

Report on Mueller's Witch Hunt Exposes Russiagate Hoax

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Summarized, redacted or in full doesn't matter. House, Senate and Mueller probes ended with a whimper, not a bang. They laid an egg, discovering nothing connected to the mandate of what was probed.

Russiagate has been and remains a colossal hoax. Cooked up by Obama's Russophobic CIA director John Brennan, it's one of the most shameful chapters in US political history.

Since the US intelligence community falsely accused Russia of US election meddling in October 2016 — presenting no evidence because there is none — Mueller's report was much ado about nothing.

His 19-lawyer team, 40 FBI special agents, intelligence analysts, forensic accountants, and other professional staff spent around \$25 million.

They issued 2,800 subpoenas, 500 search warrants, almost 50 orders authorizing use of pen registers, 13 requests to foreign governments for evidence, over 230 orders for communication records, interviewed about 500 individuals, and made 34 politicized indictments on dubious charges unconnected to his mandate.

The Mueller team discovered nothing connected to phony allegations of possible Trump team/Russia collusion to triumph over Hillary, no collusion or obstruction of justice. See below on the latter.

From inception in May 2017, <u>Mueller</u>'s politicized probe lacked legitimacy – a colossal waste of time and millions of dollars spent for nothing. He never should have been appointed special counsel in the first place.

Accusations of Russian US election meddling persist, "in sweeping and systematic fashion," according to the Mueller report – despite no evidence suggesting it, nothing but baseless accusations.

Why would Russia or any other country interfere in America's political process?

The outcomes are always the same. Dirty business as usual wins every time. Republicans and Dems are two sides of the same coin. Not a dime's worth of difference separates them on major issues mattering most.

They're two right wings of one-party rule. The war party runs things – beholden exclusively to Wall Street, the military, industrial, security, media complex, and other corporate interests, along with high-net worth individuals. Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the Mueller report "is not an issue for us. It is not a thing that interests us or causes us concern," adding:

"All the reports on the matter that have been released so far contain nothing but cursory statements. We have more interesting and important things to do."

DNC/Podesta emails were leaked by a Dem insider, not hacked by Russia, any other country or individual. No evidence suggests otherwise.

Former UK ambassador Craig Murray earlier explained that "(t)he source of these emails and leaks has nothing to do with Russia at all," adding:

"I discovered what the source was when I attended the Sam Adam's whistleblower award in Washington. The source of these emails comes from within official circles in Washington DC. You should look to Washington not to Moscow."

"WikiLeaks has never published any material received from the Russian government or from any proxy of the Russian government. It's simply a completely untrue claim designed to divert attention from the content of the material."

Big Lies repeated enough get most people to believe them. Polls show most Americans believe Russia interfered in the US 2016 presidential election. They believe Russia hacked DNC/Podesta emails – despite no evidence proving either allegation.

Around half of Americans believe Trump colluded with Russia to triumph over Hillary. Again no evidence suggests it. The House, Senate, and Mueller reports debunked the notion.

The Mueller report states the following:

"Although the investigation established that the Russian government perceived it would benefit from a Trump presidency (sic) and worked to secure that outcome (sic), and that the Campaign expected it would benefit electorally from information stolen and released through Russian efforts (sic), the investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities."

According to Common Cause, "(t)here is no federal law making collusion a crime." US law prohibits "the solicitation or receipt of a contribution from a foreign national" or government.

"Federal law prohibits candidates from cooperating or consulting with a foreign national (that) is spending money to influence a US election."

No evidence suggests Russia contributed to or in any way tried to influence the outcome of the US 2016 presidential election – or any other US elections. Claims otherwise are baseless because nothing supports them.

No evidence suggests Trump and/or his team engaged in a conspiracy as defined in US law -

an agreement between two or more parties to commit an illegal act, along with intent to achieve a stated goal.

The Mueller report includes 11 instances of possible obstruction of justice by Trump and his campaign staff – short of accusing anyone of this crime.

According to Law Professor Jonathan Turley, "(c)rimes must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. They cannot be purely matters of perception. That has been the case regarding the obstruction allegations made against the president."

"(O)bstruction theories against (Trump) far outstrip the available evidence of the crime...Trump appears more guilty of obsessive rather than obstructive conduct" – the former a personality trait, not a crime.

Following release of the Mueller report, Turley said the following:

Trump "did not fire anyone involved in the investigation. He did not destroy any evidence. He did not end the investigation prematurely."

"He took no actual obstructive acts. To charge him would have amounted to a virtual thought crime."

"...Trump not only ordered senior staff to cooperate with Mueller, but he did not withhold evidence. Most important, he waived executive privilege over the entirety of the report in an unprecedented degree of transparency."

There's plenty about Trump to criticize and hold him accountable for, including high crimes of war and against humanity, along with serving monied interests at the expense of the general welfare, and much more.

No evidence suggests he or his team engaged in collusion with Russia to triumph over Hillary or obstruction of justice.

Debunking the colossal Russiagate hoax by House, Senate and Mueller reports should close this ugly chapter in US history.

The politicized show will go on as long as Trump remains in office – Dems wanting it used for political advantage in the 2020 race for the White House.

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