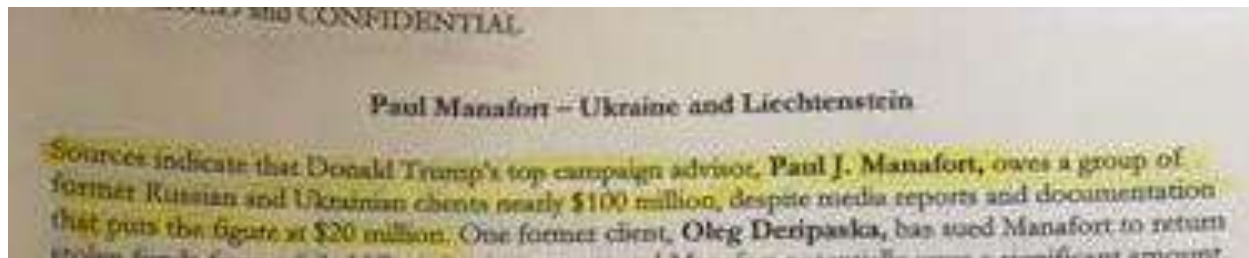
Viktor Yanukovich (left): close to Paul Manafort. Also, to Joe Biden. Also, to an ally whose energy firm hired Hunter Biden.

AP Photo/Pavel Golovkin, File

In a 2007 article, Simpson wrote that Yanukovych “favors closer ties with [Russian President Vladimir] Putin’s administration.”

That view would inform much of the operation to come. It would use Manafort’s close ties to Yanukovych as the kernel of truth from which grew the vast Russiagate conspiracy.

Fusion GPS’s most infamous work product was the Steele dossier. But, as I report in my forthcoming book, [“The Plot Against the President: The True Story of How Congressman Devin Nunes Uncovered the Biggest Political Scandal in U.S. History,”](#) Simpson’s organization compiled at least two separate opposition research documents on Manafort and his Ukraine business, which it shared with journalists starting in spring 2016.



From one of at least two dossiers on Paul Manafort and Ukraine circulated by Fusion GPS.

One is an eight-page document titled “Paul Manafort – Ukraine and Lichtenstein,” the other is nine pages, titled “UPDATE – Paul Manafort.” Links to Ukrainian- and Russian-language Internet portals show that the research was compiled by someone who knew the languages. In October 2015, Fusion GPS had brought on former Russian history professor Nellie Ohr for Trump-Russia research. Ohr’s husband, top Department of Justice official Bruce Ohr, would later help spread Clinton-financed opposition research to the federal government, helping prompt the Trump/Russia collusion probe.

The documents reference flight records, travel documents, and business agreements while noting Manafort’s relationships with several Ukrainian officials, including Yanukovych’s chief of staff, and oligarchs such as Clinton Foundation donor Victor Pinchuk, described as a “Yanukovych booster.”

Without evidence, one of the dossiers alleges that “the Russian government played a leading role in promoting the Yanukovych presidency and Manafort worked closely with several Russians during his time in Ukraine.”

The other makes the speculative, if ominous-sounding, claim that “Manafort’s newfound role as campaign manager to Trump could offer Russian oligarchs close to Vladimir Putin a new way to exert influence on Trump.”

Driving the Manafort-Yanukovych Narrative

Even as Clinton operatives sought the help of Ukrainian officials, they and their allies in the press routinely mischaracterized Yanukovych as pro-Putin, advancing the Russia collusion narrative.



*Biden at a Kyiv memorial to protesters, 2014:
Later his son Hunter was hired by an ally of the
just-exiled President, questionably tarred by
Clinton operatives as a Putin stooge.*
AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky

Ukraine is a buffer state, caught between European neighbors to the west and Russia to the east. Its challenge is to balance the two against each other. Failure to do so is apt to lead to conflict, such as the present war between the Kyiv government and Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

After Yanukovych became president in 2010, Manafort recommended that he draw closer to the European Union with a trade deal. Putin saw that as a threat, and gave Yanukovych a choice between crippling economic measures and a \$15 billion aid package.

Ultimately, Yanukovych rejected Manafort's advice, bowing to Putin in late 2013, touching off protests in the Ukrainian capital that led to deadly violence.

That turmoil started a new chapter in U.S.-Ukraine relations as the Obama White House made then Vice President Joe Biden the point man on the issue.

Biden [had known Yanukovych](#) since 2009 and spoke with him frequently during the crisis.

The Obama administration, however, had little confidence in Yanukovych. State Department officials on the ground the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, including Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Victoria Nuland scrambled to piece together a coalition government. Yanukovych fled his country for sanctuary in Russia in February 2014, just days after his final phone call with Biden, when government snipers killed at least 88 protesters in the capital.

In April 2014, Biden traveled to Kyiv with a small economic aid package, and warned the Ukrainians to rein in corruption. A month later, his son Hunter was named to the board of Burisma, one of Ukraine's largest independent energy companies. Although he had no experience in the energy sector, Hunter [was paid](#) as much as \$50,000 a month for his services.

Here's where the politics get even more interesting. Burisma's owner was not a reformer, but an [ally](#) of the just-exiled Yanukovych, having served as his minister of natural resources. Despite the Biden family's financial relationship with the Yanukovych circle, Clinton operatives painted Manafort's association with Yanukovych as evidence of the Trump campaign's pro-Putin sentiments.

In a three-day period at the end of April 2016, for instance, Slate, the [Washington Post](#) and [Guardian](#) all published articles alleging that Manafort's work for Yanukovych showed the Trump team was close to Russia.

This is another reminder of the double-standard that has driven so much media coverage: the eagerness to buy Clinton's spin on Manafort and then connect Trump to it all while dismissing Biden's clear conflicts.

Clinton Operative Alleges a Ukrainian-Related Quid Pro Quo

Indeed, Manafort's relationship with Yanukovich became a keystone of the Trump-Russia narrative. A July 18, 2016 [Washington Post article](#), for example, cited it before reporting new "evidence" that the campaign was cozying up to Putin.

Paul Manafort, right, behind Ivanka Trump during a rehearsal at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Next to the future President is Manafort's chief deputy, Rick Gates, later [indicted](#) along with his boss.

AP Photo/Evan Vucci



Trump staffers, according to the article, "stripped out" the Republican National Convention platform's call for giving Ukraine "lethal defensive weapons."

That was [inaccurate](#). One GOP delegate proposed an amendment calling for giving lethal aid to Ukraine. The amendment was toned down by a Trump adviser, changing it to "appropriate assistance." The result was that the amendment was softened but the platform's position on Ukraine was strengthened. In office, the Trump administration, unlike Obama's, sent weapons to Kyiv.

That Post story illustrates the success of the Clinton operation in convincing many media outlets and government agencies to interpret – and misinterpret – the Trump campaign through the lens of Russian collusion. This, in turn, erased skepticism they should have had in assessing the charges leveled for Clinton through Christopher Steele and Fusion GPS.

In a July memo written after the DNC emails had been leaked during the Democrats' convention, Steele alleged that the operation – the hack and the release of the emails – had been orchestrated by the Russians. Then he claimed Moscow had done it with the full knowledge of the Trump campaign. Manafort, Steele falsely claimed, was managing the "well-developed conspiracy" for the Trump side.

Further, Steele claimed, in exchange for the DNC hack and subsequent publication of the emails by WikiLeaks, the Trump team had agreed to sideline Russia's invasion of Ukraine as a campaign issue. This was the Clinton campaign's first allegation of a Ukraine-related quid pro quo. This was also false.

Then a wave of reports about Mr. Manafort's own business dealings with Russia-aligned leaders in Ukraine, involving [allegations of millions of dollars in cash payments](#) and secret lobbying efforts in the United States, threw a spotlight on a glaring vulnerability for Mr. Trump: his admiration for President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.

- [New York Times, Aug. 19, 2016](#)

As Clinton operatives used Ukraine to falsely smear Trump, Manafort's ties to that country threw the Trump campaign into disarray. On Aug. 19, 2016, Manafort resigned as campaign manager following what the New York Times and others

described as a wave of stories about his “dealings with Russia-aligned leaders.” The Times pushed the larger collusion narrative being spun by Clinton, reporting that the Manafort dismissal “threw a spotlight on a glaring vulnerability for Mr. Trump: his admiration for President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.”

The Times story also referenced its earlier article reporting that Manafort received illegal cash payments for his Ukraine work. Manafort denied it.

One source for the Times story was former Ukrainian parliamentarian Serhiy Leshchenko, also referred to in the whistleblower complaint. According to former Fusion GPS contractor Nellie Ohr, [Leshchenko was a source](#) for Fusion GPS as well.

Two years later, in August 2018, Manafort pleaded guilty to tax and bank fraud connected to his work in the Ukraine undertaken years before he joined the Trump campaign.

The Steele-Isikoff Nexus

With Manafort driven from the campaign just two months before the election, Clinton operatives and the FBI zeroed in on another Trump adviser, Carter Page. Once again an alleged Ukraine quid pro quo was at the center of it.

In July, Steele had alleged that Page was one of Manafort’s “intermediaries” in the “well-developed conspiracy” between Trump and Russia. The former British spy’s second-hand sources claimed that Page had met secretly with a Russian energy executive.

The executive, according to Steele, raised with Page the prospect of U.S.-Russia energy cooperation in exchange for dropping sanctions imposed on Russia in 2014 for invading Ukraine.

U.S. intel officials probe ties between Trump adviser and Kremlin



Michael Isikoff
Chief Investigative
Correspondent
September 23, 2016

- [Yahoo News](#)

This second Ukraine-related quid pro quo was the subject of Michael Isikoff’s Sept. 23 Yahoo News article, based on information from Steele, whom Isikoff describes as an anonymous “Western intelligence source.”

A few weeks later, Steele revised his reporting on Page’s meeting for a memo dated Oct. 18. The British spy’s unnamed sources changed their story, contending that the Trump adviser had

been offered a bribe if he convinced Trump to drop Ukraine-related sanctions. In a sign of how deeply the media and FBI had accepted the Russiagate hoax, no one seemed to question that laughably large amount of this alleged bribe – a brokerage fee on a sale of 19% of the Russian oil giant Rosneft, which would have been worth at least tens of millions of dollars.

On Oct. 21, the FBI obtained a warrant to spy on Page. The still heavily redacted warrant shows that Steele’s account of Page’s meeting with the Russian energy executive to discuss Ukraine sanctions was a key piece of evidence.

As supporting evidence, the bureau used Isikoff's article and two other Ukraine-related news reports. One was the July Washington Post story alleging that the Trump campaign had weakened the party's convention platform. The second article claimed that Trump had softened his support for Ukraine after Page and Manafort joined the campaign.

This is one reason many consider the Steele dossier to be one of the least credible and most successful pieces of opposition research in U.S. history.

Allegations Tie Up Incoming Trump Team



John Brennan: "High confidence" Putin had developed a preference for Trump because of his "Russia-friendly positions" on Ukraine.

AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais

Even as Clinton tied Trump to Russia and blamed both for hacks of the DNC servers, the Obama administration downplayed Russian interference in the 2016 election so as not to taint Clinton's widely expected victory. After Trump won, Obama retaliated. In late December, he expelled Russian diplomats, closed their diplomatic facilities, and sanctioned Russia's military intelligence service (GRU) and four of its senior officers.

A document released the following week showed why the administration had targeted the GRU. According to the January 2017 intelligence community assessment of Russia's interference in the 2016 elections, the GRU was behind the DNC hack.

Further, then-CIA director John Brennan's handpicked teams of analysts assessed with "high confidence" that Putin had developed a preference for Trump because of his "Russia-friendly positions" on Ukraine.

Days later, Steele's reports were made public. According to his sources, the DNC hack was part of a quid pro quo regarding Ukraine.

Now the connections between Trump and the Russians were lit up like a string of holiday lights — Obama had sanctioned the GRU because of the DNC hack, which the Russians engineered on behalf of the Trump campaign in exchange for sidelining Ukraine as a campaign issue.



Robert Mueller, testifying. His report made no mention of Fusion GPS, Glenn Simpson, or Alexandra Chalupa. It discussed Ukraine only in relation to Manafort and Gates.

AP Photo/Alex Brandon

The operation continued to unfold as the FBI and DoJ pursued their counterintelligence probe of Trump and associates, eventually leading to Mueller's appointment as special counsel.

Mueller's probe focused almost entirely on Russia's efforts to influence the 2016 election and its possible connections to Trump. He and his team displayed no

interest in exploring how Clinton operatives had worked with foreign interests to sway the same election.

Still, Mueller's report found no evidence of collusion between the Trump circle and Russian officials. The report makes no mention of Fusion GPS, Glenn Simpson, or Alexandra Chalupa. Leshchenko appears only in a footnote. The report discusses Ukraine only in relation to Manafort and his business associate Rick Gates.

Now, the Ukraine Chapter

But Ukraine's new starring role was still to come. The Intelligence Community's Inspector General relayed the newly disclosed "whistleblower" complaint from the CIA analyst to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence during a transitional period. Both DNI Dan Coats and Deputy Director Sue Gordon had [just resigned](#) when the whistleblower's complaint reached Acting DNI Joseph Maguire on Aug. 16, his first day on the job.

Previously, the ICIG's whistleblower's form required first-hand knowledge of the reported concern to file a complaint. The [updated form](#), which was "revised after press inquiries" regarding the whistleblower's complaint, [eliminated](#) the requirement of first-hand knowledge. The CIA officer's complaint appears to provide only hearsay.



Adam Schiff: Apparently knew of whistleblower complaint before he subpoenaed it.

AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast

In September, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff issued a subpoena to Maguire to produce the complaint. Yet Schiff apparently already knew its contents. More than two weeks earlier, he'd [written on Twitter](#), "Trump is withholding vital military aid to Ukraine, while his personal lawyer seeks help from the Ukraine government to investigate his political opponent." A [New York Times story](#) last week reported that Schiff was briefed by an aide on the substance of the whistleblower's complaint before it was filed with the ICIG.

In driving the whistleblower chapter of the Russiagate operation, Schiff reprised the part he played in its earlier chapters. For nearly two years the California congressman filled the media with claims there was more than circumstantial evidence of collusion that would bring down the president.

On Sept. 13, ODNI's general counsel wrote Schiff and other leaders of the House and Senate intelligence committees that since the whistleblower's complaint did not deal with intelligence activities or the conduct a member of the intelligence community (i.e., the president is not a member of the IC), it did not find it a matter of urgent concern.



Greg Miller, Washington Post: Whistleblower news was leaked to him and other journalists who earlier [shared a Pulitzer Prize](#) relying on similar leaks against Trump about a Russia conspiracy, which proved unfounded.

Washington Post

Regardless, the subject matter, Trump's "promise" to a foreign official, was leaked for a Sept. 18 [Washington Post story](#) including the bylines of Greg Miller and Ellen Nakashima, two of the reporters who in February 2017 received a seminal leak in the Trump-Russia case, regarding

a conversation between Trump's erstwhile national security adviser, Michael Flynn, and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.

The same political operatives and journalists appear throughout the anti-Trump operation, as do the same themes and even the same language.

The main charge in the whistleblower's complaint – that Trump solicited "interference from a foreign country in the 2020 election" – echoes the title of the Mueller report, "Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election." The whistleblower's thesis is identical to the dossier's: Trump sought dirt on a political rival regarding Ukraine-related issues on a quid pro quo basis.

The nature of the call to Zelensky so alarmed Trump officials seeking to protect the president, according to the unnamed CIA officer, that they stored the transcript in a secure system usually reserved for programs like covert action. It was a detail contrived to further smear Trump as deceptive, but Trump deputies had begun using the system after his conversations with world leaders were leaked to the press early during the administration.

In February 2017, the Washington Post's Miller had the lead byline on a [story](#) based on leaks of Trump's conversations with Australia's prime minister and Mexico's president. Six months later, the Post published the entire [transcripts](#) of both conversations in another Miller story.

It was through such national security correspondents that anti-Trump sources -- intelligence officials -- pushed leaks of classified information and other tidbits intended to damage Trump into the media. There it merged with other anti-Trump currents in nearly every corner of the press, where it blossomed into Russiagate.

After a nearly two-year investigation, the special counsel found no evidence of collusion. But given the scale of the damage done to the public sphere, clearly something had happened. Among other things, the FBI had put a presidential campaign under surveillance.

It was logical that Trump, and millions of other Americans, wanted to know the origins of the Russia probe and that the investigative work would be taken up by the Department of Justice. Since DoJ and FBI officials at the highest levels were implicated, it was natural that the attorney general himself would have a hand in the investigation.

Thus the panicked clamor coursing through the press at present is not about Joe Biden or his son or Trump's alleged commerce with foreign powers. Rather, it is the fear that the Russiagate bubble is likely to burst. And the fear that none of the reporters, intelligence officials, and political operatives responsible for pushing the largest and most destructive conspiracy theory in American history will escape the ruin.

https://www.realclearinvestigations.com/articles/2019/10/07/not_all_about_the_bidens_why_trump_has_ukraine_on_the_brain_120635.html

The Russia Hoax: James Clapper throws Barack Obama under the bus

written by **L.J. Keith** | Oct 8 2019



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Former DNI Director James Clapper threw former President Barack Obama under the bus on CNN yesterday. Clapper admitted to CNN's Jim Sciutto that everything he and John Brennan had done prior to and during the 2016 election was explicitly on Barack Obama's orders.

Clapper confesses that they acted on Barack Obama's orders

Here is the conversation as it played out on CNN:

Jim Sciutto says,

"Are you concerned that Barr or Durham's investigation will find wrongdoing and seek to punish former intelligence officials like you?"

CLAPPER:

"The message I'm getting from all this is, apparently what we were supposed to have done was to ignore the Russian interference, ignore the Russian meddling and the threat that it poses to us, and oh, by the way, blown off what the then commander in chief, President Obama, told us to do. It's kind of disconcerting now to be investigated for, you know, having done our duty and done what we were told to do by the president."

Well there it is in black and white.



President Barack Obama makes a statement to the press announcing James Clapper as nominee for Director of National Intelligence (DNI) in the Rose Garden of the White House

Everything that James Clapper, James Comey, and John Brennan did to create the Russia Hoax and undermine President Trump was on Barack Obama's direct order.

So let's take a look at what Obama ordered Clapper, Comey and Brennan to do.

Abusing NSA systems to spy on Americans

Brennan and Clapper were spying on thousands of Americans citizens using NSA surveillance systems under FISA 702 authority for over 4 years. James Comey specifically authorized three contractors' unlimited access to NSA surveillance systems. The contractors reported directly to Clapper and Brennan.

[FISA Court exposes Obama's abuse of NSA to spy on Americans](#)

Over the span of 4 years, Clapper and / or Brennan, via their contractors, utilized the NSA data systems 40,000 times. [FISA Court Presiding Judge Rosemary Collyer ruled in April of 2017](#) that 85%, or 32,500 searches of the database were illegal, unconstitutional, a violation of the 4th Amendment and a violation of the civil rights of every American that was spied on.

William Barr has said he is looking at "unauthorized surveillance" and "political surveillance." He says definitively that "Spying did occur." ([The Silent Coup: The Media Lied, Obama Spied](#) – CDN)

James Clapper has just admitted that he and Brennan were just following orders. Orders from President Barack Obama.

The illegal abuse of NSA systems to spy on political opponents and thousands of Americans without a warrant lies at the heart of the genesis of the Russia Hoax.

This is certainly what Barr is referring to, among other things, when he discusses “unauthorized surveillance” and “political surveillance”.

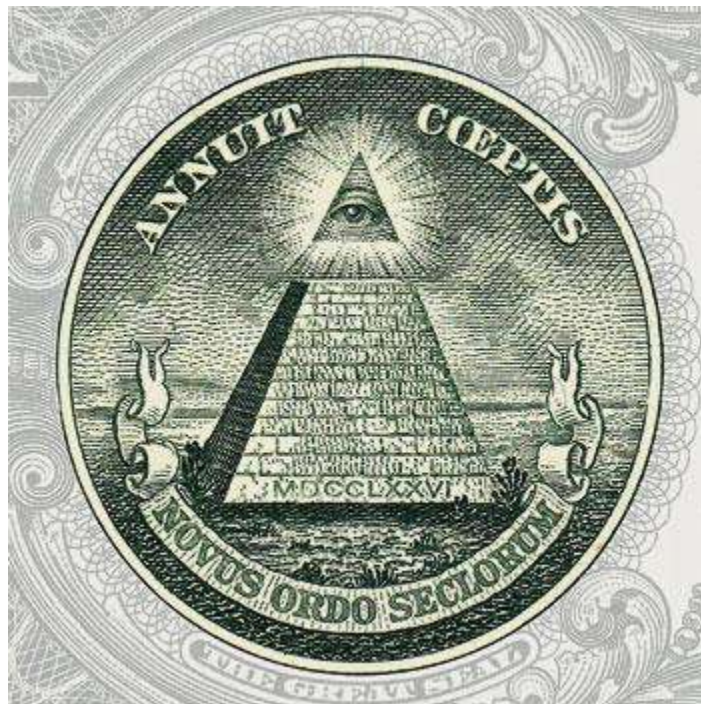
Who was Obama spying on: Roberts, Scalia, Romney, Ryan, Hastings

Who were the subjects of Obama’s illegal surveillance? Chief Justice John Roberts. Associate Justice Antonin Scalia. Presidential nominee Mitt Romney and VP nominee Paul Ryan.

How about journalist Michael Hastings, who died in a fiery and mysterious car crash. Hastings was the Rolling Stone reporter whose story on Afghan forces commander General Stanley McCrystal destroyed his career and forced McCrystal into retirement. Hastings had said shortly before his death that he was working a huge story involving John Brennan and abuse of NSA surveillance systems. A week later he was dead. ([Report: Hastings Was Investigating CIA Director John Brennan Before Deadly Crash](#) – Mint Press News)

Abusing the civil rights of all Americans

As Clapper and Brennan were working on Barrack Obama’s orders then-President Obama knew of this illegal surveillance scheme. He is the top of the pyramid.



The all-seeing governmental "Eye of Providence" – Public Domain

Brennan reportedly delivered the contents of the information culled from the illegal spying to Barack Obama on a regular basis in sealed envelopes marked “eyes only”.

The contents were restricted to the inner circle of the Obama Oval Office.

The scheme to abuse the civil rights of all Americans by spying on 32,500 Americans illegally has to be at the center of the Durham investigation.

It is the underpinnings of the groundwork for the targeting and destruction of Donald Trump. Indeed, Trump is undoubtedly one of the thousands of Americans that Barack Obama was regularly spying on.

[AG William Barr and Atty. Durham closing in on the Obama, Brennan coup plotters](#)

Setting up the Russia Hoax with foreign intelligence agencies

Brennan and Clapper, on Barack Obama's orders, set up the Russia Hoax and used it to weaponize the intelligence agencies and DOJ against the Trump campaign. John Brennan attempted to frame George Papadopoulos to target Donald Trump. Brennan set up the meetings with Joseph Mifsud, Alexander Downer, Stefan Halper, and George Papadopoulos.

Meetings that were taped and recorded.

This became the basis for Peter Strzok and Andrew Weissmann to launch the counterintelligence operation, Operation Crossfire Hurricane.



Operation Crossfire Hurricane

Using "evidence" they were completely aware had been fabricated by Brennan to target Trump. With the full cooperation of foreign intelligence agencies from Italy, Australia, and Great Britain.

All on the orders of Barack Obama.

The Steele Dossier and illegal FISA warrants

Clapper and Brennan were instrumental in leaking the Steele Dossier to the media, Harry Reid, and John McCain. Brennan used the dossier as the central underpinning of the Intelligence Community Assessment of 2016. Written by Brennan and Peter Strzok.

[The Russia Hoax: What Obama and Brennan knew, and when they knew it.](#)

The same Dossier that Strzok, Weissmann and James Comey used to illegally obtain FISA warrants on Carter Page. Warrants that were illegally renewed 4 times. So that the Deep State could spy on the President-elect and then the sitting President of the United States.

All on the initial orders of Barack Obama.

This is the height of criminality.

Targeting American hero General Michael Flynn

Brennan and Clapper targeted the transition team and General Michael Flynn. They leaked the contents of Flynn's legitimate phone call with Sergei Kislyak and then ambushed him at the White House on James Comey's orders. The agent that interviewed Flynn was Peter Strzok.

Keep in mind that Michael Flynn and Stanley McCrystal, along with David Petraeus, won the Iraq and Afghan wars for the United States. They were the greatest military minds of their generation. They were American heroes.

All three were targeted by Barack Obama.

All three had their careers destroyed.

The Obama junta plots its next move in the Oval Office itself

On January 6 the junta seeking to destroy Trump met in Barrack Obama's Oval Office to plot the destruction of Trump after Obama left office. They loosened the rules for disseminating classified material. They plotted how to reveal the Steele dossier to the public.

At the meeting were Obama, VP Joe Biden, Valerie Jarrett, Susan Rice, James Clapper, John Brennan, Ben Rhodes and Sally Yates.

The Coup against Trump: Is John Brennan a Russian Agent?

On January 16th Comey, Brennan, and Clapper briefed the President-elect. At the end of the meeting, Comey asked to speak to Trump privately. He then told Trump about the Golden Showers section of the dossier. After leaving the meeting with Trump he immediately called James Clapper, telling him "Mission accomplished."

That is his exact congressional testimony.

Clapper then immediately leaked to CNN that the President had been briefed about the contents of the Steele Dossier. Thus making the dossier "news" that could be reported. Within days Buzzfeed printed the entire dossier.

All of this occurred on the orders of Barack Obama.

Clapper and Brennan are nervous about Durham: They ought to be

Clapper's inadvertent confession looks like a move to cover his tracks and implicate others. Both Clapper and Brennan appear to be quite nervous about their upcoming

interviews with John Durham. They should be. Durham and Barr know a lot more about the details.

The details aren't good for any of the guilty parties involved. The ongoing 'Whistleblower' hoax is just the latest smokescreen to deflect from what Barr and Durham are uncovering. It won't work. The American people are not stupid.

[Obama Brennan coup involved State Dept., DOD, DNI, DOJ, CIA and FBI](#)

Clapper's confession blaming Obama looks like a desperate appeal to Durham that he is willing to spill the beans. It is also a signal to Brennan and Comey that if Clapper goes down, he is taking them with him, along with Barack Obama. I have long speculated as to who will be willing to break ranks and look for a deal among the co-conspirators. Clapper is the obvious suspect.

John Durham and William Barr are definitely closing in on the co-conspirators in the Russia Hoax and the coup attempt against Donald Trump. James Clapper's confession is the death knell for Brennan and the Obama White House. Clapper, Brennan, Comey and Obama are in deep trouble.

Barack Obama was behind the entire affair. James Clapper has confirmed that.

We breathlessly await the Horowitz report, the Barr and Durham report, the subsequent indictments against the coup plotters, and the re-election of President Donald Trump.

Lead Image: Is this where it began? President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden meet with James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, during the Presidential Daily Briefing in the Oval Office, April 2, 2013. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

<https://www.commdiginews.com/politics-2/the-russia-hoax-james-clapper-throws-barack-obama-under-the-bus-123520/>

Obama WH corruption: Rampant pay to play by Clinton, Kerry, and Biden

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WASHINGTON, DC: Pay to Play corruption in the Obama administration was widespread among top officials, especially Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, and Vice President Joe Biden. Sweetheart deals. Board positions on energy companies. Contributions to “foundations” and overt bribery were the currency of foreign governments and would-be policy influencers alike.

They found rich terrain in the Obama Administration. Usually funneling money through family members or lobbyists. The Hunter Biden scandal involving Burisma Holdings and the Rosemont Seneca equity fund is just the tip of an ever-growing and horribly corrupt iceberg.

Full of Schiff: Impeachment is a scam

Now we have an impeachment Star Chamber led by liars in chief Adam Schiff and Nancy Pelosi. They are focusing on the President’s phone call with Ukrainian President Zelensky. They accuse Trump of abuse of power for seeking cooperation with an official investigation by Attorney General William Barr and US Attorney John Durham.

As one wag noticed, this would be the first time a Republican President was impeached because of the crimes of a Democrat.

It would be amusing if it wasn’t so pathetic.

But Schiff has close ties to a notorious Ukrainian arms dealer. Schiff was also a frequent recipient of campaign cash from meth dealer and Hillary Clinton donor Ed

Buck. Buck is the LA Democrat with a penchant for shooting up homeless black men with meth and having sex with them. He allegedly killed at least two of them and is currently being charged with two counts of murder.

Schiff has yet to disavow him and return his repeated donations.

Paul Pelosi has his own Ukrainian Gas Company

Pelosi's own son Paul Pelosi Jr had his own connection as an officer with a Ukrainian natural gas company. Pelosi actually used his mother, Speaker Pelosi, in a promotional video for the company.

Pelosi Jr. earlier had served as an executive just under Mike Mozilla with Countrywide during the height of the mortgage crisis of 2008. Countrywide being one of the worse abusers in the mortgage debacle that almost destroyed America's, and the world's, economy.

Political parentage? Ukraine's enrichment of Pelosi and Biden's sons

Paul Pelosi Jr. made a fortune, walking away unscathed. This before starting a solar energy company to take advantage of huge Federal Government loan guarantees. Another money windfall for Pelosi, who walked away with a fortune when that company went bankrupt. Leaving the Federal Government and the taxpayers to make up for the losses.

Nevada Senator Harry Reid's son Rory was involved in much the same scheme. Reid's children, all lobbyists, got rich off fees and loan guarantees from solar companies with no sufficient market underpinnings. Both companies went belly up, leaving the Federal Government and the taxpayers holding the bag.

Hunter Biden in China

But it is Hunter Biden's relationship with both China and Ukraine that illustrates the corrupt dealings of the Biden family business. Joe Biden started sucking up to China in 2012 when he toured the country with then-Vice President Xi Jinping. He then toured America with Xi as his guest.

In 2013 he went to China and took Hunter along on Air Force II.

Two weeks later Hunter incorporated an investment firm with John Kerry's stepson, Christopher Heinz, and Whitey Bulger's nephew. Shortly thereafter they received \$1.5 billion dollars for the fund to invest in Chinese research companies.

Dual use technologies approved for export by Biden and Kerry

One of the companies they invested in was a Chinese arms company that imported technologies with dual-use purposes. The investment required the approval of both the White House and State Department. It should be little surprise that Secretary of State John Kerry and Vice President Biden saw to it that the deal went through.

Other investments of the Biden Heinz Bulger fund included a Chinese company that invested in AI technologies like facial recognition. Again dual use technologies,

which will be incorporated into the modern police surveillance state that China has become. Thanks to Hunter and Joe Biden, and Christopher Heinz and John Kerry.

Kerry and Biden: Burisma and Ukraine

The Kerry, Biden connection continues in Ukraine, though with a twist. Hunter Biden's dealings in Ukraine were so alarming to Christopher Heinz that he dissolved his working partnership with Hunter Biden because of it. It was too crooked. Too obvious. Too corrupt, even for Christopher Heinz. But John Kerry was still tied to it. In spades.

The origins of the Hunter Biden deal with Burisma dates back to 2014. Steve Hilton of Fox News laid out the timeline of events brilliantly last Sunday.

BIDEN UKRAINE TIMELINE
2014

- Early 2014** - Devon Archer joins Burisma, biggest Ukraine gas company
- April 16** - Devon Archer visits VP Biden in White House
- April 18** - Hunter Biden joins Burisma
- April 21** - VP Biden promises U.S. taxpayer aid to Ukraine gas industry

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As well as the ties between Burisma, John Kerry, and a handful of Democrat Senators who supported a "cash for gas" initiative to purchase \$50 million in natural gas from Ukraine.

Devon Archer and Joe Biden: A curious series of events

On April 16, 2014, Burisma board member and Hunter Biden friend Devon Archer meets with Joe Biden to discuss Ukrainian natural gas. On April 18th Hunter Biden forms the holding company, Rosemont Seneca, that will be the conduit for Burisma's money. Three days later, on April 21st, Joe Biden announces the program of US cash for Ukrainian gas, jumpstarting the initiative.

Coincidence? Certainly not. Then it gets even more interesting. Burisma appoints Hunter Biden to its Board of Directors. Even though he has no experience in oil or gas, or Ukraine, and doesn't speak Ukrainian. It doesn't matter. He is Joe Biden's son. The fix is in.



Devon Archer (far left) is pictured with Joe and Hunter Biden. (Screenshot from Twitter)

Burisma pays Rosemont Seneca \$186,000 per month, which Hunter Biden splits with Devon Archer. That's \$98,000 apiece, every month. Well more than the \$50,000 a month figure bandied about by the media.

At the same time, Burisma pays Hunter Biden's law firm a \$300,000 retainer to handle legal affairs.

Burisma, Kerry, and David Leiter's ML Strategies

Then Burisma hires John Kerry's former Chief of Staff David Leiter to conduct lobbying on behalf of Burisma and Ukrainian natural gas. It pays Leiter's consulting group, ML Strategies, \$90,000.

Leiter makes \$3,000 contributions, in three \$1,000 payments, to Democrat Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey and New Hampshire Senator Jean Shaheen. Shaheen and Markey write a letter to President Obama supporting a "cash for gas" relationship with Ukraine, and calling for an expansion of Ukrainian natural gas exploration.

Burisma releases a press release praising Markey and Shaheen's letter. Leiter also makes three \$1000 contributions to Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal. Blumenthal immediately announces his support for the Ukrainian "cash for gas" initiative. ([Steve Hilton: The real Ukraine scandal is US cash for gas — It involves the Bidens and a growing list of Dems](#))

Joe Biden work on behalf of ML Strategies

Shortly thereafter Joe Biden makes his famous trip to Ukraine where he demands the firing of the Ukrainian prosecutor Victor Shokin, who is looking into Burisma Holdings and Hunter Biden.

After the prosecutor is fired Hunter Biden's lawyers file a brief with the new prosecutor in Ukraine, currying favor, and saying explicitly that the charges of

corruption against Shokin were disinformation planted by Western governments.

Hunter Biden continues to receive payments from Burisma until April 2019, one month before Joe Biden announces his run for the Presidency. He has received close to \$6 million dollars thus far. There are reports that Rosemont Seneca received an additional \$900,000 payment intended for Joe Biden himself.

Hunter and Joe Biden's admission of consciousness of guilt

This week Hunter Biden stepped down from the board of the Chinese holding company but retained his 10% equity investment. The owners of the company have yet to state what exactly Hunter Biden's duties were. The same could be said of Burisma.

Joe Biden says he never discussed his son's business affairs. Hunter says otherwise, in an interview with the New Yorker. Biden's response to his son's Burisma news. "I hope you know what you are doing". Not exactly an endorsement. Certainly a recognition that Joe Biden knew what Hunter was up to. And he knew it stank to high heaven.

Joe Biden announced yesterday that his son will have no dealings with any government if he is elected President. This begs the question. If it is improper if Biden is President, then it was improper when Biden was Vice President. Rather than clearing Biden and his son, it is proof of consciousness of guilt, and acknowledgment of impropriety.

MBNA, Hunter Biden and Tom Brokaw

But this is not Joe and Hunter Biden's first rodeo. Not in the least. Eleven years ago, just after Hunter graduated law school, he was given an executive position with MBNA, a credit card company in Delaware, paying \$100,000 a year. Again with no history of banking knowledge.

Shortly afterward, Joe Biden receives over \$200, 000 in contributions from MBNA. He then sponsors credit card legislation benefitting MBNA by making bankruptcy laws not apply to the majority of credit card debt.

As Tom Brokaw said to Biden at the time ([Video of Tom Brokaw calling out Joe and Hunter Biden's 'corruption' resurfaces amid Ukraine scandal – Newsweek](#))

"Wasn't it inappropriate for someone like you in the middle of all this to have your son collecting money from this big credit card company while you were on the floor protecting its interests?"

Brokaw sets forth the case against Biden

"That's a reference to your son being hired right out of law school by a big company here in Delaware that's in the credit card business, MBNA. He got about \$100,000 a year, as I recall. You received \$214,000 in campaign contributions from the company and from its employees. At the same time, you were fighting for a bankruptcy bill that MBNA really wanted to get passed through the Senate making it much tougher for everyone to file bankruptcy. Senator Obama was opposed to the bill. Among other things,

you couldn't in fact claim that you had a problem because of big medical bills."

"You voted against an amendment that would call for a warning on predatory lending. You also opposed efforts to strengthen the protection of people in bankruptcy. This is an issue that you've heard about before. Your son was working for the company at the same time. In retrospect, wasn't it inappropriate for someone like you in the middle of all this to have your son collecting money from the big credit card company while you were on the floor protecting its interests?"

Biden response, as with all questions about Burisma: "Absolutely not!"

James Biden and the Obama billion-dollar housing contract

Joe Biden's brother James has been feeding at the trough as well, securing a \$1.2 billion dollar contract with the Pentagon, while his brother was Vice President, to build housing in Iraq. James Biden had no experience in construction or building houses, even though he landed a contract that would make Halliburton and Dick Cheney turn green. ([Joe Biden's Family Has Been Getting Rich off His Political Career for Decades – PJ Media](#))

Hillary Clinton and the corrupt Clinton Foundation

Then there is Hillary Clinton's well-documented history of graft, pay to play, and unbridled corruption. The Uranium One scam. The Clinton Foundation slush fund. Stealing billions of dollars from Haiti by running all aid through the Clinton Foundation. Spending millions on Chelsea's wedding, all paid for by the Clinton Foundation.

[In 2016 Ukrainian donors gave more money to the Clinton Foundation than any other country.](#) Roughly \$10 million dollars. More than Saudi Arabia (\$7.3 Million). Of course this pales in comparison to the \$240 million the Clinton Foundation received in the Uranium One scam.

On a side note, the person who delivered the Uranium One sample directly to the Russians in Moscow was none other than FBI Director Robert Mueller. So many curious facts.

The Steele Dossier, the corrupt Ambassador Yovanovitch

This doesn't even touch on the Steele Dossier and Sydney Blumenthal getting dirt on Paul Manafort and Donald Trump from Ukraine and passing it on to the DNC, DOJ and FBI. It doesn't touch on the Clinton loving Ambassador Yovanovitch working with George Soros and Ukraine to manufacture dirt on Manafort and Trump and pass it on to the State Department and DNC.

Or the fact that when the Hunter Biden / Burisma investigation was shut down, so was the investigation the Soros group that worked to find dirt on Trump. Or the recent revelation the Ambassador Yovanovitch had a list of conservative American journalists illegally spied on.

Whether its political corruption, or old fashioned self-enrichment, Barack Obama ran an administration where senior officials were lining their pockets in Pay to Play

schemes on a level that would make Richard Nixon blush.

Draining the swamp of Democrat corruption and abuse of power

At the same time, senior intelligence and Justice officials were spying on a major Presidential candidate. Laying the groundwork for a rolling and ongoing coup against the duly elected sitting President of the United States, Donald Trump. That continues to this day.

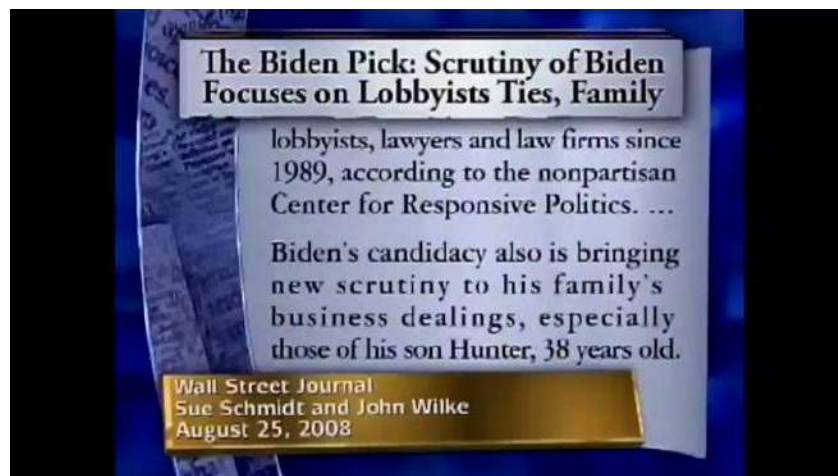
The release of the IG Horowitz report next week on FISA abuse will demonstrate the abject corruption of the DOJ, FBI and our intelligence agencies. William Barr and US Attorney John Durham have earth-shaking indictments in the works that will, at long last, blow the lid off the Russia hoax. Exposing the coup plotters and bringing the final curtain to the Obama legacy.

Yet here we are in the midst of the current political impeachment crisis. The documented corruption and pay to play schemes at the very top of the Obama team must now be revealed and exposed. Joe Biden and John Kerry are as corrupt and dangerous as Hillary Clinton ever was.

We don't have to take Joe Biden's word for anything. We already have his confession.

Tom Brokaw calling out Joe-Hunter Biden's corruption in 2008:

"Wasn't it inappropriate for someone like you in the middle of all this to have your son collecting money from this big credit card company while you were on the floor protecting its interests?"



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Debunking some of the Ukraine scandal myths about Biden and election interference



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There is a long way to go in the impeachment process, and there are some very important issues still to be resolved. But as the process marches on, a growing number of myths and falsehoods are being spread by partisans and their allies in the news media.

The early pattern of misinformation about Ukraine, Joe Biden and election interference mirrors closely the tactics used in late 2016 and early 2017 to build the false and now-debunked narrative that Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin colluded to hijack the 2016 election.

Facts do matter. And they prove to be stubborn evidence, even in the midst of a political firestorm. So here are the facts (complete with links to the original materials) debunking some of the bigger fables in the Ukraine scandal.

Myth: There is no evidence the Democratic National Committee sought Ukraine's assistance during the 2016 election.

The Facts: The Ukrainian embassy in Washington confirmed to me this past April that a Democratic National Committee contractor named Alexandra Chalupa did, in fact, solicit dirt on Donald Trump and Paul Manafort during the spring of 2016 in hopes of spurring a pre-election congressional hearing into the Trump campaign's ties to Russia. The embassy also stated Chalupa tried to get Ukraine's president at the time, Petro Poroshenko, to do an interview on Manafort with an American investigative reporter working on the issue. The embassy said it turned down both requests.

You can read the Ukraine embassy's statement [here](#). The statement essentially confirmed a [January 2017 investigative article in Politico](#) that first raised concerns about Chalupa's contacts with the embassy.

Chalupa's activities involving Ukraine were further detailed in a May 2016 email published by WikiLeaks in which she reported to DNC officials on her efforts to dig up dirt on Manafort and Trump. You can read that email [here](#).

Myth: There is no evidence that Ukrainian government officials tried to influence the American presidential election in 2016.

The Facts: There are two documented episodes involving Ukrainian government officials' efforts to influence the 2016 American presidential election. The first occurred in Ukraine, where a court last December ruled that a Parliamentary member and a senior Ukrainian law enforcement official improperly tried to influence the U.S. election by releasing financial records in spring and summer 2016 from an investigation into Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort's lobbying

activities. The publicity from the release of the so-called Black Ledger documents forced Manafort to resign. You can read that ruling [here](#). While that court ruling since has been set aside on a jurisdiction technicality, the facts of the released information are not in dispute.

The second episode occurred on U.S. soil back in August 2016 when Ukraine's then-ambassador to Washington, Valeriy Chaly, took the extraordinary step of writing an OpEd in The Hill criticizing GOP nominee Donald Trump and his views on Russia just three months before Election Day. You can read that OpEd [here](#).

Chaly later told me through his spokeswoman that he wasn't writing the OpEd for political purposes but rather to address his country's geopolitical interests. But his article, nonetheless, was viewed by many in career diplomatic circles as running contrary to the Geneva Convention's rules barring diplomats from becoming embroiled in the host country's political affairs. And it clearly adds to the public perception that Ukraine's government at the time preferred Hillary Clinton over Trump in the 2016 election.

Myth: The allegation that Joe Biden tried to fire the Ukrainian prosecutor investigating his son Hunter Biden's Ukrainian gas firm employer has been debunked, and there is no evidence the ex-vice president did anything improper.

The Facts: Joe Biden is captured on videotape bragging about his effort to strong-arm Ukraine's president into firing Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin. Biden told a foreign policy group in early 2018 that he used the threat of withholding \$1 billion in U.S. aid to Kiev to successfully force Shokin's firing. You can watch Biden's statement [here](#).

It also is not in dispute that at the time he forced the firing, the vice president's office knew Shokin was investigating Burisma Holdings, the company where Hunter Biden worked as a board member and consultant. Team Biden was alerted to the investigation in a December 2015 New York Times article. You can read that article [here](#).

The unresolved question is what motivated Joe Biden to seek Shokin's ouster. Biden says he took the action solely because the U.S. and Western allies believed Shokin was ineffective in fighting corruption. Shokin told me, [ABC News](#) and others that he was fired because Joe Biden was unhappy that the Burisma investigation was not shut down. He made similar statements in an affidavit prepared to be filed in an European court. You can read that affidavit [here](#).

In the end, though, whether Joe Biden had good or bad intentions in getting Shokin fired is somewhat irrelevant to the question of the vice president's ethical obligation.

U.S. ethics rules require all government officials to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in taking official actions. Ethics experts I talked with say Biden should have recused himself from the Shokin matter once he learned about the Burisma investigation to avoid the appearance issue.

And a senior U.S. diplomat was quoted in testimony [reported by The Washington Post](#) earlier this month that he tried to raise warnings with Biden's VP office in 2015

that Hunter Biden's role at the Ukrainian firm raised the potential issue of conflicts of interest.

Myth: Ukraine's investigation into Burisma Holdings was no longer active when Joe Biden forced Shokin's firing in March 2016.

The Facts: This is one of the most egregiously false statements spread by the media. Ukraine's official case file for Burisma Holdings, provided to me by prosecutors, shows there were two active investigations into the gas firm and its founder Mykola Zlochevsky in early 2016, one involving corruption allegations and the other involving unpaid taxes.

In fact, Shokin told me in an interview he was making plans to interview Burisma board members, including Hunter Biden, at the time he was fired. And it was publicly reported that in February 2016, a month before Shokin was fired, that Ukrainian prosecutors raided one of Zlochevsky's homes and seized expensive items like a luxury car as part of the corruption probe. You can read a contemporaneous news report about the seizure [here](#).

Burisma's own legal activities also clearly show the investigations were active at the time Shokin was fired. Internal emails I obtained from the American legal team representing Burisma show that on March 29, 2016 – the very day Shokin was fired – Burisma lawyer John Buretta was seeking a meeting with Shokin's temporary replacement in hopes of settling the open cases.

In May 2016 when new Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko was appointed, Buretta then sent a letter to the new prosecutor seeking to resolve the investigations of Burisma and Zlochevsky. You can read that letter [here](#).

Buretta eventually gave a February 2017 interview to the Kiev Post in which he divulged that the corruption probe was resolved in fall 2016 and the tax case by early January 2017. You can read Buretta's interview [here](#).

In another words, the Burisma investigations were active at the time Vice President Biden forced Shokin's firing, and any suggestion to the contrary is pure misinformation.

Myth: There is no evidence Vice President Joe Biden did anything to encourage Burisma's hiring of his son Hunter.

The Facts: This is another area where the public facts cry out for more investigation and raise a question in some minds about another appearance of a conflict of interest.

Hunter Biden's business partner, Devon Archer, was appointed to Burisma's board in mid-April 2014 and the firm Rosemont Seneca Bohai — jointly owned by Hunter Biden and Devon Archer — received its first payments from the Ukrainian gas company on April 15, 2014, according to the company's ledgers. That very same day as the first Burisma payment, Devon Archer met with Joe Biden at the White House, according to White House visitor logs. It is not known what the two discussed.

A week later, Joe Biden traveled to Ukraine and met with then-Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk. During that meeting, the American vice president urged

Ukraine to ramp up energy production to free itself from its Russian natural gas dependence. Biden even boasted that “an American team is currently in the region working with Ukraine and its neighbors to increase Ukraine’s short-term energy supply.” Yatsenyuk welcomed the help from American “investors” in modernizing natural gas supply lines in Ukraine. You can read the Biden-Yatsenyuk transcript [here](#).

Less than three weeks later, Burisma added Hunter Biden to its board to join Archer. To some, the sequence of events creates the appearance that Joe Biden’s pressure to increase Ukrainian gas supply and to urge Kiev to rely on Americans might have led Burisma to hire his son. More investigation needs to be done to determine exactly what happened. And until that occurs, the appearance issue will likely linger over this episode.

Myth: Hunter Biden’s firm only received \$50,000 a month for his work as a board member and consultant for Burisma Holdings.

The Facts: This figure frequently cited by Biden defenders and the media significantly understates what Burisma was paying Hunter Biden’s Rosemont Seneca Bohai firm for his and Devon Archer’s services. Bank records obtained by the FBI in an unrelated case show that between May 2014 and the end of 2015, Hunter Biden’s and Archer’s firm received monthly consulting payments totaling \$166,666, or three times the amount cited by the media. In some months, there was even more money than that paid. You can review those bank records [here](#).

The monthly payments figures are confirmed by the accounting ledger that Burisma turned over to Ukrainian prosecutors. That ledger, which you can read [here](#), also shows that in spring and summer of 2014 Burisma paid more than \$283,000 to the American law firm of Boies Schiller, where Hunter Biden also worked as an attorney.

Myth: President Trump was trying to force Ukraine to reopen a probe into Burisma Holdings and its founder Mykola Zlochevsky when he talked to Ukraine’s new president, Volodymyr Zelensky, in July of this year.

The Facts: Trump could not have forced the Ukrainians into opening a new Burisma investigation in July because the Ukrainian Prosecutor General’s office had already done so on March 28, 2019, or three months before the call.

The prosecutors filed [this notice of suspicion](#) in Ukraine announcing the re-opening of the investigation. The revival of the case was even widely reported in the Ukrainian press, something U.S. intelligence and diplomats who are now testifying to Congress behind closed doors should have known. Here’s an example of one such [Ukrainian media report](#) at the time.

Myth: Former Ukrainian Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko retracted or recanted his claim that U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch in 2016 identified people and entities she did not want to see prosecuted in Ukraine.

The Facts: In a March interview with me at Hill.TV captured on videotape, Lutsenko stated that during his first meeting with Yovanovitch in summer 2016, the American diplomat rattled off a list of names of Ukrainian individuals and entities she did not want to see investigated or prosecuted. Lutsenko called it a “do not

prosecute" list. You can watch that video [here](#). The State Department disputed his characterization as a fabrication, which Hill.TV reported in its original report.

A few weeks later, a Ukrainian news outlet claimed it interviewed Lutsenko and he backed off his assertion about the list. Several American outlets have since picked up that same language.

There is just one problem. I re-interviewed Lutsenko after the Ukrainian report suggesting he recanted. He adamantly denied recanting, retracting or changing his story, and said the Ukrainian newspaper simply misunderstood that the list of names were conveyed orally during the meeting and not in writing, just like he said in the original Hill.TV interview.

Here is Lutsenko's full explanation to me back last spring: "At no time since our interview have I ever retracted the statement I made about the U.S. ambassador providing me a list of names of people and organizations she did not want my office to prosecute. Shortly after my televised interview with your news organization I was asked by a Ukraine reporter if I had a copy of the letter that Ambassador Yovanovitch provided me with the names of those she did not want prosecuted. The reporter misunderstood how the names were transmitted to me. I explained to the reporter that the Ambassador did not hand me a written list but rather provided the list of names orally over the course of a meeting." Lutsenko reaffirmed he stood by his statements again in September.

It is important to note Lutsenko's story was also backed up by State Department officials and contemporaneous memos before his interview was ever aired. For instance, a senior U.S. official I interviewed for the Lutsenko story reviewed the list of names that Lutsenko recalled being on the so-called do-not-prosecute list.

That official stated during the interview: ""I can confirm to you that at least some of those names are names that U.S. embassy Kiev raised with the Prosecutor General's office because we were concerned about retribution and unfair treatment of Ukrainians viewed as favorable to the United States."

Separately, both U.S. and Ukrainian official confirmed to me a letter written by then-U.S. embassy official George Kent in April 2016 in which U.S. officials pointedly (and in writing) demanded that Ukrainian prosecutors stand down an investigation into several Ukrainian nonprofit groups suspected of mispending U.S. foreign aid. The letter even named one of the groups, the AntiCorruption Action Centre, a nonprofit funded jointly by the State Department and liberal megadonor George Soros.

"We are gravely concerned about this investigation, for which we see no basis," Kent wrote the Ukrainian prosecutor's office in April 2016. You can [read the letter here](#).

So even without Lutsenko's claim, there is substantial evidence that the U.S. embassy in Kiev applied pressure on Ukrainian prosecutors not to pursue certain investigations in 2016.

Myth: The narratives about Biden, the U.S. embassy and Ukrainian election interference are conspiracy theories invented by Donald Trump's personal lawyer, former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, to impact the 2020 election.

The Facts: Giuliani began investigating matters in Ukraine in late fall 2018 as a personal lawyer to the president. But months before his quest began, Ukrainian prosecutors believed they possessed evidence about Burisma, the Bidens and 2016 election interference that might interest the U.S. Justice Department. It is the same evidence that came to light this spring and summer and that is now a focus of the impeachment proceedings.

Originally, one of Ukraine's senior prosecutors tried to secure a visa to come to the United States to deliver that evidence. But when the U.S. embassy in Kiev did not fulfill his travel request, the group of Ukrainian prosecutors used an intermediary to hire a former U.S. attorney in America to reach out to the U.S. attorney office in New York and try to arrange a transfer of the evidence. The Ukrainian prosecutors' story about making the overture to the DOJ was independently verified by the American lawyer they hired.

So the activities and allegation now at the heart of impeachment actually pre-date Giuliani starting work on Ukraine. You can read the prosecutors' account of their 2018 effort to get this information to Americans [here](#).

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Seeking a Scapegoat for Biden's Crimes

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Democrats have shown great concern about even the possibility that there are connections between foreign powers and those in seats of power within our federal government. That "concern" has been demonstrated by Democrats going so far as to conduct a thus-far endless stream of investigations, probes, and inquiries that



Joe Biden (center) with Barack Obama and Hunter Biden: AP Images

have hung like a shadow over every day of Donald Trump's presidency. But that concern is pretend, rather than genuine. In this case, the estrangement between "Democrats" and "genuine" is illustrated by the simple fact that their alleged concern does not extend to one of their own, despite his clear connections to a foreign power.

In fact, rather than investigate the apparent shady dealings with Ukraine of former vice president and current presidential hopeful Joe Biden and his son Hunter, Democrats used the scandal to (once again) attempt to turn the tables and dump the whole thing squarely in the lap of President Trump. Blaming Trump for his appropriate response to Biden's inappropriate actions, Democrats claim that the president's actions are grounds for impeachment.

As we will demonstrate, all available evidence shows it was not the president's response that crossed ethical and possibly legal lines. Instead it was actions of both Joe and Hunter Biden that crossed those lines.

Once again, all of this seems more than a bit familiar. Like the Russia collusion narrative that Democrats created out of thin air to take the public eye off Hillary Clinton's illegal e-mail system and evidence of her accepting bribes by foreign powers, the Ukraine corruption angle is just another example of Democrats manufacturing supposedly illegal behavior.

While there certainly was collusion between Russia and someone in a seat of power within our federal government, it simply wasn't Donald Trump or anyone associated with his candidacy — unless that association is expanded to include his opponent and former secretary of state, Hillary Clinton.

Considering the rank corruption and quid pro quo of the pay-for-play policies of Hillary Clinton's State Department during her tenure as secretary of state, "collusion" is definitely an appropriate word to describe the UraniumOne scandal. In that underhanded scheme, a Russian state-owned company acquired between 20 and 25 percent of U.S. uranium reserves while the coffers of the Clinton Foundation were stuffed with \$145 million in "donations" (read: bribes) from those involved on the Russian side of the deal.

Four years later, as it became apparent that Donald Trump could give Clinton a run for her money in the 2016 election, Democrats accused *him* of colluding with Russia, despite lacking any evidence to back up their claims.

This is the same gambit all over again. No investigation of those who were *actually* involved in wrongdoing, but an all-in approach to investigating Trump.

The Biden/Ukraine Connection

In 2014, while his father was Obama's vice president, Hunter Biden landed an undeservedly lucrative job with Ukrainian company Burisma Holdings.

Mykola Zlochevsky, a former minister of ecology and natural resources for Ukraine, owned the company that in turn owns Burisma Holdings. Zlochevsky began to be investigated for using his position as minister of ecology and natural resources to illegally issue oil and gas licenses to companies that he owned, including Burisma Holdings, from 2010 to 2012. After the 2014 Ukrainian revolution, Zlochevsky fled the country ahead of charges of corruption and money laundering. He is reported to be living in Monaco and still owns Burisma Holdings.

The charges against Zlochevsky appear well-founded: In April 2018, the *Kyiv Post* reported on the release of a recording from January 2016, implicating then-Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Zlochevsky in graft related to those oil and gas licenses.

Hunter Biden served on the board of Burisma Holdings from 2014 until his term expired in April 2019. As the *New York Times* reported, Hunter Biden was paid "as much as \$50,000 per month in some months" as a board member of Burisma Holdings. In another report — this one from Breitbart — Peter Schweizer, president of the Government Accountability Institute and senior editor-at-large at Breitbart, revealed that "U.S. banking records show Hunter Biden's American-based firm, Rosemont Seneca Partners LLC, received regular transfers into one of its accounts — usually more than \$166,000 a month — from Burisma from spring 2014 through fall 2015, during a period when Vice President Biden was the main U.S. official dealing with Ukraine and its tense relations with Russia." In fact, those bank records show that over a 14-month period, Burisma Holdings paid \$3.1 million into an account for Hunter Biden.

That is a lot of money for someone to be paid for merely sitting on the board of an oil and gas company. Given that Hunter Biden's professional expertise is in lobbying and investments, with a focus on helping foreign powers make inroads in the United States, his lucrative board position with Burisma Holdings is suspicious. As Schweizer put it, "The bottom line is Joe Biden was the Obama administration's point-person on policy towards Ukraine. He steered \$1.8 billion in aid to that government and while he was doing so, his son got a sweetheart deal with this energy company" in Ukraine.

"Suffice to say, Hunter Biden has no background in Ukraine," stated Schweizer. "He has no background in energy policy. There's really no legitimate explanation as to why he got this deal with this energy company, other than the fact his father was responsible for doling out money in Ukraine itself."

It appears Hunter Biden was employed based solely on the basis of his father's position as vice president and handler of Ukraine foreign relations. And it appears that plan paid off well for his employers when they were under investigation.

In 2016, while Burisma Holdings was being investigated by Ukraine, Joe Biden — in a clear case of abusing his official capacity as vice president of the United States — pressured Ukraine to fire the chief prosecutor who was investigating Burisma Holdings and Zlochevsky. Biden was successful: The Ukrainian prosecutor general, Viktor Shokin, was removed from his position and the investigation went stagnant. The prosecutor was fired because Biden used economic blackmail to force the issue, threatening to withhold U.S. funds if he didn't get his way.

Biden even boasted of his success in getting Shokin fired. In a video widely available on YouTube, Biden can be seen telling his cohorts in the Council on Foreign Relations that he told Ukrainian officials point-blank that the price of not firing Shokin would be the loss of \$1 billion in loan guarantees. "I said, 'I'm telling you, you're not getting the billion dollars.' I said, 'You're not getting the billion. I'm going to be leaving here in,' — I think it was about six hours." Biden then says the Ukrainians insisted that he lacked the authority to renege on a deal made by then-President Obama. Biden says he responded, "Call him" — implying that President Obama would back his decision to withhold the money unless Shokin were fired.

In the video, Biden goes on to brag, "I looked at them and said, 'I'm leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money.' Well, son of a b***h. He got fired. And they put in place someone who was solid, at the time." As we will show later, that new prosecutor has since lost his "solid" card for failing to do the bidding of Democrats in the Trump witch hunt.

Joe Biden, of course, claimed that he was doing his job and looking out for the interests of the United States and that his actions had nothing whatsoever to do with the fact that Hunter Biden was soon to be questioned as part of the Burisma Holdings scandal.

The facts are in conflict with Biden's claim that Shokin's firing was due to international pressure stemming from Shokin's refusal to pursue corruption among Ukraine's politicians. In fact, the truth is that Shokin was considered to be a stand-up prosecutor who went after crime with a diligence that is rare. Of course, Biden's claim is also contradicted by the fact that when he forced Shokin's firing, Shokin was in the very middle of doing exactly what Biden claims he was fired for not doing: investigating corruption involving government officials. *The Hill's* John Solomon reported, "Shokin told me in written answers to questions that, before he was fired as general prosecutor, he had made 'specific plans' for the investigation that 'included interrogations and other crime-investigation procedures into all members of the executive board, including Hunter Biden.'"

Biden's Lie Comes Unraveled

Biden's tale is continuing to unravel. Just days before this writing, a source told Sean Davis of the online magazine *The Federalist* that George Kent, deputy assistant secretary in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, offered testimony to Congress that "directly contradicts claims that the Obama

administration was merely following the lead of the so-called international community in demanding the firing” of Shokin.

