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## Divided States of America: The Lawless vs. The Lawful

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Last summer, Richard Salsman wrote, “American government is becoming both despotic and negligent. ... Look next for severe erosion in American election integrity—a central cancer in any corrupt ‘Banana republic.’”<sup>1</sup> The election on November 3<sup>rd</sup> validates the forecast. As of today the erosion is a still crime in progress: the attempted theft of the highest office of the greatest, most just and productive people in history—that of the Presidency of the United States. The crime has metastasized to abject lawlessness at nearly all levels of government. Examining this “crime of the century” enables us to forecast what’s likely next. How to proceed? In the words of Alexander Hamilton, “Let us not mistake words for things, nor accept doubtful surmises as the evidence of truth. Let us consider the Constitution calmly and dispassionately, and attend to those things only which merit consideration.”<sup>2</sup>

### It’s Different This Time

The U.S. stands at its most definitive crossroads since the Civil War. It faces two clear yet opposite trajectories: full, tyrannical lawlessness, or a reprieve (and faintly possible reversal) from its longstanding trend to full socialism. Only one will emerge dominant, within only a few weeks, depending on which party controls the Presidency, the Senate, or both. Lincoln’s premise—that a house divided cannot stand—remains operative, as does Lenin’s: “There are decades where nothing happens; and

there are weeks where decades happen.”

For the quarter-century beginning with Bush I, the divisions were typically superficial spats over the rate at which socialism would be imposed or retarded. Under Obama, socialized medicine and politicization of the justice system accelerated rapidly. Trump, as a political outsider and crusader for new measures like border walls and tariffs against scapegoat China, showed how similar the long entrenched Republicans and Democrats had become: both were thwarting prosperity for Americans who were unable to lobby for special favors: in small businesses, the middle class, and the urban poor. In doing so, he pitched a new, more fundamental battle: a return to freedom, security, prosperity and equal justice at home and abroad, versus a continuing decline of those values under the familiar Republicans and Democrats and their accomplices in “fake news.” Predictably, the division became the pro-American reformer versus the anti-American status quo. David vs. Goliath. Goliath was enraged.

Below, we show how recent developments on both sides push the American republic to the brink of destruction. The media’s descent to pure propaganda has made reason more difficult for all and impossible for many. The Democrats’ 4½ -year “lawfare” against the Constitution, the presidency, and Trump personally has culminated in the attempted grand larceny of some 74 million Trump

“A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved — I do not expect the house to fall — but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other.” Abraham Lincoln

<sup>1</sup> “The Rule of Lawlessness: Democracy is Killing Nomocracy,” *The Capitalist Advisor*, July 15, 2020. There, we examined the growing lawlessness in America—from an unconstitutional “impeachment,” to tyrannical lockdowns (of medicine, travel, entertainment, commerce, and social and religious assemblies) to trillions in new federal borrowings, to the criminalization of speech and de-criminalization of violence.

<sup>2</sup> Alexander Hamilton, Speech to the New York ratifying convention, June 20, 1778 (<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Hamilton/01-05-02-0012-0005>).

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votes. The post-election capstone is a widespread awakening: to blatant, top-to-bottom disregard for objective law by officials of both major political parties, ranging from secretaries of state, to state and federal legislatures, to Obama holdovers and other traitors in the White House, to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

We've long demonstrated America's bearish devolution from quasi-capitalism to socialism. Since the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election, however, the chance of a rapid, perhaps fatal freefall has appeared. This could take one or more of three forms: 1) the imposition of emergency executive powers, 2) riots, or 3) revolution. One possible (but unlikely antidote) is legal remediation, finding Trump the victor, delivering a reprieve from the devolution through a second Trump term and its wake. The conflict, its combatants and options all present historical and literary precedents as guides.<sup>3</sup>

### Recent Inflection Points

As in history's prior inflection points, the outcome depends on tiny numbers of revolutionaries with fresh ideas for good or ill, clear strategies, and the ability to rally (or intimidate) a body politic to pivot from the status quo.

On today's political right, the once-favored Fox News, having lost its pro-freedom standards, is losing its ratings. Upstart cable and streaming networks have made huge, rapid gains in audience size.<sup>4</sup> Author/attorney Mark Levin boasts some 40 million weekly podcast listeners. Independent and amateur journalists have multiplied. More consistently constitutionalist, pro-freedom types use social media and websites to uncover and spread true news along with useful knowledge of history, law and epidemiology to millions of followers. Some are pro-freedom lawyers who offer their analyses of court cases on social media and live streams as well as quick links to original court and government documents pertaining to Obama-gate. Others are expert statisti-

cians, election and digital network security people. Some are populists who spread a mix of pro-liberty truth and anti-socialist innuendo that's often sloppy and false. Some produce professional grade videos and documentaries. Many regularly denounce former luminaries like Senators McConnell and Romney for appeasing the socialists, opposing Trump, and veering from the spirit of the law as they (often correctly) see it.



