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The Travesties of the Trump Trials

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Do not believe the White House/mainstream media-concocted narrative that the four criminal court cases—prosecuted by Alvin Bragg, Letitia James, Jack Smith, and Fani Willis—were not in part coordinated, synchronized, and timed to reach their courtroom psychodramatic finales right during the 2024 campaign season.

These local, state, and federal Lilliputian agendas were designed to tie down, gag, confine, bankrupt, and destroy Trump psychologically and physically. They are the final lawfare denouement to years of extra-legal efforts to emasculate him.

Indeed, the nation is by now worn out by these serial assaults on constitutional norms:

- the Hillary-funded Steele dossier subterfuge;
- the pre-election Russian laptop disinformation campaign;
- the two impeachments without special counsel reports;
- the impeachment Senate trial of a private citizen;
- the effort to remove Trump's name from state ballots;
- the ongoing attempt to emasculate the Electoral College; or
- the radical opportune changes in state election laws to ensure massive mail-in balloting.

Recently, Andrew McCarthy has <u>reviewed in depth</u> this coordination between White House personnel and prosecutors, long known and long denied by the left. Biden, for example, had complained to aides about Attorney General Merrick Garland's tardiness in getting special federal prosecutor Smith appointed—and thus apparently ensuring Trump was convicted before the election.

Nathan Wade, Fani Willis's now-fired paramour prosecutor, visited and consulted with the White House counsel's office when he was acting supposedly as a purely local county prosecutor. The January 6th left-wing-dominated

congressional committee consulted with the Biden administration in sending forth its criminal referrals about Trump's purported role in the protests. And to handle his pseudo-indictment against Trump, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg hired Biden Justice Department official Vincent Colangeio.

Two, the prosecutors' delayed criminal indictments and E. Jean Carroll's civil suit were predicated only on Donald Trump running for reelection. After his 2020 defeat, the loss of the two Republican senate seats in Georgia, and the January 6 demonstrations/riot, Trump was written off by pundits as politically toxic.

Then his historic comeback in the subsequent year terrified the left. The reboot prompted the subsequent indictments and suits years after the purported crimes. It was left unsaid that had Trump not been a conservative Republican and leading presidential candidate, he would have never been indicted.

Three, most of the indictments either had no prior precedent in criminal law or will likely never be used again, at least against anyone left-wing. Moreover, many of the writs relied on manipulation of statutes of limitations.

Neither Bragg nor any other local prosecutor had previously transformed a supposedly local affidavit misdemeanor into a supposed federal campaign finance violation, a gambit so preposterous that it had been passed on by federal attorneys.

Letitia James was the first New York Attorney General to indict a state resident for the supposed crime of overvaluing real estate to obtain a loan, which was paid back timely and in full, to the profit of lending institutions. No bank, after auditing Trump's assets and viability to pay back loans, was unhappy to loan to him. But all were quite happy to profit from the hefty interest—and would likely be happy to loan to him again.

James sought to make Trump a criminal without ever finding a crime, much less a victim. Nor, until the checkered and unethical career of Fani Willis, had any local prosecutor ever indicted an ex-president for a supposedly improper phone call questioning whether all the state's votes had been fully counted.

Alvin Bragg's case was nonexistent given the statute of limitations on supposed misdemeanors committed over six years prior—until Bragg transmogrified the accusations of minor crimes into felonies and, with them, extensions granted supposedly due to the COVID lockdowns.

In Carroll's case, her unsubstantiated accusations of a sexual assault were also well past the statute of limitations until a left-wing New York legislator and unapologetic Trump hater passed a special law—a veritable bill of attainder aimed at Trump—waiving the statute of limitations for a year in cases of accusations of long-past sexual assault in the state of New York.

Four, all the indictments and suits took place in either blue cities, counties, or states. And most of the jury pools in or near New York, Atlanta, or Miami were or will be heavily Democrat. So far, the New York judges who have overseen Trump's civil and criminal trials—Justices Engoron, Kaplan, and Merchan—were all liberals, appointed by Democrat or liberal politicians, and some have donated to Democrat causes. They were not shy about expressing disdain for defendant Trump. No changes in venues were ever allowed.

Five, all the prosecutors, Bragg, James, Smith, and Willis, are likewise either Democrats or associated with liberal causes. In the case of Bragg, James, and Willis, all three ran for office and raised money on promises and boasts of getting Donald Trump. And all three have now set the precedent that local and state prosecutors can warp the law and use it to go after an ex-president and leading presidential candidate of the opposite party for naked political purposes.