And *The Hill* reported in late September that “hundreds of pages of never-released memos and documents — many from inside the American team helping Burisma to stave off its legal troubles — conflict with Biden’s narrative.” Furthermore, those now-disclosed documents “raise the troubling prospect that U.S. officials may have painted a false picture in Ukraine that helped ease Burisma’s legal troubles and stop prosecutors’ plans to interview Hunter Biden during the 2016 U.S. presidential election.”

The Hill further reported that the documents show that

Burisma’s American legal representatives met with Ukrainian officials just days after Biden forced the firing of the country’s chief prosecutor and offered “an apology for dissemination of false information by U.S. representatives and public figures” about the Ukrainian prosecutors, according to the Ukrainian government’s official memo of the meeting. The effort to secure that meeting began the same day the prosecutor’s firing was announced.

In short, Joe Biden and others in the Obama administration spread false information about a prosecutor who was about to question Biden’s son — leading to his firing. The information they spread was so patently false that even the American legal team representing the company that prosecutor was investigating felt the need to apologize for it. *The Hill* also reported that Ukrainian prosecutors say they have tried to get this information to the U.S. Department of Justice since the summer of 2018, believing it might be evidence of possible violations of U.S. ethics laws. After meeting one roadblock after another by the department, the Ukrainians reached out to President Trump’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, bringing the information to President Trump’s attention.

So Obama’s vice president used his position to strong-arm a foreign power by threatening to withhold loan guarantees unless it fired the prosecutor who was investigating the illegal activities of a company that employed that vice president’s son. This happened right at a time when that prosecutor’s team wanted to interview the vice president’s son. Then, that vice president openly bragged about it *on camera* to his globalist buddies, despite the fact that Burisma’s American legal representatives had met already with Ukrainian officials to apologize for “dissemination of false information by U.S. representatives and public figures” (which included Vice President Biden) about that prosecutor. And Trump is the one being accused of wrongdoing for making a phone call and allegedly pressuring Ukraine to investigate this?

The Infamous Phone Call

Against the backdrop of Biden’s Ukraine meddling — and likely prodded by the Russia collusion witch hunt — President Trump made the phone call that Democrats are now using as the *cause du jour* in their impeachment hearings. After all, since the Russia collusion narrative fell apart under its own bloated weight, they have to find *something* they can try to pin on him.

In July, President Trump called Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky to congratulate him on his party’s victory in the Ukrainian parliament. In that

conversation President Trump asked Zelensky to launch an investigation into allegations of Russian hacking of the DNC's servers during the 2016 election cycle. In the summer of 2016, a trove of embarrassing and damning DNC and Clinton campaign e-mails were leaked and were then published by WikiLeaks. WikiLeaks claimed that the e-mails were given to them by someone inside the DNC who had legitimate access to them. The DNC claimed the servers were hacked by Russian operatives.

The official investigation was handled largely by a company called CrowdStrike, which concluded that two groups affiliated with the Russian government were responsible for the attack. President Trump has repeatedly voiced his suspicions that the DNC withheld one server that may have had information about who was actually responsible for the leaked e-mails. President Trump also asked Zelensky to speak to some people here in the United States about the investigation into Burisma Holdings and the firing of Shokin.

Here is the relevant portion of that phone call, from the official transcript:

Trump: I would like you to do us a favor though because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine, they say CrowdStrike... I guess you have one of your wealthy people... The server, they say Ukraine has it. There are a lot of things that went on, the whole situation. I think you're surrounding yourself with some of the same people. I would like to have the attorney general call you or your people and I would like you to get to the bottom of it. As you saw yesterday [a reference to the end of the Mueller probe], that whole nonsense ended with a very poor performance by a man named Robert Mueller, an incompetent performance, but they say a lot of it started with Ukraine. Whatever you can do, it's very important that you do it if that's possible.

Zelenskyy [this is the way his name is spelled in the transcript]: Yes it is. Very important for me and everything that you just mentioned earlier. For me as a president, it is very important, and we are open for any future cooperation. We are ready to open a new page on cooperation in relations between the United States and Ukraine. For that purpose, I just recalled our ambassador from United States and he will be replaced by a very competent and very experienced ambassador who will work hard on making sure that our two nations are getting closer. I would also like and hope to see him having your trust and your confidence and have personal relations with you so we can cooperate even more so. I will personally tell you that one of my assistants spoke with Mr. Giuliani just recently and we are hoping very much that Mr. Giuliani will be able to travel to Ukraine and we will meet once he comes to Ukraine. I just wanted to assure you once again that you have nobody but friends around us. I will make sure that I surround myself with the best and most experienced people. I also wanted to tell you that we are friends. We are great friends and you, Mr. President, have friends in our country so we can continue our strategic partnership. I also plan to surround myself with great people and in addition to that investigation, I guarantee as the president of Ukraine that all the investigations will be done openly and candidly. That I can assure you.

Trump: Good because I heard you had a prosecutor who was very good and he was shut down and that's really unfair. A lot of people are talking about that, the way they shut your very good prosecutor down and you had some very bad people involved. Mr. Giuliani is a highly respected man. He was the mayor of New York City, a great mayor, and I would like him to call you. I will ask him to call you along with the attorney general. Rudy very much knows what's happening, and he is a very capable guy. If you could speak to him that would be great. The former ambassador from the United States, the woman, was bad news and the people she was dealing with in the Ukraine were bad news so I just want to let you know that. The other thing, there's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the attorney general would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it... It sounds horrible to me.

Zelenskyy: I wanted to tell you about the prosecutor. First of all I understand and I'm knowledgeable about the situation. Since we have won the absolute majority in our Parliament; the next prosecutor general will be 100 percent my person, my candidate, who will be approved by the parliament and will start as a new prosecutor in September. He or she will look into the situation, specifically to the company that you mentioned in this issue. The issue of the investigation of the case is actually the issue of making sure to restore the honesty so we will take care of that and will work on the investigation of the case. On top of that, I would kindly ask you if you have any additional information that you can provide to us, it would be very helpful for the investigation to make sure that we administer justice in our country with regard to the ambassador to the United States from Ukraine as far as I recall her name was Ivanovich. It was great that you were the first one who told me that she was a bad ambassador because I agree with you 100 percent. Her attitude towards me was far from the best as she admired the previous president and she was on his side. She would not accept me as a new president well enough.

Trump: Well, she's going to go through some things. I will have Mr. Giuliani give you a call and I am also going to have Attorney General Barr call, and we will get to the bottom of it. I'm sure you will figure it out. I heard the prosecutor was treated very badly and he was a very fair prosecutor so good luck with everything. Your economy is going to get better and better, I predict. You have a lot of assets. It's a great country. I have many Ukrainian friends, they're incredible people.

Feel free to read over that again. Did you find the "smoking gun"? Neither did anyone else. Because it's not there. Like the Russia collusion narrative, the only people who believe there is anything here are those who decided ahead of time to project their dark wishes into this.

Cause for Impeachment?

For instance, Nancy Pelosi — before even seeing the transcript — called it grounds for impeachment. Adam Schiff — who has a propensity to shoot off his mouth without first loading it with anything resembling facts — said Trump's call "may very well have crossed the Rubicon" and claimed that "reports that Trump in the

July 25 call asked President Volodymyr Zelensky to reopen an investigation into a company tied to Joe Biden's son could lead to congressional action," according to a report by Newsmax. Other Democrats and their accomplices in the liberal mainstream media described it as a "crime" and an example of quid pro quo.

When a "whistleblower" claimed in late September that the president attempted "to press Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden's son ahead of the 2020 presidential election," according to the *Washington Times*, Democrats went apoplectic. The White House was accused of a coverup, the director of national intelligence (DNI) was accused of a crime for "preventing" that "whistleblower" from presenting his "complaint" to Congress, and President Donald Trump was accused of impeachable crimes.

Of course, none of those claims had a shred of merit. The "whistleblower" was nothing of the sort. As the transcript shows, the account of that phone call offered by the whistleblower bears little resemblance to the actual phone call. The DNI did not prevent anyone from doing anything. He simply followed his job description and the law, and did not — *could* not — "bring the information to Congress because the White House cited executive privilege over the phone call," according to a report by the *Washington Times*. And there was no White House "coverup," since even though Trump cited executive privilege (which is within his power), he never "instructed" DNI Joseph Maguire "to withhold the information," according to a report by the *Washington Times*.

Then, at the height of the Democrats' frenzy, President Trump released the transcript, and the proverbial excrement hit the rotating blades. Because, as seen above, there simply is no quid pro quo to be found anywhere in the conversation. There is nothing more than a head of state asking another head of state to investigate crimes that affect both of their countries.

Compared to Biden's actions, President Trump's call to Zelensky stands out in sharp contrast. Biden's manipulation of Ukraine's internal policies certainly smacks of quid pro quo. After all, Biden — by his own boastful admission — held a \$1 billion payout against Ukraine and forced his will over Ukraine's legitimate interests to protect his son's employer from being investigated. Donald Trump acted with diplomacy for the better interests of both countries. He demanded nothing. He threatened nothing. He promised nothing.

Alright for Us, Impeachable Crime for You

And — just to put in the for-what-it's-worth column — Democrats have done exactly what they claim Trump has done and for which they are seeking impeachment. The difference is that they actually did it and there is no evidence that he did.

In the 2016 election cycle, the Clinton campaign and DNC hired Christopher Steele to gather "intelligence" from foreign sources as part of an opposition research initiative. For the sake of this article, this writer will set aside the fact that the Steele "dossier" turned out to be a fabrication with no basis in fact. The point is that Clinton and her cronies used information ostensibly gathered from Russian intelligence agents to drum up the Trump/Russia collusion narrative.

And — closer to this article's subject matter — in May 2018, three Democrat senators — Bob Menendez (N.J.), Dick Durbin (Ill.) and Patrick Leahy (Vt.) — sent a letter to Ukrainian Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko (Biden's "solid, at the time" prosecutor) pressing his office to cooperate with Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the bogus allegations of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. That letter sounds eerily like Biden's statement that got Lutsenko's predecessor fired. The letter begins by reminding Lutsenko of all the United States has done for Ukraine in the form of foreign aid and then implies that for that aid to continue, it would be a good idea for Ukraine to assist in the Mueller investigation. Citing an article in the *New York Times* that Lutsenko's office "effectively froze investigations into four open cases in Ukraine" that Democrats believed would help their case against Trump, the letter states, "If these reports are true, we strongly encourage you to reverse course and halt any efforts to impede cooperation with this important investigation."

The Steele "dossier," this letter, and Biden's bragging on camera about getting Shokin fired show that Democrats use foreign powers for their own political purposes and are not above using threats connected to American foreign aid to force their will. The official transcript of the call between Trump and Zelensky shows that — at least in this case — Trump did not do any of that. And despite investigations spanning his entire presidency, nothing else shows that he has. Period.

If You Can't Beat Him, Impeach Him

One might expect that the release of the transcript of Trump's call would have silenced the droning demands for Trump's impeachment over the call to Zelensky, but that would be expecting reasonableness from people who have shown that they have not even a passing acquaintance with reason.

Instead, Democrats have doubled down in a full-court press for impeachment. And little wonder — a report by Moody Analytics, a national research firm, shows that Trump is headed for another landslide victory in 2020. The report states: "The 2020 election looks like Trump's to lose," owing largely to the improved economy under his policies. The report goes on to say, "If voters were to vote primarily on the basis of their pocketbooks, the president would steamroll the competition." Democrats seem to be caught between a rock and a hard place. The previously unattractive prospect of spending what little political capital they have left to attempt an impeachment against President Trump has now become their best bet. In essence, the new Democrat mantra appears to be, "If you can't beat him, impeach him."

Except that the Democrats' impeachment gambit is very likely to backfire on them. First of all, they don't have a case. The Constitution lays out very specific criteria for impeachment — and nothing the Democrats have cooked up against Trump even comes close to reaching that standard. Second, even if the Democrat-majority House votes for impeachment, driven by its hatred of the president and party politics, it is highly unlikely the Republican-majority Senate would vote to convict. Trump would still be president and would benefit from a backlash against the Democrats' abuse of the impeachment power. The entire ugly episode will likely end

up being an exercise in futility and an illustration of the desperation of a party that knows it is beat and simply won't admit it.

Media Complicity

Part of that refusal to face the facts and admit the truth arises from the assist Democrats are receiving from their partners in crime in the liberal mainstream media. The media's constant din of impeachment reporting — mostly depicting impeachment as a foregone conclusion — is both deafening and mind-numbing. As part of that, that same liberal media has been almost universal in downplaying Hunter Biden's connections to a corrupt former Ukrainian politician and his father's improper and likely illegal intervention.

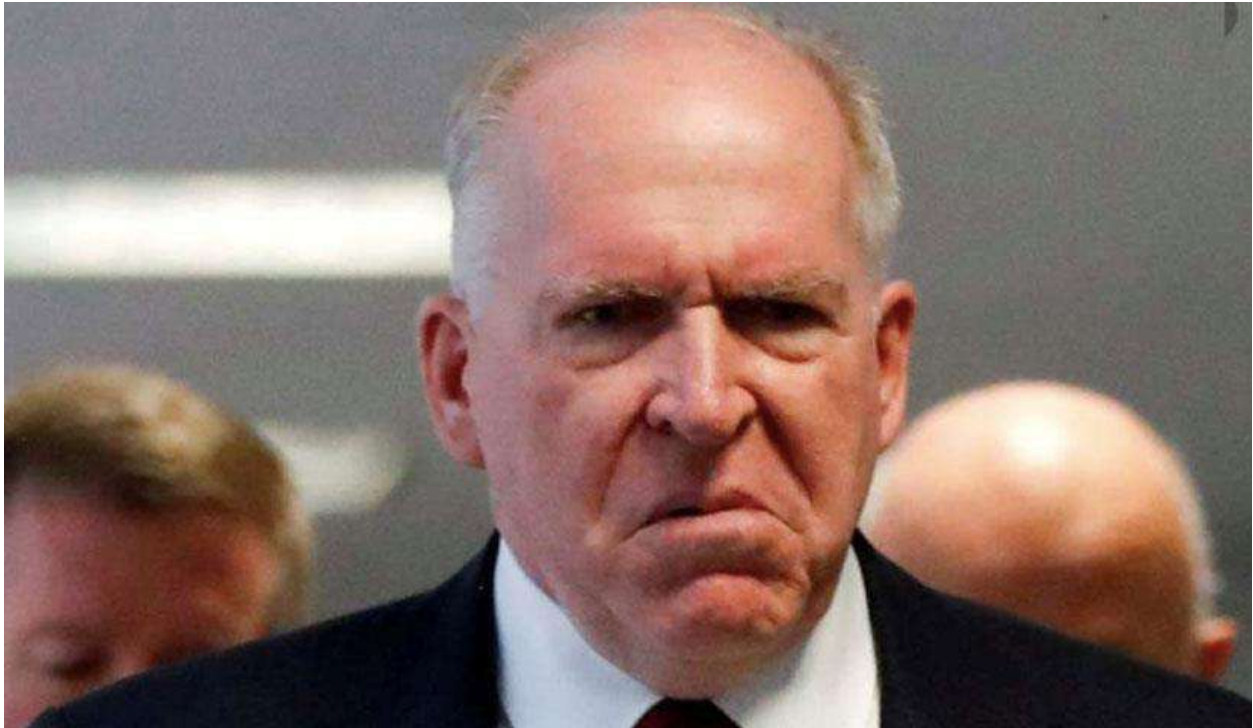
One notable exception to that rule has been Joan Vennochi, who writes a column for the *Boston Globe*. Even as her comrades in politics and media continue to pretend that President Trump's appropriate response to the Bidens' inappropriate actions should be grounds for impeachment, Vennochi — who has never attempted to hide her disdain for Trump — wrote, "What exactly was Biden's son Hunter doing in that foreign country and why was he hired to do it? These are fair questions, which the media would never stop asking if the son under scrutiny happened to be Donald Trump, Jr."

Exactly.

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/print-magazine/item/33908-seeking-a-scapegoat-for-biden-s-crimes>

Eric Ciaramella, Brennan protege, more coup plotter than “whistleblower”

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WASHINGTON, DC: Adam Schiff “whistleblower” Eric Ciaramella has been exposed as a John Brennan ally. An ally who actively worked to defame, target, and destroy President Donald Trump during both the Obama and Trump administrations. He was fired from the Trump White House for leaking confidential if not classified information detrimental to the President. ([The Pajama Boy Whistleblower Revealed – Rush Limbaugh](#))

The 33-year-old Ciaramella, a former Susan Rice protege, currently works for the CIA as an analyst.

Eric Ciaramella: The Deep State non-whistleblower

During his time in the Obama White House, NSC Ciaramella worked under both Vice President Joe Biden and CIA director John Brennan. He reported directly to NSC advisor Susan Rice through his immediate boss, Charles Kupchan. Kupchan had extensive ties with Clinton crony Sydney Blumenthal. Large portions of Blumenthal’s disinformation from Ukrainian sources in 2016 was used in the nefarious Steele Dossier.

[Eric Ciaramella, Schiff’s “whistleblower”, has ties to Susan Rice and Joe Biden](#)

Ciaramella also worked extensively with DNC operative Alexandra Chalupa. Chalupa led the effort at the DNC to fabricate a link between the Trump Campaign to

Vladimir Putin and Russia. According to Politico, Chalupa “met with top officials in the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington in an effort to expose ties between Trump, top campaign aide Paul Manafort and Russia.”

The DNC paid Chalupa \$412,000 between 2004 and 2016.

DNC operative Alexandra Chalupa: Ciaramella co-conspirator

Chalupa shared her findings with both the DNC and Hillary Clinton’s campaign. Politico reporting ([Ukrainian efforts to sabotage Trump backfire](#) – Politico – 01/11/2017)

“Chalupa told a senior DNC official that, when it came to Trump’s campaign, ‘I felt there was a Russia connection.’”

Apparently without any evidence. So she set out to concoct it.



Alexandra Chalupa

Chalupa also says that the Ukrainian embassy was working directly with reporters digging for Trump-Russia ties. How convenient, and unethical.

Ciaramella invited Chalupa to meetings and events at the Obama White House. She also visits the Obama White House with Ukrainian lobbyists seeking aid from Obama.

Senator Charles Grassley, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a letter to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein in 2017, “

“Chalupa’s actions appear to show that she was simultaneously working on behalf of a foreign government, Ukraine, and on behalf of the DNC and Clinton campaign, in an effort to influence not only the U.S voting population but U.S. government officials.”

The FEC complaint against the DNC and Chalupa

In September 2019 a complaint was filed with the Federal Elections Commission against the DNC naming Alexandra Chalupa. The complaint alleges that Chalupa acted “improperly to gather information on Paul Manafort and Donald Trump in the 2016 election”.

According to Fox News, the complaint alleges that the DNC specifically ***"tasked Chalupa with obtaining incriminating or derogatory information about Donald Trump ... [and] Paul Manafort,"***

Fox News reporting, that Chalupa allegedly

"Pushed for Ukrainian officials to publicly mention Manafort's financial and political ties to" Ukraine and "sought to have the Ukrainian government provide her information about Manafort's work in the country."

John Soloman and Wikileaks both expose Chalupa as DNC operative

Wikileaks also exposed Chalupa's role in digging up dirt in Ukraine on Manafort and Trump. One email stated that Chalupa was "digging into Manafort". "A lot more coming down the pipe," the email to then DNC Comms Director Luis Miranda states. ([Former Obama official Luis Miranda is latest casualty of DNC email scandal – Fox News – August 3, 2016](#))

John Solomon of The Hill reporting:

"Ambassador Valeriy Chaly's office says DNC contractor Alexandra Chalupa sought information from the Ukrainian government on Paul Manafort's dealings inside the country. Chalupa later tried to arrange for Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko to comment on Manafort's Russian ties on a U.S. visit during the 2016 campaign."

Ciaramella's connection with John Brennan and Susan Rice

Eric Ciaramella had been working with John Brennan, Susan Rice, the Obama White House, and Alexandra Chalupa to target and destroy Donald Trump well before he was elected. He was initially brought into the NSC and the White House inner circle by John Brennan himself.

Remarkably, despite his clear connections to Rice and Brennan, he was brought back into the inner circle of the Trump NSC by HR McMaster. McMaster appointed him to be his personal aide.

He was fired in June of 2017 after being directly implicated in a series of serious national security leaks from the White House calculated to be damaging to President Trump.



Ciaramella and Alexander Vindman: the second “whistleblower”

Ciaramella’s title at the White House was NSC Director for Ukraine. That position is now held by the newest Schiff star witness and Trump hater Lt. Col Alexander Vindman. Vindman is apparently the “2nd whistleblower” to leak his concerns about the call between Trump and President Zelensky to Ciaramella.

Vindman also leaked the classified information about the President’s call with a foreign head of state to a number of other people. These unauthorized leaks are criminal. Both illegal, unethical and unconscionable.

Violating clear national security guidelines for classified information.

During the closed-door secret police hearings conducted by Adam Schiff, Republicans, on cross-examination of Vindman, asked him who he had contact with. Schiff cut off the questioning, coaching the witness while refusing to let him answer the question.

Schiff coordinated with Ciaramella and Vindman

It is now clear that Ciaramella and Vindman coordinated the entire whistleblower affair with Schiff and his staff in violation of the “whistleblower” statute. That Ciaramella has been coordinating his complaint with Schiff committee staffers Abigail Grace and Sean Misko.

Ciaramella worked with both Grace and Misko in the NSC at the Obama White House. Misko and Grace joined Schiff’s committee in early August of 2019, just in time to coordinate the “whistleblower” complaint.

Both Vindman and Ciaramella do not qualify for “whistleblower” status. They were reporting on a diplomatic conversation, not an intelligence matter. They were not reporting on a member of the Intelligence committee.

The suspicious case of IC IG Michael Atkinson

IC IG Michael Atkinson surreptitiously changed the rules for whistleblower complaints to allow second-hand testimony in September of 2019. He then backdated the changes to allow the Ciaramella complaint, initially filed in early August, to be included under the new “interpretive” guidelines.

The level of subterfuge and coordination between Schiff, Ciaramella, Vindman, Abigail Grace, Sean Misko, and IG Atkinson is more than suspicious. It reeks of yet another episode of a Deep State coordinated coup attempt.

[Pelosi Star Chamber impeachment farce blows up in Adam Schiff’s face](#)

The whole impeachment affair is a brazen sequel to the Russia Hoax involving many of the same key players. Susan Rice, John Brennan, Adam Schiff. Designed to target, destroy, and in this case, fabricate grounds for the impeachment of the President.

The playbook is the same as the Mueller Inquisition and the Russia Hoax, The same as the Kavanaugh smear campaign. With the same co-conspirators of the left-wing mainstream media. Not only carrying water for the coup plotters but being actual participants in the scheme. Paid mouthpieces for the Deep State.

Paul Sperry and Real Clear Investigations

The most comprehensive expose on Ciaramella, that has forced even the mainstream media to take notice, was the Real Clear Investigations reporting of Paul Sperry. Only Sperry, the Federalist, and CDN have exposed the whistleblower's identity. But his name and transparent partisan actions are the worst kept secret in Washington.

As CIA analyst Fred Fleitz has said:

"Everyone knows who he is. CNN knows. The Washington Post knows. The New York Times knows. Congress knows. The White House knows. Even the president knows who he is."

Sperry's devastating expose makes clear that Ciaramella is another cog in the Brennan, Clapper, Comey, Rice, Obama conspiracy to overthrow the duly elected President of the United States. As Chuck Schumer said in January of 2017,

"If you take on the intelligence community, they have nines ways to Sunday of getting back at you."

The never-ending coup attempt against Trump

The reality is that Trump was targeted by the Obama White House well before he was President. The ongoing coup against him started as soon as he was elected. It morphed into the Mueller Weissman inquisition and the Peter Strzok insurance policy.

[Obama WH corruption: Rampant pay to play by Clinton, Kerry, and Biden](#)

When that fizzled into oblivion it was time for plan B, or in this case plan C or D. The Deep State and their paid minions in the left-wing press have been unrelenting in their ongoing anti-constitutional putsch against the President.

The impeachment farce, with its calculated rollout reminiscent of the Kavanaugh smear campaign, is yet another extension of a never-ending East German Stassi coup attempt against the constitution, the Republic, and the people of the United States.

Sperry lays out the trail of evidence against Ciaramella

Paul Sperry's excellent investigative reporting makes clear that Ciaramella "previously worked with former Vice President Joe Biden and former CIA Director John Brennan. (He)left his National Security Council posting in the White House's West Wing in mid-2017 amid concerns about negative leaks to the media." As Sperry reports, "He was accused of working against Trump and leaking against Trump," said a former NSC official.

Sperry reports that “a handful of former colleagues have compiled a roughly 40-page research dossier on him. A classified version of the document is circulating on Capitol Hill”. The dossier documents Ciaramella’s bias against Trump. His relationships with Brennan, Rice, the Obama White House, and DNC operative Chalupa. As well as his coordination with Vindman, Schiff and his committee staff.

Chuck Schumer: “Eight ways to Sunday of getting back at you”

It questions both Ciaramella’s and Vindman’s veracity as a legitimate whistleblower. It makes clear that Ciaramella and his co-conspirators are part of a Deep State coup attempt. A calculated, coordinated, illegal, seditious, and illegitimate putsch.

“Whistleblower” Hoax: Ties to Biden, Deep State ICIG, rogue Ambassador

As CIA analyst Fred Fleitz makes clear, “***They’re hiding him.***” Fleitz was emphatic, “***They’re hiding him because of his political bias.***”

Ciaramella helped generate the “Putin fired Comey” narrative. Sperry reports, “In the days after Comey’s firing, this presidential action was used to further political and media calls for the standup of the special counsel to investigate ‘Russia collusion.’”

How IC Inspector General Atkinson found the whistleblower complaint “credible” and “urgent” at the same time he was backdating the change in regulations to allow the complaint to be filed is more than highly suspicious. How the ‘whistleblower’ coordinated with Schiff, Grace, Misko, and Atkinson to stager the start of impeachment farce is criminal.

Adam Schiff: Constantly lying while moving the goalposts

Now Eric Ciaramella is apparently backing away from testifying. Schiff says he no longer needs his testimony. But Ciaramella should be subpoenaed and called to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee. He should not be allowed to escape accountability for his role in this calculated charade of a conspiracy.

He would then have to testify to his coordination with Schiff and the committee staff. He would have to expose how Vindmann leaked national security information illegally. How the entire ‘whistleblower’ farce was a calculated effort to again derail the Trump Presidency.

A lot has come out about Eric Ciaramella, the Adam Schiff ‘Whistleblower’, in recent days. It is the tip of the iceberg. Any legitimate investigation of the circumstances surrounding the entire Ukraine affair will reveal the extensive criminality of the Obama White House and the coup plotters.

Exposing the dark underbelly of the Obama White House

It stretches back to the Steele Dossier and the clear efforts of the DNC and the Deep State to use to a foreign power to interfere in the 2016 election. He exposes the corruption of Vice President Biden to enrich his family at the expense of the

American taxpayer. Details the \$6 million dollar bribery scheme of Hunter and Joe Biden by Burisma Holdings.

Lays out the corrupt dealings of Ambassador Yovanovitch.

It will lay open the devious underbelly of all the so-called hero witnesses of the Schiff impeachment Star Chamber inquisition. Of the criminal actions of the coup plotters. Of Ambassador Yovanovitch, Ambassador Taylor, Alexandra Chalupa, and Alexander Vindman.

As well as the so-called whistleblower, Eric Ciaramella.

Calling the Fourth Estate back

It is the tip of the iceberg that only a truly free and independent press will have to take the reins to fearlessly expose. Like brilliant investigative reporter Paul Sperry at Real Clear Investigations. Like the Federalist, NOQ Report, and here at CommDigiNews, who broke the Ciaramella story a full two days before Real Clear Investigations.

No one else in the corrupt media establishment seems willing to rise to the challenge.

[Schiff witness Taylor has ties to Burisma think tank, Soros, McCain leaker](#)

[Joe Biden's Corruption: Ukraine, bribery, and Burisma Holdings](#)

[Durham opens criminal probe, IG report due, Brennan, Clapper lawyer up](#)

Debunking the 'Trump Is a Racist' Charge

Confronting the Left's empty, slanderous smears against the President.

John Perazzo | Nov 29 2019

If you hate Donald Trump, it's really quite understandable. The print, electronic, and broadcast media have worked with relentless passion and purpose to remind you, as frequently as possible, of the many objectionable statements and damnable positions that allegedly are part-and-parcel of Mr. Trump's political track record.

[When](#) the Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy analyzed how *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and the newscasts of CBS, CNN, Fox and NBC had covered President Trump during his first 100 days in office, it found that their coverage was 80% negative and 20% positive. The corresponding figures for the first 100 days of the three previous presidencies were in a completely different universe: Barack Obama, 41% negative vs. 59% positive; George W. Bush, 57% negative vs. 43% positive; and Bill Clinton, 60% negative vs. 40% positive.

For data collected over longer time periods, we can turn to the Virginia-based Media Research Center (MRC), which has conducted numerous comprehensive analyses of exactly how the press has covered Trump from the time of his 2016 presidential campaign to the present day. Most notably, MRC has [examined](#) how often the three major television networks—ABC, NBC, and CBS—have aired stories portraying Trump and/or his policies in either a positive or negative light. These MRC studies tally “evaluative statements which impar[t] a clear positive or negative tone to the story, such as statements from experts presented as non-partisan, voters, or opinionated statements from the networks' own reporters.” Neutral statements are not factored into the equation; nor are soundbites from openly partisan political operatives or spokespeople who merely parrot a predictable party line. As a result of MRC's research, we know precisely the ratio of negative-to-positive news reports that have been devoted to President Trump.

During the three-plus months between late July 2016 and Election Day in early November of that year, the ABC, NBC, and CBS evening newscasts included 726 negative statements about Trump, vs. 95 positive statements—a ratio of 88% negative to 12% positive. And Trump hadn't even been elected yet.

Things really heated up during Trump's first calendar year in office—from his January 20, 2017 inauguration through December 31, 2017—when the three network evening newscasts devoted an astounding total of 99 hours and 3 minutes of airtime to 3,430 stories [focusing](#) either on President Trump or his administration. Most of these were stories designed to shred the president and his reputation. As MRC reported: “Our analysts catalogued 5,883 evaluative statements about the President or his administration from either reporters, anchors or non-partisan sources such as experts or voters. Only about 10% of those comments (617) were positive, compared with 5,266 (90%) which were negative — an unparalleled level of media hostility for a President in his first year in office.”

2018 brought [more of the same](#), as the three network evening newscasts devoted

almost 87 hours of coverage to the Trump presidency. The tone of that coverage, said MRC, remained “incessantly hostile: 90% negative, vs. just 10% positive.”

And 2019 has been no different. As [Brent Bozell](#) of MRC wrote this past June: “Month after month going back to the start of his campaign, without interruption, [Trump’s] coverage on evening newscasts has hovered around 90% negative.” During the seven-week period from the September 24th launch of the Democrats’ impeachment inquiry through November 12th, the coverage of Trump was even more hostile than normal: Out of 684 evaluative comments that were made on the ABC, CBS and NBC evening newscasts, [reports NewsBusters.org](#), 96% were negative and 4% were positive. In other words, the average American viewer virtually *never* heard even a single positive whisper about President Trump or his policies. *Never*.

Remember When Trump Mocked the Disabled *New York Times* Reporter?

One of the earliest flurries of condemnation that media outlets nationwide aimed at Donald Trump occurred in November of 2015—a full year prior to the 2016 presidential election—when myriad headlines and news stories reported that then-candidate Trump, during a political rally in South Carolina, had callously mocked the disability of a physically handicapped *New York Times* reporter, Serge *Kovaleski*. You can probably recall hearing about how Trump, in front of a large crowd of supporters, had waved his arms and hands spasmodically to mimic the herky-jerky movements of the reporter, while also adopting a vocal cadence that suggested incoherence and abnormality.

The Washington Post, the [Huffington Post](#), and [Politico](#) all ran [headlines](#) stating, “Trump Mocks Disabled Reporter.” A *Chicago Tribune* caption blared: “Trump [Mocks](#) *New York Times* Reporter with Disability.” And a *New York Times* headline called it “[Mockery](#), Plain and Simple.” Similar headlines were splashed across the front pages of countless other publications from coast to coast.

Not surprisingly, a large number of congressional Democrats joined the news media in eviscerating Trump for his bad manners and childish intemperance. Some examples:

*At the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Bill Clinton proudly [noted](#) that his wife “never made fun of people with disabilities,” but instead “tried to empower them based on their ability.”

*Former Democrat Senator Tom Harkin righteously [pronounced](#) that “Democrats believe in working together and bringing people with disabilities in to develop policy,” while Trump was little more than an obnoxious “throwback” to the unenlightened mores of “half a century ago.”

*During the third presidential debate between Trump and Hillary Clinton, Mrs. Clinton [scolded](#) her opponent for having so crudely “mocked and mimicked” a “disabled reporter” on “national television.”

*And Rep. Maxine Waters, marking the 27th anniversary of the signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act, said in July 2017: “Our president [indicated](#) to us what he thinks about people with disabilities long before he was elected, when he

mocked a disabled reporter. Mocking the disabled is rude and insensitive and it sends a terrible message to our children.”

Hollywood, too, was filled with people outraged by Trump’s indelicacies.

* During remarks she delivered at the Golden Globe Awards ceremony in January 2017, actress [Meryl Streep](#) shed tears as she [recalled](#) how “stunned” she had felt “when the person asking to sit in the most respected seat in our country imitated a disabled reporter.” “[T]his instinct to humiliate,” she elaborated, “when it’s modeled ... by someone powerful, it filters down into everybody’s life, because it kind of gives permission for other people to do the same thing.”

* Some time later, actor Michael J. Fox, who suffers from Parkinson’s Disease and is well acquainted with the distress associated with involuntary body convulsions, [said](#): “One thing that angered me is when [Trump] mocked that reporter. That was a stab to the guts. Not just for me, but for people I know and work with, who try so hard to overcome other people’s atavistic aversion to anybody that moves differently. So I thought, Do I say something in response? Then I thought, people already know Trump is an [expletive].”

The Clintons, Harkin, Waters, Streep, and Fox had plenty of company in the revulsion they felt regarding Trump’s insensitive antics. In a *Bloomberg News* [poll](#) taken just a few weeks before the 2016 election, likely voters who were asked to identify what bothered them most about Mr. Trump, [cited](#) his mockery of the disabled reporter more often than anything else.

There’s just one stubborn little fact, however, which probably merits at least a passing mention at this point: Not a single word regarding Trump’s mockery of a reporter’s physical disability, was true. Not a syllable. Not a breath. The entire story was a carefully and maliciously fabricated lie. Not an exaggeration. Not a distortion. A Lie, with a capital “L.”

You see, Serge Kovalski, the disabled reporter in question, does not suffer from Parkinson’s Disease or anything even remotely resembling it. He suffers from [arthrogryposis](#), a congenital condition that limits the movement of his joints and has caused his right hand to be permanently frozen in place, sharply angled at the wrist. He does not wave either of his arms around involuntarily when he talks. Quite the opposite: his right arm is actually rigid and motionless. Moreover, he speaks with a perfectly [normal cadence](#), bearing no resemblance whatsoever to Trump’s presentation.

Trump was not mocking Kovalski for his disability. He was mocking Kovalski for appearing to back away, for fear of public criticism, from something which he had reported some years earlier. The gestures and cadence that Trump’s critics objected to, are simply Trump’s way of mimicking *anyone* who seems to be flustered or fearful when confronted with certain discomfiting facts. Indeed, with just a little bit of research, anyone who actually had an interest in knowing the truth could have learned that Trump, on a number of other occasions, had used *those same gestures and affectations* to mock people who were *not* physically handicapped in any way. Those targets included, among others, Republican Senator Ted Cruz, Democrat consultant Donna Brazile, Obama-era military generals, and

certain American bank executives. In fact, there is even video footage of Trump [mocking himself](#) in a similar, self-deprecating manner.

Trump the “Racist”

The certitude with which Trump’s critics have falsely and slanderously condemned the president for making fun of Kovalski’s handicap, calls to mind a trenchant observation that the late Ronald Reagan once [made](#): “The trouble with our Liberal friends is not that they’re ignorant; it’s just that they know so much that isn’t so.” And this, of course, begs an important question: Might some other articles of faith regarding Trump’s alleged character flaws be untrue as well?

It is almost impossible to watch a major television network news broadcast, or read a major newspaper, or even view a late-night comedy program on TV, without hearing or seeing something about what a crooked, incompetent, scheming, deranged, misogynistic, Islamophobic, xenophobic, sociopathic, fascistic, ignorant racist Mr. Trump is. These media portrayals of Trump are very much in line with how Hillary Clinton famously described Trump’s backers in a speech at a September 2016 political fundraiser in New York City, where she [said](#): “You know, to just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump’s supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. Right? The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic—you name it. And unfortunately there are people like that. And he [Trump] has lifted them up.”

It would not be possible, of course, to unpack and evaluate *all* of the *countless thousands* of charges accusing Trump of various moral deficiencies like those enumerated by Mrs. Clinton. Thus, let us restrict our focus, for now, to the most noteworthy charges of “racism” that have been leveled at the president. What we learn about the veracity—or inveracity—of those particular charges, will teach us a great deal about how much, or how little, credence we should give to the other accusations. Below are just a few examples of Trump’s critics characterizing him as a racist:

- NAACP president Derrick Johnson [claims](#) that “President Trump’s racism” has “divided the nation and polluted policy.”
- Actor Robert De Niro describes Trump as “a flat-out blatant [racist](#).”
- Film producer Joss Whedon [laments](#) that “we have a racist, fascist president” in the White House.
- Former *New York Times* reporter David Cay Johnston [says](#): “Donald Trump ... isn’t just a white supremacist – he’s a flat-out, full racist.”
- Political analyst Anand Giridharadas contends that “we [have](#) a man child who is deranged and racist in this [presidential] office.”
- Actor/film director Rob Reiner once [tweeted](#): “Every day between now and Election Day in Nov. of 2020, you have only to keep reminding yourself that the President of the United States is a Racist, a Liar, a Sexual Predator and a Criminal.”
- Hollywood director Judd Apatow has [denounced](#) the president’s “racist views” and declared: “Trump is a Nazi. The debate is over.”

- When asked if President Trump is a white nationalist, New York Democrat Senator Kirsten Gillibrand [said](#), “He is. And all you have to do is listen to his words to make that decision.... He has used racist language and racist dog whistles on behalf of the presidency. He [says] Mexicans are rapists.”
- Senator and presidential candidate Bernie Sanders flatly [states](#): “We have a president who is, in fact, a racist and a bigot.”
- Democrat congressman Filemon Vela once told Trump in an open [letter](#): “Mr. Trump, you're a racist and you can take your border wall and shove it up your ass.”
- Georgetown University professor Michael Eric Dyson said on ABC's *The View*: “We got a guy [Donald Trump] who gets up every morning and excretes the feces of his [moral depravity](#) into a nation he has turned into a psychic commode. That's what he's done. And he's a bigot-in-chief and a racist in residence.... Look at this mendacious, relentlessly lying, bigoted, ill-informed person that we have. He has the fleshly thesaurus of white supremacy reduced to one body.”

Trump and the Neo-Nazis in Charlottesville

To “prove” their assertion that Mr. Trump is a racist, the president's accusers are invariably armed with a lengthy list of supposedly bigoted remarks which he has made. To help the American public focus on the most highly objectionable of those remarks, *New York Times* writers David Leonhardt and Ian Prasad Philbrick have published a significant article—which they update periodically—titled “[Donald Trump's Racism: The Definitive List](#).”

Not surprisingly, this *Times* piece cites, among many other things, the allegedly racist remarks that Trump made in the aftermath of the infamous August 12, 2017 “Unite The Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. In terms of laying bare the modus operandi by which Trump has routinely been painted as a racist, Charlottesville is the Rosetta Stone.

First, a bit of context: The Charlottesville event was originally organized for the very explicit purpose of protesting the proposed removal, from a local park, of an equestrian statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee. According to various reports, the protesters were composed of two very distinct and dissimilar contingents of people: (a) [aggressive](#) and hateful white supremacists with neo-Nazi sympathies, and (b) [others](#) who had no racial or anti-Semitic animus and simply wished to voice their disapproval regarding the Lee statue's removal. The former contingent was personified by the members of a group called [Identity Evropa](#), who chanted white nationalist slogans like “You will not replace us.” The latter contingent [consisted](#) of people like Michelle Piercy, a Kansas resident who made the long drive to Charlottesville with a conservative group that was in favor of leaving the Lee statue in place. As a *New York Times* piece noted, Ms. Piercy made it clear that she and her companions “had no interest in standing with Nazis or white supremacists.” It is difficult to ascertain with any precision the relative numbers of people in each contingent.

Meanwhile, a large group of counter-protesters [likewise](#) included two very distinct and dissimilar contingents: (a) those who supported the statue's removal and wished to make their feelings known in a nonviolent public forum, and (b) hundreds of people who were affiliated with [Antifa](#), a revolutionary Marxist/anarchist militia movement.

Some background information about Antifa is necessary at this point:

- Bearing a name that is a shortened form of the term "antifacist," Antifa [believes](#) that anyone with a non-leftist political orientation is the veritable equivalent of a "fascist" or "Nazi" who deserves to be physically assaulted—hence the popular Antifa meme, "Punch a Nazi." The movement's adherents typically wear black clothing and black masks when they demonstrate or riot, and they can sometimes be seen [waving](#) the red-and-black flag of anarcho-communism. They [reject](#) not only the capitalist economic system, but the institution of government itself. And they explicitly advocate the use of violence to raze America's existing society to the ground. As a September 2017 report in *Atlantic* magazine notes, Antifa has been responsible for "a level of [sustained](#) political street warfare not seen in the U.S. since the 1960s."
- Because Antifa [rejects](#) the legitimacy of America's very existence, the movement likewise contends, by logical extension, that the people who are entrusted with protecting and preserving the nation's civil society are illegitimate as well. Thus, *ItsGoingDown.org*, which serves as a [newsblog](#) for Antifa, firmly [instructs](#) Antifa activists to "build a culture of non-cooperation with law enforcement." In June 2017, that same website exhorted its readers and followers to make the United States "ungovernable" by engaging in "mass insurrection," "mass resistance," and "all manner of physical violence" against supporters of President Trump, capitalists, and "conservative fascists." Moreover, *ItsGoingDown.org* featured propaganda images of brutal attacks against individuals in hats bearing the Trump campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again." Such violence, said various articles on the website, was a "necessary evil" in the battle to crush "fascism."

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On the morning of Saturday, August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville, the most radical and combustible elements on both sides of the Lee statue debate began to engage in violence against one another. By noon—at which time the rally was scheduled to begin—both the City of Charlottesville and the Governor of Virginia had declared a state of emergency due to the "imminent threat" of potential injuries and property destruction, and police cleared the scene of all persons. Then, at about 1:40 p.m., a deranged white supremacist rammed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters who were still in the vicinity, killing one white woman and injuring numerous other people. President Trump issued a brief statement later that same day, followed by additional remarks over the course of the ensuing three days. Those remarks sent the Left into a frenzy of vitriolic outrage. Just a few examples:

- **The Washington Post* [complained](#): "Trump didn't call out white supremacists."
- *MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace [stated](#) that the president, with his words, had "given safe harbor to Nazis, to white supremacists."
- **The New York Times* ran a [headline](#): "Trump Gives White Supremacists Unequivocal Boost."
- * A *GQ* magazine headline [declared](#): "White Supremacists Love How Donald Trump Handled Charlottesville."

What, exactly, did President Trump say to elicit such responses? Did he in fact voice sympathy or support for neo-Nazis and racists? Let's examine the evidence, piece by piece.

Just hours after the deadly violence of August 12, Trump [issued](#) a short statement saying: "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry, and violence on many sides—on many sides. It's been going on for a long time in our country. Not Donald Trump. Not Barack Obama. It's been going on for a long, long time."

The following day—August 13—a White House spokesperson issued a follow-up statement: "The president said very strongly in his statement yesterday that he condemns all forms of violence, bigotry, and hatred, and of course that includes white supremacists, KKK, neo-Nazi and all extremist groups. He called for national unity and bringing all Americans together."

The day after that—August 14—President Trump made a televised statement in which he [said](#):

"No matter the color of our skin, we all live under the same laws, we all salute the same great flag, and we are all made by the same almighty God. We must love each other, show affection for each other, and unite together in condemnation of hatred, bigotry, and violence. We must rediscover the bonds of love and loyalty that bring us together as Americans.

"Racism is evil. And those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans.... Those who spread violence in the name of bigotry strike at the very core of America."

Hmmm.... So where, exactly, was the "racism" to which the aforementioned news sources were objecting? Don't feel too badly if you missed it. Because in order to have seen it, you'd have to *really have wanted* to see it, even if you had to twist the meaning of Trump's words inside-out in the process. What the critics found most objectionable was that Trump, by using the phrase "on many sides" on August 12, had chosen not to restrict his condemnation solely to the detestable white supremacists in Charlottesville, but had also placed some blame at the feet of the equally detestable Marxist/anarchist Antifa counter-protesters.

And that, to Trump's critics, was unacceptable. As CNN anchor [Don Lemon](#) put it: "There is a difference between the two groups: one is a Nazi supremacist group. What they want to do and in their hearts is extinguish ... Jewish people, black

people, even women.... The other [Antifa] is a protest group protesting a political and a racist movement. I'm not saying that group [Antifa], all of their tactics were right, but they were there protesting hate in America." In other words, even though Antifa is firmly, candidly, and proudly committed to the use of violence to promote Marxism and anarchism across the United States, Mr. Lemon was content to dutifully and compliantly characterize the thugs of Antifa as noble-spirited opponents of "hate" and "fascism."

Then, on August 15, President Trump held a [televised press conference](#) where he spoke at greater length about the events of August 12 in Charlottesville. Below is a compilation of *all* the relevant remarks which he made to the reporters:

- "[Y]ou had a group on one side [the neo-Nazis] that was bad, and you had a group on the other side [Antifa] that was also very violent, and nobody wants to say that, but I'll say it right now. You had a group -- you had a group on the other side [Antifa] that came charging in without a permit [to assemble and protest], and they were very, very violent." [1]
- "I've condemned neo-Nazis. I've condemned many different groups. But not all of those [pro-statue] people were neo-Nazis, believe me. Not all of those people were white supremacists, by any stretch. Those people were also there because they wanted to protest the taking down of a statue, Robert E. Lee."
- "What I'm saying is this. You had a group on one side and you had a group on the other, and they came at each other with clubs and it was vicious and it was horrible. And it was a horrible thing to watch. But there is another side. There was a group [Antifa] on this side, you can call them the left. You've just called them the left—that came violently attacking the other group. So you can say what you want, but that's the way it is."
- "I think there's blame on both sides. And I have no doubt about it, and you don't have any doubt about it either."
- "[Y]ou have some very bad people in that group. But you also had people that were very fine people, on both sides. You had people in that group ... that were there to protest the taking down of, to them, a very, very important statue and the renaming of a park from Robert E. Lee to another name."
- "So this week it's Robert E. Lee. I noticed that Stonewall Jackson's [statue is] coming down. I wonder, is it George Washington next week? And is it Thomas Jefferson the week after? You ... really do have to ask yourself, where does it stop?... George Washington was a slave owner.... So, will George Washington now lose his status? Are we going to take down ... statues to George Washington? How about Thomas Jefferson?"
- "And you had people, and I'm not talking about the neo-Nazis and the white nationalists, because they should be condemned totally. But you had many people in that group other than neo-Nazis and white nationalists. OK? And the press has treated them absolutely unfairly. Now, in the other group also, you had some fine people, but you also had troublemakers [Antifa] and you

see them come with the black outfits and with the helmets and with the baseball bats. You've got—you had a lot of bad—you had a lot of bad people in the other group.”

- “[I]t looked like they had some rough, bad people—neo-Nazis, white nationalists, whatever you want to call them. But you [also] had a lot of people in that group that were there to innocently protest and very legally protest, because you know—I don't know if you know, they had a permit. The other group didn't have a permit.[2] So, I only tell you this, there are two sides to a story.”

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Also during his August 15 press conference, Trump [asserted](#) that on the University of Virginia campus on Friday night, August 11—some fourteen hours prior to the scheduled start of the infamous August 12 rally—there had been another group of “people protesting very quietly the taking down of the statue of Robert E. Lee.” Critics subsequently castigated Trump for saying this, in light of the fact that many of those in the Friday-night crowd had loudly shouted anti-Semitic slogans and engaged in physical violence when confronted by counter-protesters. But the president never suggested that *all* of the Friday-night marchers had been “quiet” and cool-headed. Indeed, *his very next sentence* was this: “I’m sure in that group there were some bad ones.”

Above all else, following the August 15 press conference, Trump’s detractors zeroed in mainly on his assertion that there had been “blame on both sides,” as well as some “very fine people on both sides,” at the site of the August 12 protest. These grievances against Trump have persisted undiminished through the two-plus years since Charlottesville.

- Democrat presidential candidate Beto O’Rourke, for one, [said](#) in April 2019: “Klansmen, Nazis, white supremacists—[are] in his [Trump’s] words, ‘very fine people.’”
- And former Vice President Joe Biden, blending the events of August 11 and August 12 into a single, inaccurate narrative, launched his presidential campaign in 2019 by [saying](#): “Charlottesville is also home to a defining moment for this nation in the last few years. It was there on August of 2017 we saw Klansmen and white supremacists and neo-Nazis come out in the open, their crazed faces illuminated by torches, veins bulging, and bearing the fangs of racism. Chanting the same anti-Semitic bile heard across Europe in the ‘30s. And they were met by a courageous group of Americans, and a violent clash ensued and a brave young woman lost her life. And that’s when we heard the words from the president of the United States that stunned the world and shocked the conscience of this nation. He said there were ‘some very fine people on both sides.’ Very fine people on both sides? With those words, the president of the United States assigned a moral equivalence between those spreading hate and those with the courage to stand against it. And in that moment, I knew the threat to this nation was unlike any I had ever seen in my lifetime.”

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It would be difficult to conceive of a more dishonest, deceitful characterization of Trump's comments, than what O'Rourke and Biden claim in the quotes above.

Trump *explicitly, unmistakably, and repeatedly* denounced "neo-Nazis," "KKK," "white supremacists," and "white nationalists"—*by name*—in the course of his remarks on August 14 and August 15, 2017. He openly described them as "*rough, bad people*" who "*should be condemned totally.*" Nevertheless, it is quite evident that his critics *very much want—and very much need*—to believe that the president somehow endorsed the racist impulses of such human filth. For without willfully misrepresenting what Trump so clearly said, it would be *impossible* to read racism into his remarks.

It is equally impossible for any honest observer to read anti-Semitism—yet another defining hallmark of neo-Nazis—into Trump's post-Charlottesville comments. But this has not prevented the president's critics from accusing him of precisely that offense. A [Vox.com piece](#), for instance, notes that among those who attended the "Unite The Right" rally were such despicable characters as Mike 'Enoch' Peinovich, "founder of the neo-Nazi podcast *The Daily Shoah* (an insulting reference to the Holocaust)"; "internet figure and noted anti-Semite Baked Alaska"; "fellow anti-Semite and *Daily Shoah* contributor Johnny Monoxide"; "neo-Nazi Christopher Cantwell," known for publicly chanting "Jews will not [replace](#) us!"; and Michael Hill, "who lambasted 'organized Jewry'" on Facebook. Further, [Vox.com](#) takes pains to point out that *The Daily Stormer*, a neo-Nazi website, touted its own involvement in "Unite The Right" by creating a poster that featured the image of a man using a sledge hammer to smash a Star of David.

It seems not to have occurred to any of those who claim that Trump lauded neo-Nazis in Charlottesville as "very fine people," that Trump has very demonstrably been a more loyal and stalwart friend to Israel and the Jewish people than any other president in American history. Consider just a few salient facts:

- Shortly after Nikki Haley, Trump's American Ambassador to the United Nations, had attended her first UN Security Council meeting devoted to Middle East affairs, she [told](#) reporters: "The discussion was not about Hezbollah's illegal build-up of rockets in Lebanon. It was not about the money and weapons Iran provides to terrorists. It was not about how we defeat ISIS. It was not about how we hold Bashar al-Assad accountable for the slaughter of hundreds and thousands of civilians. No, instead, the meeting focused on criticizing Israel, the one true democracy in the Middle East. I am new around here, but I understand that's how the Council has operated, month after month, for decades. I am here to underscore the ironclad support of the United States for Israel. I'm here to emphasize the United States is determined to stand up to the UN's anti-Israel bias.... We will never ... allow one-sided Security Council resolutions to condemn Israel."
- In May 2017, Trump became the [first](#) sitting U.S. president to visit the Western Wall.

- That same month, the Trump administration announced that it would [increase](#) American financial aid to Israel by \$75 million, so as to help the Jewish state expand and improve its missile-defense program.
- In December 2017, Trump [announced](#) that in fulfillment of a campaign promise—and also in fulfillment of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, which had [passed](#) overwhelmingly in both the House and Senate 22 years earlier—he was now instructing the State Department to begin the process of moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and to officially recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Several [previous](#) presidents—Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama—had made that same campaign promise and broken it.
- In May 2018, President Trump withdrew the U.S. from the disastrous Iran Nuclear Deal of 2015, an agreement by which the Obama administration—without Senate approval under the Treaty Clause of the Constitution—had helped to render the entire civilized world, and Israel in particular, vulnerable to nuclear blackmail by a fanatical apocalyptic regime that has repeatedly articulated its determination to eradicate the Jewish state from the face of the earth. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [described](#) the 2015 deal as a “bad mistake of historic proportions” that would enable Iran to “continue to pursue its aggression and terror in the region” and “receive a sure path to nuclear weapons.” On the day the 2015 deal was formalized, Israeli education minister Naftali Bennett [said](#): “Today a terrorist nuclear superpower is born, and it will go down as one of the darkest days in world history.”
- On March 25, 2019, President Trump, in a major shift in U.S. policy, signed a [proclamation](#) officially recognizing the Golan Heights—a large plateau that Israel had captured from Syria in the Six-Day War of 1967—as part of Israel. Praising Trump for his “historic” and “invaluable” move in support of Israel’s national security, Prime Minister Netanyahu told the president: “Israel has never had a better friend than you.”
- In November 2019, the Trump administration [announced](#) that the United States would no longer take the position that Israeli civilian “settlements”—i.e., cities—in the West Bank were “inconsistent with international law.”

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In addition to the foregoing considerations, is the very relevant fact that President Trump’s own daughter, Ivanka, his son-in-law Jared Kushner, and three of his grandchildren, are orthodox Jews. The notion that Mr. Trump harbors even the barest shred of sympathy for neo-Nazis and other Jew-haters, ranks among the most ludicrous charges ever leveled against an American political figure.

But that has not stopped the authors of “[Donald Trump’s Racism: The Definitive List](#)” from absurdly claiming:

“Trump has trafficked in anti-Semitic caricatures, including the tweeting of a six-pointed star alongside a pile of cash. He has also been reluctant to condemn anti-

Semitic attacks on journalists from his supporters, and he echoed neo-Nazi conspiracy theories by saying that Hillary Clinton 'meets in secret with international banks to plot the destruction of U.S. sovereignty in order to enrich these global financial powers, her special interest friends and her donors'."

"Animals" at the Border

"[Donald Trump's Racism: The Definitive List](#)" notes that "during a White House meeting in 2018, he [Trump] referred to some undocumented immigrants as 'animals.'" To buttress that claim, the authors provide a link to a May 16, 2018 *New York Times* [article](#) that begins as follows: "President Trump lashed out at undocumented immigrants during a White House meeting on Wednesday, warning in front of news cameras that dangerous people were clamoring to breach the country's borders and branding such people 'animals.'"

Similarly, a May 17, 2018 story on the National Public Radio website ran the [headline](#): "During Roundtable, Trump Calls Some Unauthorized Immigrants 'Animals'." And an [article](#) in *USA Today* started with these words:

"President Trump used extraordinarily harsh rhetoric to renew his call for stronger immigration laws Wednesday, calling undocumented immigrants 'animals' and venting frustration at Mexican officials who he said 'do nothing' to help the United States. 'We have people coming into the country or trying to come in, we're stopping a lot of them, but we're taking people out of the country. You wouldn't believe how bad these people are,' Trump said. 'These aren't people. These are animals.'"

Congressional Democrats, too, were quick to complain about Trump having equated immigrants with "animals."

- Nancy Pelosi, for one, [said](#) solemnly that Trump's comments made her wonder whether or not the president believes "we are all God's children." "When the president of the United States says about undocumented immigrants, 'these aren't people, these are animals,' you have to wonder," added Pelosi, "does he not believe in the spark of divinity? The dignity and worth of every person?... Every day you think you've seen it all, along comes another manifestation of why their [Trump administration] policies are so inhumane."
- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer [tweeted](#): "When all of our great-great-grandparents came to America they weren't 'animals,' and these people aren't, either."

Nor has the passage of time done anything to diminish the Democrats' passion for denouncing Trump's "animals" remark:

- In April 2019, Democrat presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke [said](#) that in Trump's view, "Asylum seekers are 'animals' and an 'infestation,' which is the way I would describe cockroaches in my house. Not human beings. It's a term you would expect to hear in the Third Reich in the 1930s."

- At an October 2019 town hall meeting in South Carolina, Joe Biden [lamented](#) that Trump had maligned “migrants seeking refuge in America” by saying “these aren't people, these are animals.”

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From reading or hearing the foregoing characterizations of Trump’s comments, one would have absolutely no idea that the president’s reference to “animals” was actually made in direct response to Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims’ complaint that immigration-law restrictions were preventing her from informing federal authorities that certain deportable, illegal-alien members of the brutally violent MS-13 gang were being housed, at that very moment, in a Fresno prison. “[There could be](#) an MS-13 member I know about—if they don’t reach a certain threshold, I cannot tell ICE [Immigration & Customs Enforcement] about it,” said an exasperated Mims. It was in response to *that* statement, that Trump made the “animals” remark quoted in *USA Today*: “You wouldn't believe how bad these people are. These aren't people. These are animals.” To any *honest* observer, it would have been quite obvious that Trump was not referring to “undocumented” or “unauthorized” immigrants generally, *but to MS-13 members specifically*.

Of course, some readers might wonder if—even in light of this added context—President Trump’s remarks may have been unnecessarily immoderate. Decide for yourself:

- MS-13’s initials are an acronym for “Mara Salvatrucha,” a [gang](#) composed [primarily](#) of immigrants from El Salvador and their descendants. With at least 10,000 members currently residing in at least 40 U.S. states, this gang has long been notorious for its involvement in robbery, extortion, kidnapping, murder, drug trafficking, and human trafficking. Its motto is: “Kill, rape, control.”
- Last July, 22 members of MS-13’s Los Angeles-based “Fulton Clique” were [arrested](#) for their role in 24 recent murders. As *The New York Times* reported: “Using machetes, knives and baseball bats, members of the criminal MS-13 gang killed their victims, dismembered their bodies and threw their remains into a canyon in the Angeles National Forest.... In one instance ... members of the gang ripped out a victim’s heart.”
- A May 2018 article by Caleb Howe, the former managing editor of [RedState.com](#), reports the [following](#):
 - (1) “In 2013, two [MS-13] gang members beat and hacked a 16-year-old Houston teen to death using bats and machetes. They also almost decapitated him.... Both killers ... were from El Salvador, here illegally.”
 - (2) “In 2017, as many as 10 MS-13 members stabbed a man more than 100 times in Maryland. They decapitated him and cut out his heart. The first suspect charged ... was here illegally.”
 - (3) “Also [in 2017], MS-13 members shot an unidentified girl who was thought to be 15 in the head and chest, leaving her body in the middle of a busy street in Houston’s Chinatown. The murderer said he killed her to appease Satan.... He was from El Salvador originally, and here illegally.”

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These horrific anecdotes, coupled with the broader statistics pertaining to MS-13's prevalence in the United States, serve as strong evidence that Trump's assessment of the gang's members was in fact wholly justified, and that the accounts of his comments—by media outlets and elected Democrats alike—were as thoroughly dishonest as can possibly be imagined.

An “Infestation” of Illegal Immigrants

“[Donald Trump's Racism: The Definitive List](#)” claims that during a White House meeting in 2018, President Trump said that unless stronger border-control policies were adopted, “undocumented immigrants ... would ‘pour into and infest our country.’”

In response to Trump's remark, CNN [reported](#) that “President Donald Trump amplified his heated immigration rhetoric ... accusing Democrats of wanting migrants to ‘infest our country’ and turning a speech on the economy into an angry tirade defending his harsh stance.” In a similar vein, a *Buzzfeed News* story [began](#): “President Donald Trump on Tuesday equated migrants and refugees to the United States with vermin who will ‘pour into and infest our country.’” And a [headline](#) in *The Atlantic Monthly* read: “Trump Says Democrats Want Immigrants to ‘Infest’ the U.S.” The accompanying subtitle said: “What are infestations? They are takeovers by vermin, rodents, insects. What does one do with an infestation? Why, one exterminates it.”

