

Indicting a President Is a New Development in America's Decline: How It Happened

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In a previous article (August 3, 2023) I explained why the indictments of President Trump are entirely fabrications for political and propagandistic reasons. Today I will answer the question how it is possible for a President of the United States to be indicted multiple times for behavior while in office.

A US president is surrounded by legal counsel. It is not possible for a president to go around breaking scores of laws. Normally such phony indictments as Trump faces would not be possible. Not only has no president in US history been previously indicted, the political party he represents would be up in arms pointing out the absurdity and political nature of the indictments. The indicting party would be overwhelmed with criticism and exposure.

But not in Trump's case. Why?

As I wrote in 2016, Trump had no knowledge of Washington. He threw down the gauntlet to the ruling powers, but had no idea who to appoint, who would support his challenge and was quickly staffed up with his establishment enemies.



Consider Trump's chosen vice president, Mike Pence. On August 1, Pence said that Trump put Trump above the Constitution and therefore should never be permitted to become president. See [this](#).

What does Pence mean when he says Trump put himself above the Constitution? He means that Trump challenged the obvious electoral fraud that stole Trump's reelection.

Let's assume that the election was not stolen, but that Trump was convinced or influenced, as I am, by the claims made by many experts and the evidence that they presented that the election was stolen and did not want to be ushered out of office before the claims could be investigated.

But Pence refused to prevent the vote certification before it could be verified. Pence served the ruling establishment and got Trump out of office prior to knowing if the vote was honest. Remember, despite the hard evidence presented in many forums by many unrelated experts, nothing was done about the information they provided. The very minute Biden was declared the winner, the MSM "presstitutes" began the endless refrain: "there was no vote fraud."

The coverup propaganda prevailed. And certainly Pence was not going to let anyone establish the truth by delaying the certification of an election that was clearly stolen. There is really no doubt about it.

Consider Trump's attorney general, the establishment figure William Barr. One function, probably the most important, of a US attorney general is to keep an administration on the right side of all the many laws, treaties, agreements, of all the things that can result in embarrassments. In recent years, and perhaps always, attorney generals have protected presidents from consequences of illegal actions, such as George W. Bush's and Obama's illegal wars in the Middle East and North Africa based on orchestrated deceit and lies to the public, the allies, and the United Nations.

Today we are witnessing the attorney general protecting both President Biden and his son from known crimes that are well established. But not a word from the Justice (sic) Department, the media "presstitutes", or the legal profession.

Here is how the turncoat Barr served the president who appointed him AG. On August 3 establishment member Barr said that the indictments against Trump are "legitimate," but Trump's claim that he has a free speech right to say his reelection was stolen is "not valid." See [this](#).

In other words, Trump broke some unknown law that if it existed would be unconstitutional for challenging the unexamined vote count on the basis of many experts' evidence that his reelection was stolen. What is this alleged law? How can indictments be made on the basis of a non-existent law?

Try to imagine the extent of the gag being shoved in the mouth of a President of the United States.



Now consider President Trump's chosen national security advisor, John Bolton. When Trump appointed Bolton national security advisor, I knew for certain that Trump was a defenseless babe in the woods.

Trump has no worst enemy than the neoconservatives of whom Bolton is the worst.

When Trump said one of his main goals was to "normalize relations with Russia," the neoconservatives and the entirety of the military/security complex turned against him and regarded him as a deadly enemy. Here was Trump declaring the end to the neoconservatives dream of world hegemony and the termination of Russia's enemy status that would diminish the budget and power of the US military/security complex. The CIA, NSA, FBI, US military, and the neoconservatives and their think tanks and publications instantly set about destroying Donald Trump.

John Bolton says Trump is in love with authoritarian rulers and rule, that Trump will cut defense spending, thus weakening the neoconservatives ability to start wars all over the world. See [this](#).

I agree with Bolton that Trump does not know how to serve the agendas of the ruling elite and would fail to serve well the elite's agendas. But from my standpoint, which differs fundamentally from Bolton's, it is not the elite's agendas that are important. What is important, if America is to be restored and continue as a free country, is that the massive attacks on US civil liberties be stopped and punished. To defend America means to defend the US Constitution. It does not mean to serve the profits of the powerful economic interests, the Woke ideologies of the universities, Democrat Party, and intellectuals, or the war-mongering of the neoconservatives. It is all to the good if Trump makes a mess of these agendas that are destroying the United States and the American people.

When people say Trump is unfit to be president, they don't understand the reason why. The reason that Trump is unfit is that Trump does not have the background that permits him to differentiate enemy from friend. The two friends he had were quickly evicted from his administration, which ended up consisting entirely of the Washington Establishment.

And now in his dangerous difficulty, his own appointees are viciously damning him. Trump's term was like a western frontier marshal setting out to arrest an outlaw by appointing the outlaw's gang as deputy marshals.

Trump appointed to his government the enemies that he intended to destroy.

It seems that the American people, a majority of actual voters, are going to stick with Trump, but as time passes perhaps they will succumb to the propaganda against him.

The Rinos (Republicans in name only) are working hard with their theme that "we have to move on." But if he is again elected, I doubt he will be permitted to assume the presidency.

He has seen and experienced too much. The corruption of everything that was America is vastly worse than Trump ever imagined or the American people know. If Trump gets power again and has the wits to appoint *only* the people who understand the erosion of America and have the will to fight to restore our rights and our country, it is the ruling Establishment that will rebel.

Biden and Obama have turned the US military into a corrupt Woke organization. The US military is the last organization that will come to America's defense, or, to put it differently, they will come to Woke America's defense, but not to the defense of traditional American values and the US Constitution.

The next election will determine whether America has a future.

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