Six, all these cases were equally applicable to high-profile Democrat politicos. E. Jean Carroll's defamation suit was the most laughable of all the court dramas, but its outline and protocols just as easily could have applied to Tara Reade. She came forward to accuse candidate Biden of having sexually assaulted her years earlier—roughly about the same period's as Carroll's fluid timelines. Her story is about as believable or unbelievable as Carroll's. But the difference was that whereas the media canonized the delusional and self-contradictory Carroll as a useful anti-Trump tool, it demonized Reade as a crazy loon and liar—and a potential impediment to Biden's 2019-20 primary campaign.

Bragg had to torture the law to fabricate a federal campaign finance indictment against Trump. But Hillary Clinton clearly violated federal campaign statutes—and was variously fined—when she tried to hide her "opposition research" payments to Christopher Steele as "legal expenses." In truth, Steele was hired and paid to concoct a fake anti-Trump dossier, and likely should have been barred from working for a presidential campaign given he was not a U.S. citizen.

In the case of Smith, simultaneously with his case against Trump, his twin special prosecutor, Robert Hur, found that Joe Biden had unlawfully removed classified files for much longer than Trump (30 years plus), in a much less secure

location (his rickety garage), and without a president's authority to declassify his documents. Moreover, he had disclosed their contents to his ghostwriter, who destroyed evidence under subpoena by Hur. Yet unlike Trump, Biden was not charged, given that Hur claimed that Biden, in his opinion, was so old and amnesiac that he might win sympathy rather than a conviction from a jury.

Willis indicted Trump for supposedly trying to pressure officials to "find" missing Trump ballots, thus supposedly violating "racketeering" statutes, as he oversaw an attempt to find troves of ballots he thought had been cast for him. Of course, in the same state, Stacy Abrams, after losing the gubernatorial race of 2018, claimed she had actually won, despite losing by over 50,000 votes. She sued to overturn the election and then made a celebrity-political career touring the nation, falsely claiming she was the real governor and her victorious opponent was an illegitimate governor.

For that matter, in 2016, left-wing organizations, celebrities, and thousands of political operatives sought to overturn the Trump victory by appealing to the electors to renounce their states' popular vote tallies and thus become "faithless electors." In sum, there was a true conspiracy, or, better, a "racketeering" scheme, to use Willis's parlance, to coordinate various groups to overturn the constitutional duties of electors to throw the election to Hillary Clinton. Clinton,

along with the likes of ex-president Jimmy Carter and soon-to-be House Minority Leader Hakim Jeffries, would continue to deny that Trump was the legitimately elected president.

In sum, the number of suits against and indictments against Trump grew in correlation to his political fortunes. They were designed in the election year 2024 to do what Democrat voters likely cannot. They are ridiculous and sui generis, and will never be used against anyone other than Trump. They have done more damage to democracy, the rule of law, and equal justice to the law than all of the antics of which Trump is accused.

Moreover, they will set in motion a dangerous tit-for-tat cycle of weaponization that threatens the very constitutional order of the United States.

If Trump is elected to restore the rule of equal justice, will a Republican special counsel revisit Robert Hur's work and find ex-President Biden quite capable of standing trial for the crimes Hur has already investigated and confirmed?

Will then a new Republican-appointed FBI director order a SWAT-like raid, with Fox News forewarned and Newsmax reporters on the scene, to descend into the Biden beach house?

Will county and state prosecutors in Utah, Montana, and Oklahoma feel that to stop this cycle of illegality, they must charge the Biden family members by bootstrapping local indictments onto federal crimes?

Will conservative women in the future come forward in Arkansas, Idaho, and Alabama to claim that in their past, they now suddenly remember that decades ago a prominent Democrat candidate harassed them? Will their right-wing lawyers cherry-pick the proper red-state judge?

Will conservative district attorneys find ways to indict Joe Biden on the various imaginative bookkeeping and "*loan repayments*" used to disguise the fact his corrupt family received well over \$20 million from illiberal foreign interests, much if not all of it camouflaged to avoid income taxes?

Will some South Carolina legislator get a bill of attainder passed in the legislature, ending the statute of limitations for a year for all those in 2016 who sought to undermine the electors and flip them to Hillary Clinton?