But lo and behold, it turns out that, once again, Trump was most definitely *not* talking about “immigrants”—or even “undocumented immigrants”—generally. He was speaking *very specifically about MS-13 members and their ilk*. It's not difficult to figure this out. All you have to do is read the president's actual words: “Democrats are the [problem](#). They don't care about crime and want illegal immigrants, no matter how bad they may be, to pour into and infest our country, like MS-13.”

Illegal Immigration and “Infectious Disease”

“[Donald Trump's Racism: The Definitive List](#)” also reports that President Trump, during that same White House meeting in 2018, “claimed, without evidence, that migrants were bringing diseases into the country.”

“Without evidence”? Consider some highly pertinent facts, as related by author [Daniel Horowitz](#) on March 7, 2019:

“On Tuesday, Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin *McAleenan* [announced](#) the building of a new facility to deal with the health crisis of those coming over the border and surrendering themselves to agents. A whopping 31,000 medical referrals were made for illegal aliens this year, straining our hospitals and local county emergency medical personnel, up from 12,000 last year.... Over the past few months, there have been numerous cases of chicken pox,

tuberculosis, scabies, and lice among the migrants.... A rotating medical team near the southern California border reportedly discovered hundreds of cases of communicable diseases and other conditions in the first two months of 2019.”

Horowitz further notes that according to the Centers for Disease Control, “Guatemalans are 83 times more likely to have tuberculosis than Americans, and seven times more likely than legal immigrants.” He also cites a Tijuana Health Department report indicating that fully one-third of the members of a large, U.S.-bound migrant caravan had required treatment, during a temporary stayover in Tijuana, for a wide variety of health issues including tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, chicken pox, lice, skin infections, and hepatitis.

In a similar vein, a March 2019 *Reuters* report [states](#): “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan told reporters that changing demographics on the southwest border, with more immigrants from Central America traveling long distances, overwhelmed border officials and raised health concerns. ‘We are seeing migrants arrive with illnesses and medical conditions in unprecedented numbers,’ McAleenan said at a press conference.”

There is absolutely nothing “racist” about President Trump pointing out the very obvious and demonstrable fact that a porous, unregulated border tends to increase the likelihood that infectious diseases will be introduced needlessly into the United States. *Nothing*.

Mexican Immigrants As “Criminals” and “Rapists”

“[Donald Trump’s Racism: The Definitive List](#)” informs us that Mr. Trump “began his 2016 presidential campaign with a speech disparaging Mexican immigrants as criminals and ‘rapists.’”

Is that characterization of Trump’s remarks accurate? The full [context](#) of his comments is as follows:

“When do we beat Mexico at the border? They’re laughing at us, at our stupidity. And now they are beating us economically. They are not our friend, believe me. But they’re killing us economically. The U.S. has become a dumping ground for everybody else’s problems.... When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best.... They’re sending people that have lots of problems, and they’re bringing those problems with [to] us. They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people. But I speak to border guards and they tell us what we’re getting. And it only makes common sense. It only makes common sense. They’re sending us not the right people. It’s coming from more than Mexico. It’s coming from all over South and Latin America, and it’s coming probably—probably—from the Middle East. But we don’t know. Because we have no [border] protection and we have no competence, we don’t know what’s happening [at the border]. And it’s got to stop and it’s got to stop fast.”

In the excerpt above, President Trump explicitly mentions the “border” by name, twice. Plus, he makes very obvious references to the border two additional times (see the bracketed inserts). In other words, he quite clearly is not “disparaging Mexican immigrants” who enter the country through lawful channels. He is

describing people who choose to cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally, in open and contemptuous defiance of America's immigration laws.

As for the substance of Trump's remarks vis-à-vis the nature of the illegal border-crossers, consider the following pertinent facts:

- It is known that [more than 31,000](#) of the illegal border-crossers who were apprehended by American authorities between 2016 and 2019 had been previously arrested, either in their respective homelands or in the U.S., for offenses like assault, battery, domestic violence, burglary, robbery, larceny, driving under the influence, homicide, manslaughter, sexual assault, illegal drug trafficking, illegal weapons trafficking, and illegal entry or re-entry. The criminal background of the innumerable border-crossers who escaped apprehension, is anyone's guess.
- In fiscal year 2018, U.S. Border Patrol agents [seized](#) nearly 480,000 pounds of illicit drugs—most notably marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl—in the open desert regions of the U.S.-Mexico border. This was in addition to the 370,000 pounds of such drugs that were seized during that same period at official ports of entry between Mexico and the United States.
- At the federal, state, and local levels, U.S. taxpayers [currently](#) shell out approximately \$134.9 billion annually to cover the education-, medical-, welfare-, and law-enforcement-related costs associated with the nation's estimated 12.5 million illegal aliens and their 4.2 million citizen children (who were born in the United States). According to the Federation for American Immigration Reform, this "amounts to a tax burden of approximately \$8,075 per illegal alien family member." By contrast, illegal aliens pay only about \$19 billion in federal and state income taxes, Social Security taxes, Medicare taxes, and excise taxes annually, meaning that they represent, on balance, a huge financial drain on the United States.
- A 2015 Fox News [analysis](#) of local, state and federal data found that "illegal immigrants are three times as likely to be convicted of murder as members of the general population and account for far more crimes than their 3.5% share of the U.S. population would suggest." It is estimated, for instance, that 13.6% of the people sentenced for all committed crimes in the United States are illegals; among these are 12% of murderers and 16% of drug traffickers. In 2014, illegals accounted for nearly three-fourths of all federal drug sentences and [over](#) one-third of federal sentences overall. And in 2015, ICE released almost 20,000 illegals who had committed a combined 64,000 crimes that [included](#) 1,728 assaults, 216 kidnappings, more than 200 homicides, and 12,307 convictions for drunken driving.
- Because of its geographic location, the state of Texas is, in the words of *The Hill*, "an [epicenter](#) for illegal immigrant crimes." A crime analysis conducted by both the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Texas law-enforcement authorities found that between June 2011 and March 2017, more than 217,000 criminal immigrants had been arrested and incarcerated *in Texas alone*. These perpetrators had jointly committed nearly 600,000 criminal offenses, including roughly 1,200 homicides, 69,000

assaults, 17,000 burglaries, 700 kidnappings, 6,200 sexual assaults, 69,000 drug offenses, 8,700 weapons violations, 3,800 robberies, and 45,000 instances of obstructing police. The DHS confirmed that about [two-thirds](#) of these immigrant criminals were in the U.S. illegally at the time of their arrests.

- In September 2014 the *Huffington Post* [reported](#): “According to a stunning [*Fusion.net*] investigation, [80 percent](#) of [the] women and girls crossing into the U.S. by way of Mexico are raped during their journey. That’s up from a previous estimate of 60 percent, according to an Amnesty International report.”

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In short, President Trump’s assertions about illegal border-crossers were notably accurate. There was nothing “racist” about his remarks at all.

“Criminals and Unknown Middle Easterners”

“[Donald Trump’s Racism: The Definitive List](#)” complains that “Trump regularly demonized dark-skinned immigrants before the 2018 midterm elections,” and that he said “a caravan of migrants traveling through Mexico” included, as the president put it, “criminals and unknown Middle Easterners.”

The caravan in question—composed of thousands of people from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador who had candidly announced their intention of gaining illegal entry into the United States—was organized by Pueblo Sin Fronteras (PSF), a nonprofit organization whose name means “People Without Borders.” Pledging to “turn down border walls imposed by greed,” PSF’s overriding objective is to “[abolish](#) borders” and facilitate the free, unregulated movement of Central American migrants into the United States. The executive director of PSF is Emma Lozano, a left-wing activist whose nephew is the Communist Party USA / Young Communist League operative [Pepe Lozano](#).

In November [2018](#), Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen stated that hundreds of the 10,000-or-so migrants in the aforementioned U.S.-bound caravan were already convicted criminals in their countries of origin. “[W]e cannot confirm the backgrounds and identities of all caravan members which possess a national security and public safety risk to our country,” wrote Nielsen. “However, at this point we have confirmed that there are over 600 convicted criminals traveling with the caravan flow. This includes individuals known to law enforcement for assault, battery, drug crimes, burglary, rape, child abuse and more. This is serious. Additionally, Mexico has already arrested 100 caravan members for criminal violations in Mexico.”

As for Trump’s suggestion that “unknown Middle Easterners” could be among the people capable of crossing America’s southern border illegally, a *Clarion Project* [report](#) states the following:

"Iran and its terror proxy Hezbollah are financing Mexican drug cartels, smuggling people into America and recruiting them (for pay) as sleeper jihadist cells. The recruits are mainly immigrants to Mexico from the Middle East, mostly from Lebanon where Hezbollah is based. The coordinated operation is part of Iran's war on America...."

"In southern Chiapas in Mexico, there are Muslim communities ... made up of Syrians and Lebanese who migrated to Mexico decades ago as well as recent Mexican converts to Islam. In addition, Islam is gaining a foothold and in southern Mexico, with indigenous Mayans converting by the hundreds. These communities are funded in the Diaspora and all contain sleeper cells. With the help of Mexican drug cartels, they finance and traffic extremists to the United States...."

"Shithole Countries" and "Chain Migration"

"[Donald Trump's Racism: The Definitive List](#)" reminds us of a January 2018 controversy where it was alleged that President Trump—at an immigration-related meeting with a handful of senators at the White House—had "vulgarly called for less immigration from Haiti and Africa and more from Norway." This story had its roots in an unsubstantiated report by Democrat Senator Dick Durbin, who was present at the White House meeting and subsequently told reporters that the president had referred to a number of poverty-stricken, terrorism-ravaged nations as "shithole countries" [Said](#) Durbin:

"In the course of his comments of said things which were hate-filled, vile and racist—he [Trump] used those words [shithole countries]. I understand how powerful they are. But I cannot believe that in the history of the White House, in that Oval Office, any president has ever spoken words that I personally heard our president speak yesterday.... He said these hate-filled things. And he said them repeatedly. When the question was raised about Haitians, for example, we have a group that have temporary protected status in the United States because they were the victims of crises and disasters and political upheaval. The largest group's El Salvadorians. The second is Honduran and the third is Haitian."

Trump denied having used the term that Durbin claimed to find so objectionable. But even if the president had in fact used it—in a closed-door meeting where he was speaking frankly with fellow governmental leaders, and not in a public forum of any kind—would that really have been such terrible thing? It simply is not credible that Durbin, a grown man who has been immersed in Washington bareknuckle politics since 1983, felt offended by a bit of salty language from an American president. If the senator objected so strongly to such modes of expression, why had he not raised his voice in protest after then-President Barack Obama told an *Atlantic* magazine interviewer in 2016 that the nation of Libya—which was replete with ISIS terrorists and was in a state of political and economic chaos—had devolved into a "[shit show](#)."?

Durbin's purported sensitivity to Trump's remarks seems even less credible in light of the fact that the senator is a member of the Democratic Party, whose members routinely—and *very publicly*—characterize the United States as a nation replete with racism, sexism, white supremacy, economic injustice, greed, Islamophobia,

homophobia, transphobia, and misogyny. What are *these* characterizations, if not the very definitions of what one might term a “shithole country”? Are we to believe that just because an endless barrage of Democrat smears against a particular nation are articulated in leftist jargon, they are somehow less objectionable than a smear spoken in a cruder vernacular by a Republican?

Casting further doubt on Durbin’s assertion that Trump’s words had inflicted such distress upon him, is the fact that the senator also claimed to have been deeply offended by Trump’s use, in the same closed-door meeting, of the term “[chain migration](#)”—a policy permitting newly naturalized citizens (including newly amnestied illegal aliens) to bring their extended family members to the United States. As Durbin told reporters after the meeting: “When it came to the issue of, quote, ‘chain migration,’ I said to the president, do you realize how painful that term is to so many people? African-Americans believe they migrated to America in chains and when you talk about chain migration, it hurts them personally.” But the senator’s complaints ring pathetically hollow, when we consider the fact that Durbin [himself](#) had very openly [used](#) the [term](#) on past occasions.

Durbin’s feigned outrage regarding “chain migration” was [mimicked](#) by a number of congressional Democrats. Rep Chris Murphy of Connecticut, for one, tweeted that “‘[chain migration](#)’ is a made-up term” by which “the hard-line anti-immigration crowd” aims to “dehumanize immigrants.” In a similar spirit, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand of New York said: “Let’s be very clear: When someone uses the phrase ‘chain migration,’ it is intentional in trying to ... [demonize](#) families and make it a racist slur.”

But as author [Jonah Goldberg](#) has pointed out, the protestations of Durbin, Murphy, Gillibrand, and their ilk amount to nothing more than a pack of lies promulgated by a band of attention-seeking drama queens. Writes Goldberg:

“According to the academic database JSTOR, there are hundreds of scholarly papers using the term, beginning in 1942. It came into wider circulation in the 1960s, no doubt because immigration policy was radically changed in 1965. LexisNexis dates the first appearance in a 1982 *New York Times* article about urbanization in India. Though that is probably because its database largely begins about then. The term wasn’t simply used about immigration issues in America but for migration patterns in other countries. Search for the term ‘chain migration’ at the Census Bureau’s website and you’ll find scads of reports and papers using the term, many of which were produced under the Obama administration.”

And finally, lest we get completely sidetracked by the question of what is, or is not, acceptable language for a closed-door meeting between a president and a group of senators, what can we say about the *substance* of Trump’s *alleged* reference to “shithole countries”? If Trump indeed were to have disparaged the countries cited by Durbin—El Salvador, Honduras, Haiti, and certain unnamed African nations—would there have been any merit to those criticisms? Let’s take a look:

- El Salvador has, far-and-away, the [highest](#) rate of intentional homicide of any nation on earth. Honduras ranks third, and Haiti ranks 42nd (out of 192). Eighteen of the top 50, moreover, are in Africa.

- The [percentage](#) of people living on less than \$5.50 per day is 29% in El Salvador, 52.6% in Honduras, and 78.9% in Haiti. In Africa, there are no fewer than [26 countries](#) whose per capita annual GDP is below \$3,000.
- In the ten African nations that are most prone to acts of Islamic terrorism, there were [1,569](#) terrorist incidents in 2018 alone.
- In sub-Saharan Africa, there are at least [13 countries](#) where more than half of the inhabitants believe that Sharia—strict Islamic law that mandates the death penalty for such “crimes” as adultery, homosexuality, and apostasy—should be the official law of the land. In that same region, there are at least [10 countries](#) where more than half the population views polygamy as morally acceptable;

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Would President Trump—or any other political figure, for that matter—be justified in suggesting that it might be imprudent for America to import large numbers of people from such nations? You can decide for yourself.

Calling African Americans Unintelligent or Racist

“[Donald Trump’s Racism: The Definitive List](#)” says that Trump “has a pattern of criticizing African-Americans as unintelligent.” This item links to an August 3, 2018 [tweet](#) where Trump wrote: “Lebron James was just interviewed by the dumbest man on television, Don Lemon. He made Lebron look smart, which isn’t easy to do.” Numerous leftists joined the authors of “The Definitive List” in ascribing Trump’s remarks about James and Lemon, to racism. For example:

- *New York Times* columnist Charles Blow said there was “definitely” a “racial underpinning” to Trump's words.
- *The Washington Post’s* Max Boot tweeted: “I’m sure it’s just a coincidence that Trump thinks African-Americans are dumb.”
- Former CBS newsman Dan Rather characterized Trump’s tweet as a “disgrace” and “racist.”

But the notion that Trump portrays only *black* people as unintelligent is patently untrue. For example, he has referred to both [Joe Biden](#) and [Robert De Niro](#)—a pair of white men—as “low-IQ” individuals. And he has used such [terms](#) as “stupid,” “dumb,” and “dumb as a rock” to [describe](#) additional whites like Rex Tillerson, Mika Brzezinski, Rick Wilson, Chris Matthews, Bill Maher, Jonah Goldberg, Jeb Bush, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney, Lindsey Graham, and George Will.

Disparaging “Heavily Black American Cities”

“[Donald Trump’s Racism: The Definitive List](#)” says of Trump: “He often casts heavily black American cities as dystopian war zones. In a 2016 debate with Hillary Clinton, Trump said, ‘Our inner cities, African Americans, Hispanics are living in hell because it’s so dangerous. You walk down the street, you get shot.’ Trump also said to black voters: ‘You’re living in poverty; your schools are no good; you have no jobs.’”

First of all, it is indeed strange to see Trump criticized for making supposedly “racist” comments like these, when a multitude of Democrats in Congress *have been saying the very same things for decades*, lamenting the crime and poverty that afflict black communities in the U.S. from coast to coast. During a visit to West Baltimore in 2015, for instance, Senator Bernie Sanders [said](#): “Anyone who took the walk that we took around this neighborhood would not think you’re in a wealthy nation. You would think that you were in a Third World country.” Sanders also called it “a disgrace” that Baltimore was “a community in which half of the people don’t have jobs,” where “there are hundreds of buildings that are uninhabitable,” and where poor people “have lifespans shorter than people living under dictatorship in North Korea.”

Is Bernie Sanders a “racist” for having made these very plain and accurate observations?

The facts, unfortunately, are not on the Democrats’ side. In city after city where Democrats have been in charge politically for an extended period of time, we find exceedingly high—indeed, often colossal—levels of poverty and crime. And the longer those Democrats have been in charge, the worse the conditions tend to be. In short, Democrats have transformed a host of once-great metropolises into urban prisons where the common man—particularly the black and Hispanic common man on whose behalf Democrats typically claim to speak—has been grievously harmed by one destructive Democratic policy after another.

Of the 50 U.S. cities that: (a) have the highest violent crime rates, (b) have a population of at least 25,000, and (c) are governed by mayors who are clearly identifiable as either Democrats or Republicans, [48 are currently headed by Democratic mayors and administrations](#); only 2 are led by Republicans.

Similarly, of the 50 American cities with (a) the highest poverty rates, (b) populations of 60,000 or more, and (c) mayors who are clearly identifiable as either Democrats or Republicans, [46 have Democratic mayors](#); only 4 are governed by Republicans.

Democrats typically congratulate themselves for being the only party truly concerned with education—especially of the underprivileged—and they regularly attack conservatives and Republicans for their “callous indifference” to the scholastic needs of minority children. But it has been on the Democrats’ watch, that inner-city kids have fallen further and further behind academically. In big city after big city whose politics are dominated by Democrats, the public-school systems are mired in fiscal profligacy, bureaucratic bloat, and academic failure. It is not at all uncommon for these school districts to spend extravagant sums of money—often as much as \$15,000 to \$25,000 per student annually—only to have fewer than 15% of those students emerge after 12 years of “education” with even the barest shred of proficiency in reading, math, and science.

Calling Afghanistan a “Terrorist Haven”

In an [article](#) titled "Trump's Full List of 'Racist' Comments about Immigrants, Muslims, and Others," *Newsweek* magazine complains that the president once "said that Afghanistan is a '[terrorist haven](#).'" In the interests of accuracy, it should be noted that Trump himself did not actually use the term "terrorist haven"; those words were taken, by *Newsweek*, from a *New York Times* [article](#) that said: "Mr. Trump then began reading aloud from the document, which ... listed how many immigrants had received visas to enter the United States in 2017. More than 2,500 were from Afghanistan, a terrorist haven, the president complained."

But regardless of whatever specific words Trump may have used, there is absolutely nothing "racist" about his claim regarding rampant terrorism in Afghanistan. Any honest assessment of that nation's political and social climate will attest to the fact that it is the very embodiment of a terrorist haven. Consider, for instance, that the CIA [lists](#) no fewer than eight terrorist organizations as currently active in Afghanistan:

- Al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), which aims to "establish an Islamic caliphate in the Indian subcontinent" and maintains its "heaviest presence ... in Afghanistan"
- Haqqani Taliban Network (HQN), which seeks to "replace the Afghan Government with an Islamic state operating according to a strict Salafi Muslim interpretation of sharia under the Afghan Taliban"
- Harakat ul-Jihad-i-Islami (HUJI), which strives to "implement sharia in Afghanistan"
- Harakat ul-Mujahidin (HUM), whose mission is to "enhance its networks and paramilitary training in Afghanistan and, ultimately, incorporate Kashmir into Pakistan [and] establish an Islamic state in Kashmir"
- Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM), which aims to "participate in the insurgency against Afghan and international forces to support a Taliban return to power in Afghanistan, and annex the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir to Pakistan"
- Jaysh al Adl, which seeks to "enhance its operational networks and capabilities for staging cross-border attacks into Pakistan and Iran"
- Lashkar i Jhangvi, whose objective is to "enhance its networks and paramilitary training in Afghanistan, exterminate Shia Muslims, [and] rid the Afghanistan-Pakistan region of Western influence"
- Lashkar-e Tayyiba, which vows to "attack Western, Indian, and Afghan interests in Afghanistan; support the Taliban's return to power; enhance its recruitment networks and paramilitary training in Afghanistan; and, ultimately, install Islamic rule throughout South Asia"

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In August 2019, *The Diplomat* [reported](#) that the terror threat in Afghanistan is even broader than that, stating:

"The UN assesses that the Taliban is the 'primary partner' of a variety of terrorist groups: al-Qaeda, the Haqqani Network, Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (non-ISKP faction), and the Turkestan Islamic Party, 'as well as nearly 20 other regionally and globally focused groups' in Afghanistan. Al-Qaeda and ISKP both consider Afghanistan an important region to recuperate and plan their next phase of operations."

The "Muslim Ban"

By now, virtually every American has heard about Donald Trump's infamous "Muslim ban." If you Google the phrase "[Trump and 'Muslim ban'](#)," you'll get well over 1.2 million search results. The term "Muslim ban" refers to the fact that President Trump, professing a desire "to keep radical Islamic terrorists out of the United States of America," issued a January 2017 [executive order](#) calling for: (a) a four-month suspension of almost all travel and refugee admissions to the U.S. from six nations that were hotbeds of Islamic terrorism: Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Libya, Sudan and Yemen; (b) an indefinite suspension of admissions from Syria, where widespread terrorism was exacerbated by a bloody civil war; and (c) an "extreme vetting" process for any and all immigrants and visitors to the U.S.

And how, exactly, did President Trump select the seven aforementioned Muslim-majority countries as targets for his executive action? Actually, he [chose precisely the same seven countries](#) that had been named in the Visa Waiver Program Improvement & Terrorist Travel Prevention Act, which passed easily through Congress and was signed into law by President Obama in December 2015. Moreover, Trump's instinct for caution was supported by previous statements that had been issued by a number of high-ranking Obama officials—including FBI Director [James Comey](#), Homeland Security Secretary [Jeh Johnson](#), CIA Director [John Brennan](#), and FBI Deputy Assistant Director [Michael Steinbach](#)—all of whom were in agreement that it would be impossible for U.S. immigration authorities to reliably screen out terrorists posing as refugees.

Nevertheless, the reaction to Trump's executive order—by media outlets and Democrat legislators alike—was pure, unrestrained, venomous outrage. During Trump's first week in office, *The New York Times* [published](#) an opinion piece under the headline: "Donald Trump's Muslim Ban Is Cowardly and Dangerous." The *Times* also ran a video feature titled "[World Reaction to Trump's Muslim Ban](#)," which showed a selection of people from across the globe explaining, with unanimity, that Trump's proposed policy was a "really crazy," "inhumane," and "totally unacceptable" "media stunt" rooted in a strain of "racial discrimination" that was contrary to "American values."

These types of headlines and news items have continued, without pause, ever since. And Democrat politicians have been exceedingly eager to lend their voices to the chorus. Bernie Sanders, for one, has [described](#) what he calls Trump's "[Muslim ban](#)" as a "racist and anti-Islamic" outgrowth of "fear, racism and xenophobia." According to former Vice President Joe Biden: "President Trump's travel ban—the Muslim ban—remains one of his [most](#) egregious attacks on our core values. Spewing the politics of fear & slandering an entire religious community as complicit

in terrorism is wrong & goes against everything we stand for.”

But the notion that Trump’s executive order amounted to a “Muslim ban” is wholly inconsistent with reality. While the order originally affected 7 majority-Muslim nations with an aggregate population of approximately 227 million people, it had no effect whatsoever on the [more-than-40](#) other majority-Muslim nations around the world, or the 1.6 billion people who inhabit them.

In September 2017, the Trump administration [issued](#) a revised version of the original executive order banning travel from certain countries. The nations included in the new list were: Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Chad (which was later dropped from the list), North Korea, and Venezuela. Though the latter two nations have almost no Muslims in their respective populations, Trump’s critics continue to cite the “Muslim ban” as a great affront to Islam and its people. Nor has their outrage been curtailed by the fact that the Supreme Court ruled in June 2018 that Trump’s executive order was [constitutional](#).

“Ripping” Children from “The Arms of Their Parents” and Putting Them in “Cages”

From California to Texas, the southern U.S. [border](#) separating America from Mexico stretches 1,954 miles. Along that span, there are currently 330 officially recognized ports of entry—about one every six miles or so—where people seeking admission to the United States can lawfully present themselves and have their requests considered. If they wish to apply for [asylum](#)—i.e., refuge away from a country to which it would be too dangerous for them to return—they must prove that in their homeland they have faced persecution due to their race, religion, nationality, social-group membership, or political opinions. The pursuit of employment or “a better life” in the United States is not considered sufficient legal cause for requesting asylum.

For many years, America's southern border has been overrun by people crossing illegally into the United States by the tens of thousands each month. For the most part, these people have chosen not to present themselves to U.S. authorities at any of the 330 official ports of entry, where they could have accessed food, water, and medical care if necessary. Instead they have elected to breach the border at locations somewhere between those ports of entry, in the midst of an arid desert, where, immediately upon planting their feet on the American side of the border with Mexico, they have actively [sought out](#) U.S. border authorities, in [hopes](#) of being taken into custody and *then* applying for asylum. *Why?*

Because they have understood that if they were to apply for asylum through lawful channels at official ports of entry, they would most likely be [deported](#) for having no legitimate basis for making such an application. By contrast, if they could somehow manage to sneak into U.S. territory *before* making their [asylum requests](#), they were unlikely to be sent back to Mexico right away; rather, they stood a good chance of being [released](#) into the U.S. interior, along with a notice instructing them to [report](#) for a formal asylum hearing at some date in the very distant future, given the massive backlog of cases in American immigration courts. This of course would

give such people plenty of time to simply “disappear,” never again to be seen by U.S. immigration authorities.

When the number of apprehended illegal border-crossers reached nearly 40,000 in both March and April of 2018, the Trump administration attempted to curtail their continued entry into the U.S. On April 6th, Attorney General Jeff Sessions [announced](#) that the government would thenceforth [pursue](#) a “zero-tolerance” policy whereby every adult caught illegally crossing the border—or even attempting to do so—would be subject to criminal prosecution, while any minor children accompanying them would be placed in [shelters](#).

In response to this announcement, the Democratic Party launched a vicious [propaganda campaign](#) against President Trump and members of his administration, accusing them of mistreating poor, defenseless migrants and their young children in the most abominable ways. Particularly widespread were charges that the administration was pursuing a policy of forced “family separation” whereby youngsters were routinely being “ripped” from the arms of their parents along the U.S.-Mexico border. Former Vice President Joe Biden, for one, [denounced](#) “this administration’s policies that literally rip babies from the arms of their mothers and fathers” as “one of the darkest moments in our history.” Senator Bernie Sanders [said](#), “You don’t rip little children away from the arms of their mother.” And Senator Elizabeth Warren [told](#) a large crowd of her supporters in Boston: “President Trump seems to think the only way to have immigration rules is [to] rip parents from their families ... and to put children in cages.”

In June 2018, some 111 House Democrats [signed](#) a letter urging the top two members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security to bar the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from funding the enforcement of Trump’s “inhumane” and “misguided” policy of “family separation” at the border. That same month, Ron Wyden led 37 fellow Senate Democrats as well as Independents Bernie Sanders and Angus King, in sending President Trump a [letter](#) demanding that he “rescind” his “unethical, ineffective, and inhumane” border policy because of its “traumatizing impacts” on detainees.

Supplementing these efforts were [media](#) outlets nationwide, which disseminated a massive array of stories about—and [images](#) of—weeping mothers and children being separated from one another at America’s southern border. One of the more iconic pictures was a *Time* magazine cover that showed a small girl crying in terror as she looked up at the unsympathetic face of Donald Trump, whose image had been positioned before her. The caption read, “Welcome to America.”

Absent from the foregoing condemnations of the Trump border policy was any acknowledgment of the fact that the Obama administration had likewise [separated](#) many thousands of parents from their children. The main difference is that Obama did not apply separation in a “zero-tolerance” manner, but [reserved](#) it chiefly for cases where the parents were known to have criminal backgrounds or drug involvement. Most other family units were released into the American interior, usually never to be heard from again.

The [origin](#) of the so-called “separation” policy dates back to the mid-1980s. Following is a brief overview of the policy’s history:

- In 1985, when the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) had jurisdiction over all immigration matters in the United States, a number of activist organizations filed a class-action lawsuit challenging an INS policy that: (a) prevented unaccompanied illegal-alien children from being released to any U.S.-based adults other than their parents or legal guardians, and (b) stipulated that in such cases, the children were to be detained by U.S. authorities for their own protection.
- In 1988, Judge Robert Kelleher of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California ruled in favor of the aforementioned plaintiffs by making it easier to release minors to the care of adults who were not the youngsters' parents or guardians.
- In 1990, a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed Kelleher's decision and upheld the original INS policy.
- But in 1991, all eleven judges of the Ninth Circuit Court met *en banc* and issued a 7-4 decision reversing the three-judge panel's decision and reaffirming Judge Kelleher's 1988 position.
- In 1992 this same case, known as *Reno v. Flores*, went to the Supreme Court, which in 1993 voted 7-2 in favor of reversing the Ninth Circuit Court's decision and restoring the original INS policy from pre-1988. As Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the majority: “Where the Government does not intend to punish the child, and where the conditions of Governmental custody are decent and humane, such custody surely does not violate the Constitution.”
- Notwithstanding this emphatic decision by the nation's highest court, immigration activist groups continued to file lawsuits and to apply political pressure aimed at restoring Judge Kelleher's 1988 standard.
- Eventually, in 1997, INS Commissioner Doris Meissner—fulfilling the wishes of the Clinton administration—signed a settlement of the *Flores* case whereby the government agreed that it would thenceforth strive to place unaccompanied alien children in the “least restrictive” setting by releasing them “without unnecessary delay” to—in order of preference—their parents, legal guardians, other adult relatives, or other individuals designated by the parents or guardians.
- In 2003, Congress disbanded the INS and transferred the agency's responsibilities to several entities within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The task of placing alien minors with their parents or other caretakers, however, was assigned to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). But immigrant-rights activists persisted in complaining that the DHS, HHS, and ORR were not adequately complying with the terms of the 1997 *Flores* settlement.

- Finally, in 2015, California federal district court judge Dolly Gee, an appointee of President Obama, ruled that because detention centers in Texas had failed to meet the standards laid out in *Flores*, the Obama administration would now be required to release—within 20 days—all children apprehended while crossing the border illegally, whether or not they were accompanied by an adult.

“In other words,” the Center for Immigration Studies [explained](#) in February 2019, “now all minors in detention, whether or not they were with their parents, couldn't be detained for more than three weeks. This ruling laid the groundwork for the current [policy], in which children are released while their parents can still be detained awaiting hearings—hence, the 'separation' of families. The alternative is simply releasing the entire family after three weeks or less.”

These were precisely the same narrow alternatives that were open to the Trump administration in April 2018, when it implemented its new “zero-tolerance” policy vis-a-vis illegal entry. On June 20, 2018, President Trump, under mounting political pressure not only from Democrats but also from members of his own party, [signed](#) an executive order ending the practice of separating children from their parents at the border, while keeping the zero-tolerance policy intact. In other words, it would now be deemed permissible to detain adult migrants and their children together indefinitely. “I didn't like the sight or the feeling of families being separated,” said Trump. The president's order also required the Defense Department to provide and, “if necessary,” construct facilities in which to house and care for the families.

Democrats and their mouthpieces in the leftist media were not at all mollified by Trump's gesture, however. As House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi put it, the president's executive order merely sought to “[replace](#) one form of child abuse with another” by “pav[ing] the way for the long-term incarceration of families in prison-like conditions.” *The Los Angeles Times*, meanwhile, [condemned](#) the Trump administration for its continued “animus toward immigrants and its inhumane border policies.”

In other words, President Trump was going to be portrayed as a despicable, congenital “racist” *no matter what he did*, short of releasing every illegal border-crosser into the U.S. interior—and essentially declaring all of our nation's immigration laws null, void, and meaningless.

Turning a Blind Eye to Trump's Laudable Words and Deeds

While the American news media have been so intent on portraying President Trump's every word, every action, and every breath as “racist,” they have dutifully avoided reporting on events that might contradict their carefully scripted narrative.

To cite one recent example, consider some of the profoundly positive things that Trump said in his speech to the Young Black Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., where he was received with enormous warmth and enthusiasm, in October

2018. “[I]t is my great [honor](#),” the president stated, “to be with so many brilliant—and that’s what you are, brilliant, courageous, patriotic and proud Americans. Seeing all of you here today fills me with an extraordinary confidence in America’s future, and the great, great future of our country.... You are true leaders on your campuses, in your churches and in your communities.”

Don’t feel too badly if you never heard about the Young Black Leadership Summit, or about Trump’s remarks there. News reporters must have scarcely had a moment to mention the event, given the fact that they were so busy chronicling the president’s “racism” on a minute-by-minute basis.

It is also unlikely that you ever heard about President Trump’s September 10, 2019 [address](#) at the annual Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) Week Conference in Washington, D.C., where he [said](#) things like this:

- “For more than 180 years, HBCUs have strengthened our country and called America to greatness. Your institutions have been pillars of excellence in higher education and the engines of advancement for African-American citizens.”
- “My administration is deeply devoted to advancing this amazing legacy of success, commitment, and contribution to our nation. You have never stopped working to improve this country, and you deserve a government—you have to just keep going. You really do deserve a government that never stops working for you. And you never stop working for it. You’re amazing people in this room. Incredible people. And I congratulate you for it.”
- “Every day of my presidency, we’ll strive to give every child, of every background and every race, religion, and creed, the best chance to reach that beautiful American Dream.”
- “We want to help each student have the experience they need to get a tremendous job, enjoy a rewarding career, and join our great national effort to rebuild America.”
- “The fierce dedication to strengthening HBCUs is a core part of my administration’s unwavering focus on the project of national renewal.”

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At that same event, Trump proudly [announced](#) that he had: (a) signed legislation to increase federal funding for HBCUs by a record 13%; (b) directed the entire federal government to develop a strategy to help HBCUs “receive [the] resources and support that you deserve”; (c) instructed NASA as well as the Departments of Labor and Education to recruit HBCU students and to increase apprenticeship opportunities for them; and (d) opened a White House office to coordinate and oversee these various initiatives. “Our federal budget also prioritizes HBCUs in our plan to give more students access to state-of-the-art training in high-demand fields, such as science, technology, engineering, and math,” the president noted as well.

But as *National Review* contributing editor Deroy Murdock [points out](#): “All three evening-news shows entombed this [HBCU] story. Instead, ABC spent 15 seconds on the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders doubling their pay. CBS delivered 22 seconds on the medical benefits of twice-weekly naps. And NBC broadcast one minute and 34 seconds on a 9-year-old Ohioan who was ‘lunch-shamed’ at his school.”

In September 2019 as well, President Trump made the following [remarks](#) at a Hispanic Heritage Month reception at the White House:

- “This evening, we come together to honor the devotion, and the drive, and the faith, and genius, and exceptional achievements of our incredible Hispanic American community.”
- “Hispanic Americans have been a big part of our national story from the very, very beginning of our country. You work hard. You raise your strong and beautiful families. You care for your neighbors. You start businesses, you create jobs, and you teach your children to love our country and to cherish our God-given freedom. Hispanic Americans enrich America in countless ways, and we will always honor this solemn commitment to you. I will always be with you, and I think you know that maybe better than anybody knows it.”
- “Last week, I had the privilege of awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom to another phenomenal member of the Hispanic American community: the legendary pitcher for the New York Yankees ... Mariano Rivera... Mariano is one of millions of the outstanding men and women of Hispanic heritage who has excelled in every dimension of American society, and helped to build our community into the greatest nation the world has ever seen.”
- “Thank you for your contribution to our culture. And thank you for helping make America greater than ever before.”

The media, however, were mostly unwilling to believe anything positive that Trump may have said at the White House reception. An opinion piece in *The Hill*, for instance, [condemned](#) “Trump’s bigotry” and stated: “The president’s antipathy towards Latinos is well-documented... During this year’s Hispanic Heritage Month, affirming our heritage represents a kind of defiance to a president and an administration that is hostile to Latinos.”

A few days after the Hispanic Heritage Month gathering at which the president spoke, NBC News quoted an information-technology worker in Tennessee [saying](#): “He [Trump] speaks nothing but hate rhetoric. If the leader of this country is free to speak like that, there’s going to be people who think it’s OK to speak like that. He’s making people live their life in fear.”

At a September 22, 2019 event at Houston’s NRG Stadium, where some 50,000 immigrants from India (and their American-born descendants) gathered for “a community summit” in honor of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Trump [told](#) the crowd that he and Mr. Modi “have come to Houston to celebrate everything that unites America and India—our shared dreams and bright futures.” Despite the fact that U.S. citizens of Indian ancestry had [voted](#) overwhelmingly

against him in 2016, Trump declared: "I've also come to express my profound gratitude to the nearly 4 million amazing Indian Americans all across our country. You enrich our culture, you uphold our values, you uplift our communities, and you are truly proud to be American. And we are proud to have you as Americans. We thank you. We love you."

"This occasion in Houston was a high-water mark in relations between Earth's two most populous republics," Deroy Murdock [observes](#). "Regardless, Trump and Modi's love-in received zero minutes and zero seconds of coverage on that evening's *NBC Nightly News*. However, America's highest-rated news program for the coveted 25-to-54 demographic devoted two minutes and 35 seconds to correspondent Sam Brock's report on the 25th anniversary of *The Shawshank Redemption*. Likewise ... ABC's *World News Tonight* totally spurned Trump's Indo-extravaganza. However, it focused for one minute and 45 seconds on Katie, a border collie that was lost in Montana and found, alive, 57 days later."

Conclusion

So you see—as the opening sentence of this article noted—the reflexive hatred that many Americans feel for Donald Trump is entirely understandable. For the media have been relentless in portraying the president as little more than a bombastic, malevolent, coldhearted, racist monster—while simultaneously turning a blind eye to virtually any story that might cast him in a favorable light. Consider, for example, the astonishing degree to which the press has ignored positive economic news in the Trump era:

- President Trump's economic policies have helped nonwhite minorities to improve their circumstances in historic ways. The nationwide black unemployment rate in September 2019, for instance, was [5.4%](#)—an all-time low. The Hispanic unemployment rate was [3.9%](#)—also a record low. But according to the Media Research Center, the booming Trump economy has typically accounted for [fewer than 1%](#) of all network news stories about the president and his activities.
- In much the same way, the media have had no trouble continuing to portray Trump as a racist even after he signed the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017, which [created](#) more than 8,700 separate [Opportunity Zones](#) in low-income, economically distressed, mostly-minority communities across the United States. This provision of the tax-cut bill was designed to bring jobs and commerce to places that have long been economically moribund. Why would a "racist" president have signed such legislation?

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In light of the media's astounding dishonesty and malfeasance—so ably laid bare by such invaluable resources as the [Media Research Center](#) and Mark Levin's [Unfreedom of the Press](#)—it ultimately becomes incumbent upon each individual American to question the conventional "wisdom" that he or she has derived from the press.

This, of course, is not easy. The prospect of questioning one's firmly held beliefs—which may include a host of firmly held hatreds—can be extremely unsettling. It requires courage to cast away the accumulated myths of a lifetime. Dead belief systems are always difficult to bury, for in doing so we enter a world we do not recognize. As we watch the carefully crafted towers of our understanding crash down in ruins, we lose an integral piece of the only reality we may ever have known. We recoil instinctively from the distress of openly admitting—to ourselves as well as to others—that we may have spent a very long time placing our faith in people or ideas that were wholly unworthy of it. Candace Owens, the leftist-turned-conservative who founded the "Blexit" movement that encourages black Americans to leave the Democratic Party, has eloquently [articulated](#) her own experience as follows:

"A huge component of what you need, to leave the Left, is humility. Do you know how much humility it took for me to say, 'I was wrong about everything and I know nothing'? You've got to be a pretty humble person and have no ego, especially if you've gone so far left, that you're on Facebook and you're on Twitter de-friending your [conservative] friends, calling them all Nazis, calling them racists. How do you then say, 'Oh wait, you know what? My bad, I was wrong'? I think that's what people struggle with, is that sometimes they just stay on the left because they've gone so far into the looney-tune direction, that they're afraid to say, 'Hey, you know what? I'm sorry. I was wrong and I'm relearning this.'"

If you are one of those people who have hated President Trump specifically for being a "racist," try, like Candace Owens, to consider the possibility that you've been wrong—very, very wrong. And allow yourself to also question—through independence of mind—the veracity of the many additional "certainties" that you likewise have accepted as articles of faith until now. As Mr. Trump himself once asked black voters on his campaign trail when seeking their support: "What the hell have you got to lose?"

NOTES:

[1] Contrary to early reports, it [appears](#) that the counter-protesters did in fact have a permit as well.

[2] See note #1.

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Bogus Racism Charge Prevents Legitimate Criticism

By **Nancy Thorner** | Aug 20, 2019

In the past if someone was labeled a racist, there was a pretty good chance the person was a bigot, and perhaps even proud of it. However, among ineffective and dishonest politicians, racism has been used as a shield from criticism for half a century.

In certain locales, a man could carve out a pretty good career for himself by playing the race card. For a great many years southern Democrats had no problem winning gubernatorial and senate elections by presenting themselves as non-apologetic segregationists.

Now long gone, old political war horses like Richard Russell, Strom Thurmond, Albert Gore, Orval Faubus, Robert Byrd, George Wallace, Lester Maddox, and Jesse Helms have been replaced by a new wave of racial bigots who happen to be black. Among their ranks are Barack Obama, Maxine Waters, Al Green, Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Ilhan Omar, Elijah Cummings, Bobby Rush, Kamala Harris, Eric Holder, Jim Clyburn, Barbara Lee, John Lewis, Frederica Wilson, Ayanna Pressley and Cory Booker. In their contempt for white people, they are every bit as focused on pigmentation as were the earlier group of racist politicians.

Racism today

Joseph Epstein in his article of August 2, 2019, [What Would We Do Without the Word 'Racism'?](#), has exactly the right tone and message about the word and its abusive overuse. Although it would be desirable to ban the word, it just won't happen. Why? Because too many "professionals" have too much at stake to abandon it, it is just too easy an expression to weaponize, and for the lazy it is the perfect crutch. Epstein writes:

"In our day the word [racism] has been used imprecisely, promiscuously, perniciously and well beyond abundantly. If you are politically on the left, racism is what you accuse people of who don't agree with you. If you are on the right, you can accuse them, I suppose, of socialism, but it doesn't carry anything like the same resonance in moral opprobrium or self-awarded virtue as does racism."

— Joseph Epstein

As to how likely voters view President Trump, the latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 59% of Likely U.S. Voters disagree with the following statement – "Vote for Donald Trump, and you are a racist." Twenty-nine percent (29%) agree with the statement, while 12% are undecided. (To see survey question wording, [click here](#).) A closer look finds that 49% of Democrats think Trump voters are racist due to indoctrination, compared to 13% of Republicans and 23% of voters not affiliated with either major party. Not surprising is that among Democrats, one-in-three Democrats think [it's racism any time a white politician criticizes a politician of color](#).)

Shortly after the El Paso shooting, Presidential candidate [Beto O'Rourke](#) called out a 'racist' President Trump as the one responsible for El Paso shooting, even though in the alleged manifesto the alleged shooter directly says that his beliefs predate

Trump's election victory, further [predicting in his manifesto](#) that Trump will be falsely blamed.

Without the word racism Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton would be out of business. The power of the word racism—always cocked, aimed and ready to fire—makes it impossible to say anything, outside the most obeisant praise, about black culture, black politicians, black entertainers or black anything. The entire subject is out of bounds to anyone who isn't black, and many black intellectuals and writers are themselves in peril if they step outside the racial party line.

How the term racism became pervasive

To make sense of President Trump's dust-up with Rep. Elijah Cummings, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the rest of the Democratic Party, you have to go back to Baltimore in April 1968, when the city was overwhelmed by a riot in the wake of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. The year prior Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Newark, N.J. had experienced serious race riots.

On July 28, 1967 President Johnson appointed the [Kerner Commission](#) to explain the 1967 race riots in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Newark, N.J. In his remarks upon signing the order, Johnson asked for answers to three basic questions about the riots: "What happened? Why did it happen? What can be done to prevent it from happening again and again.

After seven months of investigation, the Kerner Report was released on February 29, 1968. It became an instant bestseller; over two million Americans bought copies of the 426-page document. The report's most famous passage warned, "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal." The report was a strong indictment of white America: "What white Americans have never fully understood but what the Negro can never forget — is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it, and white society condones it." As suggested, one main cause of urban violence was [white racism](#) and white America bore much of the responsibility for black rioting and rebellion.

Over time, the Kerner Commission's view of racism became gospel in the media, academia and the Democratic Party. An intellectual Iron Curtain descended to protect black politicians to allow them to denounce their critics as racists.

Were Trump's Baltimore tweets racist?

The media worked overtime on Saturday, July 27, 2019 to paint President Donald Trump as a racist for tweeting about the conditions in the district in West Baltimore represented by Democratic Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD).

Because President Trump finally had had enough of being pounded by the corrupt Elijah Cummings over the conditions at the Mexican border, Trump pointed out, in [a series of tweets](#), that Cummings' district is considered the worst in the USA, while the border is clean, efficient & well run, just very crowded. In contrast, Cummings' District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess and if Cummings spent more time in Baltimore, maybe he could help clean up this very dangerous and filthy place.

Because Trump spoke the truth, hypocritical Democrats and spineless Republicans accused Trump of being a racist.

In a [video from a 1999 congressional hearing](#), Rep. Elijah Cummings (D., Md.) described his community of Baltimore as a “drug infested area.”

Three years ago, [Sen. Bernie Sanders](#), after touring the district, said that it reminded him of a place he’d expect to come across in a third world country.

Last year, a camera crew accompanied then-Baltimore mayor [Catherine Pugh](#), who is black, as she walked the same mean streets and we all got to hear her comments, which ranged from “You can smell dead animals” and “What the hell is that?” to “Oh, my, look at all those rats!” and “We should just tear this shit down.”

Where has all the money gone?

We keep hearing that more money has to be air-lifted to those places like Baltimore in order to improve the schools, the streets and the houses. You would think that after all these decades, somebody would acknowledge that money is not the answer and that outsiders can’t begin to solve the multi-generational problem. Yet, the reason given by the Left is the existence of racial and financial inequity where black and brown people live.

Time and again, it has been shown that a few basic things can help people rise out of poverty regardless of their race: graduate from high school, learn a trade and don’t have children before marriage.

Trump is right: the people of Baltimore have been neglected by their own leaders for far too long.

“[Money has] been misspent. It’s missing,” Trump told reporters, [according to the Baltimore Sun](#). “It’s been stolen with a lot of corrupt government. And as you know, [Elijah] Cummings has been in charge. Now, I will say this: I think that Rep. Cummings should take his oversight committee and start doing oversight on Baltimore. He’d find out some real things.”

After President Trump’s accusation about the amount of money and corruption in Congressman Elijah Cummings’ district, [Adam Andrzejewski](#) of [Open the Books](#) decided to see if there was any merit to the Trump’s accusation. Auditors at *Open the Books* were able to find just how much taxpayer money was flowing into the Baltimore bureaucracy at every level, federal, state, and local. What they found was a city drowning in taxpayer dollars. Read the resulting editorial published at Forbes: [Baltimore’s 30,000 Public Employees Cost Taxpayers \\$2 Billion But Can’t Save Their Own City](#)

[See here a map](#) created by *Open the Books* for every reported sighting of trash and rats on Baltimore’s streets. [According to the government website](#), USASPENDING.gov., Cummings’ 7th congressional district received more than \$9 billion last year alone and more than \$15 billion total in the past two years.

Baltimore economy: A snapshot of the money-side of the city

Despite all the money flowing into Cummings’ district, Baltimore condemns its citizens with the country’s [worst schools](#) and mops up [more murders](#) than El Salvador. Its poverty rate is [nearly twice](#) the national average.

Following are some [economic stats and recent ranking](#) published by Fox Business on July 29, 2019:

- Jobs: The unemployment rate in Baltimore city was at 5.10 percent in May. Compare that to Maryland state's 3.8 percent unemployment rate in June, while the national average sits at 3.7 percent.
- Income: The typical household income in Baltimore was \$46,641 in 2017, while the average family in the U.S. saw annual earnings of \$57,652, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Poverty: According to Census Bureau data, the poverty rate came in at 22.4 percent in 2017, compared to the national average of 12.3 percent.
- City leadership ranking: Baltimore ranked as No. 129 out of 150 — (or 21 spots from the bottom of the list) — in WalletHub's list of 2019's best- and worst-run cities in America.

One can feel pity for people in Russia, China, Iran and North Korea. They are the victims of the police states into which they were born. The same can't be said for those who live in places like Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Houston, Oakland, Minneapolis and Kansas City.

All these cities have one thing in common: They are run by Democrat mayors who promise much but deliver little to their constituents.

But what about the voters? They get to pick their poison, yet they keep lapping up the same poison year after year.

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Donald Trump's no racist, as past acts and presidential record prove

by **Andrew Stein** | Aug 7 2019

Donald Trump is no racist. I have known him since 1973 and have never seen any indication or any form of racism. In fact, quite the contrary.

When I was Manhattan Borough president and president of the New York City Council, I asked him numerous times to help black or Hispanic groups, and he always came through, many times without publicity. When a hurricane ravished Puerto Rico in the mid 1980s, I asked many big companies to give various forms of assistance — but the problem was how to get all of this aid down to Puerto Rico. I called Donald Trump, and he provided us with a 727 jet to take all of the donated material down to the island, and he didn't ask for any publicity for that generous act.

My friend, [Rev. Floyd Flake](#), the minister of the largest black church in Queens, asked for some help for his senior center. Again, I called Donald Trump and he wrote a big check.

One day I met an African American woman on the street with her two adorable young kids. She was homeless, and I gave her some money — and then asked Donald to get her into some low-income housing in Queens. He came through, and did so without any fanfare.

When [President Trump](#) recently [attacked](#) Congressman [Elijah Cummings](#) (D-Md.), he was not doing so because Rep. Cummings is black but because the president is a counter-puncher. And he is right that Cummings has been a congressman for 22 years and that Baltimore, part of which is in his congressional district, [is a mess](#). The city has gotten worse during his tenure: more poverty, more drugs and more crime.

The president is honest and doesn't parse his words, like most politicians, and that drives the media crazy. But his honesty is refreshing, and he is usually right, if not always diplomatic.

African American and Hispanic unemployment under his presidency [is the lowest](#) it has been in 60 years. The president pushed through [criminal justice reform](#) and has created [empowerment zones](#) that help economically distressed communities — and their poorer residents — through tax incentives and grants. In short, he has done more for minorities in three years than President Obama did in eight, and he deserves credit instead of rebuke.

I truly do not believe that [Barack Obama](#) is a racist — but some of his actions during his presidency could make people wonder.

Obama [listened to Rev. Jeremiah Wright's vile sermons](#) every Sunday for years; Rev. Wright frequently and viciously attacked [whites, Jews and America itself](#).

Barack Obama had [many meetings](#) in Chicago with Rev. [Louis Farrakhan](#) and said many nice things about the Nation of Islam leader. He attended many of

Farrakhan's rallies, where Farrakhan set a new low for anti-Semitic attacks, calling Jews a "[gutter religion](#)" and white people "[devils](#)."

In addition, President Obama had Rev. [Al Sharpton](#), one of the country's highest-profile race-baiters, [as a guest in the White House dozens of times](#).

In order to protect President Obama, the media largely ignored these and many other questionable things — but these things happened, and they are far worse than anything President Trump has done.

The point is that President Obama was not a racist but [he did things that could be construed as racially divisive](#) — and yet, he was never widely criticized for it, nor was he publicly condemned as a racist. President Trump is not a racist, either — and yet, he is being condemned as one by his critics on the left, and by much of the mainstream media.

Race should not play a part in our politics. For too long, it has been a scar on our country. We should focus instead on the issues, and on what's going to help make America strong for everyone.

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<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/456523-donald-trumps-no-racist-as-past-acts-and-presidential-record-prove>

Time for Trump to Start Acting Like a Real Racist

by **Marc Berman**

President Trump's critics claim that his recent [tweets](#) prove that he is racist. First, the President suggested that four female members of Congress should go back to their countries of origin. Countries like the [Bronx](#).

Subsequently, Trump assailed Rep. Elijah Cummings for doing "a very poor job." Trump claimed that Cummings's [predominately African American](#) Baltimore district "is in horrible shape and falling apart."

That all five members whom Trump lambasted [identify as people of color](#) seemingly clinches the racism rap. Indeed, Sen. Cory Booker [branded](#) Trump as "very similar" to former Alabama governor and avowed segregationist George Wallace.

Yet, I am perplexed. Back in the day, racists wouldn't hire African Americans. They refused to eat with blacks or serve them in restaurants. When blacks peacefully protested such discrimination, racist officials ordered law enforcement to shoot them with [water jets from fire hoses](#) and attack them with police dogs.

Indeed, bigots have typically been open about their discriminatory views. Take George Wallace himself.

In 1963, Wallace [roared](#), "Segregation now, segregation tomorrow and segregation forever." Wallace also [asserted](#) that "liberals seek to persecute the international white minority to the whim of the international colored majority...."

In contrast, Trump didn't refer to the representatives' race in his latest tweets. He doesn't advocate racial discrimination. He has appointed black and brown people to his cabinet. The President has no problem dining publicly with minorities (at least [if Big Macs are on the menu](#)). He permits opponents to [demonstrate](#) against him.

Then there's Trump's rhetoric. In 2018, he [acknowledged](#) "our nation's continuing debt to Dr. King's legacy." The President maintained that "Dr. King advocated for the world we still demand — where ... our limits and our opportunities are defined not by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character."

This Independence Day, the President even [saluted](#) the "thirst for justice" behind the civil rights efforts of African American students in Wallace's era. Trump thanked one of those students "for making this country a much better place for all Americans."

What racist ever spoke like that?

Moreover, through backbreaking research, I discovered that Trump often [excoriates](#) people who are *not black or brown*. Or even female.

I'm talking white males like Jeb Bush, James Comey, Jeff Sessions, Adam Schiff, Jerald Nadler, Chuck Schumer, Bill Clinton, John McCain, Wolf Blitzer, Richard Blumenthal, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Stephen Colbert, and Robert Mueller. Not to mention a counterman at Katz's Delicatessen who mistakenly put some brisket in Trump's corned beef sandwich.

Believe it or not, some of the President's missives against fellow white privilege club members have also contained [factual errors](#).

Is it conceivable that Trump *isn't* racist, but just attacks *anyone* who opposes him? And that any misstatements of fact by the President are unrelated to his adversaries' skin color? I am loath to consider such farfetched ideas.

Still, there exists the *theoretical possibility* that Trump's problem is not with the race of Rep. Cummings and the four members of the "[Squad](#)," but with these congresspersons' views and actions.

Like, say, Rep. Ilhan Omar's [repeated anti-Semitic statements](#). Strangely, those remarks earned Omar, who hails from Somalia, [praise](#) from former KKK leader and white supremacist David Duke.

And what about Rep. Ayanna Pressley's [call to exclude](#) from politics black and brown people who don't share her liberal positions? Or Rep. Rashida Tlaib's [attempt](#) to physically prevent Trump from addressing his supporters? Or Rep. Cummings chairmanship of a congressional committee that is [harassing the President for political ends](#)? Or AOC's stated positions on, well, [everything](#)?

Nonetheless, we must not let facts confuse our feelings. It *can't be* that Trump isn't racist. I mean, even the Washington Post [says](#) he is. Would Jeff Bezos's [baby](#) ever [lie](#) to us?

So here's hoping that President Trump will show some decency going forward, by no longer *pretending* to be committed to equal opportunity.

Mr. President, fire [Ben Carson and Elaine Chao](#). Stop [condemning bigotry](#). Stop [meeting](#) with [black leaders](#). Cease touting [record-low](#) African American unemployment. Revoke the [pardon](#) for Jack Johnson. And don't even *think* about promoting any [Kanye West](#) concerts.

For their part, progressives must forget about impeaching Trump over collusion with Russia and obstruction of justice. The 47 or so additional [investigations](#) that are necessary to sustain the charges will take too long. Anyway, those crimes were nothing compared to Trump's ongoing masking of his racial prejudice.

Instead, if Trump persists in professing support for racial equality, House Democrats must impeach him immediately. For that reason alone.

We can't tolerate someone in the White House who refuses to act like the bigot we want.

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# Harriet Blows Away Democratic Racial Myths

By **Daniel John Sobieski** | Nov 2019

History, someone once said, is a lie agreed upon, and nowhere is that more self-evident than in accounts of America's racial history as told by Democrats. Republicans are the party of racism and slavery when the historical record shows just the opposite to be true.

As [Thomas Sowell notes](#), Democrats value black votes but not black voters.

Democrats need black voters to be fearful, angry, resentful and paranoid. Black votes matter. If Republicans could get 20 percent of black votes, the Democrats would be ruined.

That is what Democrats are terrified of. That can only happen if blacks are denied the truth about their past, present, and future. It is Democrats who owned the slaves, founded the KKK, and wrote the Jim Crow laws. It is Democrats who stood in the schoolhouse door and still do, opposing school choice. It is Democrats who turned on the fire hoses and unleashed the dogs. It was Democrats who blocked the bridge in Selma. A higher percentage of Republicans voted for the Civil Rights Act than Democrats. The improvement of black lives under Trump and a free market economy is no mirage but a portent of things to come that has the Democratic Party running scared.

The Democrat's historical amnesia omits the fact that it was Senator Robert Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia and former "Grand Kleagle" with the Klan, who holds the distinction of being the only senator to have opposed the only two black nominees to the Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas.

Sen. Albert Gore, father of the former vice president, voted against the act, as did Sen. J. William Fulbright, to whom Bill Clinton dedicated a memorial, current senior senator from South Carolina Ernest Hollings, Sen. Richard Russell and, of course, Sen. Strom Thurmond, a Democrat at that time. The party of Abraham Lincoln and Jeff Sessions beat back the fire hoses and dogs of the party of Robert Byrd, Cory Booker, and Kamala Harris.

*Harriet*, just released in theaters, tells the story of Harriet Tubman, an African-American slave who frees herself and then returns south to retrieve 70 others and bring them to freedom. Oh yeah -- Harriet Tubman was a gun-toting Republican and the people she liberated these slaves from were Democrats.

She was a heroine of the Underground Railroad and plans were being made under President Obama to place Tubman's image on a new twenty-dollar bill, replacing the current version depicting former slaveowner and president Andrew Jackson. Plans stalled however, perhaps when someone notice that [Tubman was a Republican](#) who believed that firearms were the best guarantor of freedom and equality ever invented.



Recently Congressman John Katko, R-NY, has revived the idea of replacing President Andrew Jackson, one of those old white guys, on [with Tubman](#).

Back in 2016, President Barack Obama's Treasury Secretary Jack Lew announced the proposal to swap former President Andrew Jackson with Harriet Tubman.

Tubman would be the first African-American woman to appear on U.S. currency and the first woman in 100 years. The idea was to honor the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

The plan has since stalled. President Donald Trump is a fan of Andrew Jackson and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said as far as he's concerned, Jackson will remain on the \$20 bill, but some in Congress think otherwise.

"We don't have a woman of color, we don't have any person of color on any U.S. currency," said Congressman John Katko, R-New York...

Lisa Page, the interim Director of Africana Studies at George Washington University, says the move is not without controversy.

"I think Americans are still ashamed of the legacy of slavery and will continue to be ashamed of slavery," Page said.

If the bill were to become a reality, according to Page, it would be a fitting tribute to a trailblazer for freedom and a patriotic American heroine.

Ironically, Charlton Heston, who played Moses on the big screen, was an NRA member famous for holding a musket over his head with the pledge, "From my cold dead, hands." Gun rights are a keystone of our freedoms and the Founders knew that we needed a Second Amendment to protect the other nine. Harriet Tubman knew that in the battle to end slavery gun rights for African Americans would be key.

[Biographer Kate Clifford Larson notes](#) that Harriet Tubman was no stranger to firearms, finding it a way to both protect and reassure slaves she shepherded to freedom in the north:

Harriet Tubman carried a small pistol with her on her rescue missions, mostly for protection from slave catchers, but also to encourage weak-hearted runaways from turning back and risking the safety of the rest of the group. Tubman carried a sharp-shooters rifle during the Civil War.

