

# Former FBI Director James Comey: Morally, Ethically and Legally Challenged

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*Last May, Trump fired FBI director Comey, saying he lost confidence in his ability to manage the agency - at the time calling him "a showboat, grandstander," along with other ad hominem remarks.*

Comey failed to call for Hillary's prosecution for conducting classified State Department business on her private server - merely saying:

"There is evidence that (she was) extremely careless in handling very sensitive, highly classified information" this way - a serious offense gone unpunished.

Comey lied saying the FBI couldn't prove she knowingly exchanged classified information stored on her unsecured private server.

She conducted sensitive State Department business this way, including with material designated "top secret."

Yet Comey whitewashed the FBI's investigation into her illegal and highly improper activities to save her from prosecution.

He's named along with former Deputy FBI director Andrew McCabe and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein in the explosive Russiagate FISA memo.

It revealed extensive information about the Justice Department, FBI and fake Trump doggy dossier - financed by Hillary and the DNC, based on disinformation from former UK MI6 intelligence operative Christopher Steele.

It made spurious accusations without evidence, alleging misconduct and collusion between Trump, his campaign team and Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign - including phony accusations of Russian US election interference.

In August 2017, Judicial Watch (JD) said

“Comey sits in a firestorm of his own making. By his own admission, he created and then leaked memos to ensure that a special counsel would be appointed to investigate President Trump” – when none was justified.

“Comey broke government rules and laws as part of his machinations. Special Counsel Mueller is unlikely to investigate his friend Comey – just continue his Russiagate witch hunt endlessly, finding nothing suggesting Trump’s team colluded with Russia on anything.

Comey disgraced the office he held, mocking legal, moral and ethical standards – including involvement in the sham Russiagate probe, along with letting Hillary off the hook for serious wrongdoing.

He remains unaccountable for his own offenses, contemptuous of the rule of law in public office, perhaps as a private citizen.

Now he’s cashing in handsomely, his memoir mistitled “A Higher Loyalty,” published this week.

Ahead of its release, it became Amazon’s top-selling book. Days earlier, RNC chairwoman Ronna McDaniel called the book “salacious, (Comey) discredit(ing) himself.”

Law Professor Jonathan Turley slammed him, saying his book has nothing to do with “justice as an ideal,” adding:

“Comey is selling himself with the vigor of a (reality TV) Kardashian and the viciousness of a Trump. While professing to write the book to protect the FBI as an institution, Comey is doing that institution untold harm by joining an ignoble list of tell-all authors” – along with cashing big in by telling things his way.

Involved with investigating Trump as FBI director, discussing an ongoing probe is highly unethical, Comey’s book an exercise in self-interest, notably self-enrichment.

Justice Department prosecutors said he violated his obligation to “preserve, protect and defend the traditions of the Department and the FBI.”

He was supposed to find administration leakers. He became one himself, illegally and improperly removing memos he wrote about the Russiagate investigation and his relationship with Trump – FBI material, not his personal journal.

Under bureau rules, he was prohibited from removing the material. He gave them to Columbia University Professor Daniel Richman to leak to the media, including classified information.

He remains unaccountable for his actions. Interviewed Sunday on ABC News 20-20, a PR vehicle promoting his book, he accused Trump of multiple offenses, calling him “a serial liar, (a) stain” on staff working with him, a mafia boss “morally unfit to be president...some evidence (showing his) obstruction of justice.”

His tell-all book committed offenses leading to his firing, revealing more about himself than Trump.

He was interviewed last year by special counsel Mueller as part of his Russiagate witch-hunt probe.

His book, lengthy ABC News interview and others sure to come compromised his remarks about Trump – true or false.

Past FBI directors were circumspect. Comey’s abuses of power as FBI director reveal a morally and legally challenged, unethical public official, further discredited by his self-serving book.

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