In August or September, will a right-wing state prosecutor and a conservative judge find that Joe Biden's creative bookkeeping warrants a \$450 million fine, payable before appeal?

And will Republican officials and judges in purple states move to get Biden's name off the ballot?

Such scenarios are endless and, given the current precedents, could all be justified as desperate deterrent measures to shock the left into ceasing their efforts to sabotage our constitutional system and rule of law.

A final note. There is a divine order of balance in the world, one known variously by particular civilizations as kismet, nemesis, karma, or what goes around, comes around payback. We've already seen such forces at work: Sen. Schumer at the head of a mob at the doors of the Supreme Court, calling out threats to justices by name, only now finding pro-Hamas thugs circling his own home. Or Democrats during the Trump years straining to find ways to invoke the 25th Amendment, now humiliated into claiming a non-compos-mentis Joe Biden is "sharp as a knife."

Tragically for the country, to stop this left-wing madness, the Trump travesties may not be the end, but the beginning of precisely what the Founders feared.

It's Red Zone Time

Long Game Is Lost Quit screwing with cleaning voter rolls and STOP MAIL-IN BALLOTS to Walmarts and 7-11s

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So you found 3 dead guys on the voter roll. Now what?

You spent months cross searching death records with voter rolls and you found 3 dead voters, 5 voters who moved out of the district, and 4 more who graduated from college 5 years ago but still vote from the dorm.

Now go to the county registrar and see what happens.

Nothing.

You are a clue, not a case.

You said these voters ought not be on the roll - now at best, the registrar will start a long process of checking. If the registrar does anything - which is doubtful.

In every state, hundreds of engaged, patriotic citizens do this every day and it is the equivalent of digging a hole in your yard and filling it up - then digging it out - lots of effort and zero to show for it.

Nobody is being taken off of the voter rolls - the few who are removed are more than replaced by NGOs (non-governmental orgs) registering new voters - illegal aliens or passers-by in a mall.

It's arithmetic time.

Less than 200 days until November 5, 2024.

Most states have laws that you cannot screw with a voter roll - period - 60 or 90 days before an election. That means you now have 140 days - max.

There is literally no way the voter removal strategy is effective.

Useless national voter orgs are now CROWD SOURCING finding phantoms because they have zero technology to do it.

It does not matter how you find a phantom - he or she is NOT going to get removed from the voter roll in enough numbers to make a 2024 difference in the 15 swing counties!

Now is not the time for the long game.

It's red zone time.

Why are so many people trying to clean voter rolls - long game stuff?

You guessed it - the Republican "non-partisan" voter integrity national orgs (that is not a contradiction) are selling the nonsense that cleaning voter rolls will get the job done.

It's a fund raising scam - and you fell for it.

These grifters have been organizing voter roll MANUAL cleaning for decades and the result was 2020: hundreds of thousands of fake voters, real voters at fake addresses, real voters at real addresses that are ineligible (like a Chinese restaurant), or real voters at real addresses that are eligible - but not quite.

Like the address in the 500 unit apartment building without a UNIT or APT number - generating an undeliverable ballot - picked up by the Leftist runner paid \$15 per loose ballot.

The national voter integrity orgs are blind to all of this - because they invested in crappy relational technology which makes every such example invisible to them. They are obsolete - and obsolete orgs fight yesterday's war.

We can prove they, and ERIC, the Leftist relational system - are obsolete! Just go to our videos on the Omega4America.com site.

Every one of the thousands of clearly ineligible voters, addresses were invisible to these relational systems - for decades!

That's why they want you cleaning voter rolls by hand - because they cannot find them with a computer!

Yesterday's battle was the voter showing up in person.

Today's is the massive mail-in ballot flood - in some states like Nevada, Colorado, Washington - all votes are mail-in. Motor-voter laws in several states register anyone who gets a driver's license - in some cases not checking for citizenship.

Diligent sleuths may knock off a few dead voters in Kansas or Kentucky but hundreds of thousands more flood Michigan, Texas, Wisconsin and other key electoral college battlegrounds.

There may be a long game to play - but it starts on November 6th. Right now, we are in the middle of a major election storm - and the national orgs are completely useless.

Start with the RNC.

The RNC was universally seen as useless by everyone except Leftists who loved their lethargy and the RNC National Committee persons feted at lavish parties - particularly the born-rich guy who called me three times to complain I was beating them up.

Then Trump's people took over.

We don't follow political stuff - we are simple software guys - but we can see incompetence as well as the next guy.