Twitter has cancelled many of these accounts and suspended others. Twitter and YouTube recently began displaying warning labels beneath many tweets and videos that impugn Twitter's preferred "narratives" or "policy" about Covid-19, the election, or Biden's win. On Christmas eve, for example, the Presi-

dent of the United States tweeted, "VOTER FRAUD IS NOT A CONSPIRACY THEORY. IT IS A FACT." Twitter's label beneath read, "This claim about election fraud is disputed." With thousands (or millions) of such inane labels daily, it's likely few people pay attention to them—other than as a reminder of Twitter's last resort to condescension and suppression. Only a few weeks prior to the election, Twitter suspended the account of one of the nation's oldest and most widely circulated papers, *The New York Post*, as soon as the evil *Post* began breaking bad news about Hunter Biden's laptop.<sup>5</sup>

This news exposed prima facie (and U.S. Senate) evidence which many voters would likely have appreciated in their deliberations prior to casting their ballots: years of emails, texts and photos documenting the Joe Biden family's systematic influence peddling across the globe, notoriously including at least one billion dollar private equity management deal with Communist China officials and a \$3.5 million wire transfer from the widow of Moscow's former mayor to a U.S. entity connected to Hunter Biden. Some commentators have speculated that Twitter's week-long suspension of the *Post* (and blocking of all tweets linking to the *Post*) backfired; that it piqued more interest than had *The Post's* account simply continued uninterrupted. In 2020, the social media suppres-

<sup>3</sup> For the relevant history, see the French and Bolshevik Revolutions (1789-1799 and 1917, respectively). For literary examples, see *Niney-Three* by Victor Hugo (1874), *Animal Farm* (1945) and *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1949) by George Orwell, and *Atlas Shrugged* (1957) by Ayn Rand.

<sup>4</sup> Prominent examples are OANN, NewsMax, RSN and DJT—names few people heard of only four years ago.

<sup>5</sup> Kate Conger and Mike Isaac, "In Reversal, Twitter Is No Longer Blocking New York Post Article," *New York Times*, December 16, 2020 (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/16/technology/twitter-new-york-post.html>).

<sup>6</sup> See: Richard M. Salsman, "Biden's Disdain for Shareholders is Fascistic," *The Capitalist Standard*, December 16, 2020 <https://imfcinc.com/ifiblog/bidens-disdain-for-shareholders-is-fascistic/>

sions drove millions on the political right and independent thinkers to Twitter's competitors like Parler, who promises long-term respect of all free speech short of criminality.

On the left, crooked socialists and power-lusters harness mainstream and social media in the attempt to dictate elections, thought and mass compliance.<sup>6</sup> There's nothing new about attracting followers who feel and react rather than think and act. But social media cuts both ways: those who value freedom and think first are awakening and spreading truth and encouragement at a rate which the suppressors and propagandists can only challenge through droning denials, and ultimately, force.

Democrats have stooped to frequent election rigging for decades. Areas like Detroit and Philadelphia enjoy ingrown notoriety for this. In the 2016 Democrat National Convention, ingrown superdelegate voting rules were allegedly built to penalize challengers like socialist Bernie Sanders who was successful in garnering primary votes, but anathema to the DNC establishment.<sup>7</sup>

In 2020, the Democrat Iowa Primary used software that was built and paid-for by *some* Democrats, yet incapable of providing accurate precinct counts for *any*; Candidates Buttigieg and Sanders both claimed victory, and the actual outcome was never reported.<sup>8</sup> Last week, in the wake of the Democrat's 2020 election disaster (losing eleven House seats and two state legislatures), House Speaker Pelosi snubbed one of the most consistent and high-profile socialists, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, for a coveted position on the House Energy and Commerce Committee whose jurisdiction includes health care and climate change—what would have been an opportunity for AOC to inject her socialist *Medicare for All* and *Green New Deal* proposals. Clearly, Trump and the pro-freedom types had nudged too many voters away from the false promises of socialism.<sup>9</sup>

As history predicts, the power-lusters—long corrupt and opportunistic, now stifled—have finally become ruthless. Availing themselves of America's long intellectual, cultural and political decay (which they helped accelerate during the Obama years), they began 2020 with a clear strategy to shove the country into unbridled socialism under their rule. They used the harsh, 2019/20 flu as pretext for spreading fear, house arrests and dependence. Their media elevated relatively normal death rates and grossly inaccurate tests into a case-demic. Their black-shirted street thugs added intimidation and social divisions. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), their leading incumbent spokesman, took the intimidations from the streets to the highest court in the land. After threatening two Supreme Court justices last March that “You won't know what hit you if you go forward with these

“You won't know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions.”

“Everything's on the table...  
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— “Senator” Charles Schumer (D-NY)

awful decisions,” in mid-October he threatened to obliterate the Court's role as such—transforming it from non-political, supreme legal arbiter and co-equal check and balance to merely another source of arbitrary and ephemeral political decrees; when speaking of packing the Supreme Court, he said, “Everything's on the table... Nothing's off the table.” Threatening anyone with “hits” was once a crime. Yet lawless Schumer retains his Senate seat. This shows that not enough voters in his district, nor enough Senate colleagues, care much about following the law (let alone civility).

<sup>7</sup> Adam Levy, “DNC Changes Superdelegate Rules in Presidential Nomination Process,” CNN, August 25, 2018 (<https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/25/politics/democrats-superdelegates-voting-changes/index.html>), Donna Brazile, “Inside Hillary Clinton's Secret Takeover of the DNC,” *Politico*, November 2, 2017 (<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/11/02/clinton-brazile-hacks-2016-215774>); Pat Droney, “DNC Members Considering Rules Change to Stop Bernie Sanders at the Convention,” *Law Enforcement Today*, February 1, 2020 (<https://www.lawenforcementtoday.com/dnc-members-considering-rules-change-to-stop-bernie-sanders/>); “Superdelegates and the 2016 Democratic National Convention” ([https://ballotpedia.org/Superdelegates\\_and\\_the\\_2016\\_Democratic\\_National\\_Convention](https://ballotpedia.org/Superdelegates_and_the_2016_Democratic_National_Convention)).

