

# Former Trump Campaign Manager Paul Manafort Indicted

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Last May, **Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein** appointed former FBI director **Robert Mueller** as special counsel to investigate any connection between Trump's campaign and Russia.

After months of work, he found nothing, instead got a grand jury to indict Manafort and his business partner **Rick Gates** - charges unrelated to Trump's campaign or Russia.

[Manafort and Gates were indicted](#) on 12 counts, including conspiracy against the United States, conspiracy to launder money, operating as unregistered foreign agent, false and misleading Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) statements, other false statements, and seven counts of failure to file reports of foreign bank and financial accounts.

Charges relate to their earlier lobbying for Ukraine.

Note: AIPAC has been an unregistered agent for Israel since 1953 - no charges ever brought for operating illegally, nothing holding the sinister group accountable.

Whatever Manafort, Gates, and Papadopoulos did or didn't do, at most it was minor compared to decades of AIPAC's support for Israeli high crimes, along with malicious lying, fear-mongering and promoting naked aggression against its adversaries.

Manafort and Gates will appear in court for the first time Monday afternoon. In response, Trump tweeted:

"Sorry, but this is years ago, before **Paul Manafort** was part of the Trump campaign. But why aren't Crooked Hillary & the Dems the focus?????"

"...Also, there is NO COLLUSION."

Hillary remains an unindicted war criminal, racketeer and perjurer, no one in Washington daring to lay a glove on her or husband Bill, both belonging in prison.

Instead, they used their public positions to become super-rich – through lucrative book deals, speeches, and a self-enrichment foundation, masquerading as a charitable NGO.

In January, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) falsely accused Russia, and **Vladimir Putin** personally, of ordering an “influence campaign” to harm Hillary and “undermine public faith in the US democratic process (sic).”

In October 2016, ODNI and DHS expressed confidence that Russia hacked DNC and Hillary emails, falsely accusing its government of interfering in America’s electoral process.

In over a year, not a shred of evidence was presented, proving the accusations – nothing from House, Senate and Mueller investigations.

Accusations were fabricated to delegitimize Trump and bash Russia, media scoundrels playing the lead role as agents of the imperial state.

**Paul Manafort, Rick Gates and George Papadopoulos** await their day in court, innocent unless proved otherwise beyond a reasonable doubt.

Charges against them have nothing to do with Russia or Trump! Over a year of providing no evidence of a connection to Trump’s campaign, or an effort to harm Hillary’s, just spurious accusations, shows it’s virtually certain no credible proof of Russian meddling in last year’s presidential election will surface.

How can it when nothing happened – when accusations against Russia were fabricated!

Investigations by Congress and Mueller are exercises in mass deception, a waste of time and money, Western media failing to expose the chicanery.

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