Incompetence?

Perhaps bypassing the best street-fighting voter integrity attorneys in America - in Wisconsin - and hiring a junior lawyer, at a RINO law firm - as the RNC Top Gun in one of the most corrupt states in America - thus acquiescing to the great 2024 bend over and take it coming in Wisconsin - that's pretty dumb.

That's your RNC - today!

Right now, electorally - the RNC in the key swing state of Wisconsin is what in the software business we call bare-ass naked. (It's a tech term).

Fortunately, nobody takes the RNC seriously - even with the change of management - who then promptly hired back the useless people they properly fired. You cannot make this stuff up - and if you are reading it, care about winning in 2024, grab some Chardonnay.

Scratch the RNC.

These are the guys who publicly showed a Powerpoint presentation noting they are hiring armies of lawyers and poll watchers - when over 67% of the ballots in swing states are coming in via the mail. Good luck!

Over 67% of the mail-in ballot problem in every one of the 15 swing counties comes from addresses which have no bedrooms - thus are ineligible. When asked why the RNC had no plan to thwart the majority of the problem - ineligible ADDRESSES, their lead "election integrity" person say "we didn't budget for that!"

Can you imagine in a corporation - take Budweiser for instance - someone doesn't "budget" for the blowback from taking the top selling beer in America - sold to young guys with beer bellies and baseball caps - and not "budgeting" for the blowback from positioning that beer as "tranny beer?"

That's is the level of incompetence at the RNC this week! How about the national voter integrity orgs? Yes, the same ones who missed the greatest election steal in history - or at least the most consequential one - 2020! Those guys!

Well, their fund raising is going great.

Unfortunately they miss about 90%, perhaps more, of all the anomalous data in the voter rolls. Now, it no longer matters - because we are simply out of time.

The Red Zone is the area in football where somebody is about to score - if you did not already pick that up.

So when your team is about to score, you operate differently than you did 50 yards earlier. If you are about to be scored upon (Republicans) you also operate quite differently in the Red Zone.

It is indisputable we are in the Electoral Red Zone.

Alone.

The RNC is as useless as before, albeit with a more picturesque leader.

The national voter integrity orgs now have 33 months of failure under their belts - and as our videos show - please watch about 15 minutes of any one of them - not much has changed from 2020.

So what's the Red Zone Defense?

Here's a simple proposal. Feel free to post your own - that can be executed in less than 200 days - with little support from national orgs.

Identify every ADDRESS to which a mail-in ballot will be mailed in 2024 - and which is ineligible because it's a Walmart, 7-11, gas station or warehouse. Show those addresses to the county registrar - and stop ballots from being mailed to them!

RESULT: You won't stop all the ballots but as the Wisconsin team showed in 2022 - you can stop enough to win a statewide race!

Identify the key tax exempt groups illegally funding the Leftist election apparatus - "out" them by showing - graphically - their ties to China, or to 501C orgs who illegally took government grants - and challenge their tax status.

RESULT: You aren't going to get any of these groups' status changed - that's for sure - but you are going to make them curtail their extremes - because for the first time ever- we can show those interrelationships via the Dark Money Tracking System.

If you are using relational technology, you aren't going to be able to produce either list. You are technologically pretty screwed. Thus, those of us in the quantum world have already done all the heavy lifting.

All you need to do is apply quantum technology and both problems quickly become solvable.

For the first time, every address in every swing county appears - with photos - of these ineligible addresses.

Do we think it works?

Sure did in Wisconsin for the last 3 years!

Sure did recently in Mississippi where the Secretary of State was put on notice by the voter integrity movement there that either he would clean those voter rolls or they would do it for him - with a quantum computer system. (Watch the video of this voter integrity group on our site).

While the national voter integrity orgs raise dough to lose again with relational technology, we, the guys who built the TSA No-Fly List, stopped eBay auction fraud and have 40 years' experience bringing new technology to market - will continue to suggest ways that work.

Biden White House Signals Pessimism About Election in Surprising Way

The Biden administration appears to be preparing for the worst, pushing through a whirlwind of regulations including a re-write of Title K

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It's not just atrocious polls that suggest President Joe Biden will lose in November; it's also the behavior of the White House. In just the past few weeks, the Biden administration has rolled out over a dozen new initiatives and rules, many of them – like banning development of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve -- likely to impact our country far into the future. It's a startling avalanche of executive activity.