<sup>8</sup> See Nate Cohn, *et al.*, “Iowa Caucus Results Riddled With Errors and Inconsistencies,” *New York Times*, February 6, 2020 (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/06/upshot/iowa-caucuses-errors-results.html>) and Masooma Haq, “Nevada State Democrats Will Not Use the Same App Used for Iowa Caucus,” *The Epoch Times*, February 11, 2020; and and Eric Newcomer, *et al.*, “Startup Behind Faulty Iowa Election App Linked to Top Democrats,” *Bloomberg News*, February 4, 2020 (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-02-04/startup-behind-faulty-iowa-election-app-linked-to-top-democrats>).

<sup>9</sup> See: Alexander Sammon, “The Establishment Strikes Back,” *The American Prospect*, December 18, 2020 (<https://prospect.org/politics/establishment-strikes-back-aoc-versus-centrist-democrats/>) and Bronson Stocking, “Was This Pelosi's Revenge on AOC for Calling for New Leadership?,” *Townhall*, December 18, 2020 (<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/bronsonstocking/2020/12/18/pelosis-response-to-aocs-call-for-new-leadership-n2581816>).

Hillary Clinton attorney Marc Elias and his brigand brigade waged “lawfare” in 2020 by filing some three-hundred suits against election officials in over forty states. Many of these officials capitulated and relaxed their state’s registration and mail-in voting requirements without first seeking, let alone obtaining their state legislature’s approval. Now that the election is over, many of the state officials are defiant, like the Southern slave states were until Sherman took the fight to their homeland and torched Atlanta. Only then, with their will to resist destroyed, were the slavers contrite and no longer a systematic threat to their fellow men.

### Trump’s Strategy

Trump has shown reluctance to fully leverage the principles of his more revolutionary supporters and vanquish the corrupt. So it’s impossible to gauge how principled about lawfulness he actually is. Five years of scrutiny by his enemies in and out of government has yielded no unlawfulness; that suggests the most personally lawful president in decades. He activated the dictatorial Defense Production powers amid the development of Covid-19 hysteria (chiefly by the media, Democrat governors and mayors). Yet he *used few* of those powers and targeted them to solve what he was being told were the emergency needs: hospital beds, ventilators, personal protective equipment.

Even there, he stressed “public-private” partnerships—a euphemism to any firm facing a firing squad for non-compliance, but relative to collectivist Obama or some of the socialist Governors who’d take full credit for solutions (and none for problems), Trump regularly showcased and praised private industry—from the arrival of FedEx and UPS trucks to the White House, to demonstrations of the latest ventilator technology in the Rose Garden (with each firm named by Trump and in attendance). Such actions say he values freedom over tyranny. His “Operation Warp Speed” which removed some FDA roadblocks to vaccine development suggest he values morality over law (recognizing that law arises from ethics, not vice versa). On the other hand, he em-

phasized civil law and order earlier this year yet did little to stop the riots. He accepted and sanctioned false guidance by health officials during the Covid-19 scare-mongering campaigns. He capitulated to trillions of bearish new debt and anti-capitalist bailouts for grifters and those unjustly harmed by the lockdowns.<sup>10</sup>

No president can have his cake and eat it too: respecting law personally and emphasizing the rule of law politically are not the same things as actually eradicating lawlessness. But there’s another aspect. Recall that the FBI had been hounding and framing Trump campaign operatives before the 2016 election. Consider that Trump was ambushed after the election by the outgoing Obama administration before officially setting foot in the Oval Office. Recall that now-disgraced former FBI Director Comey bragged about taking advantage of the President and the new administration at the outset. Recall that those unlawful acts were merely the *beginning* of a four-year, unrelenting onslaught of lawless “investigations,” subpoenas, attacks, “whistleblowers,” and a baseless impeachment - rained down upon this President’s every move.<sup>11</sup> Indeed, few men have the strength to endure such injustices without losing their composure, office, or both.

*Lawfare*, n., “the strategy of using – or misusing – law as a substitute for traditional military means to achieve an operational objective.”

—Charles J. Dunlap, Jr.

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So a good forecast should take into account *both* Trump’s lack of experience in government, *and* the unremitting persecutions which may have led him to meticulous, but crippling compliance with his government lawyers’ often derivative premises. “The rule says that governors must request federal troops before the President can send them. ...You can’t fire the FBI Director yet. It’s too soon. ...You must not speak of goings-on at the Department of Justice. You’ll only make it harder on yourself and risk litigation or another impeachment.”

Certainly, most prudent men would be gun-shy amid such an onslaught. Perhaps, as with Trump’s partial acquiescence to his administration’s public health “experts,” he’s been making the same, fundamental error all along: dispensing with questions of ethics in favor of questions of law. He visits the destruction of innocents’ businesses in Waukesha. He morally con-

<sup>10</sup> See: “The Rule of Lawlessness: Democracy is Killing Nomocracy,” *The Capitalist Advisor*, July 15, 2020.