An image of her carrying her gun is not likely to grace the new \$20 bill, nor is any mention of her being a supporter of the anti-slavery Republican Party likely to be a regular part of the mainstream media and liberal Democratic mantra. Harriet Tubman's image should remind Americans that gun control was a historical method to control and subjugate blacks. UCLA constitutional law professor notes in [the Atlantic](#):

Indisputably, for much of American history, gun-control measures, like many other laws, were used to oppress African Americans. The South had long prohibited blacks, both slave and free, from owning guns. In the North, however, at the end of the Civil War, the Union army allowed soldiers of any color to take home their rifles. Even blacks who hadn't served could buy guns in the North, amid the glut of firearms produced for the war. President Lincoln had promised a "new birth of

freedom," but many blacks knew that white Southerners were not going to go along easily with such a vision. [The professor] also notes:

The KKK began as a gun-control organization. Before the Civil War, blacks were never allowed to own guns. During the Civil War, blacks kept guns for the first time -- either they served in the Union army and they were allowed to keep their guns, or they buy guns on the open market where for the first time there's hundreds of thousands of guns flooding the marketplace after the war ends. So they arm up because they know who they're dealing with in the South. White racists do things like pass laws to disarm them, but that's not really going to work. So they form these racist posses all over the South to go out at night in large groups to terrorize blacks and take those guns away.

One of the key reasons for the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment's guarantee that blacks were equal human beings with equal rights was to protect the gun rights of freed slaves after the Civil War. This reasoning was cited in the 2010 gun-rights victory won by Otis McDonald in *McDonald vs. Chicago*. McDonald, a 76-year-old African-American Army veteran living in a high-crime area of Chicago, felt the Second Amendment gave him the right to protect himself and his family with a gun just as he once protected his country with a gun..

The Supreme Court agreed, with [Justice Samuel Alito referencing](#) the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment:

Alito wrote: "Evidence from the period immediately following the ratification [in 1868] of the Fourteenth Amendment only confirms that the right to keep and bear arms was considered fundamental... In sum, it is clear that the Framers and ratifiers of the Fourteenth Amendment counted the right to keep and bear arms among those fundamental rights necessary to our system of ordered liberty"...

"The laws of some states formally prohibited African Americans from possessing firearms," Alito said. "For example, a Mississippi law provided that 'no freedman, free negro or mulatto, not in the military service of the United States government, and not licensed so to do by the board of police of his or her county, shall keep or carry firearms of any kind, or any ammunition, dirk or bowie knife."

Harriet Tubman supported the Republican Party because it opposed slavery. She carried a gun because it protected the liberty and freedom of herself and those she delivered to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Just as Democrats sought to enslave and disarm blacks back then, they now seek to entrap them in high-crime urban areas run by liberal Democrats who seek to deny them, and the rest of us, the right to keep and bear arms.

Harriet Tubman's image may never appear on the \$20 bill, but we should all learn and remember the one showing this African-American Republican leading slaves to freedom with a gun in her hand.



# Who's Putting Who in Chains?

By **Daren Williams** | Nov 2 2019

It was in August, 2012, during the final months of the Obama reelection campaign, when then-Vice President Joe Biden made the ham-fisted statement to a Danville, Virginia crowd which included many black Americans, that Mitt Romney would, "put y'all back in chains," by cutting regulations on Wall Street.

His gaffe was a clumsy attempt to slander Romney and all Republicans by intimating their desire to put Americans 'back' in chains, interpreted by the hypersensitive liberal Left as a twisted reference to slavery. But unfortunately many Americans, (especially blacks), believe this to be a truism -- that Republicans are oppressors and slavemasters to be eradicated from the American landscape.

The notion is ludicrous, both literally and figuratively. Given that Republicans freed American blacks from the slavery imposed by Democrats, the idea of the GOP somehow putting them back in chains is stupefyingly ignorant. This ignorance is exceeded only by the preposterousness of thinking that cutting the size and power of the federal government equals slavery when in fact, it is precisely the opposite that is true.

President Donald Trump has been gradually unchaining Americans, especially blacks, from the slavery of big government, excessive regulation, high taxes, bad economic policy and a prejudicial criminal justice system. Black unemployment is the lowest in recorded American history. More people are working than ever in the history of the republic. More than a million children have been lifted from the chains of poverty and never have so many black men been given a chance for release from an unfair criminal justice system.

It is for these reasons that President Donald Trump is, and will continue to be, portrayed by a dishonest Left as racist and wanting to shackle/chain/enslave blacks -- the polar opposite of reality. Biden won't admit it publicly but he knows, as do other powerful Democrats, that Trump is the biggest single threat to their plans to bring socialism to America. Trump has blown up their timetable, so he must be driven from office, not by being defeated at the ballot box but through impeachment.

For a moment, let's imagine that President Donald Trump is impeached, driven from office and hauled off to jail, and that Democrats win the White House in 2020, keep the House of Representatives and secure the Senate. What about those "chains" Uncle Joe talked about?

Democrats are promising to repeal the Trump tax cuts, shackling the household wealth of all Americans to a ravenous federal Treasury. This would be followed by the chains of onerous



governmental regulations on businesses and higher corporate taxes, destroying jobs and cutting wages. Particularly hard hit would be coal and other fossil-fuel industries, which Democrats promise to eradicate through the Green New Deal or variations thereof.

Our national sovereignty would be in bondage to the United Nations, making the United States the world's piggy bank for countries like Iran, China, and other belligerents. American citizens would be clapped into the irons of censorship with the erosion or outright loss of First Amendment rights, like New York City's ban on free speech, which fines those who speak the truth about illegal aliens.

Our health care would be enslaved to a government system of socialized medicine that would invariably result in rationing medical treatment and levying confiscatory taxes on those able to pay so free health care can be provided to non-citizens and others who are in the United States illegally.

Democrats went to war in 1861 so they could continue to own other human beings. Today, Democrats are going to war again, this time using an illegitimate impeachment of President Trump, in their effort to enslave an entire nation to their vision of a socialist America, the *casus belli* being their vendetta against him for daring to make America truly great again. This is not idle speculation. Rep. Al Green - a black man, no less - was unequivocal when he said, "If we don't impeach the president, he will get reelected."

President Trump has done more in three years to free blacks and all Americans from the shackles of big and increasingly oppressive government than any other president. If we do not come to his aid while Democrats lay siege to his administration, Joe Biden's 2012 admonition will indeed become reality and y'all *will* be back in chains.



# Why Trump is the Black Voters' Clear Choice in 2020

by **Lloyd Marcus** | Nov 15 2019

A rabbi once said that one of the reasons why Jews have prospered despite being the most persecuted people on the planet is that Jews never view themselves as victims. This powerful truth hit me like a ton of bricks. From as far back as I can remember, Democrats have deceived blacks by drilling the lie into their heads that they are victims of eternally racist America.

Insidiously, Democrats continue to sell blacks the lie that America is a hellhole of racism in which Republicans and conservatives are obsessed with conceiving ways to keep blacks down. Consequently, far too many blacks absurdly believe a majority of Americans (Trump voters) are white supremacists and their only hope of keeping them at bay is to continue voting for Democrats.

As a child, I instinctively knew Democrats were scamming blacks. When I was around nine years old, my parents and three younger siblings moved from a leaky roofed ghetto to a new 11-story government project in Baltimore. Everything was brand new, kitchen appliances and so on. Extremely excited, we were among the first families in the building of all-black residents. Within a short time, that building became a huge ghetto. The elevators were routinely out of service due to vandalism. Our apartment was on the 6th floor. Entering the pitch-black stairwell to walk up to our apartment was like walking into the shadow of death, as the sound of stepping on broken wine bottles echoed off the concrete walls. I suspect my fellow residents were Democrats. They believed every problem was always the fault of white racism.

At nine years old, I sarcastically said, "How can we stop mean white people from sneaking into our building at night, breaking light bulbs in the stairwells, peeing, breaking the elevators and smashing wine bottles?" Even at that young age, commonsense told me whitey was not responsible for problems we could fix ourselves.

In my mid-twenties, I again noticed the devastating negative consequences of Democrats infecting blacks with victim mindsets. I became a born-again Christian. Excited about my new life in Jesus, I began visiting reform schools and prisons sharing how Jesus changed my life. Shockingly, the majority of the inmates were young black men. Many were gifted and talented. Their glaring problem was not white racism, but hopeless victim mindsets instilled into them by Democrats. I repeatedly heard, "Why even try when whitey has systemically stacked the deck against you?"

Blacks today do not know that the Democratic party has become the home of socialists, communists, progressives, and anti-Americanism. **All Democrats care about is furthering their anti-God agenda.** The folks they claim to advocate for (minorities, women and LGBTQ) are nothing more than useful idiots. Democrats want blacks hating their country. This is why Democrats say all black success is despite America's rabid racism.





Americans are good, fair-minded people. This is why white America elected Obama, the first black president, exempting him from the normal vetting process. It is unarguable that white America elected Obama because blacks are only 12% of the population. Hidden by his black skin exterior, Obama was the socialists/progressives' [perfect Trojan Horse](#) to further their godless, anti-American agenda. White Americans naively assumed that electing a black president would finally end their being branded racist. They had no idea that Democrats would exploit Obama's skin color, using it as a bludgeon to force their agenda down the throats of Americans.

Anyone who dared to speak out against Obama's numerous unconstitutional executive orders was immediately attacked, high-tech beaten, and lynched in the public square, an "r" branded on their forehead for being a racist.

My conservative, self-reliant, the-world-does-not-owe-me-anything mindset came from my parents. Particularly my dad, the late Dr. Rev. Lloyd E Marcus. In 1952, the ban was lifted, allowing blacks to take the civil service test. Dad passed the test and became a Baltimore City firefighter. White firefighters at Engine 6 resented Dad and treated him like scum. Dad was assigned separate eating utensils, restroom and sleeping area. He could not even pour himself a cup of coffee from the same coffeepot as the whites.

Whenever the humiliation become too overwhelming, Dad retreated to the storage room to pray and read his Bible. Mean-spirited firefighters named the storage room, "Marcus' Chapel." Dad courageously endured because he had a wife and four kids to feed and knew he was a trailblazer.

Rather than wallowing in a victim mindset, Dad chose to represent Jesus by striving to be excellent. Dad won Firefighter of the Year two times, also winning respect and lifelong friendships with white firefighters. He went on to become Baltimore's first black paramedic and fire department chaplain. Dad competed with whites for Firefighter of the Year without the Democrats' insulting demands that standards be lowered to compensate for his skin color.

I hate that Democrats always send blacks the message that they are victims, repeatedly demanding lowered standards and special concessions. For example: Democrats say that being required to present a photo ID to vote disenfranchises blacks. This is extremely insulting. In essence, Democrats are saying unlike other Americans, blacks are too stupid to acquire a photo ID, which is absurd. You need a photo ID to cash a check, board an airplane, and countless other transactions. And yet, far too many blacks view this attack on their intelligence as Democrats advocating for them.

The true evil goal of Democrats is not to empower blacks neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and businessman extraordinaire Herman Cain. The success of these blacks pokes a huge hole in

Democrats' lie that blacks can only succeed in racist America via Democrats' intervention and lowered standards.

Tragically, blacks have voted monolithically for Democrats for 60 years with nothing to show for it. Baltimore, Washington D.C., Chicago, and every other city controlled by Democrats are hellholes of black misery; [black-on-black homicides](#), out-of-wedlock births (fatherless households), high incarceration, [genocidal numbers of abortions](#), and school dropouts. And yet, Democrats are still deceiving blacks with their tired old lie that every issue plaguing black Americans is the result of white racism.

My stomach turned upon hearing Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren promising to end environmental racism. I thought, "Here we go again with another Democrat attempting to fill blacks with more victim nonsense while trashing America, claiming that even the weather in the U.S. victimizes blacks."

As the rabbi stated, viewing oneself as a victim is not empowering. It weakens you.

President Trump is the best thing for blacks since sliced bread. Under Trump, black unemployment is at an [historic low](#). The record of Trump's extraordinary business career is filled with examples of advocating for and hiring blacks.

For decades, I pleaded with the GOP to make a strong effort to reach out to black voters. The cynical response was, "Why bother? African-Americans will always vote for Democrats no matter what we do." My retort was, "Republicans have a moral duty to counter Democrats' destructive lies by taking the truth about America's greatness to black communities." Trump is the [first Republican president](#) in my lifetime to seriously and sincerely court black voters.

**Branding Trump as a racist is yet another evil Democrat lie to steer blacks away from a Republican who has their best interests at heart, implementing policies beneficial to them.**

Unlike the Democratic party, the Republican party does not treat me like a poor inferior child in need of constant government intervention.

Folks, the bottom line is America is the greatest land of opportunity on the planet for all who choose to go for their dreams! This inspiring truth is as repulsive to Democrats as showing Dracula the cross.



***-Lloyd Marcus, The Unhyphenated American***

# Here's Your Scientific Consensus on Global Warming

**Brian Fishcher** | Sept 25 2019



Environmental obsessives yammer endlessly about some mythical 97% consensus among scientists that catastrophic global warming is happening and man is to blame.

Well, 500 scientists just rained on their parade at the United Nations. This august group of scientists and climate professionals sent a "European Climate Declaration" to the U.N. with [a stark message](#): "There is no climate emergency."

This happened at the very same time Greta Thunberg, a shamelessly manipulated teenager, was trotted out by her handlers to accuse everybody in the U.N. and the world of robbing her of her innocence by failing to buy into the bilge of climate crisis hysteria.

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood," [she emoted](#). "I say we will never forgive you. We will not let you get away with this." She did not explain what that was going to look like.

Actual scientists, as you might expect, have a different view. "There is no statistical evidence that global warming is intensifying hurricanes, floods, droughts, and such like natural disasters, or making them more frequent."

They warn that trying to reduce CO2 emissions is both dangerous and costly. Wind turbines are nothing but bird and bat blenders, responsible, according to the [Smithsonian](#), for the deaths of somewhere between 140,000 and 328,000 of our avian friends every year. President Obama, the eco-warrior that he was, [authorized](#) wind farms to dismember 4,200 bald eagles annually on his way to healing the planet.

Since there is, in fact, no catastrophic global warming, "there is no cause for panic and alarm." They "strongly oppose the harmful and unrealistic net-zero CO2 policy proposed for 2050." For one thing, as they say, CO2 is not a toxic pollutant; it's plant food. The more of that there is in the environment, the better things are for people who like to eat and breathe and enjoy healthy forests and bountiful harvests.

These scientists are particularly critical of computerized models of the climate. These have proven to be notoriously out of alignment with actual meteorological history, which currently shows no warming at all since 2005 when NASA built a brand-new, trustworthy network of surface temperature stations.

Trillions of dollars have been squandered based on these models, which reminds us of the old saying about computers and what comes out when you put garbage in. "Current climate policies pointlessly, grievously undermine the economic system, putting lives at risk in countries denied access to affordable, continuous electrical power."

"We urge you to follow a climate policy based on sound science, realistic economics and genuine concern for those harmed by costly but unnecessary attempts at mitigation." They rightly draw our attention here to the terrible plight of those around the world who have no access to energy for cooking and heating and industry. An estimated 2.5 billion (with a "b") people in the developing world rely on biomass sources such as charcoal, agricultural waste, and animal dung to cook for their families. You can only imagine the respiratory diseases they and their young children must endure. There is a better way, and these 500 eminently qualified scientists and experts are pursuing it.

In sum, these scientists believe there is no climate emergency, natural factors affect climate, warming is far slower than the models predicted, CO2 is not a pollutant but the basis for all life on earth, and global warming has not increased natural disasters.

Bottom line: if you are looking for a consensus among scientists about global warming, you just found it.

<https://www.afa.net/the-stand/culture/2019/09/here-s-your-scientific-consensus-on-global-warming/>

"Bible readers should find these developments unsurprising. In at least three ways, Scripture has prepared us for them. First, in Genesis 8:21-22, God promised Himself never to allow the cycles that sustain human (and other) life on Earth to cease so long as the Earth remains. Second, in Psalm 104:6-9 we read that God "set a boundary" that the sea could not pass over. Third, fears of CAGW suppose a fragile biosphere and land/ocean/atmosphere system that is inconsistent with these verses and with the Bible's teaching that a wise Creator designed the Earth to be a resilient, self-regulating system suitable for human habitation."

-E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D., associate professor of historical theology and social ethics at Knox Theological Seminary and national spokesman of the

[Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation.](#)

23 September 2019

Sr. António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations,  
United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY 10017, United States of America.

Ms. Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Executive Secretary,  
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 53113 Bonn, Germany

Your Excellencies,

**There is no climate emergency.**

A global network of more than 500 knowledgeable and experienced scientists and professionals in climate and related fields have the honor to address to Your Excellencies the attached European Climate Declaration, for which the signatories to this letter are the national ambassadors.

The general-circulation models of climate on which international policy is at present founded are unfit for their purpose. Therefore, it is cruel as well as imprudent to advocate the squandering of trillions on the basis of results from such immature models. Current climate policies pointlessly, grievously undermine the economic system, putting lives at risk in countries denied access to affordable, continuous electrical power.

We urge you to follow a climate policy based on sound science, realistic economics and genuine concern for those harmed by costly but unnecessary attempts at mitigation. We ask you to place the Declaration on the agenda of your imminent New York session.

We also invite you to organize with us a constructive high-level meeting between world-class scientists on both sides of the climate debate early in 2020. The meeting will give effect to the sound and ancient principle no less of sound science than of natural justice that both sides should be fully and fairly heard. Audiatur et altera pars!

Please let us know your thoughts about such a joint meeting.

Yours sincerely, ambassadors of the European Climate Declaration,

*Professor Guus Berkhout – The Netherlands,*

*Professor Richard Lindzen – USA*

*Professor Reynald Du Berger – French Canada*

*Professor Ingemar Nordin – Sweden*

*Terry Dunleavy – New Zealand*

*Jim O'Brien – Rep. of Ireland*

*Viv Forbes – Australia*

*Professor Alberto Prestininzi – Italy*

*Professor Jeffrey Foss – English Canada*

*Professor Benoît Rittaud – France*

*Morten Jødal – Norway*

*Professor Fritz Vahrenholt – Germany*

*Rob Lemeire – Belgium*

*The Viscount Monckton of Brenchley – UK*

## **There is no climate emergency**

A global network of 500 scientists and professionals has prepared this urgent message. Climate science should be less political, while climate policies should be more scientific. Scientists should openly address the uncertainties and exaggerations in their predictions of global warming, while politicians should dispassionately count the real benefits as well as the imagined costs of adaptation to global warming, and the real costs as well as the imagined benefits of mitigation.

## **Natural as well as anthropogenic factors cause warming**

The geological archive reveals that Earth's climate has varied as long as the planet has existed, with natural cold and warm phases. The Little Ice Age ended as recently as 1850. Therefore, it is no surprise that we now are experiencing a period of warming.

## **Warming is far slower than predicted**

The world has warmed at less than half the originally-predicted rate, and at less than half the rate to be expected on the basis of net anthropogenic forcing and radiative imbalance. It tells us that we are far from understanding climate change.

## **Climate policy relies on inadequate models**

Climate models have many shortcomings and are not remotely plausible as policy tools. Moreover, they most likely exaggerate the effect of greenhouse gases such as CO<sub>2</sub>. In addition, they ignore the fact that enriching the atmosphere with CO<sub>2</sub> is beneficial.

## **CO<sub>2</sub> is plant food, the basis of all life on Earth**

CO<sub>2</sub> is not a pollutant. It is essential to all life on Earth. Photosynthesis is a blessing. More CO<sub>2</sub> is beneficial for nature, greening the Earth: additional CO<sub>2</sub> in the air has promoted growth in global plant biomass. It is also good for agriculture, increasing the yields of crop worldwide.

## **Global warming has not increased natural disasters**

There is no statistical evidence that global warming is intensifying hurricanes, floods, droughts and suchlike natural disasters, or making them more frequent. However, CO<sub>2</sub>-mitigation measures are as damaging as they are costly. For instance, wind turbines kill birds and bats, and palm-oil plantations destroy the biodiversity of the rainforests.

## **Policy must respect scientific and economic realities**

There is no climate emergency. Therefore, there is no cause for panic and alarm. We strongly oppose the harmful and unrealistic net-zero CO<sub>2</sub> policy proposed for 2050. If better approaches emerge, and they certainly will, we have ample time to reflect and adapt. The aim of international policy should be to provide reliable and affordable energy at all times, and throughout the world.

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# Trump Administration Accomplishments



- Almost 4 million jobs created since election.
- More Americans are now employed than ever recorded before in our history.
- We have created more than 400,000 manufacturing jobs since my election.
- Manufacturing jobs growing at the fastest rate in more than THREE DECADES.
- Economic growth last quarter hit 4.2 percent.
- New unemployment claims recently hit a 49-year low.
- Median household income has hit highest level ever recorded.
- African-American unemployment has recently achieved the lowest rate ever recorded.
- Hispanic-American unemployment is at the lowest rate ever recorded.
- Asian-American unemployment recently achieved the lowest rate ever recorded.
- Women's unemployment recently reached the lowest rate in 65 years.
- Youth unemployment has recently hit the lowest rate in nearly half a century.
- Lowest unemployment rate ever recorded for Americans without a high school diploma.
- Under my Administration, veterans' unemployment recently reached its lowest rate in nearly 20 years.
- Almost 3.9 million Americans have been lifted off food stamps since the election.
- The Pledge to America's Workers has resulted in employers committing to train more than 4 million Americans. We are committed to VOCATIONAL education.
- 95 percent of U.S. manufacturers are optimistic about the future—the highest ever.
- Retail sales surged last month, up another 6 percent over last year.
- Signed the biggest package of tax cuts and reforms in history. After tax cuts, over \$300 billion poured back in to the U.S. in the first quarter alone.
- As a result of our tax bill, small businesses will have the lowest top marginal tax rate in more than 80 years.
- Helped win U.S. bid for the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.
- Helped win U.S.-Mexico-Canada's united bid for 2026 World Cup.

- Opened ANWR and approved Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipelines.
- Record number of regulations eliminated.
- Enacted regulatory relief for community banks and credit unions.
- Obamacare individual mandate penalty GONE.
- My Administration is providing more affordable healthcare options for Americans through association health plans and short-term duration plans.
- Last month, the FDA approved more affordable generic drugs than ever before in history. And thanks to our efforts, many drug companies are freezing or reversing planned price increases.
- We reformed the Medicare program to stop hospitals from overcharging low-income seniors on their drugs—saving seniors hundreds of millions of dollars this year alone.
- Signed Right-To-Try legislation.
- Secured \$6 billion in NEW funding to fight the opioid epidemic.
- We have reduced high-dose opioid prescriptions by 16 percent during my first year in office.
- Signed VA Choice Act and VA Accountability Act, expanded VA telehealth services, walk-in-clinics, and same-day urgent primary and mental health care.
- Increased our coal exports by 60 percent; U.S. oil production recently reached all-time high.
- United States is a net natural gas exporter for the first time since 1957.
- Withdrew the United States from the job-killing Paris Climate Accord.
- Cancelled the illegal, anti-coal, so-called Clean Power Plan.
- Secured record \$700 billion in military funding; \$716 billion next year.
- NATO allies are spending \$69 billion more on defense since 2016.
- Process has begun to make the Space Force the 6th branch of the Armed Forces.
- Confirmed more circuit court judges than any other new administration.
- Confirmed Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh.
- Withdrew from the horrible, one-sided Iran Deal.
- Moved U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.
- Protecting Americans from terrorists with the Travel Ban, upheld by Supreme Court.
- Issued Executive Order to keep open Guantanamo Bay.



- Concluded a historic U.S.-Mexico Trade Deal to replace NAFTA. And negotiations with Canada are underway as we speak.
- Reached a breakthrough agreement with the E.U. to increase U.S. exports.
- Imposed tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum to protect our national security.
- Imposed tariffs on China in response to China's forced technology transfer, intellectual property theft, and their chronically abusive trade practices.
- Net exports are on track to increase by \$59 billion this year.
- Improved vetting and screening for refugees, and switched focus to overseas resettlement.
- We have begun BUILDING THE WALL. Republicans want STRONG BORDERS and NO CRIME. Democrats want OPEN BORDERS which equals MASSIVE CRIME.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/trump-administration-accomplishments/>



# Record 158,510,000 Americans Employed in October; 23rd Record for Trump

By **Susan Jones** | Nov 1 2019

(CNSNews.com) – Following September’s blockbuster employment report, the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Friday said more records were set in October.

A record 158,510,000 Americans are now working, the 23rd such record since President Donald Trump took office.

The nation’s labor force participation rate also set a Trump-era high of 63.3 percent. This number is explained in greater detail below, but the higher, the better. Payroll taxes from people who work help support programs for those who don't.



*A sign of the times in Lafayette, California*

The economy added 128,000 jobs in October, higher than economists expected, given the General Motors strike that began on Sept. 15 and lasted six weeks.

Notable job gains occurred in food services and drinking places, social assistance, and financial activities, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

The unemployment rate, which set a 50 year low of 3.5 percent last month, ticked up a tenth of a point to 3.6 percent.

But the unemployment rate for black Americans, 5.4 percent in October, has never been this low.

In October, the civilian non-institutional population in the United States was 259,845,000. That included all people 16 and older who did not live in an institution (such as a prison, nursing home or long-term care hospital).

Of that civilian non-institutional population, 164,364,000 were participating in the labor force, meaning that they either had a job or were actively seeking one during the last month. This resulted in a labor force participation rate of 63.3 percent.

The labor force participation rate has never been higher than 67.3 percent, a level achieved in the early months of 2000. The Trump-era high, until today, was 63.2 percent, and economists say retiring baby boomers account for some of the decline since the turn of the century.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.2 percent), adult women (3.2 percent), teenagers (12.3 percent), Whites (3.2 percent), Blacks (5.4 percent, a new record), Asians (2.9 percent), and Hispanics (4.1 percent) showed little or no change in October.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for August was revised up by 51,000 from +168,000 to +219,000, and the change for September was revised up by 44,000 from +136,000 to +180,000. With these revisions, employment gains in August and September combined were 95,000 more than previously reported.

The number of Americans not in the labor force, but who want a job, totaled 4,880,000 in October, which is an eleven-year low.

Wages continued to climb in October. Average hourly earnings for all employees on private, nonfarm payrolls rose by 6 cents to \$28.18 last month. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.0 percent.



# Constitution Revitalized by Trump's Record Judicial Appointments

It has become an underappreciated theme of Trump's presidency

**Nate Jackson** | Nov 7 2019



While Democrats are busy with their impeachment charade, President Donald Trump and the Republican-controlled Senate have been busy reshaping the federal judiciary. This hasn't escaped our notice — we've reported on it numerous times. But the Leftmedia would rather sell advertising by getting eyeballs for wall-to-wall impeachment drama.

According to a White House report issued Wednesday, "As of this afternoon, President Donald J. Trump has appointed — and gotten confirmed — 158 life-tenured federal judges who will defend our Constitution, personal freedoms, and the rule of law." That includes "two Supreme Court justices, 44 Circuit Court judges, and 112 District Court judges." The White House also says, "[His] historic pace is only accelerating: The President is set to have more judges confirmed this year alone than in all of 2017 and 2018 combined." Three more are expected by week's end, and dozens more are in the wings this year.

The White House has other highlights: "President Trump's nominees alone fill *one-quarter* of the seats on our nation's Circuit Courts of Appeals." And, "He has seen more Circuit Court judges confirmed by this point in his presidency than any past president *in United States history*."

Trump promised as a candidate to nominate solid conservative judges and he's followed through. But a lot of credit goes to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. He's come a long way from the days when we criticized him and then-House Speaker John Boehner for weak leadership. On the judiciary, McConnell made the most gutsy move of his career by refusing to hold confirmation hearings on Merrick Garland, Barack Obama's nominee to fill the venerable Antonin Scalia's seat. He decided with good reason that to allow Obama, in the last year of his

presidency, to totally swing the Supreme Court with a leftist in the seat of a constitutionalist was unacceptable. McConnell held firm, Trump beat all odds and won, and we now have Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court.

McConnell's stewardship is even more laudable given Democrat resistance. According to The Daily Signal, "Democrats forced cloture votes on 118 of the president's judicial nominees, a delaying tactic to extend debate. For the previous five presidents combined, the Senate held only seven cloture votes."

As Trump put it in a speech yesterday, "When judges write policy instead of applying the law, they impose sweeping changes on millions of Americans without the benefit of legislative debate, public rulemaking, or the consent of the governed. As a result, these highly political rulings inflict painful damage on our security, society, and economy — imposing unworkable edicts on businesses, workers, families, and law enforcement. I will do everything in my power to halt judicial activism, and to ensure the law is upheld equally, fairly, and without political prejudice for all of our citizens." On the subject of judicial nominations, Trump is most definitely earning an "A" grade.

<https://patriotpost.us/articles/66645-constitution-revitalized-by-trumps-record-judicial-appointments-2019-11-07>

# Black Americans Thriving in Trump Era

Blacks enjoy record-low unemployment, criminal-justice reform, and greater school choice.

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We noted it before but it bears repeating: All Americans are thriving under President Donald Trump, and especially black Americans. The data proves it, irrespective of what the Leftmedia claims. Under Trump, the black unemployment rate has hit record lows (5.4%), thanks in large part the Republicans' Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which has helped create "opportunity zones" responsible for employing 1.4 million people within disadvantaged communities.

Under Trump, long-sought criminal-justice reforms have been realized. The First Step Act was passed, which shortened the length of mandatory-minimum sentencing requirements for nonviolent drug-related offenses and it allows the reevaluation of sentences that are suspected for being racially motivated. As of today, more than 3,000 Americans have been released from prison thanks to the First Step Act.

Trump's policy agenda of pushing for greater school choice has resulted in the proposal of "a \$5 billion per year tax credit on donations that fund scholarships for private schools, apprenticeships, and other educational programs," as the GOP blog notes. Furthermore, Trump has established a board of advisers on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) — something sought under Barack Obama — and Trump "has appropriated more money than any past president to HBCU's."

In all honesty, based upon his record in support of black Americans, it is profoundly misleading and disingenuous for the mainstream media to continue screaming that Trump is a racist. The reality is that the majority of black Americans (as well as the rest of America) are doing better under Trump's presidency than under his predecessor's.

<https://patriotpost.us/articles/66720-black-americans-thriving-in-trump-era-2019-11-12>

# Trump Results v. the Mindless Resistance

*Do we want peace and prosperity or nihilistic antics?*

by **David Catron** | Nov 22 2019



Americans are enjoying an all-too-unusual combination of peace and prosperity. The probability that you will be killed or lose a loved one in a foreign war has dropped to nearly zero, while the chance that you or anyone you know will be involuntarily unemployed is lower than it has been in half a century. Moreover, real wages are increasing and inflation is negligible. Life isn't problem-free, of course, but times are *genuinely* good. Much of the credit for this gratifying state of affairs is unquestionably owed to President Trump. Yet the Democrats assure us that he is a clear and present danger to the republic.

He is, they believe, such a menace to our sacred freedoms that the speaker of the House recently issued a press release declaring him too dangerous to leave in office long enough for the voters to decide his political fate. The next presidential election is only a year away, but Speaker Pelosi avers that allowing the democratic process to play out is a "weak response" to Trump's [crimes](#): "That dangerous position only adds to the urgency of our action, because the President is jeopardizing the integrity of the 2020 elections." She is, however, **oddly vague about the details** of this alarming threat.

Madam Speaker says the president has abused his power and assures us that "The facts are uncontested." This is nonsense, of course. Indeed, the most notable feature of the ill-conceived Democratic "[impeachment inquiry](#)" is its failure to produce any plausible evidence that he has committed an offense that would justify ousting him from office. There are, however, *numerous* uncontested facts suggesting that Trump is actually doing quite a good job as president. Thus, while the Democrats search for an impeachable offense to pin on him, let us consider a few of his accomplishments.

President Trump's most conspicuous successes have involved the domestic economy, particularly the job market. Since his inauguration, more than six million

jobs have been created, including nearly 500,000 manufacturing jobs. The latest Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) [report](#) shows unemployment at only 3.6 percent, including the lowest Black unemployment rate in history. Hispanic unemployment also remains near its lowest rate ever. Democrats like Joe Biden [insist](#) that the middle class has been left out of the Trump economy. As Stephen Moore [writes](#) at the *Wall Street Journal*, this is [fiction](#):

*The latest data from the Census Bureau monthly surveys tell a different story. Real median household income — the amount earned by those in the very middle — hit \$65,084 (in 2019 dollars) for the 12 months ending in July. That's the highest level ever and a gain of \$4,144, or 6.8%, since Mr. Trump took office. By comparison, during 7½ years under President Obama — starting from the end of the recession in June 2009 through January 2017 — the median household income rose by only about \$1,000.*

An important benefit of this record high in the median income and the reductions in unemployment over which Trump has presided is a reduction in the number of people who rely on food stamps. Since his inauguration, millions of Americans have been able to get off that program. *Breitbart reports*, "The most recent USDA data shows that 5,896,383 people discontinued their participation in the nation's food stamp program ... since February 2017 when Trump completed his first month as president." This is good news for the erstwhile participants as well as the taxpayers.

Those taxpayer savings are, of course, dwarfed by the tax cuts all Americans received when Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) into law. Over 85 percent of American workers saw their paychecks increase as a result of that tax reform law. It also increased the standard deduction for individuals and families while doubling the child tax credit. This piece of legislation is responsible for much of the good economic news noted above. Inevitably, every single candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination has pledged to repeal the TCJA. Americans for Tax Reform [notes](#),

*Americans for Tax Reform today released a video compilation of Democratic presidential candidates threatening to impose various taxes on Americans.*

*Democrats want to raise income taxes, payroll taxes, capital gains taxes, corporate taxes, and impose a carbon tax, gun tax, wealth tax, and even a robot tax. And the Dem threat to repeal the GOP-enacted Tax Cuts and Jobs Act means they would raise taxes on households in every income level in every congressional district.*

Another of the president's ongoing achievements that Democrats desperately want to halt involves the federal judiciary. He has appointed two Supreme Court justices and, as Mitch McConnell recently [tweeted](#), "As of this afternoon, one in every four judges on the federal courts of appeals will have been nominated by @POTUS Trump and confirmed by us here in the Senate." This is alarming for the Democrats. They can't get their increasingly left-wing agenda through Congress, so they rely on activist judges to legislate from the bench. Trump is removing that crutch, as *Reuters* [reveals](#):

*Even as the House Intelligence Committee on Wednesday heard crucial testimony from pivotal witness Gordon Sondland, the Senate voted to confirm Trump's latest*



*appointee to the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a regional appeals court handling cases from Georgia, Alabama and Florida...*

*This marks the third time that Trump has been able to engineer the ideological "flip" of one of the nation's 13 federal appeals courts, which exert considerable power one level below the U.S. Supreme Court.*

In health care, the president has helped free Americans from Obamacare by expanding short-term, limited-duration health plans and enabling small businesses to join "[association health plans](#)." He has presided over the repeal of that misbegotten law's Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), whose sole purpose was the rationing of essential health care to the elderly, and worked with Congress to eliminate the "tax penalty" for failing to buy health insurance. He signed "Right-to-Try" legislation, and his administration has approved more generic drugs than any of its predecessors.

As to foreign policy, the president moved the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, pulled the U.S. out of the dangerous Iran deal, decreased the danger of terrorism by implementing the travel ban — after winning a Supreme Court battle — pulled out of the ridiculous Paris Climate Accords, concluded the USMCA Trade Agreement — on which the Democrats still [refuse](#) to act — imposed tariffs on China in response to forced technology transfer, reduced illegal immigration by [implementing](#) the "Remain in Mexico" program, kept the Guantanamo Bay detention facility open, ad infinitum.

All of the above, and much more, was accomplished even as President Trump was subjected to the absurd Mueller investigation and the even more asinine "impeachment inquiry." Imagine what the president might have accomplished if the Democrats had accepted the will of the voters. And, make no mistake, that's what "the resistance" is about. Speaker Pelosi and the Democrats have refused to acquiesce in the peaceful and orderly transfer of power to the president chosen by the electorate. They have nothing to offer but impeachment. That makes them far more dangerous than Donald Trump.



# Lt. Col Vindman questions the Commander in Chief's foreign policy

written by **Jon Dougherty** | Nov 3 2019



**WASHINGTON:** The Democrat-aligned mainstream media, in conjunction with the Left-wing pundit class, are hailing Army Lt. Colonel Vindman. Vindman claims that he was “concerned” about the manner in which President Trump was conducting foreign policy.

According to the [Washington Post](#),<sup>7</sup> Alexander Vindman “was deeply troubled by what he interpreted as an attempt by the president to subvert U.S. foreign policy.”

*“There is a huge fallacy in this. Anyone know what it is?” —Brit Hume (@brithume)*

***Let's be clear: Lt. Col. Vindman does not have a say in how President Trump — or any president — conducts foreign policy. Period.***

It's not even an argument.

Well, it wasn't an argument when the president wasn't Donald Trump.

Democrats holding an “impeachment inquiry” into alleged improper behavior by the President in dealing with Ukraine know that staffers are not the tail that wags the dog. The mainstream media and their pundit class know this.

But because the deep state's objective remains to change the results of the 2016 election. Toward this goal, liberals are pretending that the rules of foreign policy engagement do not apply to President Trump.

**Where the Executive Branch doesn't have complete authority over foreign policy, the Legislative Branch plays a role.**

Congress is responsible for declaring war and funding the various departments of government responsible for carrying out foreign policy, such as the State Dep't.

Very often in the past, Congress has either decided to fund certain initiatives or withhold funding from them in order to put their stamp on an administration's foreign policy. But in terms of direct relations between the U.S. and foreign governments, this falls to a president's prerogative.

A Council on Foreign Relations [backgrounder](#) on the issue notes:

**The periodic tug-of-war between the president and Congress over foreign policy is not a by-product of the Constitution, but rather, one of its core aims. The drafters distributed political power and imposed checks and balances to ward off monarchical tyranny embodied by Britain's King George III. They also sought to remedy the failings of the Articles of Confederation, the national charter adopted in 1777, which many regarded as a form of legislative tyranny.**

**“If there is a principle in our Constitution, indeed in any free Constitution, more sacred than any other, it is that which separates the legislative, executive, and judicial powers,”** wrote James Madison in the [Federalist papers](#).

***Nowhere in the Constitution does the conduct of foreign policy default to members of a president’s administration.***

There are times, of course, when a president empowers a subordinate to handle certain aspects of foreign policy. However, those policies are not devised by the subordinate. Nor is that subordinate to question them. They are crafted by the President.

There is a remedy for subordinates who disagree with a president’s foreign policy decision. They can bring their disagreements to the president’s attention (if their pay grade is high enough) or they can resign.

### **Crying out for the fourth estate**

It’s a disgusting abdication of journalistic integrity and ethics for the Washington press corps or any other media to even entertain the notion that a mid-level Army officer, regardless of his military achievements and experience, would under any circumstances have a right or obligation to question a president’s foreign policy decisions and objectives.

Not only is the president the head of the Executive Branch — roughly one-half of the constitutional foreign policy apparatus in our republic — he is commander-in-chief of all armed forces.

In the past, a military officer who attempted to undermine a president’s foreign and military policies would pay for it with his or her career.

So, too, should Lt. Col. Vindman.

<https://www.commdiginews.com/politics-2/lt-col-vindmans-questioning-of-the-commander-in-chiefs-foreign-policy-124330/>

# President Trump's Foreign Policy Wisdom

By **Fletch Daniels** | Nov 4 2019

One of the greatest speeches ever given on U.S. soil was President George Washington's [Farewell Address](#) in 1796. The speech itself was written by Washington, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton.

While it covers many themes, two of those themes are particularly relevant to today -- the problems inherent in political parties to the national interest and the danger of foreign entanglements.

It was that second topic that really animated much of the speech, with over 1700 words dedicated to it. This speech was Washington's last opportunity to provide advice to future generations of Americans before retiring from public life for the good of the nation.

Washington warned America to "steer clear of permanent alliance with any portion of the foreign world," while Thomas Jefferson's [inaugural pledge](#) was "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations -- entangling alliance with none."

They were not isolationists, but believed the political and military foreign interventions should be defined solely by the national interest and be extremely limited in scope and duration. Foreign relations should be defined by commercial relations of common interest. Our Founders were the original make and keep America free and great crowd.

We have completely abandoned the wisdom of the Founders, which is why President Trump's announcement that he was pulling troops out of Syria was met with such a chorus of horror and disbelief from his own bureaucracy and the media.

But President Trump is doing exactly what he promised, which is to end forever wars that are not in the national interest while building a strong military to act as a deterrent force. It is a long overdue return to a foreign policy grounded in the national interest and is in line with his campaign slogans to make and keep American great.

The media trumpeted that he was acting against the advice of his own State and Defense Department officials, as if that was bad. The truth is that any president ever pulling U.S. forces back from anywhere must have the moral fortitude to do just that.

The bureaucracy is completely wedded to permanent interventionist foreign entanglements. The State Department is loaded with bureaucrats who care far more about the region or country they are assigned to work than U.S. national interests. Sadly, so is the Defense Department.

Again, Washington had some important advice. He warned against "imaginary common interest in cases where no real common interest exists" that would force the U.S. into "quarrels and wars" that were not in its interest.

As [Mollie Hemingway](#) noted, there is a “grotesque overrepresentation of a certain foreign policy approach in our pundit class and in our newspapers.” There is an establishment foreign policy consensus that favors indefinite adventurism all over the globe. Everyone is pushing the same drug.

President Trump, as he often does, did the right thing despite fierce opposition from an establishment that thinks it is in charge. In the latest whistleblower nonsense, note that Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, who appears to have a strong allegiance to Ukraine, believed the president was subverting U.S. foreign policy. That’s impossible. The elected president sets foreign policy. But, the unelected bureaucracy believes the president works for them and not vice versa.

While officials like to drone on about exit strategies, we never have one. It is simply a term used to justify intervention with no real intention of ever leaving. There is always a reason to stay. We brag about having U.S. troops in hundreds of countries as if that is a good thing. It is hard to find many examples where the U.S. military intervened and we have actually completely left. Vietnam is a rare exception, and Americans are now warmly welcomed there.

We still have significant forces in Germany, Italy, Korea, and Japan despite the fact that most of the veterans from the great generation who fought in those wars have passed on. These large troop concentrations cause constant problems. The situation with Syria and Turkey was complicated by the huge troop presence we have in Turkey.

But, we blundered the worst in the Middle East and Africa. We have spent trillions of dollars and many American lives to often act as a force for instability. We maintain significant forces in Afghanistan, Iraq, and across the Middle East. We also have a growing footprint across Africa.



What has that massive investment bought us? Afghanistan is still a failed state, Iraq is brutally persecuting religious minorities, and Libya is now a failed Islamist state.

We went into Iraq with the belief that we could turn tribal Islamists into liberty-loving Jeffersonian Democrats. We can't even accomplish this in America, where the academia-brainwashed younger generation is increasingly pining for tribalism and socialism.

After two decades of active interventions, American political culture has moved more in the direction of the countries to which we are sending our troops than the reverse. In today's America, religious freedom is under assault, urban areas are decaying, tribalism is on the rise, government officials have established a de facto two-tiered justice system, and corrupt officials believe they are entitled to power for life.

We have little national interest in nation building across the globe, particularly when so many of our own areas are decaying to the point where they resemble the places where we are doing nation building.

So much of the #NeverTrump energy is animated by neoconservatives who never saw a potential war they didn't love. Max booted from their positions of influence by a much wiser president, they are babbling inanities into their echo chamber.

U.S. foreign policy descended into insanity by the time we intervened in Libya, where we started justifying interventions by arguing that there were no discernible U.S. interests. America's Founders would not have been able to conceive of an argument so foolish.

The result of that intervention was fully predictable to anyone who paid even the slightest attention to the preceding failed efforts. In Libya, there was a secular dictator, Moammar Gaddafi, who had given up weapons of mass destruction and was acting far more responsibly. We rewarded that good behavior by enabling his Islamist opposition to kill him in the most brutal way imaginable.

It was this great success that inspired the smug [evil witch](#) to proclaim, "We came, we saw, he died!" In one fell swoop, we ensured that no other dictator would ever willingly stop pursuing or give up weapons of mass destruction.

If we aided the removal of Bashar Assad, the result would be just as predictable. Syria would become another hostile and very dangerous Islamist state that acts against our interests.

The absurdity of the foreign policy establishment's priorities could be seen by their obsessing about a Syrian-Turkey border on the other side of the globe while showing no interest in securing our own border here at home, a border on what is increasingly a failed state in our own backyard as [Mexico descends into chaos](#).

The Mexican government has lost its monopoly on military power, as was recently witnessed when the military was defeated by a drug gang. That is a direct threat to U.S. national security and will result in an increased flow of people and violence across the border.

President Trump's foreign policy looks to the past. It is a return to the wisdom of our Founders who understood that subordinating U.S. national security interests to foreign countries or foreign bodies was not in our interest. If he succeeds, it will be against the wishes of most of the political and media class.



# Katie Hill Affair and its Aftermath are Signs of America's Decline

The left's moral relativism blinds them to cognizance  
of anything wrong with any of Katie Hill's depravities

By **Selwyn Duke** | Nov 4 2019

It's truly not shocking that a political leader would be a reprobate behind closed doors. From Caligula to the Marquis de Sade to Bill Clinton, the depraved have always been overrepresented among the ruling classes. It is for this reason that what's even more distressing about the Katie Hill affair than what she did is the reaction to it from the broader society — including "broadminded conservatives" defending her.

Hill, the former Democrat congresswoman whose resignation from office took effect Nov. 1, certainly is our time's Thoroughly Modern Millie. Her escapades have acquainted us with a new term, "throuple," and she exhibited the cherished "diversity" in illicit affairs of having relations with both a man and a woman, each of whom held different underling positions. To top it off she was seen in intimate photos with a bong and the now obligatory tramp stamp (oh, yeah, sorry — "body art").

She's also fashionable in her lack of appropriate shame and in her externalizing; à la Monica Lewinsky, she's blaming everyone for her scandal but herself. It's "right-wing media," her vindictive husband, a "misogynistic culture," political operatives (is there Russian collusion, too?), and she has plenty of defenders.

Hill has said that none of this would be happening were she a man; commentator-cum-comedian Bill Maher [chimed in](#) and, in addition, claimed that Republicans never resign in these situations.

What a testimonial to fascist leader Benito Mussolini's statement about how he learned, when as a journalist (surprised this was his former career? LOL), that you could tell one lie one week and another two weeks later with impunity because people have short memories.

Does the name Mark Foley ring a bell? He was the GOP congressman from Florida who resigned in 2006 for transgressions similar to Hill's; he sent inappropriate messages to male pages and allegedly had sexual contact with of-age former pages.

Then there's Eric Massa, the Democrat congressman from upstate NY [accused](#) in 2010 of sexually harassing and groping two male staffers (he claimed they were tickle fights), who also resigned. Both he and Foley were men. I believe they still are. Moreover, a House rule Hill violated "was enacted last year in response to nearly a dozen *male* members of Congress resigning amid sexual harassment allegations" (emphasis added), [reports](#) *The San Diego Union-Tribune*.

Oh, as for Massa, Nancy Pelosi at the time called him "a very sick person" and "poor baby," the latter sarcastically. And Katie Hill today? Pelosi [says](#) the lesson is to "be careful when transmitting photos" (be decadent, but don't get caught).



So the truth is precisely the opposite of Hill's claim: Were she a man, no one would even entertain her pathetic whining. In fact, she'd be called a cheatin' dog.

But, hey, 2006 and 2010 and last year were even longer ago than two weeks back, and today's Left is [disappointed](#) that Pelosi didn't give Hill a "You go, girl!" *The New York Times* was a bit more circumspect, [calling](#) her case "complicated" and bringing to mind the apocryphal saying, "Moral issues are always complex matters — for people who have no principles."

So I'll enlighten the *Times* with the timeless. Hill claims she's a victim of a "double standard," but it's her *own standard*. The aforementioned House rule is a #MeToo-inspired prohibition enacted late last year forbidding members from dating staffers — *and Hill voted for it!* She also didn't mind [piling on](#) then-SCOTUS nominee Brett Kavanaugh with vicious virtue-signaling. It's poetic that she's been hoisted with her own petards.

What may be true is that Hill's husband sought revenge. But so what? His possible bad motives don't negate her bad behavior. Besides, how many political scandals *aren't* exposed by people with ill intent? Did Kavanaugh's accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, have only the purest motives? People party to scandals generally aren't beatification-ready and are often driven by a desire for personal gain or vengeance.



*Yuck*

But what truly bodes ill for our civilization, reflecting a virtue/vice tipping point, is the increasingly common belief that there was nothing at all wrong with Hill's actions. CNN commentator Aisha Moodie-Mills perfectly epitomized this sexual

devolutionary moral relativism/nihilism, [saying](#) last Monday of Hill that there “was nothing necessarily improper about this woman living her best life” (sheesh, I’d hate to see her worst one).

Note that she didn’t say “the” or even “a” best life, which could connote an objective standard; she stated “*her* best life,” implying it’s all relative, a matter of taste, like eating chocolate ice cream. (Of course, the term “best” then is inappropriate. For who is to say one “taste” is better than another?)

Bespeaking more still of the tipping point, though, sadly, is that even “conservatives” now are conserving this degraded attitude. Just consider Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), a generally very sane and apparently honorable man. Calling the ethics investigation into Hill “absurd,” he [claimed](#) she was targeted only for being “different.” Well, I suppose we’re all different. Foley and Massa and the Marquis de Sade were certainly different. But when those differences amount to violating both divine and worldly laws, the differences are damnable.

Gaetz [tweeted](#) Oct. 24 that the “only person who seems to have a gripe is [@RepKatieHill](#)’s soon-to-be ex,” again reflecting relativism. It’s only her ex’s “feelings” that matter — and only to *him* — you see, because we know feelings are real (subjective truths, anyway) while right and wrong is just a “social construct.”

Gaetz also said that the issue was “generational” (so is civilizational collapse), with other Millennials sympathizing with Hill. “Who among us would look perfect if every ex leaked every photo/text?” his tweet also read. This couldn’t be more distant from the point.

There’s a lot of real estate between “perfect” and patently immoral, “perfect” and objectively unethical, “perfect” and hypocritical. Moreover, were perfection a prerequisite for upholding moral standards, we flawed humans couldn’t have any moral standards, not against lying, lewdness, rudeness, “racism” or anything else. I don’t know if you attended Sunday school, Mr. Gaetz, but we’re supposed to love the sinner but still *hate the sin*.

Gaetz is correct in saying that Millennials (and many others) won’t take issue with Hill’s photos because compromising pictures from their past are often floating about. But here’s a little Philosophy 101: Right and wrong aren’t determined by what people, even great masses of them, have done and want to justify. **Right doesn’t become wrong because wrong becomes a rite.**

Man has always sinned. But civilization is maintained by repenting and changing our ways — or, at worst, sinning privately — and professing morality publically. As for dumbing down standards and leading others toward Perdition just to self-centeredly salve our feelings, this is likely a far greater sin than whatever it is we aim to justify.

But the above errors were predicted. The great G.K. Chesterton [wrote](#) in 1926 that the “next great heresy is going to be simply an attack on morality; and especially on sexual morality.” Hence our Sexual Devolution.

Chesterton also observed that the “business of Progressives is to go on making mistakes. The business of Conservatives is to prevent mistakes from being corrected.”

“Even when the revolutionist might himself repent of his revolution, the traditionalist is already defending it as part of his tradition,” he continued. “Thus we have two great types — the advanced person who rushes us into ruin, and the retrospective person who admires the ruins.”

Face it, Katie Hill is simply very, very wrong, objectively and unchangeably. So are those who, awash in what used to be leftists’ central ism, relativism, busy themselves conserving yesterday’s liberals’ mistakes.



# New York passes law to stop conservative churches from addressing politics

by **Gary DeMar** | Nov 5 2019

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law a state version of the federal Johnson Amendment that “bars non-profit entities like religious organizations from endorsing candidates or donating to political campaigns.” “Religious organizations” includes churches.

NY State Sen. Liz Krueger had this to say about the bill:

This is a simple bill that serves an important purpose – to keep in place standards we have had in this country for over sixty years that shield not-for-profits and houses of worship from political entanglement. The administration in Washington has repeatedly said they want to repeal these protections and open the door for big-money donors to launder campaign contributions through churches, mosques, and synagogues.

In 1954, Lyndon Johnson did not like the idea that certain non-profit groups were targeting his political campaign, so he enlisted Congress to pass a law that prohibited 501(c)(3) organizations from addressing the issue of politics.

Most houses of worship fall into the 501(c)(3) category. The following is from the IRS:

The ban on political campaign activity by charities **and churches** was created by Congress more than a half century ago. The Internal Revenue Service administers the tax laws written by Congress and has enforcement authority over tax-exempt organizations. Here is some background information on the political campaign activity ban and the latest IRS enforcement statistics regarding its administration of this congressional ban.

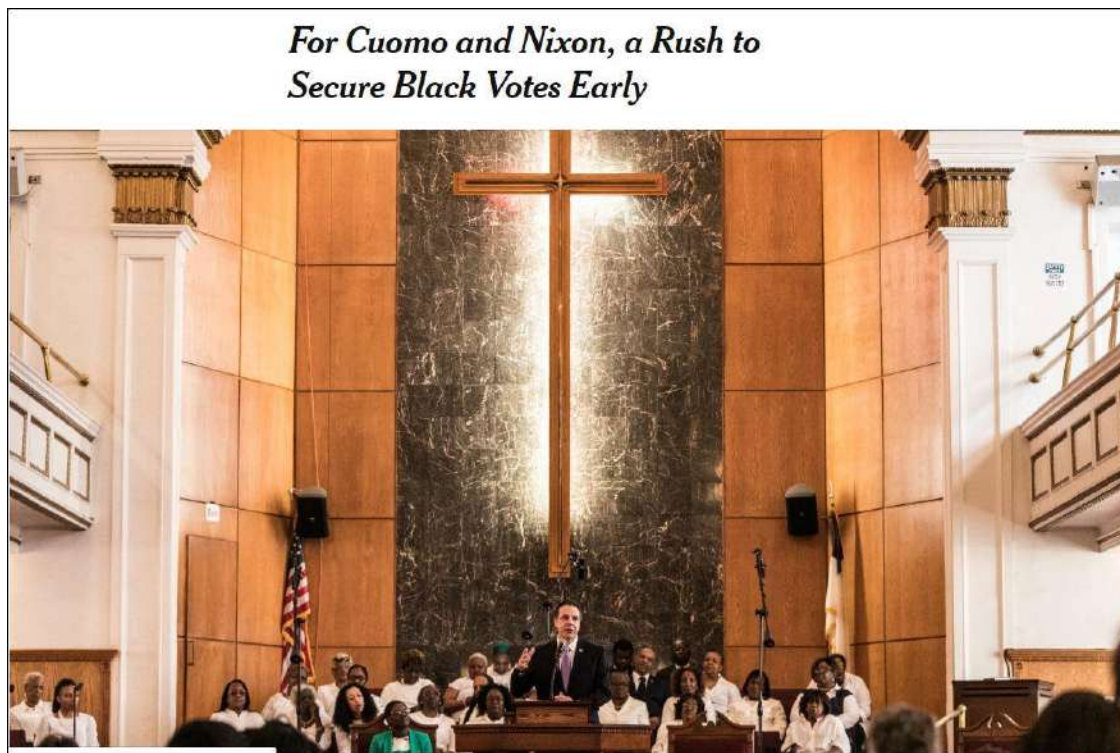
In 1954, Congress approved an amendment by Sen. Lyndon Johnson to prohibit 501(c)(3) organizations, which includes charities and **churches**, from engaging in any political campaign activity. To the extent Congress has revisited the ban over the years, it has in fact strengthened the ban. The most recent change came in 1987 when Congress amended the language to clarify that the prohibition also applies to statements opposing candidates.

**This so-called ban is a direct violation of the First Amendment.** The First Amendment states, “Congress shall make no law....” In 1954, Congress made a law prohibiting churches from speaking out on political issues and endorsing candidates. The logic is simple. Since Congress passed such a law, then **Congress violated the Constitution. This makes the law null and void.**

The Civil Rights Movement was a minister-led, Church specific movement. Without the clergy and their congregations, there most likely would not have been such a work. Keep in mind that it was the **Rev.** Martin Luther King, Jr. who was the leader of the Movement.

How do you think New York's Johnson Amendment will be applied since Democrats, including Gov. Cuomo, have always used churches to advance their political agenda?

In a searing speech from the pulpit of a black church, **New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo** told a Brooklyn congregation on Sunday [in 2018] that Donald Trump is a "slick salesman" who fooled many people in this country, but the Democrat said the Republican president hasn't fooled New Yorkers.



Cuomo would have been in violation of his state's version of the Johnson Amendment. But that's OK since he's a Democrat and he was in a black church.

The following is from the Left-leaning [\*The Atlantic\*](#):

It is illegal for clergy to support or oppose political candidates from the pulpit. Houses of worship can host candidate forums and voter-registration drives; pastors and rabbis and imams can even bend the rules a little to advocate "as individuals" at conventions or other events. But for more than 60 years, religious groups have been forbidden from electioneering.

Apparently, a lot of pastors don't pay attention to this rule. According to a new [survey](#) from Pew Research Center, roughly 9 percent of people who have attended religious services in the last few months have heard clergy speak out in favor of a political candidate, and roughly 11 percent have heard clergy speak in opposition. **What's remarkable, though, is how much this is apparently happening at one particular kind of church: those run by black Protestants.**

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**It makes sense that this would be the case for black churches in particular.** Black Protestant groups have a [long history](#) of political activism, and during this

election, a majority of these voters have supported Hillary Clinton. Perhaps they think the stakes of this election are high enough, and the possibility of a Trump presidency is dark enough, to risk the IRS's wrath.

Where was Gov. Cuomo in 2016 when these black churches were breaking the law? It didn't matter then since Cuomo and his fellow Democrats believed Hillary would win. Now that Trump's the President and the Democrats have a pitiful stable of candidates, Cuomo needs to keep conservative churches from helping him.

Black churches that support Democrat candidates will continue to violate the law because they know Cuomo and his liberal judges won't investigate them. Cuomo will only go after conservative churches.

On September 25, 1994, then "President Clinton went to a black church in the heart of Harlem ... to rouse a vital constituency to turn out its vote for Gov. Mario M. Cuomo."<sup>1</sup> Clinton wasn't just talking about political issues of interest to the black congregation, he was telling them to vote for a specific candidate.

Clinton told the congregation: "Do not lose heart. Show up, talk to the people in your neighborhood, tell them to show up. Scripture says we're supposed to be good citizens, too. Mario Cuomo is the heart that you must not lose."<sup>2</sup> You can't get any more partisan than this.

An Associated Press report called the President's message "Bible-thumping politics."<sup>3</sup> Clinton's message was religious and partisan, as was Governor Cuomo's remarks as he "also cited religious themes and maxims."<sup>4</sup>

A perceptive letter writer noted: "Where is the outrage from the national media and the American Civil Liberties Union? [It's] the latest example of the conspiracy of silence."<sup>5</sup>

Compare the silence of people like Cuomo when the IRS ruled to revoke the tax-exempt letter of the Church at Pierce Creek in Conklin, New York, for taking what the government agency considered to be a partisan stance in a presidential election.<sup>6</sup> Of course, this ruling was more symbol than substance since "a federal court of appeals ruled that churches don't need a tax-exempt letter to be tax-exempt."<sup>7</sup> By their very nature, churches are "tax immune."

The IRS regulations governing non-profit organizations like churches are being interpreted in such a narrow way will make it impossible for a pastor to discuss moral issues that have become political. The Bible addressed abortion, homosexuality, and homosexual marriage long before there were IRS regulations.

**This is tyranny.**<sup>8</sup>

Churches are permitted to hand out information about what a candidate believes concerning specific political issues. One candidate says he's "pro-choice" (pro-abortion), while another candidate says he's "pro-life" (anti-abortion). The pastor gets up in the pulpit Sunday morning and preaches a sermon on Exodus 21:22-25, showing how this passage and others like it teach that abortion is a moral and civil wrong. The pastor has taken a political stand since **anyone voting for abortion is violating God's law.** Cuomo will consider this a violation of his state's new law.

What people like Cuomo really want is for pastors to be denied the right to address any topic once it becomes political, unless, of course, the church can deliver votes to liberal candidates.

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# Nihilism Is Driving Leftocratic Rage

By **E. Jeffrey Ludwig** | Nov 6 2019

The present impeachment onslaught being engineered maliciously by the Leftocrats is a manifestation of a flawed anti-truth mindset that is rightly called nihilistic.

The "impeachment inquiry" now authorized against our President is an egregious assault not only on our President, but an assault on our legal system and our rights as citizens. As bad as that is, it signals a turn towards nihilism which is eating away the stability and purpose of American Civilization. Disintegration of Trump's presidency is not the main thing at stake, but the disintegration of our society in acts of turpitude and violence.