Call me crazy, but that looks like a White House panicked that its days are numbered.

Who can blame them? A new national CNN poll shows Trump leading the president by six points, one of the biggest gaps yet; more important, Fox News surveys have Trump inching ahead in several critical swing states.

Bad polls, an unpopular president, disruptive protests at home and rising threats around the world, sinking consumer confidence and resurgent inflation; all signs point to defeat in November. Hence, the whirlwind of regulations, which includes the following:

- 1. New FTC rules that ban non-compete agreements;
- 2. A re-write of Title IX;
- 3. EEOC charges of racism against a company because they avoided hiring criminals;
- 4. More federal help on student loans;

- 5. FTC preventing the merger of two luxury goods makers;
- 6. New overtime rules;
- 7. New regulations detailing airline refunds;
- 8. New decision restricting drilling in Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve;
- 9. FTC blocking hospital group mergers;
- 10. New power plant emissions rules;
- 11. Putting on hold a ban on menthol cigarettes;
- 12. A revamp of school lunch mandates, reducing sugar and salt.

The Biden administration appears to be preparing for the worst, pushing through policies that could be overturned if passed later in the year. Congress has 60 days to nix rules promulgated by federal agencies with a simple majority; if there's a red wave, Biden diktats adopted in the traditional "lame duck" session would likely disappear. The Trump administration employed that tool successfully, ditching several policies rolled out late in President Obama's second term; Biden returned the favor when he came to office.

Some decisions, like forgiving student loans or not banning menthol cigarettes which are favored by Blacks, are obviously meant to attract targeted voters. Others seem to scratch a progressive itch, like the upending of long-standing employment laws.

Voters should wonder: Is all of this activism well-thought-out? The answer is almost surely no. After all, these are the folks that forced Detroit automakers to go all-in on EVs, sure that Americans were ready to abandon their gas-guzzling SUVs.

Consider the FTC, led by the reckless ideologue Lina Khan. Under Khan's guidance, the FTC has clamped down on corporate merger activity. Most recently, the agency sued to block luxury fashion firm Tapestry's acquisition of

Capri. Tapestry owns Coach, Stuart Weitzman and Kate Spade, while Capri owns the Versace, Jimmy Choo and Michael Kors labels.

Henry Liu, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition claims, "This deal threatens to deprive consumers of the competition for affordable handbags..." Forgive me, but only a man could utter such nonsense. Any woman will tell you that there are a gazillion handbag makers, and that they compete mainly on style and image, not price. And, frankly, that few of them are "affordable."

This is one of many examples of the FTC interfering with the normal pursuit of business. Fashion is fickle; companies continually add names and brands to survive. Liu has no idea what he is talking about.

But we cannot dismiss this FTC intervention as insignificant. The Biden White House, just like that of President Obama, is tragically lacking in business leaders, and in common sense.

Lina Khan is a typical progressive Biden appointee, who is now compiling an impressive record of overreach and defeat. She failed to prevent Meta from acquiring the virtual reality company Within, failed to keep Microsoft from buying Activision and will probably fail in her effort to keep grocers Albertson and Kroger from combining. She denies that mergers can create efficiencies and lower costs for consumers. As an undergraduate, she wrote a paper criticizing Amazon for being big; if Khan had been in charge, Americans would not be enjoying the obvious convenience of the world's largest online retailer.

It isn't just the FTC which, by the way, is also behind the outrageous and sure to be overturned ban on non-compete agreements. Consider the new Department of Transportation demands that airlines must "*immediately*" refund money for delayed or canceled flights and reimburse passengers for equipment issues like non-working TVs. Talks about adding headaches to an industry constantly toggling between profits and losses! What the government should be doing is

investing in critical air traffic control equipment and infrastructure; let consumers punish airlines that don't treat them fairly.

Some of the White House's most enduring and damaging new rules have to do with energy. Biden is desperate to shore up his bona fides with the environmental lobby, and so has added new restrictions on domestic oil and gas development. Consequently, he just banned exploration of a vast swath of Alaska's huge National Petroleum Reserve, even though the region contains some of our country's most promising prospects and despite support for drilling from the state's native population.

In addition, the president's EPA has recently issued new power plant emissions rules that could force the closure of many coal-fired power plants, even as demand for electricity expands. It also requires by 2032 wide-spread use of carbon-capture technology that does not yet exist on a large scale. Similar rules adopted by the Obama administration were overturned by the Supreme Court in 2016; critics claimed executive overreach. The Biden team's approach, which could undermine the nation's energy security, is likely to meet the same fate.