<sup>11</sup> The evidence for the impeachment was a leaked conversation between Trump and the new Ukrainian President. The pretext was the absurd notion that it was corrupt for Trump, as chief law enforcement officer of the U.S., to investigate corruption.



demns the vicious BLM/Antifa punks for their lawlessness. He speaks of 24-48 hour cleanups by federal forces. But he demurs: the rules say, wait for the official invitation. Plus it's an election year and half the country supposedly hates him.

With his second term hanging in the balance, there is evidence that he's correcting his moral-versus-legal error (more below).

### Trump's Track Record

In hindsight we see that Trump's enemies have followed two strategies: (a) publicly excoriate all things Trump, and (b) commandeer the powers of a corrupted government to undermine Trump and his subordinates through illegal surveillance, Russian collusion hoaxes and "investigations," secret testimony by moralistic "whistleblowers" and "bombshells" so deadly they warranted semi-containment in a basement-level "Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility" (SCIF).

Publicly, they predicted Trump's policies would lead to apocalypse: death to the climate by deregulating oil and withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accords; death to markets and the working man from Trump's tax cuts; genocide of the Kurds; a vengeful, ascendant Iran; a "destabilized" Middle

East and resentful, weakened NATO. They scolded Trump for daring to oppose former Secretary of State John Kerry's long-revered premise that peace in the Middle East was impossible without appeasing Iran and the PLO. Yet at each step, another of the status quo's long-cherished bogeymen was unmasked; Trump's *results* proved that *their premises* were false, impotent, bad.

Energy production increased, unemployment fell, two-dollar gasoline was an effective pay-raise for every driver and profit boost for every trucker, airline and cruise

ship. Immigration from terror states was halted, profligate and lawless "sanctuary" cities were challenged, peace in the Middle East—chimerical for over half a century—was realized. NATO became more secure from Trump's insistence that they do what they said they'd do: bear more of the costs (and thereby have more skin in the game). Communist China, as best as we can tell, became weaker.<sup>12</sup> When the climate-Cassandras' repeated their contention that "climate change" was causing the spate of forest fires on the West coast, Trump pointed to Europe—whose practice is to remove the deadwood *before* it dries to tinder and ignites. At Davos in January of this year, Trump addressed some cognitive and normative essentials:

This is not a time for pessimism; this is a time for optimism. Fear and doubt is not a good thought process because this is a time for tremendous hope and joy and optimism and action. But to embrace the possibilities of tomorrow, we must reject the perennial prophets of doom and their predictions of the apocalypse. They are the heirs of yesterday's foolish fortune-tellers, ...and they want to see us do badly, but we

don't let that happen. They predicted an overpopulation crisis in the 1960s, mass starvation in the '70s, and an end of oil in the 1990s. These alarmists always demand the same thing: absolute power to dominate, transform, and control every aspect of our lives.<sup>13</sup>

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On October 5<sup>th</sup>, upon his rapid recovery from Covid-19, a vibrant, 74-year-old Trump encouraged Americans, "Don't be afraid of Covid. Don't let it dominate your life." The media responded with saddening anecdotes of individual deaths and family tragedies from the harsh virus—concluding that Trump lacked empathy. The government prohibitions of physicians from prescribing hydroxychloroquine (now scientifically established as an effective prophylactic and life-saving therapeutic) were not mentioned. Nor were the media viewers and readers reminded of Trump's mid-2020 recom-

<sup>12</sup> See Huidong Zhang, "Chinese Economy Teetering on the Brink of Collapse," *The Epoch Times*, November 25, p. A21; Fan Yu, "Chinese Regime Forces Chinese Banks, Their Investors to Sacrifice \$212 Billion," *The Epoch Times*, June 28, 2020; Jan Jekielek, interview of Kyle Bass: "On U.S. and China Fallout and Recovery from COVID 19 and Hong Kong's Looming Banking Crisis," *The Epoch Times*, April 17, 2020.

<sup>13</sup> President Donald Trump, Remarks at World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland, January 21, 2020 (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-world-economic-forum-davos-switzerland/>).

mentations of the drug, nor of their denunciations of both.<sup>14</sup>

### America's Individualism and Trump's Singularity

Indeed, the American sense of individualism and entrepreneurialism, which had long been subdued by dependent, collectivist policies and premises (*e.g.*, "If you've got a business, you didn't build that"), was awakening under Trump's leadership by example and vision.<sup>15</sup> Even West Coast centi-billionaire entrepreneur, Elon Musk, frustrated by the destructive effects of California's lame-brain lockdowns, publicly threatened to leave socialist California for the more promising, rights-based Texas.<sup>16</sup>

Trump's singularity amid a century of Presidents is the fact that his virtues and results make him a reproach to America's pseudo-intellectuals, career politicians and collectivists of every stripe. The degree that he's a reproach is magnified by the political class' rising incompetence and the culture's general decay. Like other good executives, Trump works hard to find and hire good subordinates who can enrich White House deliberations and constructively carry out policy. He gives them a chance to perform, he's quick to praise good results, and he rewards competence and loyalty irrespective of superficialities (*e.g.* race, gender, age). Principled, high-caliber officials like Flynn, Powell and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo surpass most of what has passed for government officialdom in recent decades. On the flip side, Trump has demonstrated no qualms in jettisoning the incompetent, weak, disloyal, and petty, and publicly castigating them on their way out the door.<sup>17</sup> This too, enrages the incompetent who fear a culture of merit and crave one of pull (where

favors and extortions, not results, are currency).