Debate continues to rage whether we citizens are watching a coup, lynching, witch hunt, or Soviet-style inquisition. Any or all of these designations would be correct. The varied, disgusting descriptions being used in public discourse suggests how far we have declined as a constitutional republic at the hands of the Leftocrats. In their [SKIF bunker](#), the rule of law is openly mocked.

However, Eugene (Fr.Seraphim) Rose in his classic work *Nihilism: The Root of the Revolution of the Modern Age* tells us we do not want to fall into the error of issuing mere diatribes against the perpetrators of the present false and nihilistic narrative about President Trump. The Leftocrats have been beating their drum of hate for decades, but are doing so more loudly during the years since 2016 until the present. [Rose states](#) "Nihilism has error for its root, and **error can be conquered only by Truth.**"

Three false ideas must be countered, debunked, and destroyed by truth in order to have victory over the nihilism that is manifesting in this Leftocratic political farce.

First, nihilism grows when people engaging in its advancement believe there is no truth, meaning no absolute truth. All is relative to this mindset. It is at bottom completely skeptical. Men and women of honor have been fighting against this relativism for thousands of years. Socrates took the hemlock poison for having had the audacity to suggest that the Sophists' so-called truth-claims were merely exercises in getting this or that individual elected in the democracy of Athens. The Sophists were gifted at getting voters to think that this or that Athenian candidate for political office possessed "truth," but in fact the main idea was to get the speakers they trained elected. Socrates perceived that this was not a disinterested search for truth, so he tried to show that they were engaged in circular reasoning and other logical errors. They in turn trumped up charges against him that he was an enemy of the Athenians. In short, Socrates tried to show his opponents that they were self-serving and/or that they were more concerned with winning arguments and power than with ascertaining Truth. The Leftocrats like Socrates's enemies reject the very idea that there is Truth to be attained. They are political animals through and through, with the emphasis on the word "animals."

Plato, Socrates's student, later was invited by Dionysus who headed up one of the Greek city-states to advise him. He told Dionysus that he should study more mathematics as it would strengthen his reasoning abilities, and thus enhance the discipline and wisdom of his rule. Dionysus was so pleased by this truthful advice,



that, after Plato boarded a ship and set sail, he had the ship stopped, and put Plato on a block to be sold as a slave. Fortunately for Plato, he was bought by a friend, and immediately set free. The political class is often the enemy of the truth tellers. Thus, they represent nihilism which believes there is no truth. The nihilists believe in power and in the importance of their own egos. Our Bible calls that the sin of pride. Look at the faces of Waters, Nadler, Schiff, Pelosi, Cohen, Swalwell & company and ask yourselves, are these the faces of humble service? Are they lovers of Truth or are they offended by Truth, and thus its enemies.

Second, nihilism is driven by a militant atheism. As [Rose tells us](#), "A 'new god' is clearly required by modern man ... the new god is not a Being but an idea, not revealed to faith and humility but constructed by the proud mind that still feels the need for 'explanation' when it has lost its desire for salvation." This underlying militant atheism will fabricate any and all predicates of experience in order to justify its own malignant judgments. Aristotle was embraced by the giant of Catholic philosophy Thomas Aquinas. Why? Because, whatever Aristotle's shortcomings were insofar as he wrote well before the advent of Christ, Aristotle understood that reason was virtuous insofar as it identified with the Mean which was a balance ("hexis") between Excess and Deficiency.

Thus a man hearing a drowning man's cries for help might jump into the water to save him, but forget that he also could not swim, and they would both drown. That would be an extreme of Excess called Rashness. Someone else who had a lifeguard certificate might hear the screams of the drowning man, but, being in a hurry to get to an important appointment, glances at his watch and leaves the area. That would be Deficiency and referred to as Cowardice. The Mean would require that one use reason in a balanced way to do the virtuous thing considering all the facts of the situation. In this example, that would be Courage. Thus, the Leftocrats, not tied to a reasoned love of virtue and belief in an omniscient God who sees our lack of love for virtue, give in to their nihilistic rage and boundless intrigues and persecutions. They have spit in the faces of many wonderful people over the years. President Trump is getting the full force of their venom.

The third and last category of nihilism being manifested by the Leftocrats is "[the nihilism of destruction](#)." This aspect of nihilism is "full of doubt, suspicion, disgust, envy, jealousy, pride, impatience, rebelliousness, blasphemy –one or more of these qualities predominating in any given personality. It is an attitude of dissatisfaction with self, with the world, with society, with God; it knows but one thing: *that it will not accept things as they are*, but must devote its energies either to changing them or fleeing from them." Green New Deal, Democratic Socialist platform, Medicare For All, rejection of our 71-year support of Israel, slavery reparations, women as men, men as women, and many other so-called innovations clearly reflect this non-acceptance characteristic of the nihilist mindset.

We are not dealing merely with a political party or politicians with whom we disagree. Rather, we are dealing with a mindset that seeks to kill and destroy cherished values that have developed over centuries, as well as people like our President whom they believe are blocking their destructive path forward.

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# Who Can Stop Trump Now?

By **Gary Gindler** | Nov 6 2019

In one of my previous articles, written a year after the 2016 election, I suggested that Trump was headed for a full-blown bankruptcy of his political opponents. This was referring not only to the financial, but also to the political, legal, and moral bankruptcy of the Democratic Socialist Party and its organs of mass disinformation.

But who could have foreseen that the route the Democrats would take would be in the form of self-destruction?

On Halloween, the full House of Representatives finally voted to legalize the impeachment investigation, which was unlawfully conducted by the Schiff-Nadler-Pelosi trio. By a majority vote, the House approved the rules for an impeachment inquiry. (Oddly enough, Speaker Pelosi also voted, although traditionally, the speaker of the House does not vote unless such vote is absolutely necessary). This was a logical step, as it is known that the Democrats never concealed their intentions — the course of impeachment was announced by the Democrats only [19 minutes](#) after Trump took the oath.

The rules of the impeachment process legalized by the House of Representatives turned out to be even worse than all assumptions.

Firstly, this is the first investigation of the current president in U.S. history, sanctioned by members of only one party: the opposition.

Secondly, the new rules of impeachment legalize the de facto dictatorship of one person: chairman of the Intelligence Committee Adam Schiff. Schiff gained almost unlimited power. Now it is Schiff alone who decides who will be called in as a witness, what questions can be asked to the witness, and who exactly will get the right to ask questions. Schiff obtained the right to terminate the hearing if his version of the events is disputed by some intractable witness.

Republicans were graciously given the right to be able to ask Schiff to call a defense witness, and then only Schiff would be able to decide to admit such a witness. Only Schiff decides whether the hearing will be open or closed and whether a transcript of the committee's meetings will be made public. At the same time, Trump's lawyers are not allowed to attend meetings of the Intelligence Committee.

The current situation happening in the House of Representatives is often compared to a [Soviet show trial](#), but apparently, the trio of judges under the direction of Commissar Pelosi had a different historical trial they planned to emulate: medieval trials. This inquiry smells of a medieval inquisition. (In fact, this is not surprising, since the Pelosi electoral district in San Francisco is famous for its medieval unsanitary conditions, where medieval diseases such as typhoid, tuberculosis, scarlet fever, measles, and even bubonic plague are rampant.)

At the same time, the endowment of Schiff with almost dictatorial powers is reminiscent not of the appointment of Torquemada, but the appointment of Napoleon as the lifelong first consul (and then the emperor) by the legislators of the French Republic.

Since we mentioned Napoleon, let us turn to an expression often attributed to him: "Never interfere with the enemy while he is in the process of making a mistake."

The situation that the Democrats find themselves in is unenviable. According to leaks from the secret basement of the Capitol, where Schiff's inquisition takes place, all the witnesses called up to now do not accuse Trump of violating any federal laws at all — their accusations are nothing but a poorly concealed annoyance over disagreements with Trump's politics.

Washington office plankton, as it turns out, are unhappy that the commander-in-chief did not heed their opinion.

Even if Trump did everything in Ukraine that the Democrat inquisition accuses him of, this is still not a crime — this is a disagreement with his foreign policy and nothing more. The position of the Democrats is as follows: a criminal investigation in Ukraine of an American citizen (and at the same time a candidate for the White House) is illegal (with one exception: if this candidate is Donald Trump, as in 2016).

It is clear that this Democrat inquisition is mainly designed for foreign audiences. After all, on the domestic political front, it is practically impossible to fight Trump with any known legal political methods — in fact, what can the opposition party contrast with the unemployment rate, which is at a 50-year low?

Recall what events led the Democrats to legalize the process of impeachment.

China is losing the trade war. The Chinese communists believe (not without reason) that their only chance is impeachment, which they are currently financing.

Democrats lost the bet on Mueller's investigation. The Washington communists believe (without reason) that their only chance is impeachment, which they are currently trying to push through.

At the same time, we all begin, to some extent, to understand the popular leftist term "proportional response," which has long been used against Israeli actions to repel external aggression. From the point of view of the Democrats, Trump's [bluffpeachment](#) is a completely "proportional response" after the mission of Special Prosecutor Mueller failed, and the mission of Special Prosecutor Durham to investigate Obamagate became criminal.

The task that the Democrats set for themselves is to make Trump persona non grata not only at home, but abroad, too. This refers to Trump's impossibility of pursuing foreign policy in any form — who will discuss anything with a person who "will soon be removed from power"? At least it is in this vein that the mass disinformation media covers the events in Washington.

What is the likelihood that anyone (apart from the loyal friend Netanyahu) will want to deal with a person who, according to CNN, has only a few days left in the White House? (By the way, CNN and Schiff have been repeating this over the past three years, and there are still people who believe them.) While this impeachment inquisition is ongoing, North Korea will continue to launch ballistic missiles, China will continue to steal intellectual property from American companies, and European countries will continue to build a gas pipeline from Russia along the bottom of the Baltic Sea.

In other words, the task of the Democrats is to torpedo Trump's foreign policy.

That is why they are not going to ratify the new USMCA trade agreement among the USA, Canada, and Mexico — the ratification will create many additional jobs in America. That is why Democrats are opposed to a trade war with China — winning this war is a serious stimulus to the U.S. economy. But Democrats do not need this — they desperately need the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange.

Japanese admiral Yamamoto is credited with the phrase allegedly said after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941: "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve."

Who can put a lid on Trump's resolve now?

Who can stop Trump's anger now?

Who can stop the avalanche of declassified Obamagate documents?

Who can stop the arrests of all the conspirators from the American and foreign intelligence agencies who participated in an attempted (and failed) palace coup?

Can anyone truly suggest that Trump will wait until after the 2020 elections to pay attention to the fact that the Obama administration was spying on him and his campaign?

Does anyone think Obama's typical footman and spy, agent "Charlie" (Eric Ciaramella), has a brilliant career in front of him?

Now, who could possibly convince Trump not to use the full power of the federal investigative apparatus until *after* the 2020 elections? Who would dare to tell him that Brennan, Comey, Strzok, et al. should not be arrested because of...because of what? What will Trump gain if he utilizes the sword of justice on the conspirators *after* the 2020 elections and not *before*?

Who now doubts that an attempt by Obama's intelligence agencies to cancel the results of the 2016 elections will naturally lead to the fact that the 2020 elections will be a pure formality?

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## **"Whistleblower" attorney exposed as a leftist hack who called for a coup against Trump**

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Eleven days into President Donald Trump's presidency, the attorney currently representing the "whistleblower," Mark Zaid, tweeted, "#coup has started. First of many steps. #rebellion. #impeachment will follow ultimately." Zaid was responding to Trump having just fired acting Attorney General Sally Yates over her refusal to uphold his temporary travel ban on several Muslim-majority countries. Later in July 2017, Zaid tweeted, "I predict @CNN will play a key role in @realDonaldTrump not finishing out his full term as president. We will get rid of him, and this country is strong enough to survive even him and his supporters." Isn't it amazing that Zaid's client is now at the center of that impeachment effort?

We have repeatedly noted ever since Trump won the election that Democrats have been committed to obstructing his agenda and, if possible, removing him from office. Following Robert Mueller's investigation blowing up in their faces, Democrats determined that [coup attempt 2.0](#) would be fully under their control. Thus the current orchestrated "whistleblower" impeachment push.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, who has been orchestrating this entire impeachment coup attempt from the very beginning, sought to defend his and Democrats' actions in a [USA Today op-ed](#). Schiff falsely claims to have engaged in this impeachment charade based entirely on nonpartisan motives. But as Zaid's statements make plain, nothing could be further from the truth.

First off, Schiff begs the question of Trump's guilt, claiming that he abused "the power of the presidency." Schiff then suggests that Trump's attempt to investigate the origins of the Russian-collusion hoax (coup 1.0) is the president seeking his own "personal, political interests." In fact, it is actually in the national interest of our republic that Trump investigate and ferret out those deep-state and foreign actors who sought to undermine a duly elected president.

Defending the Democrats' secretive impeachment inquiry, Schiff writes, "The interviews we have conducted have been thorough, professional and fair ... in line with best investigative practices. ... We have held these interviews in private to ensure that witnesses are not able to tailor their testimony to align with others at the expense of truth." If this were the case, then why did Schiff and company regularly and selectively leak portions of these testimonies to the press? How does this not muddy the waters, especially when every Democrat runs around declaring the president guilty of an impeachable offense?

Schiff then claims that all the witnesses are "dedicated, nonpartisan public servants" who "are American patriots and shining examples of what it means to defend and protect our Constitution." That's ridiculous, given that 99% of the political donations from these "nonpartisan public servants" within the State Department went to Hillary Clinton. That doesn't appear very nonpartisan to most folks. Furthermore, calling deep-state actors who worked to resist and ultimately to impeach a duly elected president is anything but "patriotic." Zaid was closer with his hashtags of "coup" and "rebellion."

# Trump Caught America's Biggest Lawbreaker

By **Richard A. Viguerie and Mark J. Fitzgibbons** | Nov 14 2019

Last week in his now-classic style of quips to the media President Trump said, "I caught the Swamp."

To the tens of millions of Americans who elected him, Trump is telling them he's fulfilling yet another campaign promise. But this one is something perhaps (if not certainly) no other president could claim. It's not just the Swamp that Trump caught -- it's actually America's biggest lawbreaker.

Three years into the Obama administration, while America was under the throes of being "transformed" into post-constitutional socialism, we wrote a Thomas Paine-style [pamphlet, or e-book](#), entitled *The Law That Governs Government: Reclaiming the Constitution from Usurpers and Society's Biggest Lawbreaker*.

The law that governs government is, of course, the Constitution. It was established by "We the People" not merely to create government's basic structure, but as a fundamental and paramount law over government, legally granting it certain powers and limiting its authority to infringe on God-given rights of the People. People who properly understand that the Constitution is man-made law governing government have a better appreciation for the reasons why it is central to the modern day fight between conservatism and radical leftism.

Our book began:

Government is the oldest, largest and most pervasive lawbreaker in America. Lawbreaking by government in terms of cost and the number of people victimized is of a scale unmatched by any other organization or group -- leaving nothing as a close second.

The Swamp that President Trump "caught" is comprised of more than government, of course, and includes the parasites and abettors in, around, and combining with America's biggest lawbreaker. The core of the Swamp, however, is corrupt, lawless, lawbreaking government.

Under Obama, the role of the Departments of Justice and State, as well as the intelligence community, expanded as part of America's biggest lawbreaker. Those who attempted to "catch" the lawbreaking met with reprisal. Obama's unprecedented use of the Espionage Act against reporters, for example, was the equivalent of using goon squad enforcers to intimidate the fainter-hearted white hats.

No faint-hearted reporter and best-selling author Sharyl Attkisson was [targeted](#) for revealing Obama administration scandals. She explains her courageous lawsuit against government's hacking her home and business computers was [initially dismissed for dumbfounding reasons](#). In [\[our book\]](#) we had previously written:

When people know the government has violated the law, the government's reaction tends to be, "So sue us." Government, though, has also rigged the rules for obtaining legal remedies. Justice is denied and government lawbreaking is protected through judge-made doctrines.

Serious criminality by government, such as hacking Ms. Attkisson's computers, now almost seems like kids' play or just rehearsal when viewed next to America's biggest lawbreaker's boldest and most consequential lawbreaking: The sedition and attempted coup against a sitting American President. Many Americans understand that the failures to stop government's biggest lawbreaker in the lesser crimes and lawlessness clearly emboldened it for this granddaddy of lawlessness, and that is why the attempted coup will only fuel more passionate and wider support for President Trump.

Such audacious lawbreaking, of course, could not succeed without aiders and abettors, and the Swamp's Trump-deranged leftist Mainstream Media have too gladly and scurrilously filled that role. However, because of some journalists such as John Solomon, some television and talk radio show hosts like Mark Levin, organizations such as Judicial Watch, conservative news and commentary sites like American Thinker, and social and other new, alternative media resistance to the Resistance, the utter corruption of the MSM has been exposed as never before.

That President Trump campaigned by excoriating the Fake News only adds to his status as the gritty outsider coming to clean up the town that the bad guys have taken over.

In this coup, there is also a fascinating and telling war between good cop lawyers and the bad guys. On lawyers, we wrote in 2011:

For lawyers, lawbreaking by the State is a lucrative business. Through their professional associations such as the American Bar Association and the American Association of Justice (the euphemistic name change for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America), they participate in supporting statist lawmakers and bureaucracies, or even help craft laws that make their services all the more needed. Their clients are hostage to, and victims of, the lawyers' own actions.

A good example of the evil Swamp legal community is Mark Zaid, the lawyer for the Ukraine "whistleblower," who is no whistleblower at all, but a politically motivated saboteur planted in the palace by the lawbreaking Deep State. Speaking recently on *The Larry O'Connor Show* on WMAL out of Washington, decorated Army Lt. Colonel and former intelligence official Tony Shaffer described how Zaid represented him in a controversial whistleblower matter for 10 years before dropping his client when exculpatory information favorable to his client was revealed. Not long after the Trump presidency began, Zaid revealingly -- if not arrogantly -- tweeted that this now three-year attempted coup had begun. There are many Mark Zaid-types in the Swamp aiding America's biggest lawbreaker.

Fortunately for our constitutional republic, we have outstanding lawyers Sidney Powell (now representing General Michael Flynn), the husband-wife team of former prosecutors Joe diGenova and Victoria Toensing, mob-buster Rudy Giuliani, and others on our side. Even William Barr decided to get back into the game, and because of this moment in history, he may end up being the most consequential Attorney General in U.S. history.

As he is frequently the first to clearly articulate what the wisdom of Americans feel or know in their hearts, Rush Limbaugh was right in 2018 when he said there are



two systems of justice in America, which is anathema to the core principle of equal justice in the law. Elites who are tied to big government and its ancillary institutions -- and particularly those in the Democrat Party, which is the party of big government -- rarely seem to receive adequate or any justice for their lawlessness and lawbreaking. Or, at least, they never receive the same level of punishment dished out to other Americans, particularly conservatives.

Americans understand that the lack of a level playing field in our system of justice fosters and encourages more lawbreaking by the protected class who are part of the Swamp. In stepped outsider Donald Trump, who not only now is the biggest target of America's biggest lawbreaker, but who has the courage, savvy, and intelligence to fight it. Many Americans understand that unless Donald Trump wins this fight against America's biggest lawbreaker, its beneficiaries, and its aiders and abettors, our constitutional republic will never recover, and we are doomed to live without equal justice under the law.

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# Roger Stone: Robert Mueller's latest victim of Special Council thuggery

written by **Jacquie Kubin** | Jan 25 2019



**WASHINGTON:** It's a process crime. In United States criminal procedure, a process crime is an offense against the judicial process. These types of crimes include obstruction of justice, perjury, and contempt of court. Process crimes are the offenses that "interfere with the procedures and administration of justice". They are prosecuted because they are considered to harm the public interest in the functioning and integrity of the judicial system. – [Wikipedia](#)

The Special Counsel's office has had a field day prosecuting Trump associates – Michael Flynn and Roger Stone – most notably with process crimes. Crimes that in a fair and just world would be little more than misdemeanors. But in the Thug Wars of the special counsel, a process crime is so vehement it is worth losing your home, your savings, your children and grandchildren's inheritance.

## **General Michael Flynn**

Mueller's thuggery in the Russia investigation starts with FBI Director Jim Comey's deputy director, Andrew McCabe, lying to Flynn. Painting their "sitdown" as a friendly chat, Flynn was told he would not need a lawyer. Flynn did not see that speaking with a Russian ambassador was forbidden for a transition official, he was tricked by the FBI, under Mueller, to say anything that would contradict the FBI's secret transcripts of his talks with the Russian ambassador. Secret transcripts illegally obtained via fraudulent wiretaps. Unmasked wiretaps.

## **[Exclusive: Obama's coup d'etat docs prove illegal surveillance coverup](#)**

It gets worse. The FBI agents, who presumably had transcripts from Flynn's talks with the Russian ambassador to compare to Flynn's interview answers, expressed the belief that Flynn did not seem as if he was lying to them. Yet that conclusion was apparently overturned at some point by the FBI. To this day, the only real evidence that Flynn lied is his confession — and apparently the second thoughts of the FBI investigators, who reinterpreted their initial impressions in a much later official report.

[Mr. Mueller](#) goal was to have Flynn testify about something that might prove that the Trump administration colluded with [Russia](#). When that did not work, Flynn was later leveraged to "confess" to having lied to FBI investigators, who originally thought that he had not lied about a "crime" of talking about foreign policy with a Russian ambassador — an act that in itself was not illegal. ([Incomplete\(?\) Files Released by Mueller Confirm FBI Agents Did Not Think Flynn Lied](#))

**Once Flynn confessed that he lied, his legal costs diminished. His son was not indicted by [Mr. Mueller](#). He was promised little or no jail time by cooperating with the investigation.**

At the end of the day, General Michael Flynn's only crime is lying to the FBI. For this he has lost everything. Contrast that to Hillary Clinton, who also lied to the FBI – repeatedly. ([FBI Interview Catches Hillary Clinton In Multiple Lies](#))

**[Video of Hillary Clinton lying; FBI director James Comey calling her out](#)** 

**[Video of Trey Gowdy bringing out Hillary Clinton's lying in a hearing](#)**

Mrs. Clinton, despite her ongoing falsehoods – from her grandparent's immigration to her mishandling of sensitive national security information, from Benghazi to Bubba to UBS and their sweetheart deal with the Clinton Foundation worth millions. ([A Top Ten List of Hillary's Lies, Scams, Hustles](#), and Deceitfulness – by Edward Klein / Dec 23 2015)

**The lies by Madame Clinton far exceed anything that either Roger Stone, who is Mueller's latest target, and Michael Flynn, whose career of military service, has been destroyed, may have done.**

Mueller's thuggery is a quest to find anything that will fit within the liberal Russia collusion narrative.

**Mueller's victim trail goes back to 9/11 and a veteran's suicide**

Victims of Robert Mueller investigations reach back to post 9/11 when anthrax letters were sent to media and politician's offices. These attacks killed five people, leaving others hospitalized. Mueller's investigation of those letters found "no direct link to terrorism" instead saying a "disgruntled American" were behind the deadly attacks. Mueller's investigation charged Steven Hatfill, an Army veteran.


**According to The Federalist ([Robert Mueller Has Been Botching Investigations Since The Anthrax Attacks](#)):**

"There was [no direct link](#) from Hatfill to the attacks, by the FBI's own admission, and the bureau never charged Hatfill. The FBI did, however, spy on, follow, and harass him non-stop for years. The Department of Justice also publicly outed Hatfill as the possible terrorist.


While Hatfill's dignity and life was being trampled on by America's secret police, Mueller took a stand. But on a different topic. He made front-page news for [threatening President Bush he would resign](#) over NSA policy. All while *his own team* was trampling on the rights of an American in the FBI's largest-ever investigation.

**Hatfill successfully sued the government for its unlawful actions. He won almost \$6 million dollars."**

As The Federalist reports, once the Hatfill investigation failed, the Mueller team decided that another army researcher, Bruce Ivins was a person of interest. Ivins was never indicted. However, his house was raided, and he was threatened with a death sentence, or as his lawyer put it, put under "[relentless pressure of accusation](#)

[and innuendo.](#)” Ivin committed suicide, a possible side effect of liberal attacks via Robert Mueller? 

### **Mueller’s Russia probe targets (as compiled by CBS News – [A list of people Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigators have interviewed](#))**

**June 22, 2017** – [CNN reports](#) that National Security Agency (NSA) Director Mike Rogers and Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Dan Coats met with the special counsel. The top intelligence officials, according to CNN, told investigators that Mr. Trump had asked them to publicly state there was no collusion between his campaign representatives and Russians. 

### **President Trump’s brilliant Rod Rosenstein strategy**

**Sept. 20, 2017** – Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein interviewed by the special counsel’s office about former FBI Director James Comey’s firing. Rosenstein is a key figure in any investigative procedures related to Comey. It was Rosenstein who appointed special counsel Robert Mueller after Mr. Trump fired Comey.

### **FBI Director James Comey fired for acting like James Comey**

**Oct. 5, 2017** – CNN reports that the special counsel’s office met with the author of the “[Trump dossier](#)”, former British spy Christopher Steele, over the summer. The unverified dossier alleges ties between Mr. Trump and Russia, and Steele compiled it for the research firm Fusion GPS, which was working on behalf of Democratic operatives.

**Oct. 13, 2017** – CBS News confirms former White House chief of staff [Reince Priebus](#) met with the special counsel. Priebus’ lawyer said he “was voluntarily interviewed.”

**Oct. 17, 2017** – **Mueller’s team meets with Sean Spicer, CBS News confirms. Spicer was White House press secretary from the start of the Trump administration until July.**

**Oct. 31, 2017** – [NBC](#) Reports Sam Clovis has been interviewed by the special counsel’s office and the grand jury. Clovis, a former top Trump campaign official, supervised [George Papadopoulos](#), the former Trump aide who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI.

**Nov. 3, 2017** – Dutch lawyer [Alex Van Der Zwaan](#) is interviewed by the special counsel’s office and the FBI, and apparently misled officials about his communication with former Trump campaign aide Rick Gates. Van Der Zwaan later pleaded guilty to lying to FBI officials during that interview and was sentenced to 30 days in prison.

### **The ties that bind: Corsi, Montgomery and Bre Payton all Mueller accusers**

**Nov. 9, 2017** – Mueller has interviewed Stephen Miller. Miller is a senior adviser to the president and has been key in pushing key agenda items for Mr. Trump, particularly immigration restrictions.

**Nov. 29, 2017** – Jared Kushner is interviewed by the special counsel. Sources familiar with the process say the interview occurred the first week of November and lasted about 90 minutes. Kushner was present in the June 2016 Trump Tower

meeting, and as Mr. Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, has been privy to extensive sensitive information.

**Nov. 30, 2017 – White House counsel Don McGahn is interviewed by special counsel. McGahn, CBS News has reported, threatened to resign months earlier, in June 2017. Around that time, Mr. Trump [discussed the possibility of firing Mueller](#).**

**December 8, 2017** – It is reported and later confirmed by CBS News that Hope Hicks has met with the special counsel's office. Hicks, who is [now departing as White House communications director](#), was with Mr. Trump since the beginning of his campaign.

**Dec. 11, 2017**– [The Wall Street Journal](#) reports that former acting attorney general Sally Yates has been interviewed by the special counsel's office to discuss her meetings with White House officials.

### **Mueller Investigation Continues into 2018**

**Jan. 23, 2018** – CBS News confirms Mueller interviewed Comey in December. Comey, claims Mr. Trump asked for his loyalty and pressured him to drop the Flynn matter.

[Disgraced coup plotter "J. Edgar" Comey's phony outrage](#)

**Jan. 24, 2018** – CBS News confirms that special counsel has interviewed CIA Director Mike Pompeo, Coats, and Rogers.

**Feb. 1, 2018** – Rick Gates interviewed by the special counsel's office. Later in the month, Gates pleads guilty to financial fraud and lying to investigators.

**Feb.15, 2018** – CBS News' Paula Reid reports Mueller spoke to former Trump legal team spokesman Mark Corallo for 2.5 hours.

**Feb. 16, 2018 – Mueller indicts 13 Russian nationals on election interference**

**Feb. 23, 2018** – Mueller ramped up the pressure on former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, hitting him with [new charges](#) and securing a guilty plea and [cooperation deal](#) from his deputy Rick Gates.

**March 6, 2018** – George Nader, a top Arab Emirates adviser, has met in recent weeks with the special counsel's office and has been before the grand jury. Nader is reportedly cooperating with Mueller's investigation.

**March 17, 2018** – Paula Reid reports that former [FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe](#) has been interviewed by the special counsel. McCabe is fired by Sessions two days before retirement.

**April 9, 2018 – Acting on a referral from Mueller, federal investigators in New York [raided](#) the home, hotel room, and offices of former Trump attorney Michael Cohen.**

**May 17, 2018** – Mueller's investigation reached its [one-year mark](#). The Justice Department [disclosed](#) that the probe into Russian meddling cost \$17 million so far, with about \$7.7 million spent by Mueller.

**September 2018** – Robert Mueller starts looking closely at Roger Stone, a longtime ally of President Donald Trump who briefly served on Trump’s presidential campaign. So far, prosecutors have secured testimony from at least 13 Stone associates, including some who were subpoenaed.

**January 25, 2019** – Roger Stone is roused from his bed at 6:00 am EST by FBI agents, his home searched, his wife terrorized before he is arrested. Stone has been released on a \$250,000 bond.

# A Double Standard of Justice

Jeff Crouere | Nov 17 2019



On Friday, Roger Stone, a political operative who had worked with Presidents Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and Donald Trump, was convicted by a federal jury on seven counts ranging from lying to Congress to obstruction of justice to witness tampering. His sentencing will take place on February 6, 2020, and

Stone could face up to 50 years in prison.

Prosecutors argued that Stone pressured radio talk show host Randy Credico not to testify before the House Intelligence Committee, which was investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election. Stone claimed that Credico was his source for WikiLeaks information, but the talk show host later admitted he lied about his contacts. Credico boasted that he supplied investigative reporter Michael Isikoff "disinformation" and "phony emails" for a book about the investigation into Russian tampering with the 2016 election.

Credico is a liberal talk show host, who admitted after the verdict that he feels "horrible" that Stone may go to prison "because of me." Prosecutors targeted Stone for supposed efforts to gather information for the Trump campaign from WikiLeaks about the hacking of Democratic National Committee (DNC) computers. Stone's defense team noted that he never established any connection with WikiLeaks, so he had no real information to provide to the campaign.

Stone was not allowed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson, appointed to the bench by former President Barack Obama, to demand proof that Russia did indeed hack the DNC computers. Federal prosecutors working with Special Counsel Robert Mueller contended that Russia accessed DNC computers and released damaging emails to thwart the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton. Stone asked to see the report from CrowdStrike, a cybersecurity firm, that inspected the DNC computers and determined the Russians infiltrated their network. Attorneys for Stone contended that if the Russians did not hack the DNC computers, the case against Stone would have had to be dismissed.

Stone was convicted by a jury that convened in Washington D.C., a city where 96% of the voters supported Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election. Stone joins other Trump associates such as former Campaign Chairman Paul Manafort, former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, and former foreign policy aide George Papadopoulos who have faced prosecution. All of them were targeted by prosecutors working for former Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

While Stone, Manafort and other Trump operatives have been convicted, those working with the "Deep State" never seem to face any legal trouble. Former FBI Director James Comey and Associate Director Andrew McCabe clearly lied on multiple occasions, yet neither of them has faced any charges. Even though the Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz has made a criminal

referral for McCabe, federal prosecutors at the U.S. attorney's office in Washington D.C., have not acted.

Hillary Clinton transmitted top secret information on her "home brew" computer, yet she was not charged because former FBI Director James Comey maintained there was supposedly no "intent" to commit a crime. It remains to be seen how she could direct her phones to be destroyed by hammers and her computers to be wiped clean with "bleach bit" and there be no criminal intent.

While the President is facing an outrageous impeachment spectacle for his interactions with his Ukrainian counterpart, Hunter Biden has been able to evade prosecution despite his suspicious and lucrative consulting deals in Ukraine and other countries. In Ukraine, Biden was hired by Burisma Holdings and paid over \$50,000 per month despite his lack of knowledge of the industry and the country or its language. Obviously, Burisma was interested in Hunter Biden solely due to his famous father, former Vice President Joe Biden.

While Vice President, Joe Biden threatened the withdrawal of \$1 billion in U.S. loan guarantees until the prosecutor investigating Burisma was fired. While the loan guarantees were eventually provided, the Obama administration did not provide Ukraine any weapons or lethal military aid. Ironically, the Trump administration did provide such lethal assistance to Ukraine even though the country did not launch an investigation into the Hunter Biden deal with Burisma.

Upon learning of the verdict, the President tweeted, "So they now convict Roger Stone of lying and want to jail him for many years to come. Well, what about Crooked Hillary, Comey, Strzok, Page, McCabe, Brennan, Clapper, Shifty Schiff, Ohr & Nellie, Steele & all of the others, including even Mueller himself? Didn't they lie?"

It seems there is a clear double standard of justice in this country. For example, the impeachment of the President has been moving at lightning speed, while the nation has been waiting for months for the Inspector General's report on FISA abuse and the "Durham report."

For the President and his supporters, there are countless investigations and, in some cases, prosecutions. For the corrupt members of the Obama administration, the Deep State operatives and associates of Hillary Clinton, a totally different standard.

With this clear double standard, it is impossible for Americans to have any confidence in our criminal justice system.



***Roger Stone was found guilty in a Democrat-controlled kangaroo court.***

**-Ben Garrison**

The case against him should have been thrown out when Mueller's Russia collusion witch-hunt flopped.

The Deep State and especially Hillary Clinton had it in for Roger. After all, he was influential in getting Trump elected. His book, "The Clintons' War on Women" had to be devastating to Hillary. I know—I've read it.

The Clintons and Hillary in particular are ruthless, power-mad grifters. I also read his book, "The Bush Crime Family." Both the Clintons and the Bushes have been instrumental in furthering the 'New World Order' and the Deep State.

Stone's guilty verdict is even more maddening when one realizes such 'justice' only applies to those on the right, and for Trump's allies in particular. The conspirators who carried out the Russian collusion coup could lie with confidence. They knew they had Deep State immunity. Hillary in particular is above the law. She colluded with Russians during the Uranium One scandal. Her sexual predator husband received \$500,000 for a single speech in Moscow. It was 'pay for play.'

Bill made two dozen trips to Epstein's Island. Hillary went too. They continue to run their Clinton Foundation, which is rife with corruption. Chelsea's wedding and her \$15 million apartment was paid for from Foundation money, while they stiffed the Haitians out of donated money that was to go toward earthquake victims. Hillary obstructed justice by destroying evidence. She was responsible for the Benghazi murders. She ran a pay for play illegal server. Then there was Whitewater, Cattle Gate, Trooper Gate, FBI Filegate, Travelgate, and Bill's meeting with Loretta Lynch on an airport tarmac.

Hillary rigged debates, primaries and her nomination. Then there is the Clinton body trail including Vince Foster's murder. Hillary 'lost' billions of dollars during her tenure at the State Dept. She benefited from Marc Rich's pardon—millions of dollars were donated to Hillary in a quid pro quo arrangement. Yet Hillary remains immune from justice. She's the one that needs to be locked up. Instead, she'll probably run for president again. She thinks she's gutsy, but she's merely a sociopath who is incapable of guilt.

If Roger is sent to prison, I don't expect him to be there long. President Trump will pardon him. **He MUST pardon him.** Trump needs to pardon Julian Assange, too. Both he and Roger Stone were conducting real journalism. They told the truth and both were found guilty by Deep State courts. Will the tyrants now be emboldened to inflict 'law fare' on more of their targets? Will they lock up Alex Jones for telling the truth? If so, then we will know for sure that we're living in a new Soviet Union of sorts. The show trials won't care about logic, evidence, and justice—only convictions. They are almost trying to goad us into a violent revolution.

***Sign the Petition to Pardon Roger Stone***

# Ruling Class, Here's Your Warning

By **Eric Georgatos** | Nov 16 2019

"Sundance" at the popular website ["Conservative Treehouse"](#) [has posited that the ruling class plan](#) that Americans are about to watch unfold inside the Beltway basically involves a three-step process: (1) the House votes for impeachment, (2) the Senate holds a six to eight-week trial and votes to convict and remove the President, and (3) Vice President Pence becomes President, and Nikki Haley, fresh off a scripted book tour plan to increase her visibility and acceptability, gets the appointment to serve as vice president.

The troublesome Trump will be done away with, order will be restored, and the Vindmans of D.C. can resume their rightful place as the determiners of American government policy, foreign and domestic. Enough 'Republicans' will be bought off by Pence's seeming conservatism and Haley's professed loyalty to Trump (at least as compared to John Kelly and Rex Tillerson) to quell any resistance from the knuckle-dragging far right.

Sundance has a pretty good record of reading the political tea leaves in this coup era, so it's pretty jolting to get his read in such explicit terms.

If Sundance is right as to the plan, we'd like to interject right now a blunt warning to the ruling class elite from both parties who might lend their support, or withhold their resistance, to such a plan: borrowing from the truly impactful words once uttered by [Bush 41](#) - "*this will not stand.*"

The ruling class has swallowed the lies that the Beltway and its Pravda media and its Big Tech allies control the news cycle; that Lawfare sophists control the definition of fairness, due process, and justice; that a controlling majority of Americans think history began the day before yesterday, and accordingly will accept their plan with a shrug of the shoulders and go back to their meaningless, uninspired, disengaged lives. Sure, a few might feel more than a shrug of the shoulders, and some may cling to their guns and Bibles and offer those silly 'thoughts and prayers', but in the end, they can be counted on to move on.

Ain't gonna happen.

We've previously [chronicled the accumulating resentments](#) from the Obama regime that elected Donald Trump to the Presidency. The fire stoked by those resentments has not subsided, and [Coup #1, the Russia Collusion fraud, and Coup #2, the Ciaramella/Pajama Boy whistleblower fraud](#), have thrown the highest-octane gasoline imaginable on that fire. The ruling class has no idea how hot and nationwide that fire is.

Adam Schiff apparently has enough Pravda sycophants around him to make him think his orchestrated show trial is winning hearts and minds across the country. He is out of his mind.

Secret testimony, selective leaking, manipulatively edited transcripts, posturing about the nonexistent sacredness of whistleblower anonymity (after an Obama administration that [terrorized whistleblowers](#)), and all the while whistling past the manifest corruption of the Biden family as if Americans can't see it -- Schiff's fraud

has exceeded the capacity of the English language to convey its depravity and moral bankruptcy. "Disgusting, disgraceful, egregious, unconscionable, abominable" -- these are level 2 or 3 words for a level 10 travesty.

So what will it mean to say "*this will not stand*"?

There's a spirit and power in American ideals that cannot long be mocked by men and women, no matter how credentialed or clever they might be.

And here's a word -- which seems to be to the ruling class like garlic to a vampire - - that explains the spirit and power of these ideals: they are *divine*. You may fight against them if you want, and your fight may cause catastrophe for a while, but you will not win. Slavery couldn't possibly be reconciled with American ideals, and America's first Civil War stands as the example of what happens when the ruling classes try to deny or sidestep or [outrun or overrule these divine ideals](#).

We most often speak of these ideals in the vernacular of the Declaration of Independence -- all men (and women) created equal; all endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights, including the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But here's a formulation of one of those divine ideals in different terms: it is the right of we the people to '*self-government under God*.'

The individual, as [Ayn Rand put it](#), is the smallest minority on earth, and in America, the *individual* is sovereign, free. The government doesn't exist to rule him; he governs himself, and the government's job is to protect his right to do so. He doesn't stand for a tyrannical mob telling him what he can do with his life, how much of what he earns he can keep, what his carbon footprint can be, what his food and drink shall be, what temperature his thermostat can be set to, what and where and from whom he shall obtain healthcare. He owes faithfulness and obedience to the God of the Bible, to live as best he can in accord with the ideal of loving his neighbor as himself, but he doesn't need legislators to tell him how to do that.

And he sure as hell doesn't stand still to have King George in the 1700s or the Deep State in the 2000s tell him who the President of the United States of America can or cannot be.

Most Americans know the nation as they have understood it is fundamentally at risk in 2019. They are smarter than the ruling class believes; they know no matter how loudly Pravda screams to the contrary, this war in 2019 is not about the icky personality of Donald Trump. It's about the future of a divinely inspired idea called America. Taking down Trump is a proxy for taking down America; it's about taking down the idea of individual freedom and self-government; ultimately, it's about taking down the idea of God.

Ain't gonna happen.

Ruling class, you've been warned.



# Could it be that Trump has been setting up the Left all along?

By **Patricia McCarthy** | Nov 18 2019

Why has the impeachment theater that has been entertaining the media swells these past six weeks begun to feel like a bad movie of the week? Tyrant-in-chief Adam Schiff has been thrilling the Left with his anti-constitutional, Kafkaesque show trial, leaking and tweaking snippets of his irrelevant not-witnesses' testimony in order to bend public opinion to his malevolent anti-Trump obsession.

We can all suss out the Schiff/Pelosi agenda: they hope to prevent Trump's re-election by convincing the American people that he is somehow tainted by a fog of nefarious activities both before and after the 2016 election. Trump is guilty of exactly nothing impeachable, and they all know it, but he is an outsider in their D.C. club of self-appointed privileged insiders, and that is what they cannot, will not, tolerate. The interloper must be metaphorically slain in as public a manner as possible.

But just who in this current doomsday crisis the Left has imagined is going to be hoist with his own petard? It is beginning to seem as though it may be Speaker Pelosi and the detestable Adam Schiff. It is beginning to feel as if our hate-filled, intolerant Left is being set up with a long-game play. If so, the denouement will be delicious.

First Nadler and then Schiff have conducted this so-called inquiry for weeks now. Nadler's hearings were an embarrassment, so Pelosi turned the gavel over to Schiff. Big mistake unless she is in on the con. His ridiculous secret depositions are a joke — meant to frighten Trump and his supporters, which is absolutely not working. Now we have been privy to open testimony of three of his chosen not witnesses who contributed exactly nothing to Schiff's tale of corruption.

It is all backfiring since they are trying to impeach Trump for what Obama/Biden actually did. We have all seen Biden's little bit of bragging about threatening Ukraine that \$1B would be withheld unless a certain prosecutor was fired within six hours. That prosecutor was charged with investigating the corrupt Burisma energy company on whose board sat Hunter Biden. Biden intervened in Ukraine's state government to protect the bribery that was blatantly making his own family fabulously wealthy.

And Ukraine was not the only foreign nation that the Bidens, the Kerrys, the Pelosis, the Clintons, and the Feinsteins tapped for millions of dollars that went directly into their own pockets. See Peter Schweizer's books, *Clinton Cash* and *Secret Empires*. Ambrose Bierce wrote that "Politics is the conduct of public affairs for private advantage."

Surely, Schiff knows this. He has a Ukraine connection himself: [arms-dealer Igor Pasternak](#). Schiff is as bought and paid for as the rest of the players in this oh, so devious Deep State plot to unseat a duly elected president because he is not part of their noxious club of get-rich-behind-the-scenes pols. Every one of them should be

investigated with the spite with which Trump has been scrutinized. In a just world, they would all be on trial for both corruption and treason.

So it follows that all this hysteria over Trump's phone conversation with Zelensky is a last-ditch effort to cover up the vast and complex plan by the head honchos at the DOJ, FBI, CIA and the Obama State Department to head off and then destroy the Trump presidency. The transcripts of Tim Morrison's testimony were finally released. Morrison is the NSC's senior director for European affairs. [His testimony exonerates Trump](#) of all the Left's fabricated accusations and reveals that one of Schiff's supposed star witnesses, Lt. Col. Vindman, is a very bad actor in all this, an anti-Trump, pro-Ukraine spy at the NSC.

It is almost impossible to believe that Trump has not been on to this cabal's fraudulent scheme for a long time now. Adm. Mike Rogers clued him in to the Obama administration's listening in (wiretapping) on his phones at Trump Tower in 2015. That was when he moved his campaign headquarters to New Jersey. He has known since then what they were up to, so isn't it possible that he has been setting them up for the past three years? Could he be manipulating Pelosi, Schiff, and their henchmen into a world-class implosion? It is beginning to seem that this may be true. As the actual transcripts of Schiff's not-witnesses are released and when actual journalists read them, it becomes clearer and clearer that they have nothing. This attempt to impeach is all about covering up their own crimes. If this is true, then Trump will have kept his ultimate and most important promise: to drain the swamp.

The swamp is much, much muddier and more corrupt than any of us knew. That Trump has withstood their three-plus-year calculated attack on him, his family, his friends, and his presidency is a testament to his phenomenal strength of character. That is why he was elected and will be re-elected if the Left can't cheat enough. The Left always cheats, as they did to elect JFK.

This 2020 election will be consequential. They will cheat in 2020 too. That is what open borders and no voter ID is all about. All Americans who love this country and our Constitution must vote to defeat these criminals. As Hugh Hewitt has always said, "If it's not close, they can't cheat." Reagan had no idea how right he was when he said years ago that "The leaders of the Democrat party have gone so far left, they've left the country."

# Don't Believe Lies: Millennials and Black Voters Support President Trump

**Mychal Massie** | Nov 18 2019

My several day back and forth to the Apple Store to resolve issues with my computer and the new Catalina Operating System, provided the experience to remind you of a truth I've been telling to you for decades.

I've tirelessly repeated, the single most important thing to understand regarding all mainstream news and journalism is you believe what they're saying at your own peril.



The media is comprised of liars and distorters of the news, that mirrors Russian "*Agitatsiya Propaganda*" better known as "*Agitprop*." Agitprop was/is a Russian political strategy used to influence and mobilize public opinion.

Georgi Plekhanov introduced agitprop, but it was Vladimir Lenin who made it the institutionalized construct used by today's media and political hacks masquerading as truthful arbiters of news. In reality, they are the modern-day version of the Central Committee Secretariat of the Communist Party.

Arnaud de Borchgrave who died in 2015, but remains my favorite and most trusted journalist. He committed great effort to exposing the Soviet KGB-inspired style of disinformation that is practiced by the U.S. news media.

Two of the greatest lies the faux-news media prostitutes are the myth that all young voters are angry, support abortion, are ashamed of their white privilege and hate President Trump. The other great lie is close to the first and argues that all blacks hate President Trump, except blacks "who really aren't black" as the oft used pejorative claims.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Apple Stores are considered safe places for the led through the nose liberal young people who are ashamed of their inculcated white privilege. Most of the President's base wouldn't dream of wearing a red MAGA cap into such a store – even if they were bold enough to wear one while cutting the back lawn.

Therein conservatives make their great mistake. They subscribe to the craven mindset that they'll be attacked if they show public support for the President. Inside the Apple Store, several of the young people employed there made it a point to tell me they supported the president and "loved" my MAGA cap.

One employee reflexively rolled her eyes at me and grimaced as I entered the store one day, but said behavior caused me no injury. Pursuant to **the faux-news media driven idea that all blacks hate President Trump and are the Democrats most reliable assets at election time – that too is a teeming crock of crapola.**

I refer you back to my second and third paragraphs. The collective bureaus of agitprop skew polls and refuse to report anything that will shed the light of factual truth on their pernicious narrative.

The Pew Foundation is a rabidly liberal entity that enjoys high regard in the media realm. The same fake-news media quoting Pew Research polls, views reading the NY Times as an orgasmic religious experience.

A March 2018, Pew Research Center Poll, announced their polling found that only 27 percent of millennials “they surveyed” during President Trump’s first year, approved of his job performance, while 65 percent disapproved. Those are easy numbers to arrive at if the poll is weighted with Democrats and socialists.

Corrupt polling data remains one of the most instrumental ways to influence opinion. Remember the polls that had Hillary winning right up until she didn’t.

Eugene Scott writing for The Washington Post claimed that support for the President among young voters has diminished, because he doesn’t consistently devote attention to obstacles to building wealth. (See: Trump is Struggling To Connect With Young Voters; 3/24/2019)

**Scott is a former CNN reporter and skin color whore who sees everything through a jaundiced melanin prism. Ergo, to the Washington Post he is a proper Negro.**

Apparently Scott et al missed the most important part of wealth accumulation. It’s having a job and markets that are favorable to investment and retirement planning. His kind also inexplicably ignore the fact that thanks to President Trump not only is unemployment at an all time low, but specifically thanks to his economic agenda unemployment amongst blacks is the lowest it has been in history. These aren’t dishwashing jobs. They’re well paying jobs that afford upward mobility.

Take a look at the massive number of blacks in the most liberal enclaves of America who are podcasting and making YouTube videos. They’re solidly pro-President Trump. They’re broadcasting from inner city New York, Los Angeles, etc. and they’re making the points I’ve made for decades.

The media isn’t telling you about “Blexit.” Blacks are leaving the Democrat plantation in droves. But you won’t hear that on CNN nor see a truthful FoxNews poll that points out same.

Nothing dissuades me that President Trump isn’t going to enjoy as much as 30 percent of votes from blacks. It wouldn’t surprise me if he garnered as much as 33 percent on the high side.

I can tell you that young people comprise a huge part of the hundreds of thousands who have packed the venues President Trump held rallies at. And they haven’t come away discouraged or disinclined to vote for him.



Every store I walk into in every state and country I have worn my MAGA caps, I have received favorable acknowledgements from young people and yes blacks as well.

**-Mychal Massie**

# Trump is 100% on His Game

By **Lloyd Marcus** | Nov 19 2019

I thank God that President Trump is not like other Republicans.

It truly amazes me that many high-profile conservatives and Republicans still wish Trump would dial it back, not be so confrontational, and behave more presidentially. I feel like saying, "Are you guys nuts? Have you not been paying attention?" Desperate times require desperate measures. Donald Trump is God's perfect man in the White House for such a time as this.

Do these people who are supposedly on our side not understand what is at stake? If Trump is not reelected in 2020, Democrats will [kill healthy babies](#) even after they are born.

Sixteen-year-old girls will have [double mastectomies](#) without parental consent or knowledge in absurd attempts to become men.

Democrats will [roll out the red carpet](#) to drug dealing, murderous illegals along with illegal alien children [carrying strange diseases](#) being admitted into our schools. The Democrats' Green New Deal promises to stop air travel, kill the fossil fuel industry, and implement a long list of insane job-killing and economy crushing initiatives. You cannot imagine the [huge number of jobs](#) Democrats will kill or force overseas. Trump has our economy booming. Black unemployment has hit a [new historic low](#). All of Trump's unprecedented [remarkable successes](#) for America will be flushed down the toilet if Democrats take the White House.

Therefore, I do not care if Trump is what some would describe as rude to Democrats and fake news media. These people are arrogant, nasty, and view everyday Americans as their inferiors. Every time Trump fearlessly gets into their snooty faces, a huge smile appears on my face and I say, "Thank you, God!"

It has been revealed that a few days after Trump was elected in 2016, Democrats, the deep state, and fake news media launched their coup to remove him from office. In essence they said, "Screw idiot American voters. We will not allow this guy to interrupt our plans for America's decline and transformation."

This is why Washington swamp dwellers are infuriated by Trump's slogan, "Make America Great Again." They are obsessed with removing Trump from office by any, I repeat any, means necessary.

Frustrated that every play in their Destroy-the-Republican-Playbook has failed against Trump, Democrats' and fake news medias' hatred for Trump and his supporters has grown to pure foaming-at-the-mouth rabid insanity.

For you folks on our side who still wish Trump was kinder and gentler, the truth is that no other Republican could have survived. Trump has the perfect instincts to fight and emerge victorious in this openly treasonous and extremely corrupt political climate.





With all due respect, Republicans like Ken Starr still do not comprehend the levels of evil and corruption that are threatening our constitutional freedoms and rights. Starr said Trump made a mistake "attacking" Yovanovitch in a tweet while she testified in Democrats' outrageous kangaroo court impeachment hearings. Starr said presidents usually rely on others to defend their position. Again, I say that these are not usual times.

Democrats and fake news media portrayed former ambassador Marie Yovanovitch as a saintly human being, slightly lower than the angels.

Democrats and fake news medias' heads exploded when Trump dared to tweet the truth about Yovanovitch. She is an Obama loyalist who sought to undermine the new Ukrainian president and Trump's policy. Acting within his presidential authority, Trump wisely fired Yovanovitch.

If Trump did not use his bully pulpit to expose the real Yovanovitch, the public would be deceived. Democrats and fake news media would have sold the American people their lie that Yovanovitch is an innocent sweet woman, unjustly fired by our mean misogynist president.

Starr is an old-school Washington guy who believes the president must always behave presidentially. The standard rule for Republican presidential behavior is to remain passive and dignified while Democrats and fake news media lies and implements every disgusting trick that their sick minds can conceive to destroy a Republican.

God knew what He was doing when He made a Washington outsider leader of the free world. It drives Washington elites insane that Trump refuses to be intimidated into allowing them to dictate his behavior, surrendering to Washington elites' one-sided rules of engagement.

But folks, what is truly amazing to watch is every time Trump exposes Democrats and deep-state traitors caught with their hands in the corruption cookie jar, Democrats and their fake news media minions try to turn it around on Trump; portraying him as the one breaking the law. The insidious evil and arrogance of these people is off the chain.

Rest assured folks, Trump is 100% on his game. Let's make sure to have his back in 2020.

Remember the lyric in the Billy Joel song, "I love you just the way you are"? Please Mr. President, don't go changin'. [We love you just the way you are.](#)

***-Lloyd Marcus, The Unhyphenated American***



# The Election is Trump's to Lose

By **Brian C. Joondeph** | Nov 12 2019

Election season is underway, with less than a year until the mother of all elections in November 2020. Will Americans vote to keep America great or toss 250 years of liberty and prosperity to the wind in favor of socialism? Is President Donald Trump headed to a second term or will the deep state establishment thwart his reelection at any cost?

I contend that the 2020 election is Trump's to lose. Despite the media's endless claim that "the walls are closing in" on the President, with every bit of news being a "bombshell" and that impeachment is a foregone conclusion, a more objective look at the electoral landscape demonstrates that this is liberal projection. The media and their Democrat party minions project their fantasies on Trump, when in reality the walls are closing in on them.

Start with the polls. Rasmussen, the most accurate pollster predicting the 2016 election, tracks likely voters in their [Daily Presidential Tracking Poll](#). These are the voters most probably deciding the 2020 election, as opposed to other polls which survey registered voters, eligible voters, or whoever happens to answer the phone.

As of November 8, 2019, Trump sits at 49 percent total approval, compared to Obama at 45 percent at the exact same timepoint in their respective presidencies. We know who won reelection in 2012, quite easily. Obama had mostly favorable media coverage while Trump's coverage is almost entirely negative and hostile. Yet half of likely voters approve of the job Trump is doing as president.

National polls are fine and good, but presidents are not elected by a national popular vote, despite the wishes of Hillary Clinton and others. As the actual election is a series of state elections called the Electoral College, how is Trump doing in the states necessary for him to win the in electoral college?

A New York Times survey of registered voters [reveals](#), "President Trump remains highly competitive in the battleground states likeliest to decide his re-election." Trump's three rivals at this point are Biden, Sanders, and Warren. Biden's pay-to-play corruption is just beginning to come to light. If he is the nominee, there will be an onslaught of revelations involving Ukraine, China, Romania, and who knows where else. Sanders and Warren, with their budget busting Medicare-for-all plans along with green new deals, reparations, wealth taxes, and open borders make them unelectable in a general election.

[Another poll](#) shows Trump's approval numbers in battleground states of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota higher than in 2016. Perhaps voters in those states are noticing the strong economy.

As James Carville said during the Bill Clinton presidential campaign, "It's the economy stupid." How is the economy doing now? Record low unemployment, particularly for women and minorities, rising family incomes, and a stock market hitting new highs every week.

If the economy stays on track, Trump is, "on course to win re-election in 2020, according to economic models with a track record of predicting who wins the White

House.” This is [based on](#) three economic models, also assuming a stable economy, steady approval ratings, and voter turnout consistent with past elections.

Then there is the enthusiasm factor. Trump rallies are packed with supporters, as in a recent [rally in Louisiana](#) with about 7500 in attendance, more than 40,000 requesting tickets and supporters lining up Tuesday afternoon for a Wednesday evening event. Lately the President has been having a rally a week.

At this past weekend’s LSU vs Alabama football game, Trump received a standing ovation of close to a minute from the 100K plus crowd as this [video](#) shows.



Compare Trump’s rally crowds to those of candidate Joe Biden. At his Philadelphia campaign kickoff in May, the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) noted a, “Decent-but-not-overwhelming crowd (probably not quite the 6,000 estimated by the Biden campaign) for the rally was sprinkled with blacks and Latinos but overwhelmingly white.”

For the front runner Democrat, a small white crowd does not auger well for the party which supposedly has the minority vote locked up. A recent [Hill-HarrisX poll](#) shows 15 percent of black voters supporting Trump, [twice the support](#) he had when he won in 2016.

[Gallup](#) also throws water on the Democrat enthusiasm parade with these poll results showing Republicans more excited about the election than they should be, based on historic trends.

Currently, about two in three Republicans (66%) and Democrats (65%) report being more excited about voting than they were in previous elections. This differs from the typical pattern Gallup has seen over the years, whereby those who identify with the political party of the incumbent president have been less enthusiastic about voting than members of the opposing party. This is true whether that president is running for election or leaving office.

Other storm clouds loom on the horizon for Democrats. Michael Flynn’s pitbull attorney Sydney Powell is methodically exposing malicious government ~~prosecution~~ persecution of General Flynn through doctored FBI 302 statements. Flynn was an early Obama FBI target, getting the ball rolling on the phony Russian collusion narrative. As that thread is pulled, expect the ball of deep state deception to continue unraveling.

AG Barr and US Attorney Durham are pulling on a different thread, investigating the origins and motivations for the Russia hoax. IG Horowitz is tugging on yet another thread, looking at the FISA applications used to spy on Trump campaign aides, with his report due any day now.

The loose threads all lead to a tangled ball of sedition, Obama and his administration attempting to prevent the election of, and then undermine the presidency of Donald Trump. Despite media attempts to label this all as "conspiracy theory," unlike the "mountains of evidence" of Trump-Russia collusion promised for two years, this will all come out.

When and how is anyone's guess, but Trump is a master of optics and showmanship. Expect these revelations timed to produce maximum pain and damage for the Democrat party. Trump all but telegraphed these coming attractions when he [told reporters](#) the other day, "I caught the swamp, I caught them all."

Lastly is the impeachment charade, getting flimsier by the day, likely to backfire on Rep Adam Schiff and his fellow conspirators in a big way. Between whistle blowers and super-secret testimony, the entire Ukraine story appears to have been cooked up after Mueller flamed out, as another seditious bite of the "Get Trump" deep state coup. Consider that the entire Ukraine whistle blower story was a sting operation and trap laid out by President Trump, as blogger [Seth Levy](#) postulates in this interesting article.

These are Hail Mary passes now in the fourth quarter of Trump's first term, attempting to stop the inevitability of a second Trump term in the White House. From the polls to the bumbling plots of the Democrat Keystone Cops and media to overturn an election, nothing seems to be going in the Democrat direction.

Meanwhile Trump's base of support is solid and Trump himself is relaxed, confident, and comfortable. CNN wants everyone to believe their daily warning that "The walls are closing in" on the President, but the reality that this upcoming election is his to lose. And knowing how Trump likes to win, the smart money suggests he will do just that.



# How the Deep State Media Operate

By **Lawrence Sellin** | November 12, 2019

Few now doubt that the major U.S. media outlets, under the guise of journalism, function as political activists, saturating the airwaves and the internet with the talking points of the Democrat party.

There has long been liberal bias in the media, but deliberate efforts to undermine the traditional nonpartisan ideal of journalism took a giant leap forward with the 2007 founding of "Journalist."

It was originally intended to be a gathering place for several hundred liberal journalists, academics and political activists to connect young writers to top sources, but Journalist quickly degenerated into the collusion and coordination for hackery and smears, as [described](#) by the Daily Caller:

"In a key episode, Journalist members openly plotted to bury attention on then-candidate Barack Obama's controversial pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright. The Washington Independent's Spencer Ackerman, for instance, suggested an effective tactic to distract from the issue would be to pick one of Obama's critics, 'Fred Barnes, Karl Rove, who cares — and call them racists.'"

At a more secret and sinister level, individuals, acting alone or in coordinated groups, promote the narrative of the establishment elite, often with the encouragement or under the guidance of intelligence agencies or their commercial surrogates.

For example, the Washington Post's David Ignatius, long-considered a mouthpiece for U.S. and British intelligence agencies, has recently been [identified](#) as a media conduit for now-outed CIA and FBI informant Stefan Halper, providing more evidence that the intelligence community has co-opted the press to push anti-Trump conspiracy theories.

It is important to note that the October 24, 2019 court filing by the defense attorneys for General Michael Flynn [alleges](#) that James H. Baker, Director of the Office of Net Assessment at the Pentagon, leaked to the press copies of the transcripts from Flynn's December 2016 telephone calls to then-Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak. Baker had regularly scheduled lunches with The Washington Post's David Ignatius, who published an article about the calls in January 2017.

