

In the Wake of RussiaGate: A Moral Reckoning Is Due

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With Russiagate, the Democrats created some powerful karma to answer for; especially for the likes of Rep. Adam Schiff and Rep. Eric Swalwell, (D-Calif.), both of whom persist in the mindless search for the Holy Grail. After cheating Bernie out of the nomination in 2016, the Dems had not yet learned their "karmic lesson" when they lost to the Donald in the Presidential election. The Mueller Report is but the latest of that karmic reckoning.

There is no pride in being one of those who "got it right" that there was no evidence, not a scintilla of material fact to prove collusion between the Trump campaign and the dastardly Russians. As the country has been torn asunder by a two year politically tainted investigation begun with no evidentiary standard and no probable cause, there is little satisfaction to be gained.

That being said, we must acknowledge that all the players who supported this unprecedented farce as an attack on the country's rule of law. How could the autocratic digital giants, the intel community (which missed 911), the already discredited MSM and the pathetically trivial Democratic party think they could get away with lie after lie? Because they counted on the Democratic rank n file and other hypnotized Americans to believe anything they are told – repeat a lie often enough and the masses will own it.

The determination of no new indictments and no collusion is little cause for celebration in that the country should not have had to endure the extended anguish of an insistent, irrational, near-hysterical drumbeat generated by the MSM and Democrats as coconspirators. It is fair to say that all participants were consciously aware that they were repeatedly lying to the American public just as it is highly probable that Special Counsel Robert Mueller who was appointed in May, 2017 knew well before the 2018 mid-term elections that allegations of collusion and obstruction were unsubstantiated.

Now that the *Report into the Investigation on Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election* has been delivered, all can rest assured that the American system of government works, that the checks and balances did their job and that American democracy survived another close call.

As a result of the hyperventilating hubris, the word 'collusion' has now become an empowered part of the lexicon. There is now an implicit warning for any candidate, or indeed any citizen, to be wary with whom they speak, be wary of their associations, to not fraternize with just anyone and to be ultra sensitized to meeting with any potential adversary, even in the legitimate interests of diplomacy.

In addition, without the political will to do so, there will be little initiative for PTB (powers

that be) to undo the new generation of intense <u>political repression</u> and censorship initiated by Russiagate that can be traced directly to Clinton's loss in 2016. Two weeks after that election, the Washington Post, long believed to be a CIA asset, combined allegations that <u>Russia exploited</u> American online platforms "critical of the US government" with the now discredited creation of 'fake news' that 200 American websites were "<u>peddlers</u> of Russian propaganda."

As Attorney General William Barr quotes from the Mueller Report

"The Special Counsel found that Russian government actors had successfully hacked into computers and obtained emails from persons affiliated with the Clinton campaign and Democratic Party organizations and publicly disseminated those materials throughout various intermediaries including Wikileaks."

This statement is in direct contradiction with <u>Bill Binney</u>, former NSA Technical Director for Analysis and co-founder of NSA's Signal Intel Center who conducted independent forensic research. Binney concluded that the data was 'leaked by a person with physical access to the DNC computer" and that the "DNC data was downloaded to a storage device and transported to Wikileaks, like on a thumb drive or cd rom." While neither Mueller, any Congressional committee nor the FBI ever contacted Binney regarding his findings, the <u>DNC refused</u> to turn over their computer to the FBI for forensic testing. After the full Mueller report is publicly available, Binney's feedback promises to be enlightening.

As some Democrats and MSM continue to spin the illusion of a pending obstruction of justice charge, Barr's letter relying on the Mueller Report is clear – the "Report identifies no actions that constitute obstructive conduct" and that 'evidence does not establish that the President was involved in an underlying crime," therefore, there is no proof 'beyond a reasonable doubt' that obstruction occurred. Legalese 101 says that obstruction cannot be alleged if no crime was committed but when did proof or evidence ever make a difference to the co-conspirators. Review of the Mueller Report itself will provide further details.

It was the unverified Steele dossier that provided the <u>FBI</u> with the basis for its submission to the FISA Court that Russian collusion had occurred and in order to obtain the necessary warrants (four of them) to spy on the Trump campaign; specifically US Naval Academy graduate, the hapless Carter Page. Prior to its FISA Court submission, the FBI knew that the Dossier was a bogus document. We know that the <u>HRC campaign</u> and the DNC funded Fusion GPS firm to get the dirt on Trump. Fusion then brought in <u>Christopher Steele</u> who put together a salacious piece of garbage that the FBI took and ran with.

The dossier was then circulated by Obama CIA Director John Brennan and publicly released by BuzzFeed and CNN in January, 2017. Former Obama Director of National Intelligence James Clapper provided 'inconsistent information' to the House Intelligence Committee that he "flatly denied" any media discussions regarding the dossier and then "subsequently acknowledged discussing the dossier with CNN's Jake Tapper" and perhaps others.

CNN (Tapper, Carl Bernstein, Evan Perez and Jim Sciutto) went on to win White House Correspondents Association's 2018 Merriman Smith <u>Award</u> for <u>outstanding</u> reporting with the Judges noting that the "depth of reporting demonstrated in these remarkable and important pieces, and the constant updates as new information continued to be uncovered

showed breaking news reporting at its best." The WHCA gathers annually to "celebrate the First Amendment and the crucial role of journalism in informing and protecting the public." BuzzFeed, which broke the original story, did not share in the \$2500 award.

In reality, the award apparently struck other WHCA members as unusual, considering the entire story took <u>little actual reporting</u> and instead relied on leaks from Brennan and Clapper.

There should be enough shame to go around but there appears to be no evidence of a conscience or the need to pay a karmic debt among any of the perpetrators.

In the aftermath of Mueller, Judicial Watch has filed an <u>FOIA suit</u> to obtain the records of communication between Brennen, Clapper and CNN including all documents related to the dossier.

In a September, 2016 text message from FBI attorney Lisa Page to Peter Strock, she relates the preparation of talking points to brief FBI Director Jim Comey on the efforts to bring down Trump. In that same message, Page adds that "POTUS wants to know everything we are doing."

The question arises whether the usual mealy-mouth Republican establishment and a previously compromised FISA Court will step up and better protect the Constitution than they have in the past?

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