So the socialists had to ratchet up the stakes. Just as they relied on their media lapdogs to conceal most of the scandalous descent of Washington from quasi-rule-of-law to rule-by-men during the Obama years, they've been able to count on those lapdogs to ignore or scoff at the Trump advancements. The media has abrogated Trump remarks and press conferences mid-sentence and daily rewritten reality to dupe themselves and their readers. Lacking the fact-based, logical arguments necessary to *persuade* people, the socialists cannot succeed without *power over* people. Similarly, once they've secured control, dictatorships' first measures are mass censorship and indoctrination. Today's socialists and media are poised for both.

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### Corrupt Media Backs Corrupt Biden

For the past four years the pundits and cancel culture have pronounced Trump and his character unfit, deplorable, even clownish. They've slavishly concealed the facts that the office of the Presidency has been under attack by government-paid traitors at least since Trump won it in November 2016. Facts which can't be concealed, like last month's rampant election fraud, are blithely dismissed for lack of "evidence." Astute investors, however, will note that where such legal evidence once denoted *grounds for probable cause or proof*, the term itself has since been rendered meaningless by the media and Democrat skeptics. The latter invoke "evidence" only as a cudgel to weaken the law and justice advocates who expect to provide evidence and proofs, and are often naïve enough to think the skeptics use the same process. But they don't. They have no use for stubborn facts and careful proofs except as a ruse. Only their

<sup>14</sup> Alisha Ebrahimji, "Trump Told Americans Not to Let Coronavirus 'Dominate Your Life.' This is What Loved Ones of Victims Have to Say," *CNN*, October 6, 2020 (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/06/us/covid-trump-angry-families-trnd/index.html>).

<sup>15</sup> "Obama to Business Owners: 'You Didn't Build That,'" *Fox News*, July 16, 2012 (<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/obama-to-business-owners-you-didnt-build-that>).

<sup>16</sup> Rob McLean, "Elon Musk Says He has Moved to Texas," *CNN*, December 9, 2020 (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/09/tech/elon-musk-texas/index.html>).

<sup>17</sup> For example, former National Security Advisor John Bolton, and former Secretary of Defense General James Mattis both issued petty and opportunistic responses following their terminations. Mattis disparaged Trump, as, "the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people—does not even pretend to try." Now that we know of the Obama administration's "banana republic"—style politicizing of the Department of Justice, its condoning of Hillary Clinton's decision to pay for the false "Russia Dossier" to vilify Trump and its grotesque attempts to sabotage his incoming administration, we see how vile was Mattis' characterization. See also Dave Boyer, "Trump Fires Back at 'Overrated' James Mattis: 'Glad he is Gone!'" *The Washington Times*, June 3, 2020 (<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/jun/3/donald-trump-fires-back-overrated-james-mattis-gla/>).

whims—and others' compliance—matter. Thus, in 2020, facing mountains of facts and logic showing massive election fraud for Biden, their formerly smug condescension turned to desperate propaganda and cover-ups. This won't stop until they either succeed in destroying the Constitution or they face devastating losses of seats.

As events unfold, more Americans will decouple from the vile stupor of the mainstream news and social media. They'll awaken surprised by good news *and* bad news that was there all along for anyone willing to look past the media's blinders.

*In reality*, Biden's scandalous, prima-facie extortion of Ukraine, his billion-dollar influence-peddling to China, and his family's opportunistic enrichment in Iraq, Moscow, and elsewhere make Nixon's Watergate Seven look like choirboys. *In reality*, Mr. Trump has displayed courage, persistence and allegiance to *some* key facts despite the unprecedented, across-the-board corruption and lawlessness hurled against his person, family, office and country.

*In reality*, Mr. Trump has *deserved* disdain for his vanity and bluster, for his doubting of Obama's birth citizenship, and for his out-and-out lies (like the 2016 election result and his inaugural crowd size). But in reality, those are superficialities compared to his strengths and good results. His tax cuts and business deregulations *rival* Reagan's, and his prudent foreign policy may surpass that of all presidents since Jefferson (who obliterated the Barbary pirates, thereby clearing the way for a century of largely secure and peaceful maritime trade).<sup>18</sup> Trump's peccadilloes are also superficial compared to his mercantilism-protectionism, his idiotic trade policy, and dollar-weakening—all of which we've long denounced and demonstrated as bearish.<sup>19</sup>

## Post-Election State Battles

In states like Pennsylvania, election procedural changes contravened both the U.S. and state constitutions. When candidate Sean Parnell and others challenged the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's mail-in voting law, the state Supreme Court dismissed the complaint on the grounds that it should have been filed prior to the election. The court blithely ignored the fact that Pennsylvania law precludes plaintiffs from bringing actions prior to their having suffered damages (in this case, prior to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election). As a result, the cowardly justices had effectively declared tyranny to be the new law of their land. Catch-22. Under this precedent, there can be no grievances against the state, only obsequious obedience to officials' oscillating orders.<sup>20</sup>

In Arizona, the Maricopa County Election Board voted 4-1 on December 18<sup>th</sup> against complying with the state's Senate Judiciary Committee's subpoenas to hand over voting machines and scanned ballots for an audit. The Board then announced their plan to block the audit by suing the lawmakers for the latter's "slap in the face" and for having jeopardized private voter information.<sup>21</sup>

In Michigan, the law-defying, Democrat Secretary of State brushed aside conclusive, independent findings of egregious mechanical and operations fraud in Antrim county (note that even a single fraudulent vote vitiates all). She cavalierly ignored the sworn affidavits of dozens of Michiganders who'd observed, recorded and suffered blatant fraud and harassment in the state's most populous county, Wayne. *She refused to testify to the Michigan legislature, presumably under oath.* Her stated excuse was her determination to prevent further spread of baseless claims of election fraud which her testimony would otherwise engender.