Over four years, the Office of Net Assessment, [paid](#) Stefan Halper, [linked](#) both to the Flynn case and the Trump-Russia collusion hoax, over \$1 million for research papers of dubious value.

**The targeted, coordinated and swarming feeding-freezing journalism for political ends appears to be, not just the product of individuals, but a collaborative effort between media outlets and the Deep State, which is transnational and may have been and may still be an intimate element in the perpetration of the anti-Trump narrative.**

In many ways similar to Journalist, the British Integrity Initiative describes itself as an organizer of an international “network of networks” of “experts, **opinion formers** and policy makers” to “counter Russian disinformation.”

The Integrity Initiative was founded by a former member of British military intelligence and [funded by](#) the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which also oversees both the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), the British equivalent to the National Security Agency, and the Secret Intelligence Services (SIS), commonly known as MI6, the British counterpart of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Listed among [the UK “cluster,”](#) one of the documents [hacked](#) from the Integrity Initiative, is the name “Andrew Wood.”

Sir Andrew Wood, former British ambassador to Russia, was identified in a [court case](#) as an Associate in Orbis Business Intelligence Limited, the British company which includes Christopher Steele, the author of the now debunked Trump dossier.

Wood, who first became aware of the contents of the Trump dossier during a [meeting](#) with Steele in August 2016, [informed](#) Senator John McCain in November after the Presidential election.

Sir Andrew also appears as a member of the “[Russian Workgroup](#)” headed by Robert Otto, who reported to Victoria Nuland at the U.S. State Department. The purpose of this group remains obscure, but it contained members from the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, two from the British Secret Intelligence service MI6 and Charles Kupchan, presumed boss of the alleged White House “whistleblower” Eric Ciaramella.

Listed among the [U.S. – Canadian “cluster”](#) is Evelyn N. Farkas, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia/Ukraine/Eurasia, who already in October of 2016 [said](#):

“And actually, if Donald Trump were elected I believe he would be impeached pretty quickly or somebody else would have to take over government. And I am not even joking.”

Farkas left government in 2015, after which she joined Hillary Clinton’s 2016 campaign for President as an advisor. In the summer of 2016, as a Clinton operative, she [claimed](#) to be “getting winks and hints from inside,” presumably intelligence from inside the Obama Administration about investigations of Trump-Russia collusion and General Michael Flynn, either through retention of her top secret security clearance or through leaks.

According to [Judicial Watch](#), Farkas admitted that there was surveillance of President’s Trump’s campaign and leaking of intelligence information. She encouraged people in the administration and on the Hill to “get as much intelligence as you can before President Obama leaves [office] ... I became very worried because not enough was coming out into the open and I knew that there was more ... That’s why you have the leaking.”

Both Farkas revelations were [covered](#)  in detail by Sean Hannity.

The point of all of this is that, although the Mueller investigation consumed two years at a cost of \$32 million, we are only beginning to scratch the surface of the real international conspiracy, likely between government agencies and a “network of networks” of influencers, to interfere with the 2016 election and, having failed at that, attempt a coup to remove a duly elected president.

What makes it so urgent is that it is probably still in operation.

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# President Trump. vs. the Media

By **Trevor Thomas** | Nov 10 2019

As I've noted before, I didn't vote for Donald Trump in the 2016 GOP primary. However, I eagerly voted for him over Hillary Clinton (and everyone else on the ballot) in the 2016 general election. I almost certainly will do so again in 2020. President Trump has been a very pleasant surprise as President of the United States. He has a long list of excellent accomplishments that have made me even more eager to vote for him in 2020.

Not the least of these accomplishments is President Trump's fulfilling his promise to remake the federal judiciary by appointing -- and having confirmed -- conservative judges and justices. Since 1981, when President Reagan first took office, at this point of his presidency, Mr. Trump has had confirmed [more federal judges](#) -- [157](#) -- that any other U.S. President.

Since what much of the left holds dear -- legalized abortion, same-sex "marriage," and the like -- [has come via rogue federal courts](#) that have deemed themselves "[super legislatures](#)," [this is a magnificent and important accomplishment](#). The remaking of the federal courts may be President Trump's most lasting political legacy.

Likewise, President Trump has been a great ally in the pro-life cause. In early 2018, Operation Rescue [named President Trump](#) its "Pro-Life Person of the Year." Touting President Trump's pro-life achievements, Operation Rescue President Troy Newman declared, "[He has proven to be the most pro-life president we have had in modern history and has backed up his pro-life rhetoric with action like no other before him.](#)" In his recent book *Unmasked*, [Brent Bozell argues](#) that Donald Trump is "the most pro-life president in history."

President Trump's significant achievements also include the strong U.S. economy, sound immigration policy, and sound environmental policy. None of this means that the President and D.C. Republicans couldn't do better in many of these areas, and I certainly hope they get the chance, beginning around this time next year.

However, there is one achievement of President Trump that is almost completely due to his own efforts -- often when he's making almost no effort at all -- that I'm not sure he could improve on, and [it just may be his greatest accomplishment as President of the United States: the near-complete unmasking of the dastardly, deceitful left-wing media](#). By this, I mean both the information and entertainment media.

Since Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Presidential election, leftists in the mainstream media, which is to say virtually all of the mainstream media have abandoned nearly every pretense about who they are, what they represent, and what are their goals.



It is safe to say that many of the problems we face in America today are directly attributable to the fact that, because of their warped worldview, the vast majority of the American media simply won't tell the truth. This is especially troubling when one considers that the American media has lied and continues to lie on almost every moral issue debated in America.

To chronicle their decades of lies is, to say the least, a nearly impossible task. To chronicle the media's lies during the Trump era is daunting enough! ([See here](#) for a more complete recounting.) But I can provide at least a hint of their deceit and the great service President Trump has provided us all. Virtually everything noted below is from 2019 alone.

President Trump has gotten media leftists so unhinged that:

- They [can't even call](#) a terrorist a terrorist, even when he's the head of one of the world's most notorious terrorist organizations (and they [can't be mocked enough](#) for it).
- They [again beclowned themselves](#) when they took seriously the Trump and a hero dog (who helped catch said terrorist) meme.
- They [protected a known child predator](#) -- and his Democratic allies ([especially the Clintons](#)) -- while unjustly and repeatedly [assaulting](#) an upstanding and outstanding Supreme Court nominee. (A year later, and they're [still attacking Brett Kavanaugh!](#))
- They [have forgotten](#) what really happened on September 11, 2001.
- They [have forgotten](#) who led the world to the moon.

In order to try to protect and further their myriad of deceitful anti-Trump, anti-conservative, anti-Christian narratives, leftists in the media (and in academia) have engaged in a widespread campaign of censorship. [Google](#) (in [more ways](#) than one), [YouTube](#), [Pinterest](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Amazon](#), and the like, have all either [blacklisted](#), banned, or otherwise tried to keep Americans from the receiving the truth.

Hate-crime hoaxes are not a completely new phenomenon, but the Trump era of politics certainly seems to have [given rise](#) to an [increased number of Americans](#) who are far too eager to be a victim in the name of bringing down Donald Trump. Universities -- which, of course, are dominated by leftists -- seem [particularly prone](#) to producing hate-crime hoaxes. And because they are blinded by their hatred of President Trump, the left-wing media can't seem to help but [go along](#).

Of course, "racism!" is the modern left's favorite hate crime. So much so, that promising "[Never To Tell The Truth Again](#)," this year [the New York Times](#) decided to [rewrite American history](#) in order to further the narrative that Americans -- especially [Trump-voting Americans](#) -- are rabid racists unfit for polite society and unsuited for political office. Almost certainly such a "project" would've never have happened if Hillary Clinton had been elected President.

And don't forget the [Covington Catholic Smears](#), the [Trump-Russia-collusion lies](#), the [Mueller madness](#), the [gender propaganda](#), and so on.

If there is anything, there is truth, or, as Thomas Aquinas put it,

The existence of truth is self-evident. For whoever denies the existence of truth grants that truth does not exist: and, if truth does not exist, then the proposition 'Truth does not exist' is true: and if there is anything true, there must be truth.



The highest aim of the press should be to tell the truth. Otherwise, evil is served. It is plain to see that for a long time now, the American media have been agents of the enemy. Kudos to President Trump for shining some light onto their nefarious efforts.



# The War on Trump Represents Fear, Not Hatred

By [Bryce Buchanan](#) | Nov 14 2019

We hear regularly from conservative commentators that those who attack Trump do it because they hate him. I believe that the actions of the Deep State can be explained by fear of Trump more than hatred. They fear that their many criminal actions will be exposed, so their nonstop campaign against Trump represents self-love more than anything else.

The anti-Trump movement can be divided into two primary categories: (1) the leaders who sell the daily narrative and (2) the "useful idiots" who form the army of haters. The leaders include the Deep State criminals and [media who protected Hillary and continue to collaborate on anti-Trump propaganda.](#)

The leaders understand Eric Hoffer's [statement](#) that "hatred is the most accessible and comprehensive of all the unifying agents. Mass movements can rise and spread without belief in a god, but never without a belief in a devil." I am not arguing that the useful idiot sheep do not hate. There is clearly a contest of virtue-signaling hatred within this group, each person striving for novel ways to express his hatred. I am arguing that the motivation of the shepherds is self-protection.

We are watching criminals who do not want to be caught and punished. We are watching criminals who expected to be rewarded by President Clinton for their valiant and daring criminality. They are just the kind of soldiers that every tyrant needs, willing to bend any rule in the service of power. But Trump won, and that changed everything.

The following is a brief list of some of the Deep State's actions that its denizens are fighting to keep hidden. For an honest observer, these actions are not really hidden. There is plenty of evidence to support these claims. [But because the media are an absolutely integral part of the ongoing attempt to destroy Trump, large parts of the population are misinformed. None of the fake scandals that have been dividing Americans for three years would have been possible without a pathetically dishonest media.](#)

The media are not "speaking truth to power"; they are speaking lies for power.

A group of people at high levels in the Obama administration ignored many, many investigative rules to make sure Hillary and her partners in crime were protected. The "investigation" of Hillary was a complete farce. Then, at the last minute, when Anthony Weiner's laptop was [discovered](#), a file named "Life Insurance" was found to contain 340,000 of Hillary's emails. The FBI successfully committed the crime of hiding this evidence.

In a carefully planned criminal conspiracy, spies were placed in the Trump campaign, not just to spy on Trump, but to plant information that could be used in fraudulent FISA applications to justify more spying. There was massive, illegal unmasking of American citizens as part of this operation. Obama had also spied on other political adversaries, including journalists and lawmakers, so [illegal surveillance](#) was already part of his criminal repertoire.

Obama's Justice Department and intelligence officials, at the top levels, had weaponized their departments to destroy Trump (and patriots like General Flynn). Hillary had secretly and illegally paid for one foreign agent, Christopher Steele, to pay Russian agents for hearsay fables to influence the American election. The Deep State was directly involved in spreading the smears. Yes, Mueller, collaborating with Russians to influence the election did happen.

The Deep State plotters, like all self-righteous tyrants, felt fully justified in making sure the election met their own desires, not the desires of the voters. In case the voters disagreed, they would have an "[insurance policy](#)" to make sure that Trump was defeated, one way or another.

Steele's misinformation was fed into public consciousness by the Deep State plotters and media partners. "Trump is Putin's puppet," "Trump is a traitor" soon followed. The Russia hoax led to the Mueller "investigation," in which a group of Trump-haters with an unlimited budget searched for a crime. The Mueller investigation was [actually](#) a cover-up operation. For two years, any attempt to seek evidence to expose the Deep State was off limits because the records were "part of the Mueller investigation."

It is worth noting that the Mueller team knew from the beginning that there was no actual evidence of Trump-Russia collusion. Peter Strzok, a central figure in the plots to exonerate Hillary and target Trump, [admitted](#) at the very start of the Mueller operation that "there was no there there." Yet the charade continued for two years, leaking just enough misinformation to help the Democrats take control of the House of Representatives. That victory led to the impeachment effort that the plotters have yearned for and fought for since before the inauguration.

The impeachment effort is as ludicrous as the "Trump is a Russian agent" hoax. Think of it as Impeachment Theater, scripted in advance by Adam Schiff and Company. The media, who should be playing the role of critics of this play, are fully compromised propagandists instead. Thirdhand hearsay evidence is called "devastating"; witnesses reporting what they read in the New York Times is "a bombshell." If Trump wants to investigate [corruption](#), or wants to learn more about Ukraine's role in the 2016 election, that is "a shocking, impeachable offense."

This reeks of desperation because it is desperation. Barr, Horowitz, and Durham appear to be close to exposing the crimes that the Deep State is desperate to keep hidden. The leftist media fear being exposed as the partisan frauds that they are. This hysterical impeachment over nothing is a last-ditch attempt to stop what they fear the most: the truth.

If there is justice in this world, those who have plotted to overthrow the president of the United States will be exposed and punished. And their media lackeys will get the contempt they deserve.



# What We Really Learned in the Impeachment Hearings

By **Robert A. Taft** | Nov 25 2019

As expected NBC News and the rest of the left-wing media summarized the impeachment hearings in a one-sided, pro-Democrat account. Everything they reported was based on hearsay, conveyed mostly by arrogant, mid-level bureaucrats loyal to Barack Obama. Regardless, along with President Trump's refusal to play along with this charade, the [NBC News account](#) will serve as the basis for four articles of impeachment: abuse of power, obstruction, bribery and witness intimidation.



**the next witnesses arrive for impeachment hearings**

Illustration by [Mike Beckom](#)

So let's dig through the NBC News superficial spin and see what the truth actually is.

## Basic Facts

The simple facts of the case are these:

- The president makes foreign policy, not bureaucrats who are supposed to follow that policy
- The president can employ whomever he wants to conduct international negotiations
- Under the Constitution a president has to identify and report crimes, including those that involve U.S. officials in their overseas dealings
- Requesting a foreign government to help in investigating such crimes is not only allowed, but crucial and routinely done
- Quid pro quos are normal operating procedures in inter-governmental dealings
- Trump didn't want to give U.S. taxpayer-funded aid to a corrupt government, which Ukraine certainly was
- He also wanted to be sure that the European Union was contributing its fair share to Ukraine, a policy Trump has followed with NATO funding
- In a May 29 letter Trump invited President Zelensky to the White House with absolutely no preconditions
- Zelensky has said publicly multiple times that he was not pressured in the two phone calls with Trump
- Trump gave military aid to Ukraine (which Obama refused to do) and did so without Zelensky ever giving a public announcement of an investigation into the Bidens or the 2016 U.S. presidential election

- Throughout the hearings, the name of the so-called whistle-blower, who with Schiff and his staff instigated this impeachment inquiry, was never disclosed.
- Intelligence Committee Chairman Schiff was in total control of the proceedings. As such, there was no due process for the president of the United States as his attorneys were excluded from the proceedings. Schiff not only called all the witnesses, but coached them ahead of time in secret meetings. He also denied the witnesses Republicans requested to call during the hearing.

## The Witnesses

Nearly all the witnesses were part of the Deep State who had worked in the Obama administration. They had to be interviewed in secret meetings controlled by Schiff before they could be heard in public hearings. In those meetings they were coached by Schiff and Co. for their coming out party and a few of them revised their testimonies to be more critical of President Trump.

The Deep State was involved in trying to interfere or thwart the Trump presidency. The Deep State witnesses, though, were chagrined when the president wanted them to get direction from Rudy Giuliani. Trump turned to the former New York City mayor because he could trust him and for good reason could not trust the witnesses.

Foreign policy toward Ukraine was terrible under Obama and wasn't about to improve with the old operatives, including most of the witnesses. Besides, by their own admission, Ukraine had helped Hillary Clinton against Trump in the 2016 election. Why then should the president either trust the bureaucrats or Ukrainian leaders, all of whom had tried to undermine him? Trump knew he had to wait for a new Ukrainian administration before he could ask them to conduct a *fair investigation* of either the 2016 interference or the Biden case. Zelensky's campaign pledge to clean up the state's corruption gave our president hope.



Illustration by [Ben Garrison](#)

The witnesses were arrogant and self-important. These mid-level officials resented the fact that the president didn't take their advice on Ukraine matters, although in the hearings they showed their ignorance of some of the more salient issues involving that country. The witnesses proved the president's point: they could not be trusted as they saw fit to undermine him with bruised egos through presumption and innuendo...no firsthand facts.

## Specific Testimony

**Bill Taylor:** He said one of his staffers, David Holmes, overheard a phone conversation Ambassador Sondland had with the president. When Taylor actually

texted the ambassador, Sondland replied: The president said he didn't want any quid pro quo. Taylor never spoke to the president directly about this.

**David Holmes:** He testified to overhearing a phone conversation between Sondland and Trump. He heard this call from across the table in a noisy restaurant. While he spoke to no one of importance or who had direct knowledge of any of the facts, Holmes declared he concluded there were not one but two quid pro quos.

**Kurt Volker:** After prodding from Adam Schiff and Co., he amended his closed-door testimony to say the light bulb finally lit up: it was now clear to him that the Trump administration wanted a Biden investigation for military aid. He came to this conclusion not by talking to the president, but through coaching by the Schiff gang.

**Marie Yovanovitch:** She said she felt "threatened" by a Trump tweet *after* her testimony before the committee. Did that alleged "threat" impact her testimony?

**Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman:** He was the NSA's apparent Ukraine expert since he came from that country. He devoted much of his prepared remarks to his personal story. What he conveniently omitted was that three times Ukraine officials offered him the job of defense secretary in the new Zelensky government. Like the others he resented the fact that the president didn't follow the talking points the junior colonel had drafted for the July phone call. Thus in testimony Vindman declared that the phone call was "improper." Was it also improper for Vindman to tell President Zelensky to ignore what Trump said? Improper, sure, but if this is true, Vindman should be court-marshaled, possibly for treason. Vindman said it was "improper for the president of the United States to *demand* a foreign government investigate a U.S. citizen and political opponent." Because of his military training the junior colonel assumed the request was a demand, but one country leader making a request of another is not a "demand."

Vindman also tipped his hand when he said after the July phone call, he contacted two people, one of which was probably the anonymous whistle-blower. When it appeared the junior colonel would reveal the person's name, Schiff quickly jumped in and told the witness not to divulge the names of any intelligence agency operatives.

**Jennifer Williams:** She thought the July phone call was unusual because it appeared the two presidents were discussing a domestic political matter. Someone should educate her on what is domestic and what is international in nature. Why did she think the Biden matter was purely "a domestic political matter" when in fact what the former vice president did involved pressuring a foreign government...and Trump, properly so, asked that government to look into the matter. After all, as the Constitution states, the president has the responsibility to get to the bottom of such matters.

**Fiona Hill:** Why was she a key witness? The Democrats gave her a soapbox on which to chastise Republicans. She claimed that the Russians were big winners since Trump withheld military aid to Ukraine, making Russia believe Trump was no fan of Ukraine. But she forgot about her 2015 op-ed where she said Ukraine should not get such aid because of their corruption. She also claimed there was no Russia or Ukraine interference in the 2016 presidential election. This was such an absurd claim that it damaged her credibility and made her look foolish declaring it. But her



big moment, which slipped under the media's radar, was when she said she had received an unpublished version of the Trump dossier from Stobe Talbott. Talbott is a close friend of the Clintons and if she received this document unpublished, where do you think Talbott got it? From the Clintons, perhaps? If so, Hill inadvertently drew the noose tighter around Hillary's neck for the latter's involvement in the creation of the infamous dossier.

**Ambassador Sondland:** In May, the president told him, Volker and Rick Perry – the so-called Three Amigos working on Ukraine – to work with Rudy Giuliani. In his testimony Sondland visibly resented that. "We were following the president's orders," he said, but when asked when he first communicated with the New York City mayor, the ambassador replied not until August, long after the July phone call. He spent much of his opening remarks on how "everyone was in the loop" about what he was doing. But what specifically was Sondland doing if as late as September he had to call the president and ask him directly what he wanted from Ukraine? The president told him flatly that he wanted nothing, no quid pro quo, but for Zelensky to do the right thing. Finally it came out what Trump really wanted, but in his 23-page opening statement, Sondland conveniently omitted that important fact.

Sondland said there was definitely a quid pro quo: military aid for a Zelensky announcement that he would conduct a Biden investigation. But no one told him that and Biden's name was never mentioned in any of Sondland's communications. He presumed it...several times during the hearing. But again in the May 29 letter from Trump to the Ukraine president, Trump invited the new leader to visit the White House with absolutely no preconditions. The two presidents also met in New York with no preconditions.

When the Democrat counsel asked Sondland if he came to the conclusion about the quid pro quo by adding 2 plus 2 to reach four, the ambassador said "yes." But then Congressman Jim Jordan finally had a chance to question Sondland about how he arrived at his mathematical "presumptions." The congressman reminded Sondland that the president had told the ambassador he wanted no quid pro quo. He also reminded the witness that the two presidents had in fact met in New York. He further reminded the man that Ukraine received the military aid. Jordan then asked Sondland when did Zelensky make the announcement about the investigations his country would conduct. The ambassador had to admit no such announcement was ever made.

Congressman Jordan properly concluded that Sondland's  $2 + 2 = 4$  math actually read 0 for 3, which is what we should all conclude about his testimony and the entire impeachment carnival so far.



# A Shameful Abuse of Congressional Power

*The sleazy Schiffite proceedings at the House Intelligence Committee were so lop-sided, arbitrary, and contemptuous of the rights of the Republican minority on the committee and of the president as the investigated party, no American court could possibly accept a requested prosecution that emerged from such a tainted proceeding.*

**Conrad Black** | Nov 26 2019

The rise of the hot air balloon of impeaching President Trump has taken place without any attention to several material factors that assure it is not an airworthy concept and is doomed to a hard landing.

First, and as I have been writing and saying until I am almost blue in the face, not *one scintilla* of evidence has been adduced that President Trump was seeking a false judgment on the conduct in Ukraine of former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter. He was asking for an investigation, not seeking to dictate the conclusion. Trump said to President Volodymyr Zelensky in his famous July 25 telephone call that it “looked horrible” but was clear that he was seeking a neutral judgment of whether there had been influence-peddling or other wrongdoing. There is absolutely no legal or ethical problem with that, so this entire controversy has been even more fatuous and unfounded than it appears.

The foreign serve witnesses made evident throughout the unspeakable proceedings of the House Intelligence Committee their personal and policy animosity to Trump. Some—such as Fiona Hill, English as she is—communicated their animus more graciously than others (namely, the stuffed-shirted Lt. Colonel Alexander Vindman). Nevertheless, none of them suggested they believed Trump was agitating for a false accusation against the Bidens.

The government of the United States, administration and Congress, and the entire American population have a right to know if the former two-term vice president was involved in influence-peddling in Ukraine (or elsewhere), and since it has been raised, they all have an equal right to be reassured that he was not. (What Hunter Biden may have done on his own is of no concern to anyone but himself and, if it was improper, prosecutors.)

None of these histrionics and deluges of defamatory argument that have empurpled the airwaves have created the least suggestion of anything improper about President Trump having asked whether a former vice president and prominent candidate for president had or had not committed crimes in office involving a foreign country. It is a howling mystery why that fact has not been emphasized. One can only assume that it will be if this nonsense is dumped into the lap of the United States Senate for a trial.

## **Bunk Allegations**

It is also the fact that the president has the absolute constitutional right to conduct foreign policy as he judges, so long as his own conduct is not in itself illegally motivated. Given that President Trump advanced to Ukraine the aid Congress had approved, and sold (effectively gave) that country the Javelin anti-tank missile that

the Obama Administration had withheld, and that the investigation he had wished for has not occurred, there is no basis for alleging that there was anything improper in this president's management of relations with Ukraine.

Trump was correct in requiring evidence that Ukraine appear to act on its terrible problem of official corruption, and the foreign service officers who have testified have confirmed that he did that. The president's policy, though it unfolded in his usual somewhat unorthodox way, successfully reconciled and united the legitimate objectives of deterring and repelling Russian violations of the Ukraine border without humiliating Russia so that it might recoil to a closer intimacy with China, and incentivizing reform in Ukraine.

The allegation that is the source of the impeachment inquiry is on its face, bunk. The president certainly made it clear that he wanted the Bidens investigated by the Ukraine government, and it is probably correct that this wish was in the combination of his motives for approving the payment of the money Congress had voted for Ukraine. But that it was the primary consideration for approving such aid, the famous *quid pro quo*, has not been remotely proved. It has not even really been claimed by the Schiffite witnesses. None of them claimed that it was the sole motive or the principal motive; the best they could do was surmise, almost entirely on the basis of hearsay, that it was among his motives. This has no probative value at all; it is utterly worthless evidence in the allegation of a crime.

The Justice Department has already ruled that the investigation of Biden, had it occurred, (and lost in all this confusion is the fact that such an investigation should be made), did not constitute for legal purposes a thing of "value" and was therefore ineligible as consideration that would make foreign aid conditionalized upon it a crime. That is, even if the president had clearly stated that aid from the United States to Ukraine was given on the promise of an investigation of the Bidens, that still does not constitute leveraging payments of tax-paid funds to a foreign government in exchange for something which is in itself corrupt and incriminating.

And even if the president had made such aid to Ukraine conditional on an investigation of the Bidens, (no evidence of that), and had directed that the investigation produce a condemnation of the Bidens (no evidence of that either), that this was the reason for giving the aid (even though the investigation hasn't happened and the Ukrainian president has denied it and there is no evidence of it), and even if there was reason to argue that this was something of value for the president to receive, (extremely tenuous and doubtful and rejected by the independent opinion of the justice department), there is absolutely no constitutional or jurisprudential reason to believe that this constitutes a high crime or misdemeanor, equivalent to bribery or treason as the Constitution requires for the impeachment and removal of a president.

### **A Pastiche of Gossip and Smears**

Finally, the sleazy Schiffite proceedings at the House Intelligence Committee were so lop-sided, arbitrary, and contemptuous of the rights of the Republican minority on the committee and those of the president as the investigated party, no American court could possibly accept a requested prosecution that emerged from such a vitiated and tainted proceeding.

Given all of the foregoing facts—which are indisputable—the country, despite the wall-to-wall disinformation effort of the non-Fox media, seems already to be asking why this unmitigated foolishness is distracting the attention of the country and the world at all. Any Democratic member of the House of Representatives who votes to send this pastiche of gossip and smears to an impeachment trial, and any senator who votes to convict on it, should be removed by their electors at the first opportunity, and many will be.

Representative Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) is an abominable and totalitarian sleaze-merchant and procedural assassin, and the country cannot have failed to notice that, too. (Maybe Kanye West should run against him for the alleged honor of representing Hollywood.) All that can be said is that Schiff is a less incompetent assassin than Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.), the porcine and mendacious bungler wallowing in the chair of the House Judiciary Committee, who struck out with hearings on Robert Mueller’s feebly attempted putsch.

This entire impeachment inquiry has been a disgrace, a shameful abuse of powers, and the authors of it should be punished as only the voters can do. If it goes one faltering step further, they will be.



# The People and the President

By **Daniel Mallock**

A particularly well-placed and insightful person close to the powerful of Washington contributed the following observation of disparate views regarding the president:

"Visitors to Washington... were struck with the want of personal loyalty to him. They found few senators and representatives who would maintain cordially and positively that he combined the qualifications of a leader in the great crisis; and the larger number of them, as the national election approached, were dissatisfied with his candidacy. An indifference towards him was noted in the commercial centers and among the most intelligent of the loyal people. . . He was thought to be wanting in the style, in the gravity of manner and conversation, which are becoming the chief of the nation. His habit of interrupting the consideration of grave matters with stories was attributed to levity, and offended sober-minded men who sought him on public business... and the objection in general was, that in capacity and temperament he was inadequate to the responsibilities of the head of a nation at such a momentous period. This estimate was honestly held by many clear-headed and patriotic men; nor can their sincerity be questioned...

This also is to be said, that whatever those who came near him thought, the popular instinct was with him; and plain men -- the masses of the people -- did not admit the limitations apparent to those who were present at the seat of government. Indeed, the very qualities and ways which repelled public men brought the President near to the people."

One might consider that the author of this elevated and impressively-written commentary is an insider referring to President Trump; one would be wrong.

The [author is Edward L. Pierce](#), secretary to Charles Sumner, Senator from Massachusetts before, during, and after the Civil War. The subject of his analysis could well be President Trump, but it is Abraham Lincoln.

The modern reader is struck by the similarity of criticism and the truth of the author's conclusion; that while the elites, the establishment, and certainly his enemies hate him, the people love Trump and rally behind him just as they did for Lincoln.

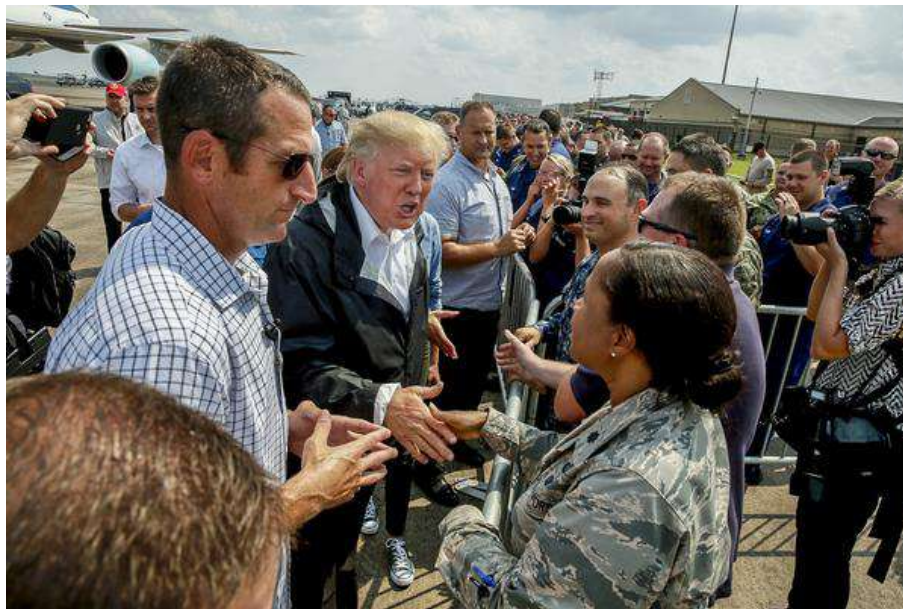
They do this because they are aware of the gravity of the moment -- another revolutionary challenge presented to the country by the Democratic party and its utopian, globalist, communist leaders and fellow travelers. That most Democrats would deny that they are engaged in revolution is not relevant.

History is not only linear; it is also cyclical. In each of the three or four revolutionary moments in our history (post founding) the opposition's rhetoric was more insidious than during times of political and societal calm. Today's common vicious criticism of the president by fake Republicans, fake journalists, and ignorant/revolutionary Democrats is reminiscent of the same made against Jackson, Lincoln, and Reagan.

The heightened rhetoric and the grotesque misuse of the impeachment process to engender a *coup d'etat* against the president and overturn the election of 2016 is further evidence that we are once again in a revolutionary moment.

In a [speech delivered at Boston](#) on July 4, 1863, in the midst of national dissolution and civil war, Oliver Wendell Holmes, (father of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., justice of the Supreme Court), said:

"We know pretty nearly how much sincerity there is in the fears so clamorously expressed, and how far they are found in company with uncompromising hostility to the armed enemies of the Nation. We have learned to put a true value on the services of the watch-dog who bays the moon but does not bite the thief!"



Any nation conceived as a consequence of revolution will forever retain a revolutionary seed; it is part of our heritage and our national character. While this is generally understood and known it places the responsibility upon the living generation to remain vigilant against revolutionary forces and concepts that would overturn our dearly bought freedoms and rights.

Now, we are engaged in a great national crisis, driven once again by the forces of moral and ethical corruption and the deathless contagion that is utopianism and ignorance. This challenge is not new and is a recurrent cycle in our history; just as it threatens the nation today similar will be seen again most assuredly by future Americans.

As the impeachment façade continues apace and fundamentally anti-American, anti-sovereignty concepts such as globalism and communism are legitimized and championed by deluded political mediocrities and their fake journalist helpers, it is clear that much is at stake.

In a January 21, 1830 letter to Daniel Webster written during Andrew Jackson's presidency, former Chief Justice of the New York Supreme Court [James Kent](#) wrote that "all theories of government that suppose the mass of people virtuous and able to act virtuously are purely Utopian."

While Jackson's challenges were not quite the same as those facing the current president, the similar odious specter of those who prefer wealth and power and false political ideologies to country and constitution are essentially identical. They are identical because they are modern incarnations of timeless failures.

As Jackson's first presidential term approached and the vicious criticism of the opposition press continued unabated, Jackson's friend (later Secretary of War) [John Henry Eaton wrote to Jackson](#) that, "Nothing now to be said of you can... [work] the least injury. The Press has overthrown its own power through repeated falsehoods."

Fake news happens every time the members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Estate are overwhelmed with ignorance and partisanship and forget the obligation to truth that is fundamental to their profession. Their special constitutionally recognized role (and obligations) as guardians of democracy and of the nation recedes to but a memory.

The grotesque and dangerous collapse of the press is an old story that began with Washington's second term and was noted with alarm by his successor, John Adams, and the third president, Jefferson. (In an attempt to correct the press, Jefferson surreptitiously caused one opposition editor to be tried for libel, see: *People v. Croswell*, 1804).

That these challenges to the country have happened before and that history is both linear *and* cyclical are curious truths. For us, the living generation, it is now nothing less than an existential challenge to us similar in nature to those faced by Americans during previous revolutionary times.

One month before his death, Robert E. Lee [wrote this to a friend](#) and former Army of Northern Virginia staff officer:

"My experience of men has neither disposed me to think worse of them nor indisposed me to serve them; nor, in spite of failures which I lament, of errors which I now see and acknowledge, or of the present aspect of affairs, do I despair of the future. **The truth is this: The march of Providence is so slow and our desires so impatient; the work of progress is so immense and our means of aiding it so feeble; the life of humanity is so long, that of the individual so brief, that we often see only the ebb of the advancing wave and are thus discouraged. It is history that teaches us to hope.**"

We are met amidst this *our* great crisis -- as the advancing wave of ignorance and revolutionism begins to crest. It is for us to save the country, acknowledge the truth, and expose those revolutionists and the corrupt whose purposes are so well known and so unpleasantly familiar.

And we are not to lose hope.



# Trump's Deplorable Cult waits patiently

By **Carol Headrick** | Dec 1 2019

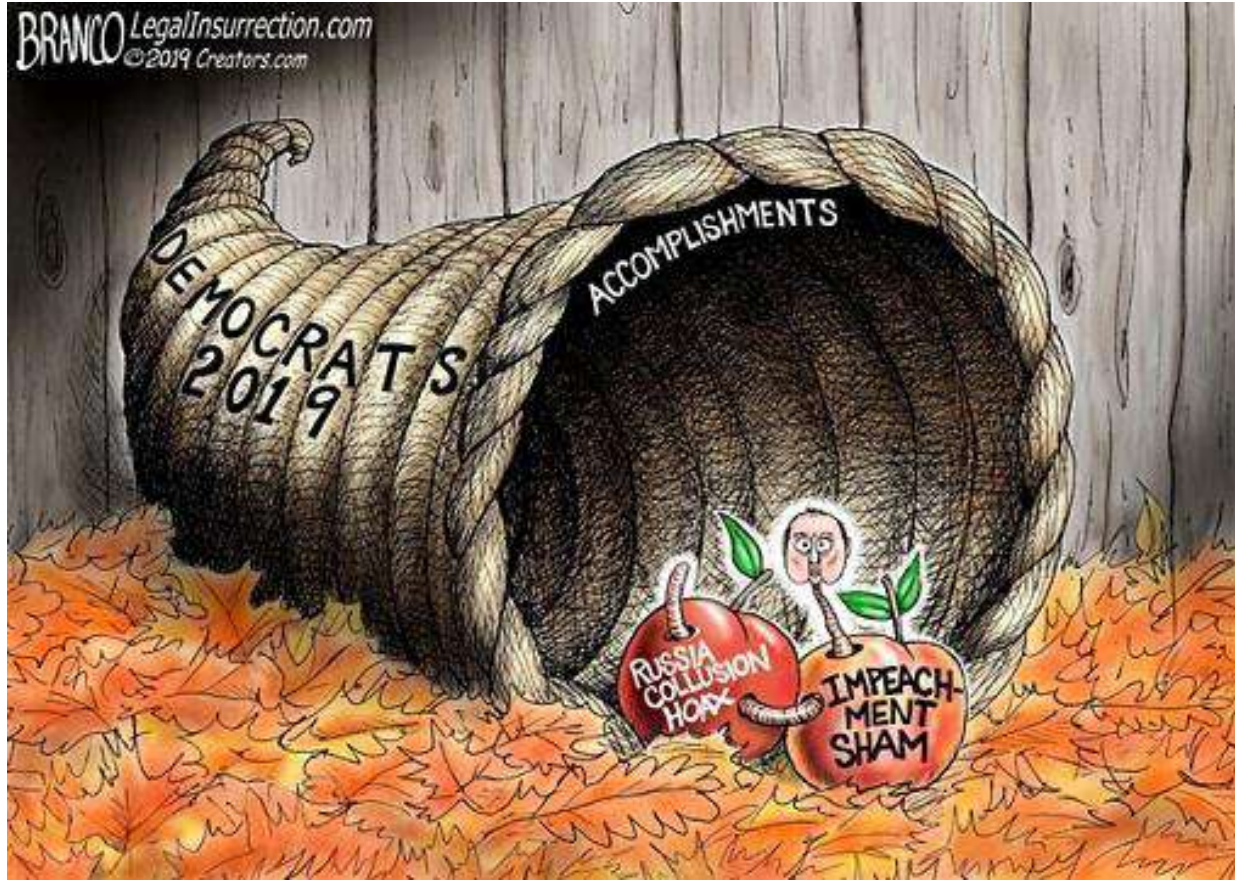
When Hillary called us Deplorable, along with racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic, and you name it, we laughed at her. We never cried, and we never demanded a phony apology. We did vow to never, ever vote liberal. Our latest name is Cult, but since we heart our beloved Deplorable name, perhaps Deplorable Cult will stick. And still, we will never, ever vote liberal.

The Deplorable Cult has learned to expect truly deplorable behavior from the Democrats. The Mueller investigation should have never been allowed to take place. The last-gasp impeachment inquiry that attempted to present itself as a serious impediment to the Trump presidency is dying. President Trump finally gets to have fun with the Dems as they destroy themselves with an assist from the attorney general and inspector general.

We Deplorables are aware of the corruption and criminal and treasonous acts of the Deep State. In the past, these come to light, are acknowledged, something worse happens, and then nothing. But we have waited patiently, and we have put our trust in Trump. We are grateful for all the wonderful players that have brought the truth to light, including my favorites Sara Carter, James O'Keefe, Victoria Toensing, Joseph diGenova, Sidney Powell, and Jay Sekulow. And now with the imminent reports to be released, may the laws and legal system of the United States of America be upheld.









THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

I write to express my strongest and most powerful protest against the partisan impeachment crusade being pursued by the Democrats in the House of Representatives. This impeachment represents an unprecedented and unconstitutional abuse of power by Democrat Lawmakers, unequaled in nearly two and a half centuries of American legislative history.

The Articles of Impeachment introduced by the House Judiciary Committee are not recognizable under any standard of Constitutional theory, interpretation, or jurisprudence. They include no crimes, no misdemeanors, and no offenses whatsoever. You have cheapened the importance of the very ugly word, impeachment!

By proceeding with your invalid impeachment, you are violating your oaths of office, you are breaking your allegiance to the Constitution, and you are declaring open war on American Democracy. You dare to invoke the Founding Fathers in pursuit of this election-nullification scheme—yet your spiteful actions display unfettered contempt for America’s founding and your egregious conduct threatens to destroy that which our Founders pledged their very lives to build. Even worse than offending the Founding Fathers, you are offending Americans of faith by continually saying “I pray for the President,” when you know this statement is not true, unless it is meant in a negative sense. It is a terrible thing you are doing, but you will have to live with it, not I!

Your first claim, “Abuse of Power,” is a completely disingenuous, meritless, and baseless invention of your imagination. You know that I had a totally innocent conversation with the President of Ukraine. I then had a second conversation that has been misquoted, mischaracterized, and fraudulently misrepresented. Fortunately, there was a transcript of the conversation taken, and you know from the transcript (which was immediately made available) that the paragraph in question was perfect. I said to President Zelensky: “I would like you to do us a favor, though, because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it.” I said do us a favor, not me, and our country, not a campaign. I then mentioned the Attorney General of the United States. Every time I talk with a foreign leader, I put America’s interests first, just as I did with President Zelensky.

You are turning a policy disagreement between two branches of government into an impeachable offense—it is no more legitimate than the Executive Branch charging members of Congress with crimes for the lawful exercise of legislative power.

You know full well that Vice President Biden used his office and \$1 billion dollars of U.S. aid money to coerce Ukraine into firing the prosecutor who was digging into the company paying his son millions of dollars. You know this because Biden bragged about it on video. Biden openly stated: “I said, ‘I’m telling you, you’re not getting the billion dollars’...I looked at them and said: ‘I’m leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you’re not getting the money.’ Well, son of a bitch. He got fired.” Even Joe Biden admitted just days ago in an interview with NPR that it “looked bad.” Now you are trying to impeach me by falsely accusing me of doing what Joe Biden has admitted he actually did.

President Zelensky has repeatedly declared that I did nothing wrong, and that there was No Pressure. He further emphasized that it was a “good phone call,” that “I don’t feel pressure,” and explicitly stressed that “nobody pushed me.” The Ukrainian Foreign Minister stated very clearly: “I have never seen a direct link between investigations and security assistance.” He also said there was “No Pressure.” Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, a supporter of Ukraine who met privately with President Zelensky, has said: “At no time during this meeting...was there any mention by Zelensky or any Ukrainian that they were feeling pressure to do anything in return for the military aid.” Many meetings have been held between representatives of Ukraine and our country. Never once did Ukraine complain about pressure being applied—not once! Ambassador Sondland testified that I told him: “No quid pro quo. I want nothing. I want nothing. I want President Zelensky to do the right thing, do what he ran on.”

The second claim, so-called “Obstruction of Congress,” is preposterous and dangerous. House Democrats are trying to impeach the duly elected President of the United States for asserting Constitutionally based privileges that have been asserted on a bipartisan basis by administrations of both political parties throughout our Nation’s history. Under that standard, every American president would have been impeached many times over. As liberal law professor Jonathan Turley warned when addressing Congressional Democrats: “I can’t emphasize this enough...if you impeach a president, if you make a high crime and misdemeanor out of going to the courts, it is an abuse of power. It’s your abuse of power. You’re doing precisely what you’re criticizing the President for doing.”

Everyone, you included, knows what is really happening. Your chosen candidate lost the election in 2016, in an Electoral College landslide (306-227), and you and your party have never recovered from this defeat. You have developed a full-fledged case of what many in the media call Trump Derangement Syndrome and sadly, you will never get over it! You are unwilling and unable to accept the verdict issued at the ballot box during the great Election of 2016. So you have spent three straight years attempting to overturn the will of the American people and nullify their votes. You view democracy as your enemy!

Speaker Pelosi, you admitted just last week at a public forum that your party’s impeachment effort has been going on for “two and a half years,” long before you ever heard about a phone call with Ukraine. Nineteen minutes after I took the oath of office, the *Washington Post*

published a story headlined, “The Campaign to Impeach President Trump Has Begun.” Less than three months after my inauguration, Representative Maxine Waters stated, “I’m going to fight every day until he’s impeached.” House Democrats introduced the first impeachment resolution against me within months of my inauguration, for what will be regarded as one of our country’s best decisions, the firing of James Comey (see Inspector General Reports)—who the world now knows is one of the dirtiest cops our Nation has ever seen. A ranting and raving Congresswoman, Rashida Tlaib, declared just hours after she was sworn into office, “We’re gonna go in there and we’re gonna impeach the motherf\*\*\*\*r.” Representative Al Green said in May, “I’m concerned that if we don’t impeach this president, he will get re-elected.” Again, you and your allies said, and did, all of these things long before you ever heard of President Zelensky or anything related to Ukraine. As you know very well, this impeachment drive has nothing to do with Ukraine, or the totally appropriate conversation I had with its new president. It only has to do with your attempt to undo the election of 2016 and steal the election of 2020!

Congressman Adam Schiff cheated and lied all the way up to the present day, even going so far as to fraudulently make up, out of thin air, my conversation with President Zelensky of Ukraine and read this fantasy language to Congress as though it were said by me. His shameless lies and deceptions, dating all the way back to the Russia Hoax, is one of the main reasons we are here today.

You and your party are desperate to distract from America’s extraordinary economy, incredible jobs boom, record stock market, soaring confidence, and flourishing citizens. Your party simply cannot compete with our record: 7 million new jobs; the lowest-ever unemployment for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans; a rebuilt military; a completely reformed VA with Choice and Accountability for our great veterans; more than 170 new federal judges and two Supreme Court Justices; historic tax and regulation cuts; the elimination of the individual mandate; the first decline in prescription drug prices in half a century; the first new branch of the United States Military since 1947, the Space Force; strong protection of the Second Amendment; criminal justice reform; a defeated ISIS caliphate and the killing of the world’s number one terrorist leader, al-Baghdadi; the replacement of the disastrous NAFTA trade deal with the wonderful USMCA (Mexico and Canada); a breakthrough Phase One trade deal with China; massive new trade deals with Japan and South Korea; withdrawal from the terrible Iran Nuclear Deal; cancellation of the unfair and costly Paris Climate Accord; becoming the world’s top energy producer; recognition of Israel’s capital, opening the American Embassy in Jerusalem, and recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights; a colossal reduction in illegal border crossings, the ending of Catch-and-Release, and the building of the Southern Border Wall—and that is just the beginning, there is so much more. You cannot defend your extreme policies—open borders, mass migration, high crime, crippling taxes, socialized healthcare, destruction of American energy, late-term taxpayer-funded abortion, elimination of the Second Amendment, radical far-left theories of law and justice, and constant partisan obstruction of both common sense and common good.

There is nothing I would rather do than stop referring to your party as the Do-Nothing Democrats. Unfortunately, I don’t know that you will ever give me a chance to do so.

After three years of unfair and unwarranted investigations, 45 million dollars spent, 18 angry Democrat prosecutors, the entire force of the FBI, headed by leadership now proven to be totally incompetent and corrupt, you have found NOTHING! Few people in high position could have endured or passed this test. You do not know, nor do you care, the great damage and hurt you have inflicted upon wonderful and loving members of my family. You conducted a fake investigation upon the democratically elected President of the United States, and you are doing it yet again.

There are not many people who could have taken the punishment inflicted during this period of time, and yet done so much for the success of America and its citizens. But instead of putting our country first, you have decided to disgrace our country still further. You completely failed with the Mueller report because there was nothing to find, so you decided to take the next hoax that came along, the phone call with Ukraine—even though it was a perfect call. And by the way, when I speak to foreign countries, there are many people, with permission, listening to the call on both sides of the conversation.

You are the ones interfering in America's elections. You are the ones subverting America's Democracy. You are the ones Obstructing Justice. You are the ones bringing pain and suffering to our Republic for your own selfish personal, political, and partisan gain.

Before the Impeachment Hoax, it was the Russian Witch Hunt. Against all evidence, and regardless of the truth, you and your deputies claimed that my campaign colluded with the Russians—a grave, malicious, and slanderous lie, a falsehood like no other. You forced our Nation through turmoil and torment over a wholly fabricated story, illegally purchased from a foreign spy by Hillary Clinton and the DNC in order to assault our democracy. Yet, when the monstrous lie was debunked and this Democrat conspiracy dissolved into dust, you did not apologize. You did not recant. You did not ask to be forgiven. You showed no remorse, no capacity for self-reflection. Instead, you pursued your next libelous and vicious crusade—you engineered an attempt to frame and defame an innocent person. All of this was motivated by personal political calculation. Your Speakership and your party are held hostage by your most deranged and radical representatives of the far left. Each one of your members lives in fear of a socialist primary challenger—this is what is driving impeachment. Look at Congressman Nadler's challenger. Look at yourself and others. Do not take our country down with your party.

If you truly cared about freedom and liberty for our Nation, then you would be devoting your vast investigative resources to exposing the full truth concerning the FBI's horrifying abuses of power before, during, and after the 2016 election—including the use of spies against my campaign, the submission of false evidence to a FISA court, and the concealment of exculpatory evidence in order to frame the innocent. The FBI has great and honorable people, but the leadership was inept and corrupt. I would think that you would personally be appalled by these revelations, because in your press conference the day you announced impeachment, you tied the impeachment effort directly to the completely discredited Russia Hoax, declaring twice that “all roads lead to Putin,” when you know that is an abject lie. I have been far tougher on Russia than President Obama ever even thought to be.

Any member of Congress who votes in support of impeachment—against every shred of truth, fact, evidence, and legal principle—is showing how deeply they revile the voters and how truly they detest America’s Constitutional order. Our Founders feared the tribalization of partisan politics, and you are bringing their worst fears to life.

Worse still, I have been deprived of basic Constitutional Due Process from the beginning of this impeachment scam right up until the present. I have been denied the most fundamental rights afforded by the Constitution, including the right to present evidence, to have my own counsel present, to confront accusers, and to call and cross-examine witnesses, like the so-called whistleblower who started this entire hoax with a false report of the phone call that bears no relationship to the actual phone call that was made. Once I presented the transcribed call, which surprised and shocked the fraudsters (they never thought that such evidence would be presented), the so-called whistleblower, and the second whistleblower, disappeared because they got caught, their report was a fraud, and they were no longer going to be made available to us. In other words, once the phone call was made public, your whole plot blew up, but that didn’t stop you from continuing.

More due process was afforded to those accused in the Salem Witch Trials.

You and others on your committees have long said impeachment must be bipartisan—it is not. You said it was very divisive—it certainly is, even far more than you ever thought possible—and it will only get worse!

This is nothing more than an illegal, partisan attempted coup that will, based on recent sentiment, badly fail at the voting booth. You are not just after me, as President, you are after the entire Republican Party. But because of this colossal injustice, our party is more united than it has ever been before. History will judge you harshly as you proceed with this impeachment charade. Your legacy will be that of turning the House of Representatives from a revered legislative body into a Star Chamber of partisan persecution.

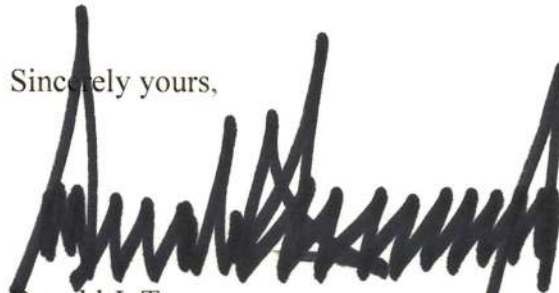
Perhaps most insulting of all is your false display of solemnity. You apparently have so little respect for the American People that you expect them to believe that you are approaching this impeachment somberly, reservedly, and reluctantly. No intelligent person believes what you are saying. Since the moment I won the election, the Democrat Party has been possessed by Impeachment Fever. There is no reticence. This is not a somber affair. You are making a mockery of impeachment and you are scarcely concealing your hatred of me, of the Republican Party, and tens of millions of patriotic Americans. The voters are wise, and they are seeing straight through this empty, hollow, and dangerous game you are playing.

I have no doubt the American people will hold you and the Democrats fully responsible in the upcoming 2020 election. They will not soon forgive your perversion of justice and abuse of power.

There is far too much that needs to be done to improve the lives of our citizens. It is time for you and the highly partisan Democrats in Congress to immediately cease this impeachment fantasy and get back to work for the American People. While I have no expectation that you will do so, I write this letter to you for the purpose of history and to put my thoughts on a permanent and indelible record.

One hundred years from now, when people look back at this affair, I want them to understand it, and learn from it, so that it can never happen to another President again.

Sincerely yours,



Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America

cc: United States Senate  
United States House of Representatives

# The Unintended Consequences of the Trump Presidency

Gary DeMar | Dec 18 2019

Most people evaluating the Trump presidency focus on policy issues, the economy, and the courts. For conservatives, these are mostly favorable. The attacks on Trump have netted a boatload of unforeseen benefits, the major one being the exposure of the tactics of the Democrats to a watching world. They are being seen as vile, liars, and hypocrites. Of course, they've always been this way, but the media have covered their sins with journalistic partisanship. The media want the Democrats to be in charge. Most of it has to do with abortion. Liberals want their secular religion established as America's religion and abortion as their blood sacrifice.

Hillary was supposed to have won. This would have kept the lid closed on Pandora's Box. The impeachment trial has backfired on the Democrats. The media cannot contain the damage. There are too many media outlets to control.

In addition, this impeachment fiasco has made fighters out of some of the Republicans. This was really unexpected. Republicans are standing up to the Democrats. Even Mitch McConnell. The Democrats are nonplussed with this turn of events. Essentially, the GOP has told Chuck Schumer to shove it for his demands for certain witnesses for a possible Senate trial.

Consider this: "U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and leader of the push to impeach President Donald Trump was fiercely booed and shouted down in his home state of California on Saturday."

This can't be proved, but it looks like Trump is inspiring political leaders and the people in other countries. Great Britain's latest election may be proof of the Trump Effect.

My fear is that many people will think we've won — not by a longshot. Liberals never quit. They are relentless. There's a great deal of work to do. Washington's swamp may take decades to drain. Let's not do what conservatives did when Reagan won big in 1980 and 1984. They declared victory and took a nap thinking all was right with the world.

The Swamp Creatures were just below the surface waiting for the opportunity to strike again. And they did. We got two establishment Republicans named Bush.

*Quid Pro Quo*. Who knew that a Latin phrase would emerge as a political debate in an impeachment hearing? It wasn't long before the Demo-cretens scrapped the Latin phrase and went for a good ol' English (actually French) word — bribery. The Democrats did not intend to reveal that politics has always been about *quid pro quo*, a phrase that means, "a favor or advantage granted or expected in return for something."

- Something for something.
- A favor for a favor.
- This for that.



- You do something for me, and I'll do something for you.
- You scratch my back and I'll scratch your back.

Take your pick. Politics is all about *quid pro quo*. You can't get elected without promising voters something for their vote using other people's money. "If you vote for me, I'll ensure that college and medical care will be free." That's *quid pro quo*. It's legal but immoral and unconstitutional.

Foreign aid is all about *quid pro quo*. Every time money is given to some country, the United States wants — demands — something in return. Foreign aid is by definition *quid pro quo*. In this case, *quid pro quo* means, "the taxpayers get screwed and foreign government politicians get rich."

What the Demo-cretans didn't count on is that Trump made it clear that he was not interested in *quid pro quo* except to clean up the corruption.

Foreign aid is **our** money! We have a right to expect something for it, especially if it reveals corruption in the country that's receiving it since corruption means that the politicians get the money. [John Nolte writes](#): "If Trump had demanded a 'quid pro quo,' he would have been *doing his job*. As it is, there is no evidence of a 'quid pro quo' — certainly not from Gordon Sondland."

The unintended consequences are that many people are beginning to question foreign aid. Why should their money be sent to foreign countries? It's madness!

One last thing. The Democrats and RINOs have never encountered or practiced pushback. The RINOs always seemed to give in to the Dem0-cretans. George W. Bush almost never pushed back. It was thought to be beneath the office of the presidency to fight back. Trump is a fighter. Chuck Schumer is flummoxed by it. The media don't know how to handle it. They are nonplussed to understand how they have not been able to bring down Trump.

The major unintended consequences of the 2016 election are that nearly everyone believed Hillary Clinton would win and they could breathe a sigh of relief that the swamp would still stink.

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# Democrats Must Live with Consequences of Their Foolish Impeachment Farce

**Conrad Black** | Dec 26th 2019

It's showtime. Let the fools' carnival of unfeasible candidates elevate the designated Democratic piñata for this successful if edgy president to hammer through the election campaign.

The NeverTrump campaign has sputtered to a ludicrous and pitiful end with this year. Having dragged its media lackeys and the dwindling curiosity of the country through an absurd burlesque of a "solemn, sad," impeachment process—without alleging any actual illegalities—the NeverTrump campaign has rushed through in a procedural Star Chamber because of the "urgency" of removing the president before the country reelects him. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) will not send the articles of impeachment to the Senate until Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) promises to go to court and oblige administration witnesses to testify, a step the trained Democratic seals of the House declined to take because of the urgency of trial and removal of the president.

Finally, the revelation appears to have been noticed by the speaker, just ahead of the arrival of Santa Claus, that the Democrats have no case against the president, are slipping in the polls, and that the last stand of the argument that a moral imperative makes Trump clearly unfit to serve in the great office to which he was elected, has crumbled.

Trump grates on the nerves of many—including many supporters—but that is not an impeachable offense. The country will punish a party that puts its own rabid partisan antagonism ahead of the national interest in effective government. The Democrats have no case for impeachment so they can't go forward. They cannot possibly imagine there is any smoking gun anywhere to unsettle this administration. And as the country enters a presidential election year, they can't get anyone except their lickspittles in the national political media drooling again about any legal threat to this president.

The voters will exercise their right and duty to determine if they want to reelect Donald Trump. The Democrats started late, after years of huffing and puffing. They failed to impress anyone, came up empty, produced and passed a pack of lies as an argument for impeachment. Now they are trying to assert constitutional rights they do not possess and a moral authority they squandered years ago to deprive the Senate of the control over an impeachment trial which the Constitution clearly reserves to the upper chamber.

It's over, Madam Speaker. Go back to San Francisco and ask Santa's elves to help you clean up the public sanitation problem of the homeless people the California Democratic miracle has put on the city's sidewalks.

I have already suggested, [here](#) and [elsewhere](#), that the Senate refer to the Supreme Court the question of whether it is obliged to hold a trial when the House has failed to check any of the boxes the Constitution provides for removal of a president: treason, bribery, high crimes, and misdemeanors. The country will wish

to know if these spurious impeachment *divertissements* will now become a regular irritant in the political calendar when the White House and the House of Representatives are in the hands of different parties, or whether the impeachment of a president will become again a rare, “solemn, and sad” process which will only occur when there really is fear the president has committed grievous offenses.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) on December 19 suggested that the Senate should proceed with its trial without receiving the articles from the House, frivolous and vexatious litigation though they are. I doubt if such a step would have any legal validity, but it would be in order for McConnell to give Pelosi notice that the Senate will not conduct a trial unless the articles of impeachment that have been adopted are officially delivered to the Senate by January 15.

The Democrats and their frenzied claque of media harpies foisted the Trump-Russia collusion fraud on the country, followed by a vapid, phony impeachment investigation which has produced meritless allegations of inoffensive offenses, and now they would virtually dictate a process, if not a verdict, from the Republican-controlled Senate. No, not again—not even if all the media’s junkyard dogs bark and wag their tails in unison again.

It’s showtime. Let the fools’ carnival of unfeasible candidates elevate the designated Democratic piñata for this successful if edgy president to hammer through the election campaign. And let the Democrats finally cease their howls of moral outrage against Trump and prepare their explanations for the indictments that are likely to emerge from the special counsel investigation of the illicit spying conducted against the Trump campaign and transition team, and the assorted legal and ethical lapses of the Obama Justice Department and the Clinton campaign. They have had their full share of public attention for their defamatory nonsense; they laid this rotten egg of impeachment and they can take full responsibility for the stench of it.

I cannot allow my last column of the year in the United States to end without declaring the winner of the fierce competition for the silliest and most pretentious tweet or email I have received from readers in 2019.

It goes to that most worthy and deserving champion, Joe Scarborough, co-host of the anti-Trump daily screed “Morning Joe,” for a tweet three months ago accusing me of writing a whitewash of President Trump in exchange for a presidential pardon and wishing me good luck in avoiding a felony conviction. He wins this prize going away, not only for his asinine accusation (the book spares nothing and was no Hallelujah chorus, and I doubt if the president was even aware of it).

But Joe wins because he invited me on his program in August 2011 to commend me on the book I was just publishing then on the disgraceful travesty of my prosecution, which has since completely collapsed. He claimed to have read and liked the book, [A Matter of Principle](#). I’ll remember you as the gracious host you were, Joe, long before you pickled yourself in Trumpophobic bile.

Pleasant religious holidays and best wishes for 2020 to all readers, friends and foes.




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# The American Idea: What It Is, Why It Matters, and Why It Is in Jeopardy

by **Ben Sasse**

We face great challenges at this moment in history.  We face cyber threats. We face a resurgent Russia under Vladimir Putin. We face a jihadi threat. We face the growing threat of nonstate actors, who now can carry out massive attacks and are as able to play on the global stage as state actors. We face the exploding costs of our entitlement programs.

All these challenges are acute, but another dangerous trend is attracting less notice: the crisis of confidence in, and the growing unawareness of, the American idea.