These are not sensible policies; they are the wish-list and fantasies of a progressive White House not likely to pay the price for their damaging meddling. Here's hoping.

SCOTUS Weighs Presidential Immunity

During oral arguments on Thursday, some justices made it clear that the case transcends Donald Trump's actions in the aftermath of the 2020 election.

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Neil Gorsuch was the definitive jurist at last Thursday's oral arguments before the Supreme Court — but only because he first announced that he wasn't interested in the particular case before him.

"I'm not concerned about this case," said Donald Trump's first Supreme Court appointment, "but I am concerned about future uses of the criminal law to target political opponents based on accusations about their motives."

For good measure, Gorsuch added, "We're writing a rule for the ages."

Indeed, they are. Whether Gorsuch really couldn't care less about ruling on Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election — an election that seems more rigged, more rotten, and more disastrously consequential with each passing day — is perhaps dubious. How could he not be interested in an election that so roiled the nation, an election that more than a third of Americans believe was illegitimate?

What matters is that Gorsuch's statement about the long-term consequences of presidential immunity set the tone for the day's proceedings. It ennobled the

justices' line of inquiry by making clear that the real issue wasn't Donald Trump but the American presidency writ large and for the lifespan of the American republic.

"As you've indicated," said Justice Brett Kavanaugh, "this case has huge implications for the presidency, for the future of the presidency, for the future of the country."

As for the arguments in this case, their merits might be boiled down to this: It's the extremism, stupid. By that, I mean that both the Biden position and the Trump position are fairly wing-nutty. No rational observer believes a U.S. president should be entirely above the law — that, for example, he should be allowed to rig an election or falsify a FISA warrant and thereby spy on his political rivals. Oh, wait. But nor do thoughtful observers believe a president should spend his time in office looking over his shoulder, intimidated into inaction by the prospect of a vile, petty, vindictive, hyper-partisan successor hellbent on raiding his home, snooping through his wife's underwear drawer, and prosecuting him for matters that a more decent man would, out of respect for the office and the enormity of its responsibilities, refuse to pursue legally except as a last, last, last resort.

Special persecutor Jack Smith and Biden counsel Michael Dreeben got a taste of where things were headed at the adult table early on. As the <u>Wall Street Journal</u> editorial board put it: "Chief Justice John Roberts was especially scathing about the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that a President has no immunity. That opinion argued — and Mr. Dreeben defended it — that 'a former President can be prosecuted because he's being prosecuted,' said the Chief."

Not only does the DC Circuit's rationale ignore the fact that presidents are somewhat special people and that the decisions they must make are unlike those of any other American citizen, but it also argues that Trump may be prosecuted because Trump is being prosecuted. With apologies to Winston Churchill, that's a tautology posing as a circularity wrapped inside a redundancy.

Trust us. We're the government.

That's the insulting argument Smith, Dreeben, and their ilk are making before the Supreme Court.

What we have here is the criminalization of politics and the criminalization of electoral due process. Only when Trump tries to exercise his constitutional right to dispute the results of an election is it "a threat to our democracy." Only when Trump's legal team organizes a second set of electors in disputed states is it

considered obstruction of justice rather than due process. Only when Trump asks a state-level election official to disqualify illegitimate votes — not create more votes — is it a crime.

As Power Line's John Hinderaker notes: "The Supreme Court justices no doubt care about the future prospect of either:

- 1) lawless presidents, or
- 2) a cycle of meritless prosecution of presidents once they leave office. (And believe me, when Joe Biden leaves office I hope Republicans can find a way to bring multiple criminal prosecutions against him.) But Jack Smith cares only about getting a conviction between now and November, however flimsy his theory may be."

This is an unprecedented case: A sitting or former president has never been before the Supreme Court for a matter of criminal immunity. Based on the questioning of all nine justices, it's highly likely the High Court will find some sort of middle ground and return the case to a lower court, which will need weeks, if not months, of additional fact-finding. And that means that this case isn't going to go to trial before November's election.

Sorry, Jack.

In the end, the Trump team's argument about the horrors that could result if future presidents from both parties weren't afforded some degree of immunity for their actions in office clearly resonated with the justices. That's what happened in this hearing, and it was a blow to the Democrats' ongoing efforts to criminalize our political differences.

If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.

Plato