<sup>18</sup> Some of the effects of Trump's regulatory reforms rival Reagan's, but a closer comparison reveals that many of Trump's improvements have come by executive orders which are vulnerable to executive cancellations by subsequent presidents. In addition, the power to make such orders is itself the defining characteristic of tyranny.

<sup>19</sup> See "Art of the Deal? Why Trump is No Big Deal (Maker)," *The Capitalist Advisor*, September 25, 2017; "Trump's Pending Trade War?," *The Capitalist Advisor*, August 17, 2017; "Tax-Favored Repatriation: Is it Bullish? Likely?," *The Capitalist Advisor*, April 30, 2017; "Warning: Protectionism Usually Entails a Weaker Dollar," *Investor Alert*, January 17, 2017; "Walls," *The Capitalist Advisor*, December 29, 2016; "The Myth of Decay in American Manufacturing," *The Capitalist Advisor*, December 15, 2016; "Trade Trends and Trump's Tariffs," *The Capitalist Advisor*, December 7, 2016; "A Brief History of U.S. Tariffs and Protectionism," *The Capitalist Advisor*, November 30, 2016; and "Good Trump, Bad Trump, Likely Trump," *The Capitalist Advisor*, November 17, 2016.

<sup>20</sup> J. Marsolo, "Parsing Out Pennsylvania," *American Thinker*, December 10, 2020 ([https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2020/12/parsing\\_out\\_pennsylvania.html](https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2020/12/parsing_out_pennsylvania.html)).

<sup>21</sup> Jack Phillips, "Maricopa County Board Votes Against Complying With Subpoenas to Audit Voting Machines," *The Epoch Times*, December 18, 2020 ([https://www.theepochtimes.com/maricopa-county-board-votes-against-complying-with-subpoena-to-audit-voting-machines\\_3624736.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/maricopa-county-board-votes-against-complying-with-subpoena-to-audit-voting-machines_3624736.html)).

<sup>22</sup> Dave Boucher, "Benson Refuses to Testify at House Hearing, Says Committee 'Wounding Our Democracy,'" *Detroit Free Press*, December 16, 2020 (<https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/12/16/benson-refuses-testify-house-says-committee-wounding-our-democracy/3922176001/>).

The notion of putting such claims to rest through independent audits of Michigan's digital "adjudicating" machines, data drives and mail-in ballot signatures was not mentioned. Of course, that "transparent" option could have been completed weeks ago.<sup>22</sup>

In Georgia, the lawless Republican Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary of State have touted their state's election integrity—while pretending that their recounts were equivalent to signature-matching audits. Meanwhile, Georgia's Fulton County poll manager pointed out that, "We have turned in thousands of unlawful voters and not one of them has been prosecuted."<sup>23</sup>

"There are decades where nothing happens; and there are weeks where decades happen." -Vladimir Lenin

### The Ultimate Battle

Trump's final chance draws near. His team has accumulated copious, nationwide evidence of election fraud. Scandalous abdications by state officials, lower courts and the U.S. Supreme Court have enabled his team to condense their evidence and hone their arguments.

Trump's team and a presumably large number of incensed voters are now working to convince elected representatives and senators to reject the most fraudulent states' Biden electors when Congress convenes its constitutionally-mandated deliberations on January 6<sup>th</sup>. As of yesterday, roughly a dozen Representatives had already revealed that they'll be contesting the electoral college—a positive development for Trump.<sup>24</sup> He appears to be pursuing other strategies as well, including a rally in Washington on the same day. The Democrats, media, and most Republicans meanwhile continue their shrugging, euphemisms and condescension—signaling actual complicity in the theft of the voter's consents, or, for the elected officials, their ignorance of the fact that their failure to uproot the fraud *makes* them complicit.

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Trump held a 4½-hour strategy meeting. The next day, *The New York Times* reported

(among more falsehoods and false insinuations than we care to count) that a military coup and martial law had been discussed.<sup>25</sup> One attendee, Patrick Byrne, the founder and former CEO of Overstock.com who was present for the duration, subsequently wrote that the leak was "100% fabrication" and that Trump's unprincipled advisers, "tell staff to 'get the president to concede' while they stall Trump. President Trump is being terribly served by his advisers. They want him to lose and are lying to him. He is surrounded by mendacious mediocrities . . . For the first time in my life I feel sorry for Donald Trump. He is standing up to his waist in snakes. Trust Rudy [Guiliani] and Sidney [Powell] only."<sup>26</sup>

### Principle, Powell, Flynn and Suits

Excluding Mr. Trump's vanity, bluster and underestimates of the perversity and pervasiveness of Washington's corruption (and of those he might trust to help "drain the swamp"), we doubt no president since Coolidge (and Lincoln before him) has displayed the objectivity, courage and persistence that Mr. Trump has through his opposition to election fraud. Similarly, no President other than Lincoln has faced a "house" as divided as this one. If Trump's virtues lead him to more principled actions, he'll improve his chances of a second term that can buy the U.S. a reprieve from the descent to rampant socialism. Trump has two competent allies with an abundance of virtues and principles germane to today's battle: Michael Flynn and Sidney Powell.