What is the American idea? The American Founding made the bold claim that most peoples and most governments in the history of the world had been wrong about the nature of power and the nature of freedom. Sure, there had been moments in history when certain city-states advanced some conception of liberty. But most people in human history had said that might makes right: if you have a monopoly on power, you can do what you want. Everyone else in those societies was not a citizen but a dependent subject. If you lived in such a society, you needed the king to give you rights. The passive assumption was prohibition. The passive assumption was that if I want to start a business, I need a charter, because it's illegal to run that business unless the king has sanctioned it. So I go and supplicate before the king in his court, and he decides whether to give me the right to start that business.

Today we would say that's bizarre. The voluntary transaction between two people is the very nature of freedom. The American Founders saw that denying people their freedom is fundamentally wrong because it doesn't comport with the dignity of people who are created in the image of God. People have been endowed with certain inalienable rights. God gives us those rights; government does not.

Government is merely a tool. It provides a framework for ordered liberty so that free people can live fully flowering lives.

This is why Ronald Reagan said that the American Founders "brought about the only true revolution that has ever taken place in man's history." Previous revolutions "simply exchanged one set of rulers for another set of rulers," Reagan said. But America's Founders did something different: they developed and fought for "the idea that you and I have within ourselves the God-given right and the ability to determine our own destiny."

Think about how the framers of the Constitution wrestled with whether to enumerate any rights. What's the danger in enumerating rights? Your list will never be long enough. The Constitution actually doesn't define any rights because **the Constitution is the way that we give the government limited authority.** All the powers that we don't give to the government are rights that we still retain. Even when the framers came up with the first ten amendments to the Constitution as a Bill of Rights, they couldn't decide on any one individual right to list first. They had

to list **five things in the First Amendment: religious liberty, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and the right to redress grievances.**

Those five freedoms are all listed as first freedoms because there's no way you can get the list complete.

And that is a crucial point to understand whenever you hear discussions of "limited government." We talk about limited government not because we're obsessed with government; we talk about it because we're obsessed with the maximal nature of human freedom and human dignity and human potential. The American experience with limited government is not about government. It's about people—about the dignity and the full lives that God envisioned for people created in his image. Limited government is just a means to that end.

That's the American idea. And it has had unbelievable results.

### **AMERICA'S CIVIL SOCIETY**

Even after the United States won independence from Great Britain, Europeans were too distracted by their own issues—the French Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, and so on—to take much notice of the Americans. In fact, not until the conclusion of the War of 1812 did it become clear to Europe that the Americans would retain their freedom.

Then, beginning in the 1820s, America embarked on a market revolution as well as transportation and engineering revolutions. This is when Europeans really began to take notice: *Who are these people, and how is all this economic flowering happening over there?*

Alexis de Tocqueville comes to the new world in 1831 to try to answer such questions, to explain American dynamism to Europeans. What does he do? He goes to Washington, D.C., because if you have a vibrant society, it must be because you have greater bureaucrats than anyone else.

But when Tocqueville arrives in Washington, he finds a swamp. So he realizes he must go elsewhere to find the source of American innovation. He spends nine months traveling up and down the United States. Finally he writes back to Europe and says, *I found the meaning of America. It is . . . the Rotary Club.*

What Tocqueville found was America's communal life. Americans had discovered new ways to associate with one another. Europeans wondered, how can you ever take on shared projects if the government isn't in charge? Tocqueville saw that Americans had found the answer by building a robust *civil society*—intermediating institutions that struck the balance between the extremes of collectivism, which means that the government is in charge, and isolated individualism.

That's what *Democracy in America* is about: the volunteer spirit of Americans who came together to create communal life. The American dynamism of the 1830s was just a working out of an idea that was clear to those who were drafting the Constitution a half century earlier, and that should still be our idea today.

### **THE AMERICAN IDEA IN PERIL**

But now that idea, the American idea, is in peril. Ronald Reagan recognized the importance—and the fragility—of the American idea when he said: "Freedom is

never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed down for them to do the same."


Today we're not doing a good job of fighting for or handing down the American idea. Think of President Barack Obama's response when asked whether he believed in American exceptionalism: "I believe in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism." This is exactly the opposite of what American exceptionalism means.

Obama's misunderstanding of American exceptionalism was deeply wedded with the philosophy that the Democratic National Committee followed throughout the 2012 election. The videos used to introduce the president on the campaign trail and celebrate his first term featured a troubling line from then-congressman Barney Frank: "Government is simply the name we give to the things we choose to do together." That is an abandonment of the core American understanding of what government is. Remember, government is the tool by which we create a framework for ordered liberty; it guards the natural liberties of the people so they can go out and build flourishing lives.

That flourishing rests, of course, on individual rights, but as Tocqueville saw, individualism alone is not the answer. The American idea of freedom centers on civil society and mediating institutions, all those ways that we form real communities—communities of the heart and communities of the soul; communities of voluntarism, not of compulsory institutions.

We often hear that politics has become too polarized, and that characterization is a fair one when it comes to political elites and the nationally attentive. But I think our more fundamental crisis is a crisis of disengagement. We have so many people who have little understanding of what it means to transmit republican ideals to the next generation that we now see a drift toward the assumption that it is the government's job is to solve every problem. **The framers of the Constitution were quite clear about what governments do and don't do, and about what powers and responsibilities reside at the federal level versus the state and local levels. But as a people we have lost that clarity.**

Government is *not* "the name we give to the things we choose to do together." No, as the Founders and Alexis de Tocqueville would have recognized, it is in coming together in voluntary communities outside the sphere of government—in civil society—that we get things done together.

We have big battles to fight to persuade people that the American idea is in crisis, because so many of our fellow citizens have never even heard what it is. To say that the solution to virtually every problem is a government solution, and especially a *federal* government solution, represents a regression from the American idea. The true greatness of America is the ability of people to build institutions together and to fully flower. 

In the economy, in higher education, and in so many other fields, what we need at this moment is more innovation. We need more entrepreneurs. We need more civil society. We need more striving for independence, not more homogenization and

standardization. We need to preserve and enhance the communities that have made America great, not seek to become more European in the way we embrace the future.

The full flowering of America has always depended on the private sector. The private sector isn't just for-profit entities; the private sector includes all of civil society, all those mediating institutions that have defined Tocquevillian American greatness for two centuries.

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# Is it Now the End Time of the American Idea?

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Like the coming of the lawless one, Nero Caesar, in the 1st century A.D. when the Roman empire dominated old covenant Israel, deep state operatives and their army of haters in the world today proceed *according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth...* (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12).

The patriots' hope and prayer for the here & now is that the unfolding exposure of the entrenched leftocrat government swamp, the Godless, lying Democrat party and their corrupted media mouthpieces, will be the beginning of our nation's purging of deep state wickedness, and a return to the Christian values upon which it was founded; that the gospel will shine forth and flourish in our time, and that those traitors who have criminally schemed to overthrow the president of these United States will be prosecuted, convicted and punished.

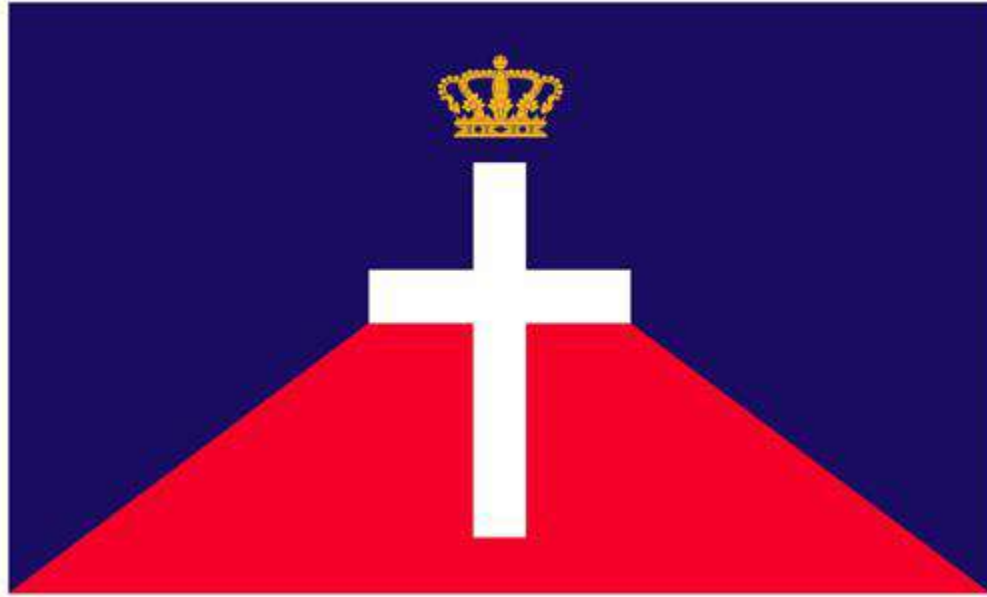


*et al.*

As [Star Parker has observed](#), in 2020 America must decide whether to be biblical and free, or secular and statist. Will we go forward as one nation under God, embracing the ideals of our heritage as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that all men (and women) are created equal, endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights, including the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

Or will we succumb to the nihilistic mindset that seeks to kill defenseless babies in the womb (or even after birth!), and destroy the deeply held values such as the rule of law, the sanctity of life and marriage, the critical importance of the traditional family, personal responsibility and free enterprise for a prosperous economy, etc; etc. that have made this the most exceptional nation of this age?

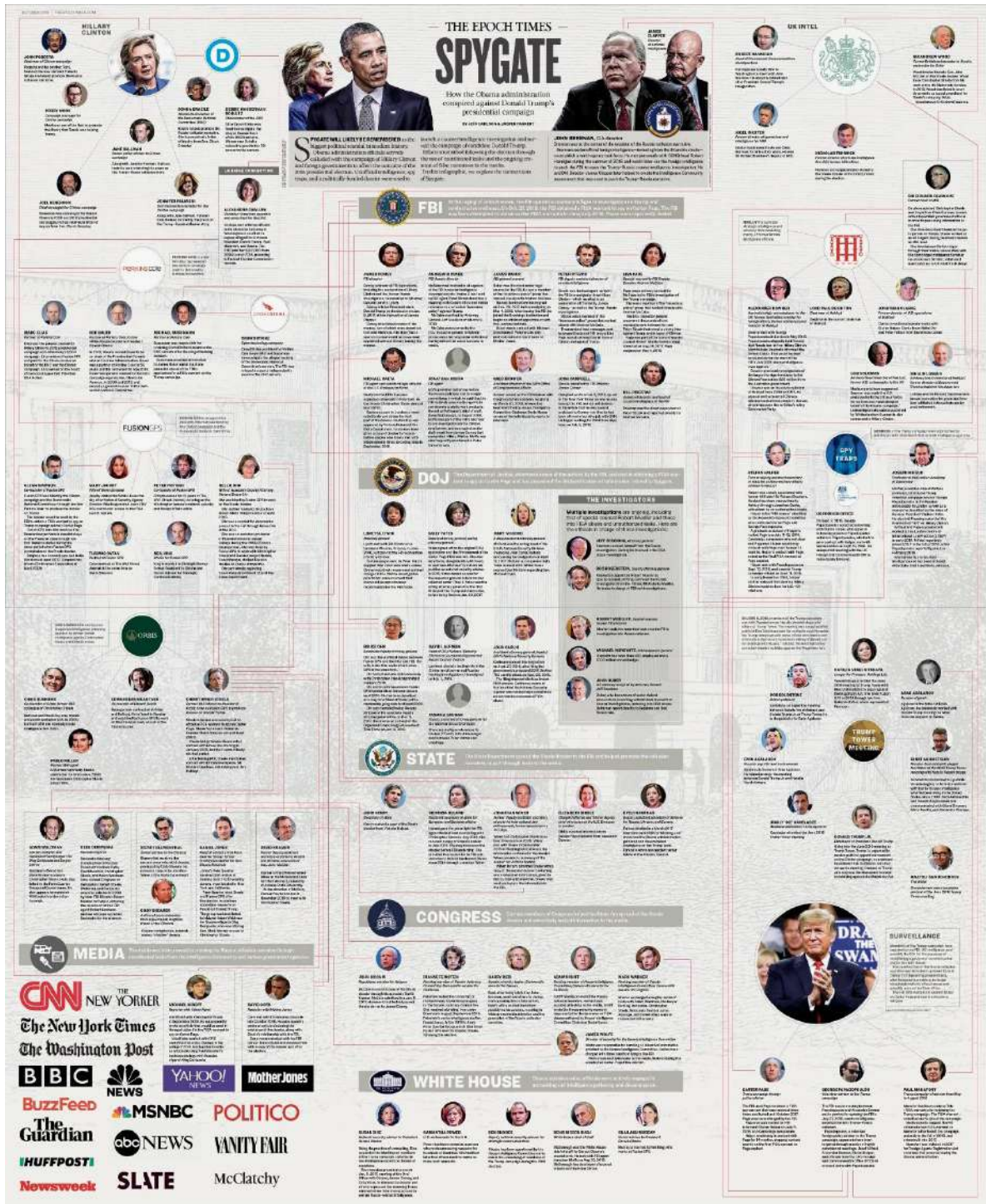
Irrespective of the fate of our present generation, the long term, ultimate triumph of the ascended, enthroned, sovereign Lord Jesus Christ and His church over all opponents in time and history is inevitable. *For He must reign til He has put all enemies are under His feet (1 Corinthians 15:25)*. May our time be a time of new awakening to the Truth!



# Spygate: The True Story of Collusion [with Infographic]

## How America's most powerful agencies were weaponized against President Donald Trump

By **Jeff Carlson** | October 12 2018; Updated: August 31, 2019



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Although the details remain complex, the structure underlying Spygate—the creation of the false narrative that candidate [Donald Trump](#) colluded with Russia, and the spying on his presidential campaign—remains surprisingly simple:

1. CIA Director [John Brennan](#), with some assistance from Director of National Intelligence [James Clapper](#), gathered foreign intelligence and fed it throughout our domestic Intelligence Community.
2. The FBI became the handler of Brennan's intelligence and engaged in the more practical elements of surveillance.
3. The Department of Justice facilitated investigations by the FBI and legal maneuverings, while providing a crucial shield of nondisclosure.
4. The Department of State became a mechanism of information dissemination and leaks.
5. Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and the Democratic National Committee provided funding, support, and media collusion.
6. Obama administration officials were complicit, and engaged in unmasking and intelligence gathering and dissemination.
7. The media was the most corrosive element in many respects. None of these events could have transpired without their willing participation. Stories were pushed, facts were ignored, and narratives were promoted.

Let's start with a simple premise: The candidacy of Trump presented both an opportunity and a threat.

Initially not viewed with any real seriousness, Trump's campaign was seen as an opportunistic wedge in the election process. At the same time, and particularly as the viability of his candidacy increased, Trump was seen as an existential threat to the established political system.

The sudden legitimacy of Trump's candidacy was not welcomed by the U.S. political establishment. Here was a true political outsider who held no traditional allegiances. He was brash and boastful, he ignored political correctness, he couldn't be bought, and he didn't care what others thought of him—he trusted himself.

Governing bodies in Britain and the European Union were also worried. Candidate Trump was openly challenging monetary policy, regulations, and the power of special interests. He challenged Congress. He challenged the United Nations and the European Union. He questioned everything.



CIA Director John Brennan on March 13, 2015. Brennan played a crucial role in the creation of the Russia-collusion narrative and the spying on the Trump campaign. (Don Emmert/AFP/Getty Images)

Brennan became the point man in the operation to stop a potential Trump presidency. It remains unclear whether his role was self-appointed or came from above. To embark on such a mission without direct presidential authority seems both a stretch of the imagination and particularly foolhardy.

Brennan took unofficial foreign intelligence compiled by contacts, colleagues, and associates—[primarily from the UK](#), but also from other [Five Eyes](#) members, such as Australia.

Individuals in official positions in UK intelligence, such as Robert Hannigan—head of the UK Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ, Britain’s equivalent of the National Security Agency)—partnered with former UK foreign intelligence members. Former MI6 head Sir Richard [Dearlove](#), former Ambassador Sir Andrew Wood, and private UK intelligence firm [Hakluyt](#) all played a role.

In the summer of 2016, Hannigan traveled to Washington to [meet with](#) Brennan regarding alleged communications between the Trump campaign and Moscow. On Jan. 23, 2017—three days after Trump’s inauguration—Hannigan [abruptly announced](#) his retirement. The Guardian openly [speculated](#) that Hannigan’s resignation was directly related to the sharing of UK intelligence.

One method used to help establish evidence of collusion was the employment of “spy traps.” Prominent among these were ones set for Trump campaign advisers George Papadopoulos and Carter Page. The intent was to provide or establish connections between the Trump campaign and Russia. The content and context mattered little as long as a connection could be established that could then be publicized. The June 2016 Trump Tower meeting was another such attempt.

Western intelligence assets were used to initiate and establish these connections, particularly in the cases of Papadopoulos and Page.

Ultimately, Brennan [formed](#) an inter-agency task force comprising an estimated six agencies and/or government departments. The FBI, Treasury, and DOJ handled the domestic inquiry into Trump and possible Russia connections. The CIA, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the National Security Agency (NSA) handled foreign and intelligence aspects.

Brennan’s inter-agency task force is not to be confused with the July 2016 FBI counterintelligence investigation, which was formed later at Brennan’s urging.

During this time, Brennan also employed the use of [reverse targeting](#), which relates to the targeting of a foreign individual with the intent of capturing data on a U.S. citizen. This effort was uncovered and [made public](#) by Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) in a March 2017 [press conference](#):

**“I have seen intelligence reports that clearly show the president-elect and his team were monitored and disseminated out in intelligence-reporting channels. Details about persons associated with the incoming administration, details with little apparent foreign-intelligence value were widely disseminated in intelligence community reporting.**

**“From what I know right now, it looks like incidental collection. We don’t know exactly how that was picked up but we’re trying to get to the bottom of it.”**

As this foreign intelligence—unofficial in nature and outside of any traditional channels—was gathered, Brennan began a process of feeding his gathered intelligence to the FBI. Repeated transfers of foreign intelligence from the CIA director pushed the FBI toward the establishment of a formal counterintelligence investigation. Brennan repeatedly noted this during [a May 23, 2017, congressional testimony](#):

**“I made sure that anything that was involving U.S. persons, including anything involving the individuals involved in the Trump campaign, was shared with the [FBI].”**

Brennan also admitted that his intelligence helped [establish](#) the FBI investigation:

“I was aware of intelligence and information about contacts between Russian officials and U.S. persons that raised concerns in my mind about whether or not those individuals were cooperating with the Russians, either in a witting or unwitting fashion, and it served as the basis for the FBI investigation to determine whether such collusion [or] cooperation occurred.”

This admission is important, as [no official intelligence](#) was used to open the FBI’s investigation.

Once the FBI began its counterintelligence investigation on July 31, 2016, Brennan shifted his focus. Through a series of meetings in August and September 2016, Brennan informed the congressional Gang of Eight regarding intelligence and information he had gathered. Notably, each Gang of Eight member was briefed separately, calling into question whether each of the members received the same information. Efforts to [block](#) the release of the transcripts from each meeting remain ongoing.

The last major segment of Brennan’s efforts involved a series of three reports and greater participation from Clapper. The first report, the [“Joint Statement from the Department Of Homeland Security and Office of the Director of National Intelligence on Election Security,”](#) was released on Oct. 7, 2016. The second report, [“GRIZZLY STEPPE —Russian Malicious Cyber Activity,”](#) was released on Dec. 29, 2016. The third report, [“Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent U.S. Elections”](#)—also known as the Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA)—was released on Jan. 6, 2017.

This final report was used to continue pushing the Russia-collusion narrative following the election of President Donald Trump. Notably, Admiral Mike Rogers of the NSA publicly dissented from the findings of the ICA, assigning only a moderate confidence level.

## **Federal Bureau of Investigation**

Although the FBI is technically part of the DOJ, it is best for the purposes of this article that the FBI and DOJ be viewed as separate entities, each with its own related ties.

The FBI itself was comprised of various factions, with a particularly active element that has come to be known as the “insurance policy group.” It appears that this faction was led by FBI Deputy Director [Andrew McCabe](#) and comprised other notable names such as FBI agent Peter Strzok, FBI lawyer Lisa Page, and FBI general counsel James Baker.

The FBI established the counterintelligence investigation into alleged Russia collusion with the Trump campaign on July 31, 2016. Comey initially refused to say whether the FBI was investigating possible connections between members of the Trump campaign and Russia. He would continue to refuse to provide answers until

March 20, 2017, when he disclosed the existence of the FBI investigation [during](#) congressional testimony.

Comey also testified that he did not provide notification to the Gang of Eight until early March 2017—less than one month earlier. This admission was in stark contrast to actions taken by Brennan, who had notified members of the Gang of Eight individually during August and September 2016. It's likely that Brennan never informed Comey that he had briefed the Gang of Eight in 2016. Comey did note that the DOJ "had been aware" of the investigation all along.



Former FBI Director [James Comey](#) on June 8, 2017. Comey opened the counterintelligence investigation into Trump on the urging of CIA Director John Brennan. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

Following Comey's firing on May 9, 2017, the FBI's investigation was transferred to special counsel Robert Mueller. The Mueller investigation remains ongoing.

The FBI's formal involvement with the [Steele dossier](#) began on July 5, 2016, when Mike Gaeta, an FBI agent and assistant legal attaché at the US Embassy in Rome, was dispatched to visit former MI6 spy

Christopher Steele in London. Gaeta would return from this meeting with a copy of Steele's first memo. This memo was given to Victoria Nuland at the State Department, who passed it along to the FBI.

Gaeta, who also headed the FBI's Eurasian Organized Crime unit, had known Steele since at least 2010, when Steele had provided assistance to the FBI's investigation into the [FIFA corruption scandal](#).

Prior to the London meeting, Gaeta may also have met on a less formal basis with Steele [several weeks](#) earlier. "In June, Steele flew to Rome to brief the FBI contact with whom he had cooperated over FIFA," The Guardian reported. "His information started to reach the bureau in Washington."

It's worth noting that there was no "dossier" until it was fully compiled in December 2016. There was only a sequence of documents from Steele—documents that were passed on individually—as they were created. Therefore, from the FBI's legal perspective, they didn't use the dossier. They used individual documents.

For the next month and a half, there appeared to be little contact between Steele and the FBI. However, the FBI's interest in the dossier suddenly accelerated in late August 2016, when the bureau [asked](#) Steele "for all information in his possession and for him to explain how the material had been gathered and to identify his sources."

In September 2016, Steele traveled back to Rome to meet with the FBI's Eurasian squad once again. It's likely that the meeting included several other FBI officials as well. According to a [House Intelligence Committee minority memo](#), Steele's reporting reached the FBI counterintelligence team in mid-September 2016—the same time as Steele's September trip to Rome.

The reason for the FBI's renewed interest had to do with an adviser to the Trump campaign—Carter Page—who had been in [contact](#) with Stefan Halper, a CIA and FBI source, since July 2016. Halper [arranged to meet](#) with Page for the first time on July 11, 2016, at a [Cambridge symposium](#), just three days after Page took a trip to Moscow. Speakers at the symposium included Madeleine Albright, Vin Webber, and Sir Richard Dearlove, the former head of MI6.

Page was now the FBI's chosen target for a FISA warrant that would be obtained on Oct. 21, 2016. The Steele dossier would be the primary evidence used in obtaining the FISA warrant, which would be renewed three separate times, including after Trump took office, finally expiring in September 2017.



Former volunteer Trump campaign adviser Carter Page on Nov. 2, 2017. The FBI obtained a retroactive FISA spy warrant on Page. (Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

After being in contact with Page for 14 months, Halper stopped contact exactly as the final FISA warrant on Page expired. Page, who has steadfastly maintained his innocence, was never charged with any crime by the FBI. Efforts for the declassification of the Page FISA application are currently ongoing through the DOJ's Office of the Inspector General.

### **Peter Strzok and Lisa Page**

Peter Strzok and Lisa Page were two prominent members of the FBI's "insurance policy" group. Strzok, a senior FBI agent, was the deputy assistant director of FBI's Counterintelligence Division. Lisa Page, an FBI lawyer, served as special counsel to FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe.

Strzok was in charge of the investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server for government business. He helped FBI Director James Comey draft the statement exonerating Clinton and was personally responsible for changing specific wording within that statement that reduced Clinton's legal liability. Specifically, Strzok changed the words "grossly negligent," which could be a criminal offense, to "extremely careless."

Strzok also personally led the FBI's counterintelligence investigation into the alleged Trump–Russia collusion and signed the documents that opened the investigation on July 31, 2016. He was one of the FBI agents who interviewed Trump's national security adviser, Gen. Michael Flynn. Strzok met multiple times with DOJ official Bruce Ohr and received information from Steele at those meetings.

Following the firing of FBI Director James Comey, Strzok would join the team of special counsel Robert Mueller. Two months later, he was removed from that team after the DOJ inspector general discovered a lengthy series of texts between Strzok and Page that contained politically charged messages. Strzok would be fired from the FBI in August 2018.



Then-FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok on July 12, 2018. Strzok oversaw both the FBI's investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server and the counterintelligence investigation into Donald Trump's campaign. (Samira Bouaou/The Epoch Times)



Both Strzok and Page engaged in [strategic leaking](#) to the press. Page did so at the direction of McCabe, who directly [authorized](#) Page to share information with Wall Street Journal reporter Devlin Barrett. That information was used in an Oct. 30, 2016, article headlined "[FBI in Internal Feud Over Hillary Clinton Probe](#)." Page leaked to Barrett thinking she had been granted legal and official authorization to do so.

McCabe would later [initially deny](#) providing such authorization to the Office of Inspector General. Page, when confronted with McCabe's denials, produced texts refuting his statement. It was these texts that led to the inspector general uncovering the texts between Strzok and Page.

The two exchanged thousands of texts, some of them indicating surveillance activities, over a two-year period. Texts sent between Aug. 21, 2015, and June 25, 2017, have been made [public](#). The series comes to an end with a final text by Page telling Strzok, "Don't ever text me again."

On Aug. 8, 2016, Strzok wrote that they would prevent candidate Trump from becoming president:

**Page: "[Trump is] not ever going to become president, right? Right?!"**

**Strzok: "No. No he won't. We'll stop it."**

On Aug. 15, 2016, Strzok sent a text referring to an "insurance policy":

**"I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy's office—that there's no way [Trump] gets elected—but I'm afraid we can't take that risk. ... It's like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you're 40."**

The "insurance policy" appears to have been the effort to legitimize the Trump-Russia collusion narrative so that an FBI investigation, led by McCabe, could continue unhindered.

### **Department of Justice**

The Department of Justice, which comprises [60 agencies](#), was transformed during the Obama years. The department is forbidden by federal law from hiring employees based on political affiliation.

However, a [series of investigative articles](#) by PJ Media published during Eric Holder's tenure as attorney general revealed an unsettling pattern of ideological conformity among new hires at the DOJ: Only lawyers from the progressive left were hired. Not one single moderate or conservative lawyer made the cut. This is significant as the DOJ enjoys significant latitude in determining who will be subject to prosecution.

The DOJ's job in Spycgate was to facilitate the legal side of surveillance while providing a protective layer of cover for all those involved. The department became a repository of information and provided a protective wall between the investigative efforts of the FBI and the legislative branch. Importantly, it also served as the firewall within the executive branch, serving as the insulating barrier between the FBI and Obama officials. The department had become legendary for its stonewalling tactics with Congress.



DOJ Official Bruce Ohr on Aug. 28, 2018. Ohr passed on information from Christopher Steele to the FBI. (Samira Bouaou/The Epoch Times)

The DOJ, which was fully aware of the actions being taken by James Comey and the FBI, also became an active element acting against members of the Trump campaign. Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, along with Mary McCord, the head of the DOJ's National Security Division, was [actively involved](#) in efforts to remove Gen. Michael Flynn from his position as national security adviser to President Trump.

To this day, it remains unknown which individual was responsible for making public Flynn's call with the Russian ambassador. Flynn ultimately pleaded guilty to a process crime: lying to the FBI. There have been [questions raised](#) in Congress regarding the possible alteration of FD-302s, the written notes of Flynn's FBI interviews. Special counsel Robert Mueller has repeatedly deferred Flynn's sentencing hearing.

David Laufman, deputy assistant attorney general in charge of counterintelligence at the DOJ's National Security Division, played a key role in both the Clinton email server and Russia hacking investigations. Laufman is currently the attorney for Monica McLean, the long-time friend of Christine Blasey Ford, who recently accused Judge Brett Kavanaugh of sexually assaulting her while in high school. McLean was also [employed](#) by the FBI for 24 years.

Bruce Ohr was a significant DOJ official who played a [key role](#) in Spycgate. Ohr held [two important positions](#) at the DOJ: associate deputy attorney general, and director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. As associate deputy attorney general, Ohr was just four offices away from then-Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, and he reported directly to her. As director of the task force, he was in charge of a program described as "the centerpiece of the attorney general's drug strategy."

Ohr, one of the highest-ranking officials in the DOJ, was communicating on an ongoing basis with Steele, whom he had known since at [least 2006](#), well into mid-2017. He is also married to Nellie Ohr, [an expert](#) on Russia and Eurasia who began working for Fusion GPS sometime in [late 2015](#). Nellie Ohr likely played a significant role in the construction of the dossier.

According to testimony from FBI agent Peter Strzok, he and Ohr met at least five times during 2016 and 2017. Strzok was working directly with then-Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe.

Additionally, Ohr met with the FBI at least [12 times](#) between late November 2016 and May 2017 for a series of interviews. These meetings could have been used to [transmit](#) information from Steele to the FBI. This came after the FBI had formally severed contact with Steele in late October or early November 2016.

John Carlin is another notable figure with the DOJ. Carlin was an assistant attorney general and the head of the DOJ's National Security Division until October 2016. His role will be discussed below in the section on FISA abuse.

### **The Battle Between Rosenstein and McCabe**

Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe held a pivotal role in what has become known as "Spygate." He directed the activities of Peter Strzok and Lisa Page and was involved in all aspects of the Russia investigation. He was also mentioned in the infamous "insurance policy" text message.

McCabe was a major component of the insurance policy.

On April 26, 2017, Rosenstein found himself appointed as the new deputy attorney general. He was placed into a somewhat chaotic situation, as Attorney General Jeff Sessions had recused himself from the ongoing Russia investigation a little less than two months earlier, on March 2, 2017. This effectively meant that no one in the Trump administration had any oversight of the ongoing investigation being conducted by the FBI and the DOJ.

Additionally, the leadership of then-FBI Director James Comey was coming under increased scrutiny as the result of actions taken leading up to and following the election, particularly Comey's handling of the Clinton email investigation.

On May 9, 2017, Rosenstein wrote a memorandum recommending that Comey be fired. The subject of the memo was "Restoring Public Confidence in the FBI." Comey was fired that day.

McCabe was now the acting director of the FBI and was immediately under consideration for the permanent position.

On the same day Comey was fired, McCabe would lie during an interview with agents from the FBI's Inspection Division (INSD) regarding apparent leaks that were used in an Oct. 30, 2016, Wall Street Journal article, "FBI in Internal Feud Over Hillary Clinton Probe" by Devlin Barrett. This would later be disclosed in the inspector general report, "A Report of Investigation of Certain Allegations Relating to Former Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe."

At the time, nobody, including the INSD agents, knew that McCabe had lied, nor were the darker aspects of McCabe's role in Spygate fully known.

In late April or early May 2016, McCabe opened a federal criminal investigation on Sessions, regarding potential lack of candor before Congress in relation to Sessions's contacts with Russians. Sessions was unaware of the investigation.

Sessions would later be cleared of any wrongdoing by special counsel Robert Mueller.

On the morning of May 16, 2017, Rosenstein reportedly suggested to McCabe that he secretly record President Trump. This remark was reported in a New York Times

article that was sourced from memos from the now-fired McCabe, along with testimony taken from former FBI general counsel James Baker, who relayed a conversation he had with McCabe about the occurrence. Rosenstein issued a statement denying the accusations.

The alleged comments by Rosenstein occurred at a meeting where McCabe was “pushing for the Justice Department to open an investigation into the president.”

An unnamed participant at the meeting, in comments to The Washington Post, framed the conversation somewhat differently, noting Rosenstein responded sarcastically to McCabe, saying, “What do you want to do, Andy, wire the president?”

Later, on the same day that Rosenstein had his meetings with McCabe, President Trump met with Mueller, reportedly as an interview for the FBI director job.

On May 17, 2017, the day after President Trump’s meeting with Mueller—and the day after Rosenstein’s encounters with McCabe—Rosenstein appointed Mueller as special counsel.

The May 17 appointment of Mueller in effect shifted control of the Russia investigation from the FBI and McCabe to Mueller. Rosenstein would retain ultimate authority for the probe and any expansion of Mueller’s investigation required authorization from Rosenstein.

Interestingly, without Comey’s memo leaks, a special counsel might not have been appointed—the FBI, and possibly McCabe, would have remained in charge of the Russia investigation. McCabe was probably not going to become the permanent FBI director, but he was reportedly under consideration. Regardless, without Comey’s leak, McCabe would have retained direct involvement and the FBI would have retained control.

On July 28, 2017, McCabe lied to Inspector General Michael Horowitz while under oath regarding authorization of the leaking to The Wall Street Journal. At this point, Horowitz knew McCabe was lying, but did not yet know of the May 9 INSD interview with McCabe.

On Aug. 2, 2017, Rosenstein secretly issued Mueller a revised memo on “the scope of investigation and definition of authority” that remains heavily redacted. The full purpose of this memo remains unknown. On this same day, Christopher Wray was named as the new FBI director.

Two days later, on Aug. 4, 2017, Sessions announced that the FBI had created a new leaks investigation unit. Rosenstein and Wray were tasked with overseeing all leak investigations.

That Aug. 2 memo from Rosenstein to Mueller may have been specifically designed to remove any residual FBI influence—specifically that of McCabe—from the Russia investigation. The appointment of Wray as FBI director helped cement this. McCabe was finally completely neutralized.

On March 16, 2018, McCabe was fired for lying under oath at least three different times and is currently the subject of a grand jury investigation.

## State Department

The State Department, with its many contacts within foreign governments, became a conduit for the flow of information. The transfer of Christopher Steele's first dossier memo was personally [facilitated](#) by Victoria Nuland, the assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs. Nuland gave approval for FBI agent Michael Gaeta to travel to London to obtain the memo from Steele. The memo may have passed directly from her to FBI leadership. Secretary of State John Kerry was also given a copy.

Steele was already well-known within the State Department. Following Steele's involvement in the FIFA scandal investigation, he began to [provide reports](#) informally to the State Department. The reports were written for a "private client" but were "shared widely within the U.S. State Department, and sent up to Secretary of State John Kerry and Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, who was in charge of [the U.S. response to Putin's annexation of Crimea](#) and covert invasion of eastern Ukraine," the Guardian reported.

State Department official Victoria Nuland on Nov. 4, 2015. Nuland passed on parts of the Steele dossier to the FBI. (Mark Wilson/Getty Images)



In July 2016, when the FBI wanted to send Gaeta to visit Steele in London, the bureau [sought permission](#) from the office of Nuland, who provided this version of events during a Feb. 4, 2018, [appearance](#) on CBS's "Face the Nation":

**"In the middle of July, when [Steele] was doing this other work and became concerned, he passed two to four pages of short points of what he was finding and our immediate reaction to that was, this is not in our purview. This needs to go to the FBI if there is any concern here that one candidate or the election as a whole might be influenced by the Russian Federation. That's something for the FBI to investigate."**

Steele also [met with](#) Jonathan Winer, a former deputy assistant secretary of state for international law enforcement and former special envoy for Libya. Steele and Winer had known each other since at least 2010. In an opinion article in The Washington Post, Winer wrote the following:

**"In September 2016, Steele and I met in Washington and discussed the information now known as the 'dossier.' Steele's sources suggested that the Kremlin not only had been behind the hacking of the Democratic National Committee and the Hillary Clinton campaign but also had compromised Trump and developed ties with his associates and campaign."**

In a strange turn of events, Winer also received a [separate dossier](#), very similar to Steele's, from long-time Clinton confidant Sidney Blumenthal. This "second dossier" had been compiled by another longtime Clinton operative, former journalist Cody Shearer, and echoed claims made in the Steele dossier. Winer then met with Steele in late September 2016 and gave Steele a copy of the "second dossier." Steele went on to [share](#) this second dossier with the FBI, which may have used it to corroborate his dossier.



State Department official Jonathan Winer. Winer passed on memos from Christopher Steele to Victoria Nuland. (State Department)

Other foreign officials also used conduits into the State Department. Alexander Downer, Australia's high commissioner to the UK, [reportedly](#) funneled his conversation with Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos—later used as a reason to open the FBI's counterintelligence investigation—directly to the U.S. Embassy in London.

"The Downer details landed with the embassy's then-chargé d'affaires, Elizabeth Dibble, who previously served as a principal deputy assistant secretary in Mrs. Clinton's State Department," The Wall Street Journal's Kimberley Strassel wrote in a May 31, 2018, [article](#).

If true, this would mean that neither Australian intelligence nor the Australian government alerted the FBI to the Papadopoulos information. What happened with the Downer details, and to whom they were ultimately relayed, remains unknown.

Curiously, details surprisingly similar to the Papadopoulos–Downer conversation show up in the [first memo](#) written by Steele on June 20, 2016:

**"A dossier of compromising information on Hillary Clinton has been collated by the Russian Intelligence Services over many years and mainly comprises bugged conversations she had on various visits to Russia and intercepted phone calls. ... It has not yet been distributed abroad, including to Trump."**

### **Clinton Campaign and the DNC**

The Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee both occupied a unique position. They had the most to gain but they also had the most to lose. And they stood willing and ready to do whatever was necessary to win. Hillary Clinton's campaign manager, Robby Mook, is credited with being the first to raise the specter of candidate Donald Trump's alleged collusion with Russia.

The entire Clinton campaign willfully promoted the narrative of Russia–Trump collusion despite the uncomfortable fact that they were the ones who had engaged the services of Fusion GPS and Christopher Steele through their law firm Perkins Coie. Information flowed from the campaign—sometimes through Perkins Coie, other times through affiliates—ultimately making its way into the media and sometimes to the FBI. Information from the Clinton campaign may also have ended up in the Steele dossier.

Jennifer Palmieri, the communications director for the Clinton campaign, in tandem with Jake Sullivan, the senior policy adviser to the campaign, [took the lead](#) in briefing the press on the Trump–Russia collusion story.

Jennifer Palmieri, communications director for Hillary Clinton's presidential run, on Oct. 28, 2016. Palmieri helped promote the Russia-collusion narrative. (Justin Sullivan/Getty Images)



Another example of this behavior can be seen from an instance when Perkins Coie lawyer Michael Sussmann [leaked](#) information from Steele and Fusion GPS to Franklin Foer of Slate magazine. This event is described in the House Intelligence Committee's final report on [Russian active measures](#), in footnote 43 on page 57. Foer then published the article "[Was a Trump Server Communicating With Russia?](#)" on Oct. 31, 2016.

The article concerns allegations regarding a server in the Trump Tower.

The Slate article managed to attract the immediate attention of Clinton, who posted a [tweet](#) on the same day the article was published:

**"Computer scientists have apparently uncovered a covert server linking the Trump Organization to a Russian-based bank."**

Attached to her tweet was a [statement](#) from Sullivan:

**"This could be the most direct link yet between Donald Trump and Moscow. Computer scientists have apparently uncovered a covert server linking the Trump Organization to a Russian-based bank.**

**"This secret hotline may be the key to unlocking the mystery of Trump's ties to Russia. It certainly seems the Trump Organization felt it had something to hide, given that it apparently took steps to conceal the link when it was discovered by journalists."**

These statements, which were later proven to be incorrect, are all the more disturbing with the hindsight knowledge that it was a senior Clinton/DNC lawyer who helped plant the story. And given the prepared statement by Sullivan, the Clinton campaign knew this.

This type of behavior would be engaged in repeatedly—damning leaks leading to media stories, followed by ready attacks from the Clinton campaign.

Alexandra Chalupa is a Ukrainian-American operative who was consulting for the Democratic National Committee. Chalupa [met with top officials](#) in the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington in an effort to expose ties between Trump, Paul Manafort, and Russia. Chalupa began [investigating](#) Manafort in 2014. In late 2015, Chalupa expanded her opposition research on Manafort to include Trump's ties to Russia. In January 2016, Chalupa shared her information with a senior DNC official.

Chalupa's meetings with DNC and Ukrainian officials would continue. On April 26, 2016, investigative reporter Michael Isikoff [published](#) a story on Yahoo News about Manafort's business dealings with Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska. It was later learned from a DNC email leaked by [Wikileaks](#) that Chalupa had been working with Isikoff—the same journalist Christopher Steele [leaked to](#) in September 2016.

Manafort would later be indicted for Foreign Agents Registration Act violations that occurred during the Obama administration.

## **Perkins Coie**

International law firm Perkins Coie served as the legal arm for both the Clinton campaign and the DNC. Ties to Perkins Coie extended beyond the DNC into the Obama White House.

Bob Bauer, a partner at the law firm and founder of its political law practice, served as [White House counsel](#) to President [Barack Obama](#) throughout 2010 and 2011. Bauer was also [general counsel](#) to Obama's campaign organization, Obama for America, in 2008 and 2012.

Perkins Coie partners Marc Elias and Michael Sussmann each played critical roles and were the ones who hired Fusion GPS and Steele. Sussmann [personally handled](#) the alleged hack of the DNC server. He also transmitted information, likely from Steele and Fusion GPS, to James Baker, then-chief counsel at the FBI, and to several members of the press.



Perkins Coie partner Michael Sussmann. Sussmann transmitted information to FBI chief counsel James Baker and several journalists. (Courtesy Perkins Coie)

According to a [letter](#) dated Oct. 24, 2017, written by Matthew Gehringer, general counsel at Perkins Coie, the firm was approached by Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpson in early March 2016 regarding the possibility of hiring Fusion GPS to continue opposition research into the Trump campaign. Simpson's overtures were successful, and in April 2016, Perkins Coie [hired](#) Fusion GPS on behalf of the DNC.

Sometime in April or May 2016, Fusion GPS [hired](#) Christopher Steele. During this same period, Fusion also reportedly [hired](#) Nellie Ohr, the wife of Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr. Steele would complete his first memo on June 20, 2016, and send it to Fusion via enciphered mail.

Perkins Coie appears to have also been acting as a conduit between the DNC and the FBI. [Documents](#) suggest that Sussmann was feeding information to FBI general counsel James Baker and at least one journalist ahead of the FBI's application for a FISA warrant on the Trump campaign.

The information provided by Sussmann may have been used by the FBI as "corroborating information."

## **Obama Administration**

The Obama administration provided a simultaneous layer of protection and facilitation for the entire effort. One example is provided by [Section 2.3 of Executive Order 12333](#), also known as Obama's [data-sharing order](#). With the passage of the order, agencies and individuals were able to ask the NSA for access to specific surveillance simply by claiming the intercepts contained relevant information that was useful to a particular mission.



Section 2.3 had been expected to be finalized by early to mid-2016. Instead, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper didn't sign off on Section 2.3 until Dec. 15, 2016. The order was finalized when Attorney General Loretta Lynch signed it on Jan. 3, 2017.

The reason for the delay could relate to the fact that while the executive order made it easier to share intelligence between agencies, it also limited certain types of information from going to the White House.

An example of this was provided by Evelyn Farkas during a March 2, 2017, [MSNBC interview](#), where she detailed how the Obama administration gathered and disseminated intelligence on the Trump team:

**"I was urging my former colleagues and, frankly speaking, the people on the Hill ... 'Get as much information as you can. Get as much intelligence as you can before President Obama leaves the administration.'**

**"The Trump folks, if they found out how we knew what we knew about the Trump staff's dealing with Russians, [they] would try to compromise those sources and methods, meaning we would no longer have access to that intelligence. ... That's why you have the leaking."**

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
Russia/Ukraine/Eurasia Evelyn Farkas on May 6, 2014.  
(Alex Wong/Getty Images)



Many of the Obama administration's efforts appear to have been structural in nature, such as establishing new procedures or creating impediments to oversight that enabled much of the surveillance abuse to occur.

DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz was appointed by Obama in 2011. From the very start, he found his duties throttled by the attorney general's office. According to [congressional testimony](#) by Horowitz:

**"We got access to information up to 2010 in all of these categories. No law changed in 2010. No policy changed. ... It was simply a decision by the General Counsel's Office in 2010 that they viewed, now, the law differently. And as a result, they weren't going to give us that information."**

These new restrictions were [put in place](#) by Attorney General Eric Holder and Deputy Attorney General James Cole.

On Aug. 5, 2014, Horowitz and other inspectors general sent a [letter to Congress](#) asking for unimpeded access to all records. Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates responded on July 20, 2015, with a [58-page memorandum](#). The memo specifically denied the inspector general access to any information collected under Title III—including intercepted communications and national security letters.

The New York Times recently [disclosed](#) that national security letters were used in the surveillance of the Trump campaign.

At other times, the Obama administration's efforts were more direct. The [Intelligence Community assessment](#) was released internally on Jan. 5, 2017. On this same day, Obama held an undisclosed White House meeting to discuss the dossier with national security adviser Susan Rice, FBI Director James Comey, and Yates. Rice would later send herself an email [documenting](#) the meeting.

The following day, Brennan, Clapper, and Comey attached a written summary of the Steele dossier to the classified briefing they gave Obama. Comey then met with President-elect Trump to inform him of the dossier. This meeting took place just hours after Comey, Brennan, and Clapper formally briefed Obama on both the Intelligence Community assessment and the Steele dossier.

Comey would only inform Trump of the "salacious" details contained within the dossier. He later [explained](#) on CNN in an April 2018 interview why:

**"Because that was the part that the leaders of the Intelligence Community agreed he needed to be told about."**

Shortly after Comey's meeting with Trump, both the Trump-Comey meeting and the existence of the dossier were leaked to CNN. The significance of the meeting was material, as Comey [noted in a Jan. 7 memo](#) he wrote:

**"Media like CNN had them and were looking for a news hook. I said it was important that we not give them the excuse to write that the FBI has the material."**



Director of National Intelligence James Clapper on Nov. 17, 2016. Clapper leaked information to CNN, after which he publicly condemned the leaks. (Alex Wong/Getty Images)

The media had widely dismissed the dossier as unsubstantiated and, therefore, unreportable. It was only after learning that Comey briefed Trump that [CNN reported](#) on the dossier. It was later [revealed](#) that DNI James Clapper personally leaked Comey's meeting with Trump to CNN.

The Obama administration also directly participated in a series of [intelligence unmaskings](#), the process whereby a U.S. citizen's identity is revealed from collected surveillance. U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Samantha Power reportedly engaged in hundreds of unmasking requests. Rice has admitted to doing the same.

The Obama administration engaged in the ultimately successful effort to oust Trump's newly appointed national security adviser, Gen. Michael Flynn. Yates, along with Mary McCord, head of the DOJ's National Security Division, [led that effort](#).

### **Executive Order 13762**

President Barack Obama issued a last-minute executive order on Jan. 13, 2017, that altered the line of succession within the DOJ. The action was not done in consultation with the incoming Trump administration.

Acting Attorney General Sally Yates was fired on Jan. 30, 2017, by a newly inaugurated President Trump for refusing to uphold the president's executive order limiting travel from certain terror-prone countries. Yates was initially supposed to serve in her position until Jeff Sessions was confirmed as attorney general.

Obama's executive order placed the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia next in line behind the department's senior leadership. The attorney at the time was Channing Phillips.

Phillips was first hired by former Attorney General Eric Holder in 1994 for a position in the D.C. U.S. attorney's office. Phillips, after serving as a senior adviser to Holder, stayed on after he was replaced by Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

It appears the Obama administration was hoping the Russia investigation would default to Channing in the event Sessions was forced to recuse himself from the investigation. Sessions, whose confirmation hearings began three days before the order, was already coming under intense scrutiny.

The implementation of the order may also tie into Yates's efforts to remove Gen. Michael Flynn over his call with the Russian ambassador.

Trump ignored the succession order, as he is legally allowed to do, and instead appointed Dana Boente, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, as acting attorney general on Jan. 30, 2017, the same day Yates was fired.

Trump issued a new executive order on Feb. 9, 2017, the same day Sessions was sworn in, reversing Obama's prior order.

On March 10, 2017, Trump fired 46 Obama-era U.S. attorneys, including Preet Bharara, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan. These firings appear to have been unexpected.

## **Media**

In some respects, the media has played the most disingenuous of roles. Areas of investigation that historically would have proven irresistible to reporters of the past have been steadfastly ignored. False narratives have been all-too-willingly promoted and facts ignored. Fusion GPS personally made a [series of payments](#) to several as-of-yet-[unnamed reporters](#).

The majority of the mainstream media has represented positions of the DNC and the Clinton campaign.

Steele met with members of certain media with relative frequency. In [September 2016](#), he met with a number of U.S. journalists for "The New York Times, the Washington Post, Yahoo! News, the New Yorker and CNN," according to The Guardian. It was during this period that Steele met with Michael Isikoff of Yahoo News.

In [mid-October](#) 2016, Steele returned to New York and met with reporters again. Toward the end of October, Steele spoke via Skype with Mother Jones reporter David Corn.

Leaking, including felony leaking of classified information, has been widespread. The Carter Page FISA warrant—likely the unredacted version—has been in the

possession of The Washington Post and The New York Times since March 2017. Traditionally, the intelligence community leaked to The Washington Post while the DOJ leaked to sources within The New York Times. This was a historical pattern that stood until this election. The leaking became so widespread, even this tradition was broken.

On April 3, 2017, BuzzFeed reporter Ali Watkins wrote the article "[A Former Trump Adviser Met With a Russian Spy](#)." In the article, she identified "Male-1," referred to in [court documents](#) relating to the case of Russian spy Evgeny Buryakov, as Trump campaign adviser Carter Page, who had provided the FBI with assistance in the case. Just over a week later, on April 11, 2017, a Washington Post article, "[FBI Obtained FISA Warrant to Monitor Former Trump Adviser Carter Page](#)," confirmed the existence of the October 2016 Page FISA warrant.

The information contained within both articles likely came via felony leaks from James Wolfe, former director of security for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, who was arrested on June 7, 2018, and [charged](#) with one count of lying to the FBI. Wolfe's [indictment](#) alleges that he was leaking classified information to multiple reporters over an extended period of time.

Reporter Ali Watkins likely received the unredacted FISA application on Carter Page from James Wolfe.

It appears probable that Wolfe leaked unredacted copies of the Page FISA application.

According to the [indictment](#), Wolfe [exchanged](#) 82 text messages with Watkins on March 17, 2017. That same evening they engaged in a 28-minute phone call.

The original Page FISA application is 83 pages long, including one final signatory page.

In the public version of the application, there are 37 fully redacted pages. In addition to that, several other pages have redactions for all but the header. There are only two pages in the entire document that contain no redactions.

Why would Wolfe bother to send 37 pages of complete redactions? It seems more than plausible that Wolfe took pictures of the original unredacted FISA application and sent them by text to Watkins.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes has repeatedly [stated](#) that evidence within the FISA application shows the counterintelligence agencies were abused by the Obama administration. Most of the mainstream media has known this.

Despite this, most major news organizations for over two years have promoted the Russia-collusion narrative. Despite ample evidence having come out to the contrary, they have not admitted they were wrong, likely because doing so would mean they would have to admit their complicity.



## Foreign Intelligence

UK and Australian intelligence agencies also played meaningful roles during the 2016 presidential election.

Britain's GCHQ was involved in [collecting information](#) regarding then-candidate Trump and transmitting it to the United States. In the summer of 2016, Robert Hannigan, the head of GCHQ, flew from London to [meet](#) personally with then-CIA Director John Brennan, The Guardian reported.



Former GCHQ head Robert Hannigan in this file photo. Hannigan transmitted information regarding Donald Trump to John Brennan in the summer of 2016. (Romeo Gacad/AFP/Getty Images)

Hannigan's meeting was noteworthy because Brennan wasn't Hannigan's counterpart. That position belonged to NSA Director Mike Rogers. In the following year, Hannigan [abruptly announced](#) his retirement on Jan. 23, 2017—three days after Trump's inauguration.

As GCHQ was gathering intelligence, low-level Trump campaign foreign-policy adviser George Papadopoulos appears to have been targeted after a series of highly coincidental meetings. Maltese professor Josef Mifsud, Australian diplomat Alexander Downer, FBI informant Stefan Halper, and officials from the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) all crossed paths with Papadopoulos—some repeatedly so.

Christopher Steele, who authored the dossier on Trump, was an MI6 agent while the agency was headed by Sir Richard Dearlove. Steele retains close ties with Dearlove.

Dearlove has ties to most of the parties mentioned. It was he who advised Steele and his business partner, Chris Burrows, to [work](#) with a top British government official to pass along information to the FBI in the fall of 2016. He also was a speaker at the July 2016 Cambridge [symposium](#) that Halper invited Carter Page to attend.

Dearlove knows Halper through their [mutual association](#) at the Cambridge Intelligence Seminar. Dearlove also knows Sir Iain Lobban, a former head of GCHQ, who is an advisory board member at British strategic [intelligence and advisory firm Hakluyt](#), which was founded by former MI6 members and retains close ties to UK intelligence services.

Halper has historical connections to Hakluyt through Jonathan Clarke, with whom he has [co-authored](#) two books.

Downer, who [met](#) Papadopoulos in a May 2016 meeting [established](#) through a chain of two intermediaries, served on the [advisory board](#) of Hakluyt from 2008 to 2014. He reportedly still [maintains contact](#) with Hakluyt officials. Information from his meeting with Papadopoulos was later used by the FBI to establish the bureau's counterintelligence investigation into Trump–Russia collusion. Downer has changed his version of events multiple times.

The Steele dossier was fed into U.S. channels through several different sources. One such source was Sir Andrew Wood, the former [British ambassador](#) to Russia, who had been briefed about the dossier by Steele. Wood later [relayed](#) information regarding the dossier to Sen. John McCain, who dispatched David Kramer, a fellow at the McCain Institute, to London to meet with Steele in November 2016. McCain would later admit in a Jan. 11, 2017, [statement](#) that he had personally passed on the dossier to then-FBI Director James Comey.

Trump, after issuing an order for the declassification of documents and text messages related to the Russia-collusion investigations—including parts of the Carter Page FISA warrant application—received phone calls from two U.S. allies saying, “Please, can we talk.” Those “allies” were almost certainly the UK and Australia.

In a [Twitter post](#), Trump wrote that the “key Allies called to ask not to release” the documents.

Questions to be asked are why is it that two of our allies would find themselves so opposed to the release of these classified documents that a coordinated plea would be made directly to the president? And why would these same allies have even the slightest idea of what was contained in these classified U.S. documents?

Britain and Australia appear to know full well what those documents contain, and their attempt to prevent their public release appears to be because they don’t want their role in events surrounding the 2016 presidential election to be made public.

### **Fusion GPS/Orbis/Christopher Steele**

Glenn Simpson, a former Wall Street Journal reporter, is co-founder of Fusion GPS, along with Peter Fritsch and Tom Catan. Fusion was hired by the DNC and the Clinton campaign through law firm Perkins Coie to produce and disseminate the Steele dossier used against Trump. The dossier would later be the primary evidence used to obtain a FISA warrant on Carter Page on Oct. 21, 2016.

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Christopher Steele, who retains close ties to UK intelligence, worked for MI6 from 1987 until his retirement in 2009, when he and his partner, Chris Burrows, founded Orbis Intelligence. Steele [maintains contact](#) with British intelligence, [Sir Richard Dearlove](#), and UK intelligence firm Hakluyt.

Steele appears to have been [represented](#) by lawyer Adam Waldman, who also represented Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska. We know this from [texts sent](#) by Waldman. On April 10, 2017, Waldman sent this to Sen. Mark Warner:

**“Hi. Steele: would like to get a bi partisan letter from the committee; Assange: I convinced him to make serious and important concessions and am discussing those w DOJ; Deripaska: willing to testify to congress but interested in state of play w Manafort. I will be with him next tuesday for a week.”**

Steele also appears to have [lobbied](#) on behalf of Deripaska, who was discussed in [emails](#) between Bruce Ohr and Steele that were recently [disclosed](#) by the Washington Examiner:

**“Steele said he was ‘circulating some recent sensitive Orbis reporting’ on Deripaska that suggested Deripaska was not a ‘tool’ of the Kremlin. Steele said he would send the reporting to a name that is redacted in the email.”**

Fusion GPS was also employed by Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya in a previous case. Veselnitskaya was involved in litigation pitting Russian firm Prevezon Holdings against British-American financier William Browder. Veselnitskaya hired U.S. law firm BakerHostetler, who, in turn, hired Fusion GPS to dig up dirt on Browder. Veselnitskaya was one of the participants at the June 2016 Trump Tower meeting, at which she discussed the [Magnitsky Act](#).

Fox News reported on Nov. 9, 2017, that Simpson [met with](#) Veselnitskaya immediately before and after the Trump Tower meeting.

A declassified top-secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court report released on April 26, 2017, revealed that government agencies, including the FBI, CIA, and NSA, had improperly accessed Americans’ communications. The FBI specifically provided outside contractors with access to raw surveillance data on American citizens without proper oversight.

Communications and other data of members of the Trump campaign may have been accessed in this way.



Nellie Ohr, the wife of high-ranking DOJ official Bruce Ohr, was hired by Fusion GPS to work on the dossier on Trump.

Bruce and Nellie Ohr have [known](#) Simpson since at least 2010 and have known Steele since at least 2006. The Ohrs and Simpson worked together on a [DOJ report in 2010](#). In that report, Nellie Ohr’s biography lists her as working for Open Source Works, which is part of the CIA. Simpson met with Bruce Ohr [before and after](#) the 2016 election.

Bruce Ohr had been in [contact](#) repeatedly with Steele during the 2016 presidential campaign—while Steele was constructing his dossier. Ohr later actively shared information he received from Steele with the FBI, after the agency had terminated Steele as a source. Interactions between Ohr and Steele stretched for months into the first year of Trump’s presidency and were documented in a number of FD-302s—memos that summarize interviews with him by the FBI.

## **Spy Traps**

In an effort to put forth evidence of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia, it appears that several different spy traps were set, with varying degrees of success. Many of these efforts appear to center around Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos and involve London-based professor Joseph Mifsud, who has [ties to](#) Western intelligence, particularly in the UK.

Papadopoulos and Mifsud [both worked](#) at the London Centre of International Law Practice (LCILP). Mifsud appears to have joined LCILP around [November 2015](#). Papadopoulos reportedly [joined](#) LCILP sometime in late February 2016 after leaving Ben Carson's presidential campaign. However, some [reports](#) indicate Papadopoulos joined LCILP in November or December of 2015. Mifsud and Papadopoulos reportedly never crossed paths [until](#) March 14, 2016, in Italy.

Mifsud introduced Papadopoulos to several Russians, including Olga Polonskaya, whom Mifsud introduced as "Putin's niece," and Ivan Timofeev, an official at a state-sponsored think tank called the Russian International Affairs Council. Both Papadopoulos and Mifsud were interviewed by the FBI. Papadopoulos was ultimately charged with a process crime and was recently sentenced to 14 days in prison for lying to the FBI. Mifsud was never charged by the FBI.

Throughout this period, Papadopoulos continuously pushed for meetings between Trump campaign officials and Russian contacts but was ultimately unsuccessful in establishing any meetings.

Papadopoulos met with Australian diplomat Alexander Downer on May 10, 2016. The Papadopoulos-Downer meeting has been portrayed as a [chance encounter](#) in a bar. That does not appear to be the case.

Papadopoulos was [introduced](#) to Downer through a chain of two intermediaries who said Downer wanted to meet with Papadopoulos. Another individual happened to [be in London](#) at exactly the same time: the FBI's head of counterintelligence, Bill Priestap. The purpose of Priestap's visit remains unknown.

The Papadopoulos-Downer [meeting](#) was later used to establish the FBI's counterintelligence investigation into Trump-Russia collusion. It was repeatedly reported that Papadopoulos told Downer that Russia had Hillary Clinton's emails. This is incorrect.

Foreign policy adviser to the Trump campaign was approached by several individuals with ties to UK and U.S. intelligence agencies. (Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty Images)

According to Downer, Papadopoulos at some point [mentioned](#) the Russians had damaging information on Hillary Clinton.

"During that conversation, he [Papadopoulos] mentioned the Russians might use material that they have on Hillary Clinton in the lead-up to the election, which may be damaging," Downer told [The Australian](#) about the Papadopoulos meeting in an April 2018 article. "He didn't say dirt, he said material that could be damaging to her. No, he said it would be damaging. He didn't say what it was."

Downer, while serving as Australia's foreign minister, was [responsible](#) for one of the largest foreign donations to the Clinton Foundation: \$25 million from the Australian government.





Unconfirmed media reports, including a Jan. 12, 2017, [BBC article](#), have suggested that the FBI attempted to obtain two FISA warrants in June and July 2016 that were denied by the FISA court. It's likely that Papadopoulos was an intended target of these failed FISAs.