Flynn's chosen career was warrior, his specialty is military intelligence, and his virtues enabled him to rise and head the \$22 billion Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) for two years beginning in 2012. There, he set about remedying the DIA's *failures* to "recognize Islamic terrorism, assess the People's Republic of China being engaged in expansionism, or warn of other threats to the United States, even as those issues were discussed in newspapers around the world." The root problem proved to be dishonesty, namely—the DIA's

<sup>23</sup> Paul Sperry, "[With U.S. Senate Runoffs Near, Georgia's Not Prosecuting Its Unprecedented Number of Double Voters](#)," *RealClearInvestigations*, December 13, 2020.

<sup>24</sup> See Jack Phillips, "More GOP Lawmakers Back Electoral College Challenge," *The Epoch Times*, December 22, 2020 ([https://www.theepochtimes.com/more-gop-lawmakers-backing-electoral-college-challenge\\_3629226.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/more-gop-lawmakers-backing-electoral-college-challenge_3629226.html)).

<sup>25</sup> Maggie Haberman and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, "Trump Weighed Naming Election Conspiracy Theorist as Special Counsel," *New York Times*, December 19, 2020 (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/19/us/politics/trump-sidney-powell-voter-fraud.html>).

<sup>26</sup> See Patrick Byrne, former Overstock CEO, December 20, 2020 (his Twitter account): <https://twitter.com/PatrickByrne/status/1340749371411935236> and <https://twitter.com/PatrickByrne/status/134074150013779201>.

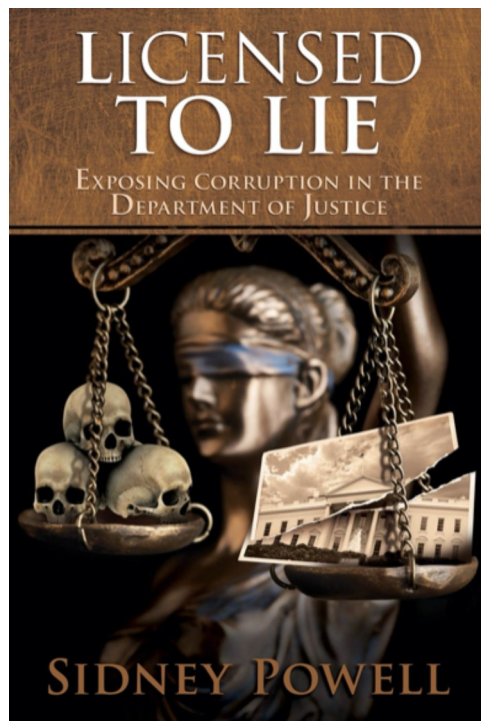


practice of re-writing geo-political reality to rationalize and euphemize the Obama administration's anti-American foreign policies of evasion, appeasement and munitions-running to gangs and rogue regimes. Flynn's principles were sufficiently pro-reason and pro-freedom and his integrity was sufficiently stainless to warrant dismissal by President Obama when Flynn would not perpetuate DIA as a political tool.<sup>27</sup>

Shortly after president-elect Trump nominated Flynn to head the 17 U.S. intelligence agencies, Obama reportedly warned Trump against Flynn.<sup>28</sup> The outgoing and embedded Obama loyalists then framed Flynn for a "process" (*i.e.*, political) crime the defense against which would subsequently drain nearly four years of Flynn's life and the bulk of his assets. In 2017, amid the concocted scandal, the media asserted in effect, "Obama told you so." During Flynn's trial, however, Obama administration corruption was exposed at the FBI, the Department of Justice, and on the bench in a U.S. District courtroom. When on May 7<sup>th</sup> of this year the DOJ dropped its charges against Flynn for lack of evidence, the judge promoted himself to prosecutor *and* judge (simultaneously). Twice his Circuit Court superiors told him to drop the prosecution "with dispatch." He didn't. Finally, on November 25<sup>th</sup>, Trump pardoned Flynn. On December 8<sup>th</sup> the tardy judge dismissed the case and further documented his partiality in a 43-page opinion which, among other improprieties, trashed the pardon as "political." On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Flynn's attorney Sidney Powell stated

that they "will be moving to vacate [the judge's] gratuitous slam and appalling opinion, because he had no jurisdiction or basis to write it."<sup>29</sup>

Powell is a former federal prosecutor under nine U.S. attorneys from both political parties over ten years and three districts. She was lead counsel for the U.S. in 350 criminal appeals, and in over 150 appeals during her subsequent private practice. In 2014, she self-published, *Licensed to Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice* (a subsequent top-25 best-seller in three law-related Amazon categories). Her book demonstrates why, according to a review by a Professor of Law Emeritus, "both Bushies and Obama-ites should be very afraid: over the last few years, a coterie of vicious and unethical prosecutors who are unfit to practice law has been harbored within and enabled by the now ironically named Department of Justice."<sup>30</sup>