Interestingly, there is no mention of Papadopoulos in the Steele dossier. Paul Manafort, Carter Page, former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen, Gen. Michael Flynn, and former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski are all listed in the Steele dossier.

Papadopoulos may have started out assisting the FBI or CIA and later discovered that he was being set up for surveillance himself.

After failing to obtain a spy warrant on the Trump campaign using Papadopoulos, the FBI set its sights on campaign volunteer Carter Page. By this time, the counterintelligence investigation was in the process of being established, and we know now that it was formalized with no official intelligence. The FBI needed some sort of legal cover. They needed a retroactive warrant. And they got one on Oct. 21, 2016. The Page FISA warrant would be renewed three times and remain in force until September 2017.

Stefan Halper met with Page for the first time on July 11, 2016, at a [Cambridge symposium](#), just three days after Page's July 2016 Moscow trip. As noted previously, former MI6 head Sir Richard Dearlove was a speaker at the symposium. Halper and Dearlove have known each other for years and maintain several mutual associations.

Page was already known to the FBI. The Page FISA warrant application references the Buryakov spy case and an FBI interview with Page. Current information suggests there was only [one meeting](#) between Page and the FBI in 2016. It happened on March 2, 2016. It was in relation to Victor Podobnyy, who was named in the Buryakov case.

Page, who [cooperated](#) with the FBI on the case, almost certainly was providing testimony or details against Podobnyy. Page had been contacted by Podobnyy in 2013 and had previously provided information to the FBI. Buryakov [pleaded guilty](#) on March 11, 2016—nine days after Page met with the FBI on the case—and was [sentenced](#) to 30 months in prison on May 25, 2016. On April 5, 2017, Buryakov was granted early release and was [deported](#) to Russia.



FBI informant Stefan Halper approached Trump campaign advisers George Papadopoulos and Carter Page.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes [said](#) in August that exculpatory evidence on Page exists that wasn't included by the DOJ and the FBI in the FISA application and subsequent renewals. The exculpatory evidence likely relates specifically to Page's role in the Buryakov case.

If the FBI failed to disclose Page's cooperation with the bureau or materially misrepresented his involvement in its application to the FISA Court, it means that the FBI's Woods procedures, which govern FISA applications, were violated.

Page has not been arrested or charged with any crime related to the investigation.

## **FISA Abuse**

Admiral Mike Rogers, while director of the NSA, was personally responsible for [uncovering](#) an unprecedented level of FISA abuse that would later be documented in a 99-page [unsealed FISA court ruling](#). As the FISA court noted in the April 26, 2017, ruling, the abuses had been occurring since at least November 2015:

**“The FBI had disclosed raw FISA information, including but not limited to Section 702-acquired information, ... to private contractors.**

**“Private contractors had access to raw FISA information on FBI storage systems.**

**“Contractors had access to raw FISA information that went well beyond what was necessary to respond to the FBI’s requests.”**

The FISA Court report is particularly focused on the FBI:

**“The Court is concerned about the FBI’s apparent disregard of minimization rules and whether the FBI may be engaging in similar disclosures of raw Section 702 information that have not been reported.”**

The FISA Court [disclosed](#) that illegal NSA database searches were endemic. Private contractors, employed by the FBI, were given full access to the NSA database. Once in the contractors’ possession, the data couldn’t be traced.

In April 2016, after Rogers became aware of [improper](#) contractor access to raw FISA data on March 9, 2016, he [directed](#) the NSA’s Office of Compliance to conduct a “fundamental baseline review of compliance associated with 702.”

On April 18, 2016, Rogers shut down all outside contractor access to raw FISA information—specifically outside contractors working for the FBI.

Then-NSA Director Adm. Mike Rogers on May 23, 2017. Rogers uncovered widespread abuse of FISA data by the FBI. (Saul Loeb/AFP/Getty Images)



DOJ National Security Division (NSD) head John Carlin filed the government’s proposed [2016 Section 702 certifications](#) on Sept. 26, 2016. Carlin knew the general status of compliance review by Rogers. The NSD was part of the review. Carlin failed to disclose a critical Jan. 7, 2016, [report by the Office of the Inspector General](#) and associated FISA abuse to the FISA Court in his 2016 certification. Carlin also failed to disclose Rogers’s ongoing Section 702 compliance review.

The following day, on Sept. 27, 2016, Carlin [announced](#) his resignation, effective Oct. 15, 2016.

After receiving a briefing by the NSA compliance officer on Oct. 20, 2016, detailing [numerous](#) “about query” violations from the 702 NSA compliance audit,

Rogers shut down all “about query” activity the next day and [reported](#) his findings to the DOJ. “About queries” are searches based on communications containing a reference “about” a surveillance target but that are not “to” or “from” the target.

On Oct. 21, 2016, the DOJ and the FBI sought and received a Title I FISA probable-cause order authorizing electronic surveillance on Carter Page from the FISA Court.

At this point, the FISA Court was still unaware of the Section 702 violations.

On Oct. 24, 2016, Rogers verbally [informed](#) the FISA Court of his findings. On Oct. 26, 2016, Rogers appeared formally before the FISA Court and presented the written findings of his audit.

The FISA Court had been unaware of the query violations until they were presented to the court by Rogers.

Carlin didn’t disclose his knowledge of FISA abuse in the annual Section 702 certifications in order to avoid raising suspicions at the FISA Court ahead of receiving the Page FISA warrant.

The FBI and the NSD were literally racing against Rogers’s investigation in order to obtain a FISA warrant on Carter Page.

While all this was transpiring, DNI James Clapper and Defense Secretary Ash Carter submitted a [recommendation](#) that Rogers be removed from his post as NSA director.

The move to fire Rogers, which ultimately failed, originated sometime in mid-October 2016—exactly when Rogers was preparing to present his findings to the FISA Court.

### **The Insurance Policy**

Ever since the release of FBI text messages revealing the existence of an “insurance policy,” the term has been the subject of wide speculation.

Some observers have suggested that the insurance policy was the FISA spy warrant used to monitor Trump campaign adviser Carter Page and, by extension, other members of the Trump campaign. This interpretation is too narrow and fails to capture the underlying meaning of the text.

The insurance policy was the actual process of establishing the Trump–Russia collusion narrative.

It encompassed actions undertaken in late 2016 and early 2017, including the leaking of the Steele dossier and James Clapper’s leaks of James Comey’s briefing to President Trump. The intent behind these actions was simple. The legitimization of the investigation into the Trump campaign.

The strategy involved the recusal of Trump officials with the intent that Andrew McCabe would end up running the investigation.

The Steele dossier, which was paid for by the Clinton presidential campaign and the Democratic National Committee, served as the foundation for the Russia narrative.

The intelligence community, led by CIA Director John Brennan and DNI James Clapper, used the dossier as a launching pad for creating their Intelligence Community assessment.

This report, which was presented to Obama in December 2016, despite NSA Director Mike Rogers having only moderate confidence in its assessment, became one of the core pieces of the narrative that Russia interfered with the 2016 elections.

Through intelligence community leaks, and in collusion with willing media outlets, the narrative that Russia helped Trump win the elections was aggressively pushed throughout 2017.

## **Spygate**

Spygate represents the biggest political scandal in our nation's history. A sitting administration actively colluded with a political campaign to affect the outcome of a U.S. presidential election. Government agencies were weaponized and a complicit media spread intelligence community leaks as facts.

But a larger question remains: How long has the United States been subject to interference from the intelligence community and our political agencies? Was the 2016 presidential election a one-time aberration, or is this episode symptomatic of a larger pattern extending back decades?

The intensity, scale, and coordination suggest something greater than overzealous actions taken during a single election. They represent a unified reaction of the establishment to a threat posed by a true outsider—a reaction that has come to be known as Spygate.

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# Conservative Media Stars: Finding reliable news on the current Deep State Coup

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**WASHINGTON** – At least twice now over the past year or two, I’ve attempted to compile a definitive list of reliably conservative, truth-seeking, go-to news sites, aggregators and video sources for conservatives and libertarians. And even “independents” for that matter, although these folks usually vote Democrat in the end and probably support the current Deep State Coup against President Trump.

At any rate, I’m calling this compilation my definitive list of Conservative Media Stars.

## Methodology

This topic is YUGE. So I’ve split it into parts. Part I – this one – is conservative media web sites whose primary aim is to serve as reliable aggregators. These sites generally provide continuously updated links to key news and opinion stories as well as offering a bit of what’s inside.

By accessing the various conservative media stars here and in my remaining articles on this topic, and by avoiding newspapers, network news and cable news, readers starved for serious news and verifiable facts on current hot topics, political and otherwise. Additionally, they can bypass most of the web of lies involving the ongoing coup attempt by America’s contemptible Deep State elites. Not to mention ~~global warming~~ climate change hectoring by corporate jet owners and 57 varieties of gender pronouns and offenses.

## **Are the listings scientific?**

No. My listings are somewhat arbitrary and subjective. You'll even discover that a few recommended sites include contributions by lefty, Deep State-supporting infidels.

But when trying to assemble a list of generally fact-safe, Deplorable-respecting news and information sites, you've got to start somewhere. And some of these PG-rated sites (for conservatives) can actually prove quite useful in point-counterpoint arguments. But they've all been helpful to me.

At any rate, I'm posting (or re-posting) descriptions of my personal go-to list of top conservative-libertarian news and info sites as a public service to readers and viewers. That's particularly important for readers and writers who are currently being driven nuts by a phalanx of militant Washington, D.C. Deep State criminals. These Friends of Antifa are hellbent on mounting the biggest Fake Political Production in at least the past 500 years. That alone is a big reason why more people than ever are hungry to discover at least a few places that

- Report the news in a true or reasonably true manner
- Report/comment on stories the so-called mainstream media (see below) bury so you can't see them
- Expose the hard left, globalist, Deep State effort to destroy civility, religion, the American family, and supporters of the U.S. Constitution in order to force U.S. citizens into the secular religion of a vaguely defined (but markedly socialist) New World Order.

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### ***Key web aggregators: Your first stop each morning and throughout the day.***

*These are conservative media sites you'll want to access daily, primarily to find relevant links to reliably conservative and libertarian news and information. Direct links are highlighted.*

#### **Top aggregators:**

##### **[Whatfinger.](#)**

A relative newcomer on the aggregators' scene, Whatfinger has rapidly grown to become the most comprehensive, go-to site for conservatives and libertarians searching for reliable, fact-based news and commentary sources untainted by Dark Side leftists.

Whatfinger has effectively replaced the fading [Matt Drudge](#) as the top conservative media go-to site for finding otherwise buried, non-left-wing-biased analysis and news you can use. Tons of it. Bookmark it. Now.

##### **[Instapundit.](#)**

One of the original blog aggregators from way back when, Glenn Reynolds' useful, entertaining site offers an eclectic approach to news and information. Constantly scrolling entries include brief to medium-length commentaries on each provided

link. Links can include science and health stories, along with the site's usual political, education, and international coverage. Glenn is still there, but the site now includes links and information from a variety of trusted sources as well. A charter member of the PJ Media group, these original pajama guys were once denounced as "amateurs" by CBS *et. al.*

Namecalling by the MSM is a real badge of authenticity and distinction. As of about a month ago, Instapundit and PJ Media were acquired by the conservative news and info site, [Townhall.com](http://Townhall.com).

### **Lucianne.**

Lucianne's site has long been one of my favorites. She posts reliably conservative and highly useful links that are always closely connected to the events of the day – mostly political, of course. Aside from the top-most breaking news links, Lucianne links are always followed by a concise "executive" summary of the linked article. Which means you can just digest this nugget and move to the next one. Or link to the referenced site and read the entire story.

Great for folks with a busy day. This site is, like Ace (below), a continuously scrolling site, meaning the stuff at the top is the most recent material.

### **Aggregation with more columns and commentary**

#### **Ace of Spades.**

In truth, Ace is mostly a commentary site. But a number of the site's contributors, include Ace, provide a plethora of useful news and commentary links. This is a continuously scrolling blog, so the most recent stuff is near the top. J. J. Sefton's wildly cantankerous "Morning Report" here is often the most interesting section.

Sefton rants on the daily news and memes, and his extraordinary name-calling ability for Deep Stater's rivals Donald Trump's, and vastly exceeds it in terms of ad hominem and indelicacy. But Sefton also includes a vast array of outside news and commentary links in each column, which proves astonishingly useful for in-depth probing of what's behind the news.

#### **Real Clear Politics (aggregate).**

**PG-rated** (by me) and something of an outlier in this list, RCP is by no stretch of the imagination a conservative-to-libertarian blog aggregator. But, although noticeably tilting left, RCP does include plenty of links to conservative media sites and stories as well. So, although it's not completely "fair and balanced," RCP's site offers a better than average digest of real and fake news and opinion, frequently gleaned from legacy sources.

The site proves invaluable every election year. Here you can find comprehensive, rolling lists of numerous political polls, from decent to bogus+. RCP then averages them out to come up with its own composite scoring. True, the periodic ratings tilt Big D for Democrat, but that's attributable to the left-wing bias of most polls and their cleverly worded questions.

But by consulting the [Rasmussen Reports](http://Rasmussen Reports) polling site – which includes a more representative percentage of Deplorables and also polls only likely voters – and

putting these results side-by-side with the RCP poll averages, you can generally begin to approximate the likely outcome of most elections.

## **Investments, collected commentary, and some off-the-wall craziness all in one**

### **[ZeroHedge.](#)**

Another **PG rating** here, as the site generally tilts conservative and capitalist. But it's occasionally punctuated by Commie craziness and investment gold buggery.

ZH started out as a rogue Wall Street investment news and blog aggregation site. It still is in many ways. But, as I've noted in my CDN financial columns, it's headline politics that drives stocks now. It's no longer traditional fundamental and technical analysis, at least day-to-day. ZH figured this out, too. They spread out their current content equally between business and politics, though these days, the two are essentially the same. ZH is primarily written/compiled by a pair of renegade writer/analysts.

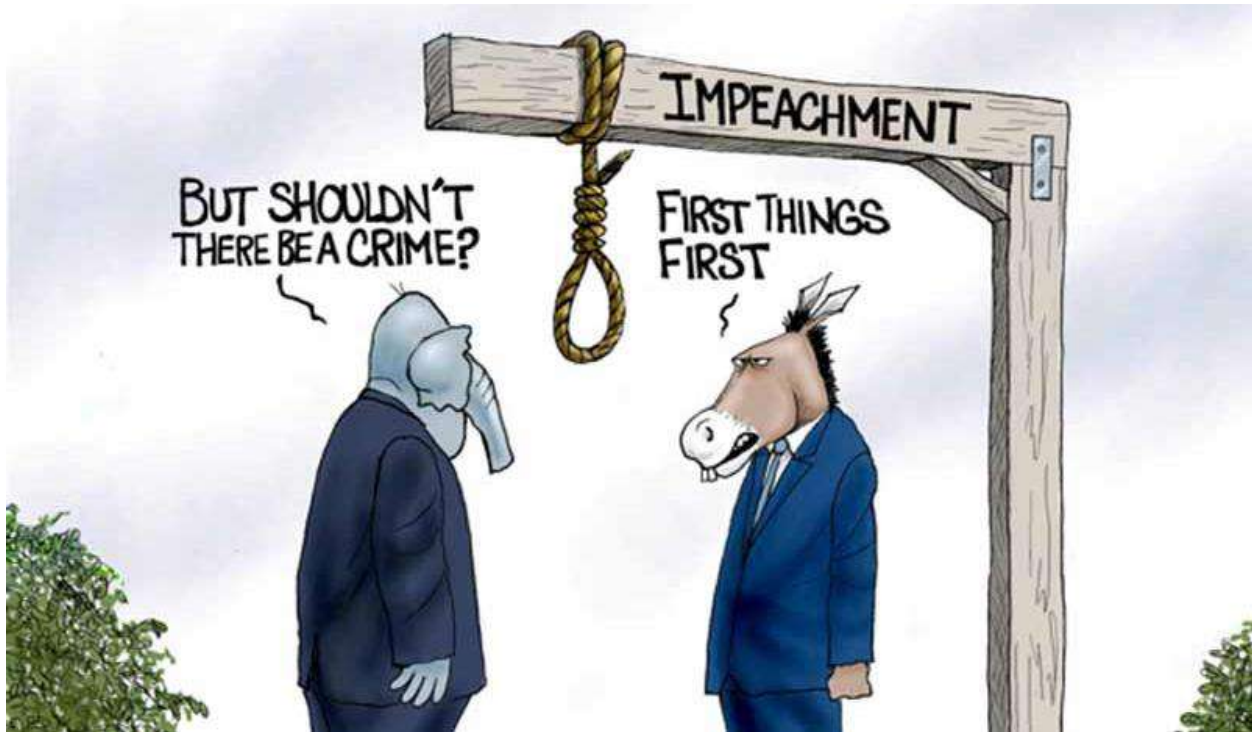
Their internal (ZH-originating) articles appear under the pen name "Tyler Durden." "Tyler" is ZH's corporate author. Both alter-egos allegedly started out life as Bulgarians. Go figure. USA. What a country, right? Other articles come from other sources and guest writers.

ZH pieces typically come at you with a bitingly cynical, iconoclastic viewpoint. Alas, some of those viewpoints come at you from the left. Some are simply wrong. But on balance, you'll get info here you can't find anywhere else. And most of it is pro-capitalist and pro-business.



# Breaking conservative news online: Even More Conservative Media Stars

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**WASHINGTON** – Welcome back, fans of Truth, Justice and the American way. Round 2 of my comprehensive list of conservative (and in a few cases, mostly conservative) news and information sources you can substitute for the bankrupt newspapers and network and cable news conglomerates that now bring you nonstop fiction instead of actual news, facts and figures. Today, I'm focusing on the best breaking conservative news sites available online.

## **A pair of hat tips before we start**

Before we get going today, I'd like to give a grateful shout-out to Don Surber and Ed Driscoll of [Instapundit](#) for alerting their readers to my first Media Stars column. The result: an uncommon number of pageviews for my first [conservative news site compendium](#), for which both CDN and I are grateful.

Don Surber has been posting to his long-running and well-regarded [political news and commentary blog](#) for many years. I'd already planned to highlight Don's must-read blog when I cover sites that primarily deal with commentary and analysis. So stay-tuned for more.

Ed Driscoll [writes his own columns](#) over on PJMedia, along with contributing to Instapundit, a key aggregation site I highlighted in the opening column of this series. Bookmark these guys. You'll be glad you did.

## **Incoming: News and views but mostly news**

Today, I focus on sites that offer in-depth coverage of breaking conservative news, plus some degree of analysis. And that news can (and must) be fact-based, not like

the left-liberal sites that use anonymous sources and offer rumors, never the truth. In other words, these sites provide real news, though they're not exactly devoid of opinion, either. Such is reportage in 2019. Times change

Sites that provide deeper analysis and commentary on the news will appear in a future column. Ditto sites like [One America News](#) that offer mostly video feeds. They also get a separate category. So please be patient as this list evolves.

As noted previously, this is a developing list, meaning that some of your favorites might not appear in it. In addition, many of the sites I'll discuss also do a little bit of everything, so you (or they) might dispute my classification system, which is somewhat subjective. So if you have further suggestions, please let me know in our comments section below. You'll find that section buried under the parade of distracting ads that appear below this column and my bio. I'll take a look at your suggested sites and consider adding them to the master list next time I update it.

### ***Online breaking conservative news and information sites***

The following breaking conservative news sites usually emphasize straight news but offer varying degrees of analysis as well. They're great sources for the kind of reportage you simply won't find on today's dying and largely fake MSM. Along with the other sites I'll be highlighting in this series, they're all coalescing into what I like to call **The MCU**: *The Marvelous Conservative Universe*. Let's take a look.



*President Donald J. Trump addresses his remarks at the National Day of Prayer Service Thursday, May 2, 2019, in the Rose Garden of the White House. (Official White House Photo by Tia Dufour)*

### **[@realDonaldTrump](#)**

If you want to stay on top of The Swamp's favorite Designated Victim, the only Constitutionally elected president we've got, this is the place to visit to first. The President's Twitter account offers Administration news "Straight out of the horse's mouth" as they say. Or, as I learned in grad school, this account is a "primary

source" of news, not a secondary, spin-edited product of cable's TV's fading MSM blow-dries. *I.e.*, what you read on @realDonaldTrump is what the President says, not what the MSM clowns say he said.

Ironically, in reality, Twitter is primarily an adjunct of the Democrat-Socialist Party. Yet Twitter has served (for the most part) as the definitive primary source of breaking White House news during the Trump presidency. (Except when they shadow-censor presidential tweets, which they seem to do at random.)

Yes, the president is as opinionated as hell. Particularly when it comes to the welfare of working Americans. That's why he was elected. But on balance, even when he's at his most extreme, I believe what the President says routinely over the predictably leftist blather from the likes of CNN's odious Jim Acosta.

As for the President, here's a classic tweet I caught earlier this week.



### **Donald J. Trump**

✓ @realDonaldTrump - 7:17 PM - Oct 14, 2019

Shifty Schiff now seems to think they don't need the Whistleblower, who started the whole Scam. The reason is that the Whistleblower has lost all credibility because the story is so far from the facts on the Transcript. Also, the second Whistleblower is no longer even mentioned!

[101K](#) Likes

### **Judicial Watch.**

Placing this site under the "breaking news" category is perhaps a bit inaccurate. Judicial Watch could equally well go under my upcoming "insight and analysis" segment. But this site deals with a lot of breaking news, largely on the legal front, so that's why it's here.

Starring tenacious legal warrior Tom Fitton, Judicial Watch and its public site should win consecutive Pulitzers for extracting the painful legal truth of The Swamp in great detail, even as our Republic and our President remain under constant attack. JW's pit-bull tenacity has yanked far, far more "secret" government information out into the public sunlight than all the feeble efforts of Congress and the Obama-Holder-damaged Department of "Justice" combined. It will be hard for AG Barr to do a better job. But we can hope.

Judicial Watch – and Fitton's videos – can occasionally seem a bit obtuse for those not attuned to Washingtonian complexities and legal hairsplitting. But this organization is literally on the money in relentlessly exposing the mind-boggling corruption of the Obama criminal gang. Better yet, they've paid particular attention to the machinations of former Secretary of State and Grifter-in-Chief Hillary Clinton.

Unlike most of the Federal Government, Judicial Watch is working for YOU.



*Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. Screen capture via YouTube video.*

### **The Washington Examiner.**

Once a Washington, D.C.-based physical newspaper, The Examiner made a successful move online where it was able to slash costs and maintain quality.

The Examiner is laid out like real newspaper, breaking real news that's (usually) not part of the Deep State spin. (Although they've seemed quite hostile to the President over the past week or so.)



*Washington Examiner front page logo. Screen capture by T. Ponick. Fair use in discussion of online newspaper.*

Salena Zito, the only reporter in America who routinely roams through flyover country, currently writes for The Examiner and the conservative New York Post as well. She is the primary authority on America's neglected heartland, offering uniquely insightful reports on the current mood of the nation's Basket of Deplorables. She's always a must-read, virtually the only reporter who gives a rat's derrière about the Deplorable denizens of Flyover Country. Michael Barone and others also contribute.

### **Breitbart News Network.**

*The late conservative activist Andrew Breitbart. Hoover Institution screen capture.*

Another major source of conservative news and commentary, this site has gotten a little lurid lately. The site's increasingly obnoxious scream headlines, likely penned as clickbait,



can be off-putting to the militant conservatives and libertarians that frequently access the site. Particularly because, when you take the bait and click on the story, you generally get good reporting.

Perhaps [Breitbart.com](http://Breitbart.com) is still be suffering from continuing advertising boycott attempts, pushed with Soros money via the odious Media Matters crew and other globalist Soros front organizations. That makes it harder to pull in advertisers, so maybe they have to try harder by screaming louder. It's just that at time, the hype gets to be a bit much.

That said, the site still offers good reporting on breaking stories. Which we've had a lot of, lately. So I check them out several times a day.

### **[The Daily Caller \(aka, "The DC"\).](#)**



*Tucker Carlson. 2010 photo by Gage Skidmore, CC 3.0 license.*

This was initially Tucker Carlson's baby, which he established after leaving cable TV the last time. He turned it over to others when Fox News gave him his now hugely popular prime-time show. The DC breaks political news with some regularity and is on top of most issues critical for conservatives. Over the past few years, the site sometimes seems preoccupied with entertainment-based effluvia than real news. But, as with Breitbart, this is likely a move to attract more eyeballs and advertising. I'm sure the Soros anti-free speech gang is after their income stream as well.

The DC recently revamped its somewhat dull format to a more flashy and colorful one that was initially too hideously busy. Fortunately, they modified that format after a week or two. That said, the graphic element is still awfully busy, even on my 27-inch, layout-friendly iMac. plowing through it often makes me insane. So do the random, massive pop-ups that obliterate my entire screen until I can find the obnoxiously time-delayed X-box to get rid of them. Hey, maybe a little bit less busy, guys? How about it?

Another recent mod: They've started putting some of their better stories behind a paywall. Which, given the almost psychedelic format, I don't figure out until gets obliterated with another gray-out blocking pop-up. Revenue-wise, I suppose what they're doing with the paywall and the format is potentially good for the bottom line. Access-wise, it's not so good. Fortunately, the stories themselves are usually top notch. Once you get there.

### **[Washington Free Beacon.](#)**

I've recently worked this site into my daily reading rotation, so I'm less familiar with it than I am with some others. Like The Examiner, the Free Beacon's news reportage is real, unlike, say, Washington's fake "newspaper of record," the Washington Post. This site has continued to evolve, and now offers mixed videos and podcasts on its site. I'll be able to say more when I get more familiar with this site.

## **Newsbusters.**

I added Newsbusters to my preferred list of reliable breaking conservative news sites a few months ago. Its news format is more straightforward than Breitbart or The DC. It's a bit more like reading an old-fashioned newspaper, which is actually the way I still prefer to get the news. But authentic, reliably dead-tree news product has been getting scarce. Which gets us back to Newsbusters.

Newsbusters lays out its stories in a neat, two-column format, pushing ads to the side. Which, BTW, is where they belong, not all over the bloody place and flashing away at you constantly like the Fremont Street Experience in Vegas.

Newsbusters is an outward manifestation of the [Media Research Center](#) (MRC), which tells us their mission is "to create a media culture in America where truth and liberty flourish." That seems to be exactly what they're doing. Good, old-fashioned news reporting and some commentary, all with, shall we say, a patriotic American viewpoint. Refreshing to the max. Maybe I'm a little old fashioned, but what's wrong with actual reporting?

Interestingly enough, I just realized MRC's corporate HQ is just a couple of blocks down the road from my house. It's funny what we sometimes fail to notice even though it's staring us in the face. Maybe I sit in front of the computer too much.

## **Twitchy.**

Like many of the sites I use or cruise, Twitchy, launched by Michelle Malkin back in 2012, is hard to categorize. The entire site is based on breaking-news tweets flying in from all political sectors. Twitchy's writers then offer pithy and often hilariously funny snark and ferocious commentary. So if the day's news is depressing (particularly if you've been forced to get it from CNN in some dreary airport lounge), Twitchy's likely to perk up your spirits again.

Twitchy has a decided bias in favor of conservative tweets. And so, as you might expect, they're very much against the asinine tweets coming in from lefty pols and paid lefty trolls. The "news" part of Twitchy consists of chains of related tweets on the same topic, often pro and con. The entertainment / humor part of Twitchy lies in the snide but spot-on running commentary the site provides on each tweet or tweet-storm. In other words it's an actual news site, in the sense that it's Twitter-style topical. As in @realDonaldTrump.

But Twitchy doubles as an entertainment / humor / satire site. Its aim is to treat the radical left twittering machine with the disrespect they richly deserve. True, it's sometimes ephemeral breaking conservative news. But in a 24/7 news environment, catching someone in a questionable tweet often becomes the news. And if so, you'll likely find that twittering mishap right here.

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# Deep State Behind the Deep State: CFR, Trilaterals, Bilderbergs

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Despite the regular references in the establishment press these days to the Deep State as a nebulous force working behind the scenes to attack President Donald Trump, little has been said about the Deep State behind the Deep State — or the real Deep State. Until now.



Parts of this shadowy network — the Council on Foreign Relations (shown), the Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg, and more — are sometimes visible to the public, even if the establishment media rarely highlight the significance. Other powerful elements are practically invisible: Secret societies such as Skull and Bones and the Bohemian Grove, for example, which are described [here](#). But combined, it is clear that the Deep State behind the Deep State wields tremendous power over America and the world. The agenda is becoming clear, too. If left unchecked, this powerful network of Deep State operatives fully intends to foist a draconian system on humanity that they often tout as the “New World Order.” But the American people have the power to stop it.

Much of what has been referred to as the Deep State is merely part of the government — the [legions of entrenched Big Government bureaucrats](#) and especially the [Central Intelligence Agency \(CIA\), the National Security Agency \(NSA\), and other secretive agencies](#). Other analysts have pointed — quite properly — to elements of the Big Business community. Former congressional staffer Mike Lofgren, a top-secret security clearance holder and one of the early voices to develop the idea of a Deep State in America, refers to it as “a hybrid entity of public and private institutions ruling the country.” And he’s right. But it goes even deeper than he seems to realize.

Of course, Lofgren was hardly the first to notice that the elected officials who supposedly control the government are not really in charge. Even close friends and associates of the Deep State behind the Deep State have commented on the issue as it relates to party politics and elections. The late Georgetown University Professor Carroll Quigley, a mentor to President Bill Clinton, was for many years close to the core of the Deep State. He was even allowed to examine its records for a period of time. And then, spilling the proverbial beans, Quigley put some of his explosive findings in his massive 1966 book *Tragedy and Hope: A History of the World in Our Time*. Referring to the Deep State as an “international Anglophile network,” the professor said he had “no aversion to it or to most of its aims,” and added that he had been “close to it and many of its instruments” for much of his life.

On political parties and using elections to change course in government, Quigley ridiculed the idea. “The argument that the two parties should represent opposed ideals and policies, one, perhaps, of the Right and the other of the Left, is a foolish



idea acceptable only to doctrinaire and academic thinkers," Quigley wrote in his book, publication of which reportedly made the Deep State quite upset. "Instead, the two parties should be almost identical, so that the American people can 'throw the rascals out' at any election without leading to any profound or extensive shifts in policy."

Quigley also offered insight into the agenda and machinations of the real Deep State. "The powers of financial capitalism had another far-reaching aim, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole," he explained. "This system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent private meetings and conferences." Some of those meetings, such as the G20, are well known. Others, such as the Club of Rome, the World Government Summit, Bilderberg, etc., while even more important, are almost never mentioned, and remained virtually unknown to most Americans.

There exists a shadowy network of organizations controlled by the Deep State behind the Deep State that serves to coordinate the operations and tentacles of the machine. While secretive, many of the outfits are not secret societies in the true sense of the term. In fact, they have websites, put out reports, and in many cases even make their membership lists public. That these organizations wield incredible power in government, media, academia, the military, banking, intelligence, business, and more is beyond dispute. Their goals, too, are relatively transparent at this point. The question is whether enough Americans will recognize the danger, before it is too late.

### **Council on Foreign Relations**

What Professor Quigley revealed in *Tragedy and Hope* was huge. "There does exist, and has existed for a generation, an international Anglophile network which operates, to some extent, in the way the radical Right believes the Communists act," Quigley wrote in his book. "In fact, this network, which we may identify as the Round Table Groups, has no aversion to cooperating with the Communists, or any other groups, and frequently does so." The leading Round Table Groups he identifies include the [Council on Foreign Relations](#) (CFR) in the United States and its sister organization in Britain known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA, sometimes referred to as Chatham House).

The CFR was founded in 1921 by establishment mega-bankers and globalist ideologists anxious to get America ensnared in foreign entanglements after the U.S. Senate declined to join the League of Nations. In America, it is among the most powerful organizations representing the public face of the Deep State behind the Deep State. To get some sense of how influential the outfit is, consider the words of then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, whose husband and daughter are members, in a 2009 speech at the CFR's new office in Washington. "I am delighted to be here in these new headquarters," she [said](#). "I have been often to, I guess, the mother ship in New York City, but it's good to have an outpost of the Council right here down the street from the State Department. We get a lot of advice from the Council, so this will mean I won't have as far to go to be told what we should be doing and how we should think about the future."

In other words, the unelected CFR establishment sets policy, and the visible government implements it. The same applies to the establishment wing of the Republican Party, which is also dominated by CFR operatives. Knowing how toxic the CFR label has become politically among conservatives, though, a leading CFR "Republican" actually boasted of his dishonesty in concealing his membership from the public.

George W. Bush's Vice President Dick Cheney, for example, was [filmed on video bragging](#): "I've been a member [of the CFR] for a long time, and was actually a director for some period of time. I never mentioned that when I was campaigning for re-election back home in Wyoming." He cackled, and the audience laughed. But he is hardly alone.

Members include [virtually the entire establishment](#). Among others: vast swaths of the Republican and Democrat parties' establishments; countless current and former members of Congress and senior bureaucrats; "journalists," columnists, editors, anchors, commentators, and media execs; CEOs, chairmen, and presidents of mega-banks; multiple Cabinet secretaries in every administration going back generations; current Supreme Court justices; former presidents and vice presidents; Federal Reserve bosses; celebrities; mega-church pastors; military brass; ambassadors, diplomats, and bureaucrats at international organizations; tax-exempt foundation chiefs and executives; leaders and professors at key universities across the country; "intelligence community" bosses who do much of the Deep State's dirty work; and many more. Even some pseudo-conservative "leaders," mostly neocons, are involved in the CFR.

Corporate members include the world's largest bailed-out mega-banks, Big Oil, Big Pharma, crony capitalists, the military-industrial complex, and publishing houses, along with much of the establishment media. Among the mega-banks and financial giants: Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, American Express, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Soros Fund Management, Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Cr dit Agricole, Rothschild North America, Inc., and more. Military-industrial complex: DynCorp, Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., Raytheon Company, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and more. Big Oil: ExxonMobil, Shell, Chevron, BP, Hess, and more. Media: News Corp (Fox News, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post*, *National Geographic*, and more), Time Warner (CNN, HBO), *The Economist*, Bloomberg, and more.

Within the CFR, which has fewer than 5,000 members at any given time, there is a core of figures who play a key role in guiding the organization. The late U.S. Admiral Chester Ward, a CFR member for almost 20 years before defecting and blowing the whistle, wrote in his book *Kissinger on the Couch* that within the CFR there exists a "much smaller group but more powerful ... made up of Wall Street international bankers and their key agents." Primarily, he continued, the members of this smaller group "want the world banking monopoly from whatever power ends up in control of the global government." This CFR leadership faction, he added, "is headed by the Rockefeller brothers."

Of course, not everyone involved in the CFR supports the globalist Deep State agenda. But according to Ward, most do. The former judge advocate general for the Navy explained, among other concerns, the danger of the CFR, the nature of its

agenda, and the ideology of most of its members. He also exposed their power over policy and their methods. "Once the ruling members of CFR have decided that the U.S. Government should adopt a particular policy, the very substantial research facilities of CFR are put to work to develop arguments, intellectual and emotional, to support the new policy, and to confound and discredit, intellectually and politically, any opposition," he explained.

"The most articulate theoreticians and ideologists prepare related articles, aided by the research, to sell the new policy and to make it appear inevitable and irresistible. By following the evolution of this propaganda in the most prestigious scholarly journal in the world, [CFR mouthpiece] *Foreign Affairs*, anyone can determine years in advance what the future defense and foreign policies of the United States will be," he added. "If a certain proposition is repeated often enough in that journal, then the U.S. Administration in power — be it Republican or Democratic — begins to act as if that proposition or assumption were an established fact."

The ultimate goal of the CFR, Ward warned, is global government. "The main purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations is promoting the disarmament of U.S. sovereignty and national independence, and submergence into an all-powerful one-world government," warned the widely respected U.S. admiral. "This lust to surrender the sovereignty and independence of the United States is pervasive throughout most of the membership." Ward also previewed why the CFR's members would be so violently hostile to Trump's campaign promises. "In the entire CFR lexicon, there is no term of revulsion carrying a meaning so deep as 'America First,'" he said. Trump, of course, campaigned on an America First platform to stop globalism.

The subversive agenda to betray the American people and subvert their independence, Constitution, and self-government has been made clear even in the CFR's own propaganda organs such as *Foreign Affairs*. In April 1974, for example, Richard Gardner, former deputy assistant secretary of state, explained how the agenda for world government would be pursued. "In short, the 'house of world order' will have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down," he wrote. "An end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, will accomplish much more than the old fashioned frontal assault." Deception and a slow subversion process, then, are the tools of the CFR. The magazine also regularly promotes regional government, illegal war, and other extreme positions.

### **The Trilateral Commission**

Another outfit like the CFR, only more "elite" and more international, is the [Trilateral Commission](#), founded in 1973 by the late globalist and self-described conspirator for a one-world order David Rockefeller. The late Rockefeller, of course, also played a leading role in the CFR, becoming a member in 1941 and serving as chairman of the board from 1970 until 1985, and an honorary chairman until his death in 2017 at age 101. As with so many Deep State tentacles, [the Rockefellers — and especially David — have been crucial](#) to the Trilateral Commission. Indeed, David Rockefeller was appointed the first chairman.

Aside from Rockefeller, who in his memoirs boasted of "conspiring" with a "secret cabal" against the best interests of America to form a "one world" order, the other key figure behind the Trilateral Commission was Zbigniew Brzezinski, who at the

time was at Columbia University's Russian Studies department. Eventually, he became an advisor to Rockefeller, the North America director of the Trilateral Commission, and the national security advisor to President Jimmy Carter. He also was a key player in arming the jihadist "mujaheddin" holy warriors in Afghanistan, whose descendants the U.S. military is currently battling.

Decades ago, Brzezinski's writings greatly impressed Rockefeller — so much so that Rockefeller decided to take Brzezinski under his wing. Among Brzezinski's ideas that caught Rockefeller's attention were those outlined in his 1970 book [\*Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era\*](#). In the book, Brzezinski argued, in essence, that America was "obsolete," and that a new world order needed to be created to take the place of the previous U.S.-dominated system. Rockefeller, apparently, agreed.

While Brzezinski's book acknowledged some of the problems in the Soviet Union, it also showered praise on Marxism. "Marxism represents a further vital and creative stage in the maturing of man's universal vision," he wrote. "Marxism is simultaneously a victory of the external, active man over the inner, passive man and a victory of reason over belief: it stresses man's capacity to shape his material destiny — finite and defined as man's only reality — and it postulates the absolute capacity of man to truly understand his reality as a point of departure for his active endeavors to shape it. To a greater extent than any previous mode of political thinking, Marxism puts a premium on the systematic and rigorous examination of material reality and on guides to action derived from that examination."

Following his attack on obsolete America and his praise for Marxism, Brzezinski, a member of the CFR before his death, went on to advocate the creation of "a council for global cooperation" bringing together "the United States, Japan, and Western Europe." This body, he wrote, would "be concerned with political strategy" and "bringing together the political leaders of states sharing certain common aspirations and problems of modernity." But in the end of the book, Brzezinski revealed the real purpose of his proposed council: another critical step on the road to a global government that brings together the communist and non-communist nations into one unified regime.

"To sum up: Though the objective of shaping a community of the developed nations is less ambitious than the goal of world government, it is more attainable," he wrote. "It is more ambitious than the concept of an Atlantic community but historically more relevant to the new spatial revolution. Though cognizant of present divisions between communist and non-communist nations, it attempts to create a new framework for international affairs not by exploiting these divisions but rather by striving to preserve and create openings for eventual reconciliation. Finally, it recognizes that the world's developed nations have a certain affinity, and that only by nurturing a greater sense of communality among them can an effective response to the increasing threat of global fragmentation — which itself intensifies the growing world-wide impatience with human inequality — be mounted." Rockefeller apparently agreed, spawning the Trilateral Commission.

Much less has been written about the Trilateral Commission than, say, the CFR, but its influence is nevertheless enormous. And even well-respected conservatives have long recognized the threat this outfit poses to liberty and America. In his 1979

memoir *With No Apologies*, Senator Barry Goldwater exposed its agenda. "In my view the Trilateral Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power — political, monetary, intellectual, and ecclesiastical," he wrote. "What the Trilaterals truly intend is the creation of a worldwide economic power superior to the political governments of the nation-states involved.... As managers and creators of the system they will rule the future."

Around that time, a major exposé of the Trilateral Commission was written by Stanford historian Antony Sutton and researcher Patrick Wood, entitled [\*Trilaterals Over Washington\*](#). In a recent statement to *The New American*, Wood highlighted the significance of the organization. "The Trilateral Commission was international, founded to create a 'New International Economic Order,'" explained Wood, editor of *Technocracy.news* and a nationally known speaker. "Their members have been the architects and drivers of all modern globalization, including that which comes through the United Nations as Sustainable Development and Green Economy. Although the Trilateral Commission is international in scope, in the U.S. they are more than just being part of the so-called Deep State, they ARE the Deep State!"

Aside from the pursuit of globalism by bringing together key influential figures from Europe, Japan, and North America, a crucial element of the Trilateral Commission was and remains the "New International Economic Order" (NIEO) described by Wood. At first, the idea confused observers. Eventually, though, Wood concluded that the NIEO — an idea regularly promoted by the UN, even using the same term — was a re-branding of the older movement for "technocracy." In fact, Brzezinski's 1970s book, which purports to deal with "America's Role in the Technetronic Era," makes that clear. In essence, a global technocracy would involve rule not by elected representatives, but by technocrats. Freedom would be a thing of the past. And it appears to be coming into view.

Far from concealing his agenda, Brzezinski continually boasted about it when surrounded by his comrades. For instance, in 1995, speaking at the "State of the World Forum" convened by former Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev and backed by the Rockefellers and other establishment forces in the West, the luminary behind the Trilateral Commission proudly touted the vision for a one-world regime. "We do not have a New World Order.... We cannot leap into world government in one quick step," he explained. "In brief, the precondition for eventual globalization — genuine globalization — is progressive regionalization, because thereby we move toward larger, more stable, more cooperative units." And indeed, the crucial Deep State organization has played a key role in accelerating that process in Europe via the European Union, in North America using NAFTA, and in the Pacific region using a wide array of transnational regimes.

### **The Bilderberg Meetings**

In addition to the CFR and the Trilateral Commission, there is yet another shadowy outfit with Rockefeller and other establishment globalists at its core: Bilderberg. Founded in 1954 by former Nazi SS member Prince Bernhard, the annual meetings and the network behind them started at the Hotel de Bilderberg in the Netherlands, ostensibly as a "forum for informal discussions, designed to foster dialogue." Generally there are between 120 and 150 attendees, most of whom come from

Europe and North America, representing every tentacle of establishment power. More than a few analysts have referred to Bilderberg as the “shadow” global government. And there is some truth to the charge. But in reality the true “Deep State behind the Deep State” is more complex than that.

Most recently, the Bilderberg group met this summer in Chantilly, Virginia. Until recent years, the network, which hosts annual meetings organized by a steering committee, was virtually unknown to the American public, despite the regular attendance of many of the world’s most influential people and their useful idiots — including top “journalists.” Among the attendees is a collection of [powerful figures from Big Government, Big Green, Big Media, Big Oil, Big Espionage, Big Banks, Big War, Big Internet, Big Foundations, Big Communism, Big Data](#), and most of the other important “Bigs.” Virtually all of the attendees [share at least one common element though: a fanatical devotion to globalism and secrecy](#).

In public, Bilderberg summit organizers work to downplay the confab as a mere off-the-record discussion forum. A [press release](#) from Bilderberg released ahead of this year’s summit, for example, claims the purpose is merely to stimulate “dialogue” between “Europe and North America.” “There is no desired outcome, no minutes are taken and no report is written. Furthermore, no resolutions are proposed, no votes are taken, and no policy statements are issued,” claims the statement posted on Bilderberg’s official website. Numerous attendees, though, have suggested and even openly admitted in public statements over the years that much more than a mere “private talk” is in fact going on at the controversial summit.

In fact, multiple attendees have admitted in public comments that policy is indeed discussed — and even set — behind Bilderberg’s closed doors and its legions of mostly tax-funded security. For example, in 2010, former NATO boss and two-time Bilderberg attendee Willy Claes explained in a radio interview that reports of speeches given at the summit are, in fact, compiled. “The participants are then obviously considered to use this report in setting their policies in the environments in which they affect,” Claes added. Analysts said the remark was essentially an admission that Bilderberg attendees are secretly plotting your future behind closed doors — and they are.

Claes was hardly the only one to spill the beans. The year before Claes’ stunning public admission, then-Bilderberg chairman Etienne Davignon — a former European Union commissar and current Belgian minister of state — told the online publication EUobserver that the network and the annual meetings “helped create” the controversial euro currency imposed on 17 (and counting) formerly sovereign European nations. Much evidence also suggests that the summits played a major role in foisting the EU superstate on the peoples of Europe against their will — a process that continues despite the lack of even a semblance of public support. Speaking to the BBC in 2005, Davignon also admitted that at the summit, “automatically around the table you have internationalists.” *Internationalist* is just another term for *globalist*.

This writer had an opportunity to go to Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2014 to cover the Bilderberg summit taking place there for The New American magazine. And outside the confab, which as usual took place at a fancy hotel, Diederik Samsom, a Bilderberg attendee and the leader of the Socialist International-aligned Dutch

Labor Party, admitted on camera that he was attending the summit in his official capacity as parliamentary leader. Asked if he was there in an informal capacity, as Bilderberg claimed, Samsom responded: "Well, I'm formal, because being a politician, you're 24/7, so there's no way of exiting my role." By contrast, the Bilderberg website says, "Participants take part in the conference as individuals in their own right." The comments by the Dutch lawmaker and "sustainability" zealot, however, suggest otherwise.

It was hardly the first time that a Bilderberg attendee had contradicted, in public, the official narrative sold to the masses. In fact, more than 15 years ago, radical left-wing Bilderberg attendee Will Hutton — a former British newspaper editor, a pro-EU extremist, and a vehement opponent of American conservatism — also hinted at the influence of the gathering and its role in global policymaking. "[Bilderberg] is one of the key meetings of the year," he wrote in 1998. "The consensus established is the backdrop against which policy is made worldwide." The admission could not get much clearer than that. And yet, officially at least, the Bilderberg network continues to claim that the meetings are simply forums for discussion.

As if the fruit were not clear enough, the policy vision of Bilderberg bosses has also been publicly articulated by attendees. Basically, what unites the seemingly disparate globalists appears to be mainly their fanatical devotion to globalism — the transfer of political power and self-government away from nation-states and the peoples who make up those nations to unaccountable supranational regimes controlled by Bilderberg attendees and other Deep State swamp creatures. While there are occasionally "conservatives" and even the odd "libertarian" who attend, all are globalists. Indeed, based on their public statements, at least, it appears that virtually every attendee at Bilderberg is and has been for more than six decades an enemy of national independence and a proponent of globalism and the ongoing global effort to undermine national sovereignty.

Indeed, many have admitted the agenda in public. In 2001, for instance, former British chancellor of the exchequer and Bilderberg bigwig Denis Healey told the left-wing U.K. *Guardian*, one of the few papers that has provided extensive Bilderberg coverage, that it was a little "exaggerated, but not wholly unfair" to say that the outfit's overall goal was to impose a global government on humanity. "Those of us in Bilderberg felt we couldn't go on forever fighting one another for nothing and killing people and rendering millions homeless," he claimed, as if the globalists were simply destroying nationhood for the benefit of humanity. "So we felt that a single community throughout the world would be a good thing." By "community," globalists really mean government — after all, the European Union was a "community" before the full-blown superstate was openly announced.

Aside from guiding policy, a great deal of anecdotal evidence suggests Bilderberg plays a major role in selecting the policymakers in charge of foisting their schemes on an unsuspecting public. In 1991, for example, a virtually unknown governor from Arkansas attended. Shortly after that, he became President Bill Clinton. Obama, too, went to Bilderberg before becoming president. Multiple members of virtually every U.S. executive branch Cabinet for generations have also attended, including several of President Trump's top officials, such as Defense Secretary James Mattis, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, and Energy Secretary Rick Perry.

It is not just American politicians and bureaucrats whose careers seem to get a major boost from attending the summits, either. Tony Blair, for example, attended Bilderberg as a virtually unknown opposition member of Parliament. He then became prime minister shortly afterward. Numerous other British prime ministers, including David Cameron, have also attended. Other countries in Europe have faced similar occurrences, such as Bilderberg bigwig and Goldman Sachs operative Mario Monti being installed as the unelected prime minister of Italy in 2011, shortly after attending Bilderberg meetings. More than a few analysts have suggested that Bilderberg leaders were “vetting” puppet politicians to determine whether they would be a good fit.

At the European Union level — where voters and the peoples of Europe have virtually no say in governance — the same phenomenon has been observed. In 2005, even the state-funded BBC highlighted it. “All the recent presidents of the European Commission attended Bilderberg meetings before they were appointed,” the broadcaster reported. EU overlords, of course, are not elected by the people. In 2009, meanwhile, former Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy — a virtual nobody unknown throughout the bloc — was mysteriously installed as EU “president” just days after attending the confab. In a bizarre speech that sparked criticism, ridicule, and alarm worldwide, he promptly announced that “global governance” was advancing.

## **Prevalence**

The Deep State behind the Deep State has a lot of overlap in terms of membership and leadership. Beyond the Bilderberg, CFR, Trilateral, and such establishment organs are other secretive and semi-secret organizations, such as the World Affairs Council, the Aspen Institute, Le Cercle, the Brookings Institution, the Club of Rome, the Atlantic Council, the World Economic Forum, and even **the relatively new “World Government Summit” that last year erected the Arch of Baal at its confab in the United Arab Emirates.** Each of these plays an important role in the Deep State’s architecture.

The Deep State behind the Deep State also includes [an array of secret societies, including Skull and Bones, Bohemian Grove, and others](#). There are also key individual leaders of the Deep State behind the Deep State, including the [Rockefeller, Soros, and Rothschild families](#). Aside from the organizations they control, and in tandem with their influence exercised through government power, these figures also rely heavily on the tax-exempt foundations where they shelter their loot from taxes while funding efforts to advance their agenda.

And beyond all those that are known are, undoubtedly, others that are not even known publicly.

Unfortunately, Trump has [many operatives for the real Deep State serving at the highest levels of his administration](#). More than a few of his Cabinet secretaries, for example, are current or former members of the CFR, the Trilateral Commission, and more. As previously mentioned, some are also attendees of Bilderberg, with several senior Trump officials attending this year’s Bilderberg meeting in Virginia. But, it is also becoming obvious that the Deep State behind the Deep State does not trust Trump — at best — and actively despises him at worst. That is a good sign, though it is no guarantee that anything will change.



For Christians, Jews, and God-fearing people generally, there is certainly a spiritual component to this whole "Deep State" agenda. But Americans do not need to be helpless victims of these shadowy forces. In this [special report](#), in addition to exposing the Deep State and its various tentacles, *The New American* also offers potential solutions for people to [get involved in this fight](#). Americans who wish to see a return to self-government under the Constitution must get busy. There is an incredible opportunity, now, to set the Deep State's globalist agenda back by decades or even generations. Exposing the Deep State will be crucial. The American people, acting through Congress to stop it, will be key. But to seize the opportunity, Americans must get educated, activated, and organized.

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# An Introduction to Q

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Who is Q? What is Q? And, perhaps most importantly, why is Q? Q and the ever-growing worldwide movement it's inspired have been the objects of fascination, mockery and hatred, but of surprisingly little serious analysis.

Q first appeared in October 2017 on an anonymous online forum called 4Chan, posting messages that implied top-clearance knowledge of upcoming events. More than 3,000 messages later, Q has created a disturbing, multi-faceted portrait of a global crime syndicate that operates with impunity. Q's followers in the QAnon community faithfully analyze every detail of Q's drops, which are compiled [here](#) and [here](#).

The mainstream media has published hundreds of [articles](#) attacking Q as an [insane rightwing conspiracy](#), particularly after President Trump seemed to publicly confirm his connection to it. At a North Carolina [rally](#) in 2019, Trump made a point of drawing attention to a baby wearing a onesie with a big Q.



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In recent weeks, the tempo of Trump's spotlighting of Q has accelerated, with the President retweeting Q followers twenty times in one [day](#). Trump has featured Q fans in his [ads](#) and deployed one of Q's signature phrases ("These people are sick") at his rallies. The President's lawyer, Rudy [Giuliani](#), has also retweeted Q followers.

Q has noted that the media never asks Trump the obvious question: What do you think of Q? To Q followers, the reason they don't ask is obvious. They're afraid of the answer.

In the meantime, Q's influence continues to spread. Protestors in Hong Kong, Iran, and France have held up Q signs and chanted Q quotes. Q's revelations are uniting people all over the world who want freedom.

If you're unfamiliar with Q or only know it through the media's attacks, I'd like to provide a brief introduction to this extraordinary phenomenon. I've followed Q since the first drop, and I've grown increasingly impressed by the accuracy, breadth and depth of Q's messages. Q followers were prepared long in advance for the easing of hostilities with North Korea, the deflation of the mullahs of Iran, and the discovery of Ukraine as a hotbed of corruption for American politicians. They knew a great deal about Jeffrey Epstein's activities before the public did and anticipate even more shocking revelations to come. As Q likes to say, "Future proves past." As Q's predictions come true, they lend retroactive credibility to the entire enterprise.

Q's followers believe that Q is a military intelligence operation, the first of its kind, whose goal is to provide the public with secret information. Many Q followers think the Q team was founded by Admiral Michael Rogers, the former Director of the National Security Agency and former Commander of US Cyber Command. Some suspect that Dan Scavino, White House Director of Social Media, is part of the team, because the high quality of Q's writing has the luster of a communications expert.

Q is a new weapon in the game of information warfare, bypassing a hostile media and corrupt government to communicate directly with the public. Think of Q as a companion to Trump's twitter. Whereas Trump communicates bluntly and directly, Q is cryptic, sly and subtle, offering only clues that beg for context and connection.

Here's the way it works: Q posts messages (also known as "drops" or "crumbs") on an anonymous online forum, which are discussed, analyzed, and critiqued by the board's inhabitants. (The forum has changed a few times after massive online attacks.) Hundreds of social media accounts then spread Q's latest posting to worldwide followers who share their research, analysis, and interpretations of Q's latest information.

I've compiled a list of Q's most famous catch phrases and tried to put them into context.

**The Great Awakening:** We're living in a unique time in which ordinary citizens around the world are collaborating to understand and expose the corrupt system that rules us. The system thrives on deception, and the overwhelming task of The Great Awakening is to penetrate its lies and reveal the truth.

The first phase of The Great Awakening is heightened awareness of the Deep State – the interlocking governmental entities that operate outside the law to expand their own power. Elections and popular opinion don't impact the ability of the Deep State to enforce its agenda.

The second phase of The Great Awakening investigates the Deep State's alliance with other powerful sectors: the media, Hollywood, charities and non-profits, public schools and universities, religious organizations, medical, scientific and financial institutions, and multinational corporations. This phase can be painful, as you discover that "**those you trust the most**" (in Q's phrase) are deceiving you. Beloved celebrities, religious leaders, doctors, educators, innovators, and do-gooders are all in on the hoax.

The third phase of The Great Awakening is perhaps the most painful of all. The people who rule us are not merely amoral creatures who view us as collateral damage in their drive for money and power. It's scarier than that. The potentates we serve are actively trying to harm us. That's their goal. We're under coordinated attack.

**Dark To Light:** Q tells us that what our rulers fear the most is exposure. Bringing their crimes out of protected darkness into the light of public scrutiny destroys their power to deceive. And as their power fades, the darkness of our divided, violent world will yield to the light of freedom, cooperation, and peace.

**Where We Go One We Go All (WWG1WGA):** Q's most famous phrase expresses the worldwide egalitarian nature of the movement. Every country is suffering from the system's oppression, and the whole world will benefit from a rebirth of freedom. In this unique movement, anonymous citizens work in collaboration with the highest-ranking military leaders and the president, and everyone's contributions are valued. When commenters on the board have thanked Q for his service, Q has replied that no one is above and no one is below. "We work for you."

**These people are sick.** Perhaps the most difficult aspect of The Great Awakening is coming to terms with the depravity of our rulers, whom Q has called The Cult. Jeffrey Epstein's story has helped to awaken people to some of the elite's crimes. The mysterious temple on Epstein's island hints at possible future revelations that are frightening in their scope. Q followers believe that The Cult engages in ritual practices that enshrine the shedding of blood and which prey on the innocence of children. The sickness in their souls thrives on brutality, war, and terror. These disclosures will be tough for the public to take.

**Trust the plan.** The presumed military leaders who created Q and who protected Trump throughout the election and presidency have created a precise path to victory. Despite the seeming chaos of daily events, a steady progression of victories is taking place. The plan includes offensive maneuvers against the Cult's financial power, legal standing, human supply chains, and military capacity. And, of crucial importance, the plan attacks the Cult's ability to control the narrative that shapes what the public believes. In this high-stakes game of information warfare, Q plays a vital role by empowering ordinary citizens (like me) to spread the truth.

**They want you divided.** The hatred that's growing between races, classes, age groups, religions, and political parties is purposely fomented by the Cult. The more we're divided and focused on attacking each other, the weaker we become. Q urges us to stay together and to fight the Cult, not each other.

**They think you're sheep.** The Cult believes, as Q says, "you'll follow the stars" – the celebrities in media, Hollywood, and academia who tell you, in coordinated fashion, what you're supposed to think. Their contempt for you makes them confident they can control you and ensure your surrender to any agenda. Q, on the other hand, offers only clues and can only be understood by high-grade critical thinking, spurred by constant crowd-sourced criticism and reassessment. The essence of the Q movement is to think for yourself.

**Bigger than you can imagine. Expand your thinking.** Q encourages us to reevaluate everything we think we know. The Cult may date back to ancient times, and through its powerful families, it might have manipulated historical events in ways that we haven't suspected. The Cult may also possess advanced technology and medical cures that have not been released to the public. One aspect that may be "bigger than you can imagine" is the unfathomable scale of theft from our national coffers, as funds for foreign aid and wars wind up in the Cult's pockets.

**Track resignations.** Beneath the surface, a broad and deep cleansing of corrupt players is taking place. Q asked us to track resignations to understand the scope of activity. (Here's a website that took him up on his request: [www.resignation.info](http://www.resignation.info)) Resignations, retirements, and unexpected deaths from major players in politics, media, charities, and corporations all point to possible deals being made quietly without the public fanfare of arrests. For me, a notable resignation is Eric Schmidt's abrupt exit from Google, which received little media attention. Schmidt [resigned](#) on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, the same day that President Trump signed an [executive order](#) declaring a national emergency related to "serious human rights abuse and corruption around the world." Further context for Schmidt's resignation may be inferred from this [photo](#) of him in North Korea, apparently in an advisory role. Standing next to him is Bill Richardson, former Governor of New Mexico, the state in which Epstein had a secret ranch. Richardson has been accused by one of Epstein's victims.

**Their need for symbols will be their downfall.** The Cult uses certain symbols over and over again, which may serve some ritualistic need, but makes them vulnerable to detection. Q followers are familiar with Y-shaped horns that mimic those of the goat deity Baphomet, owls, pyramids, one eye encased within a pyramid, red shoes, bandaged fingers, and other repeating symbols, including the mysterious black eye that afflicts so many famous people. The Q Army also knows the coded pedophile symbols listed by the [FBI](#). When Q drew attention to the design of Epstein's temple, alert Q followers noticed how similar it is to the set design of a famous talk show. And the red ring on the hand of dead terrorist Qassam Soleimani prompted Q followers to compile images of similar rings on the hands of powerful people. An excellent source for understanding how these symbols are incorporated into pop culture targeting the young through music videos, TV shows and movies can be found at [vigilantcitizen.com](http://vigilantcitizen.com).

**Nothing can stop what is coming. Nothing. Now comes the pain.** The headlines on any given day may sound discouraging for those who want justice to prevail. But these setbacks are temporary, as a juggernaut of justice heads our way. As Q likes to say: **We have it all.** Massive amounts of irrefutable evidence await the criminals who try to evade their reckoning in court. For those who worry about Trump's ability to overcome impeachment, election fraud, and assassination attempts, Q assures us: **Patriots in control.** And no legal tricks can help the criminals escape the ultimate judgment of public disgust. Q promises us that **the day is coming when they can't walk down the street.**

**You are the news now.** The "fake news" decried by President Trump is losing credibility and audience by the day. Q has exposed the 4 A.M. drops that provide the daily talking points to media personnel, so they can all parrot the same propaganda. Q has also named various journalists whom he says take bribes. The media is concentrated within six powerful companies; on the other hand, the Q army is vast, voluntary, and anonymous. Q assures us that our efforts to disseminate the truth through social media and conversations with family and friends are having a huge impact. We are the news now.

**We know what happens in the end. God wins.** Many times, Q has asked us to pray. He's quoted the famous Biblical lines of Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." We're living through monumental times. It's comforting that Q believes that if we work together, God wins.

Q sources for further research: [qmap.pub](#) [qanon.pub](#) [qproofs.com](#)

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