Shortly after the 2020 election, Powell spoke at a Trump Campaign press conference. She indicated the nature of evidence which she's compiled about Georgia and the digital tabulating and "adjudicating" election systems made by Dominion and used there and in some 27 other states. She promised to file lawsuits against Georgia and Michigan before Thanksgiving, which she subsequently did. Her evidence includes scores of sworn affidavits. A video made by the Coffee County, Georgia Election Board last month demonstrates how, with a few mouse clicks, the Dominion system will switch Trump ballots to Biden ballots (singly or in groups) or transform blank ballots into Biden ballots.<sup>31</sup>

Powell has filed four election lawsuits in the U.S. Su-

<sup>27</sup> See Jim Fanell, "The Real Reason for Flynn's First Firing," *PJ Media*, May 11, 2020 (<https://pjmedia.com/columns/jimfanell/2020/05/11/the-real-reason-for-flynn-first-firing-n389686>) and Michael Flynn (Lieutenant General, retired) and Michael Ledeen, *The Field of Fight: How We Can Win the Global War Against Radical Islam and Its Allies* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2016).

<sup>28</sup> Kristen Welker, Dafna Linzer and Ken Dilanian "Obama Warned Trump Against Hiring Mike Flynn, Say Officials," *NBC News*, May 8, 2017 (<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/obama-warned-trump-against-hiring-mike-flynn-say-officials-n756316>).

<sup>29</sup> DOJ motion to drop Flynn charges "after a considered review of all the facts and circumstances of this case, including newly discovered and disclosed information" (<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/read-doj-motion-to-dismiss-charges-against-michael-flynn>); Judge's Opinion: [https://ecf.dcd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/show\\_public\\_doc?2017cr0232-311](https://ecf.dcd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/show_public_doc?2017cr0232-311); Powell's statement: [https://www.theepochtimes.com/exclusive-sidney-powell-on-election-lawsuits-supreme-court-decision-and-the-flynn-case\\_3617067.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/exclusive-sidney-powell-on-election-lawsuits-supreme-court-decision-and-the-flynn-case_3617067.html).

<sup>30</sup> Sidney Powell, "Licensed to Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice," self-published, 2014, revised 2018. Reviewer: William Hodes, Professor of Law Emeritus, Indiana University, and coauthor, *The Law of Lawyering* (<https://www.amazon.com/Licensed-Lie-Exposing-Corruption-Department/dp/1612541496>).

preme Court—against Arizona (1,692 pages, December 12<sup>th</sup>), Georgia (1,419 pages, December 11<sup>th</sup>), Michigan (1,260 pages, December 15<sup>th</sup>), and Wisconsin (2,288 pages, December 12<sup>th</sup>). Therein, she supplies sworn affidavits of massive election fraud, destroyed legal votes, manipulations and statistical impossibilities involving Dominion voting machines, and evidence that “the 2020 General Election may have been subject to interference by hostile foreign governments including China and Iran.” She makes the case that constitutionally mandated equal protections were violated (for in-person voters as against mail-in voters). Each of her filings can be viewed or downloaded from her website.<sup>32</sup> She requests immediate injunctions to compel states to de-certify their election results, or to cause District Courts to reverse their dismissals of Powell’s petitioners (which dismissals involved haste and errors).

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the *New York Times* blithely asserted without proof that Powell is an “Election Conspiracy Theorist... who promoted conspiracy theories about rigged voting machines, to investigate voter fraud.”<sup>33</sup> A search at Google.com of “Sidney Powell conspiracy” returns 24,900,000 results as of today. Indeed, Powell’s detractors doth protest too much. Those among them who are familiar with her and Flynn’s sterling records, are likely confessing panic. Psychological *transference or projection* appears to be operative: accusing the Trump complainants of baseless conspiracy theorizing when the accusers themselves have *actually* conspired. Powell’s suits address this issue too:

Petitioners’ Complaint to the District Court is part of a larger effort to expose and reverse an unprecedented multi-state conspiracy to steal the 2020 General Election, at a minimum in the States of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, and potentially others. Petitioners and others like them seeking to expose the massive, coordinated interstate election fraud that occurred in the 2020 General Election have been almost uniformly derided as

“conspiracy theorists” or worse by Democrat politicians and activists, and have been attacked or censored by their allies in the mainstream media and social media platforms—the modern public square. But nearly every day new evidence comes to light, new eyewitnesses and whistleblowers come forward, and expert statisticians confirm Petitioners’ core allegation: the 2020 General Election was tainted by unconstitutional election fraud on a scale that has never been seen before—at least not in America. Hundreds of thousands if not millions of illegal, fraudulent, ineligible or purely fictitious ballots were cast for Biden (along with hundreds of thousands of Trump votes that were intentionally destroyed, lost or switched to Biden), changing the outcome from Biden loss to a Biden “win.”<sup>34</sup>

### Trump’s War Chest and Court Filing

Trump and the Republican National Committee have raised \$207.5 million since Election Day. They claim this success demonstrates a tremendous commitment to fight for Trump’s incumbency, Republican control of the Senate, cleanup of election fraud, and, in the 2022 mid-term elections, Republican control of the House. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, Trump’s campaign committee filed their first independent case in the U.S. Supreme Court. They’re petitioning the Court to reverse three Pennsylvania Supreme Court cases “which illegally changed Pennsylvania’s mail balloting law immediately before and after the 2020 presidential election in violation of Article II of the United States Constitution and [the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in] *Bush v. Gore* [2000].”<sup>35</sup> The committee is asking the Court to rule before Congress meets to consider the electoral college votes on January 6<sup>th</sup>:

The Campaign’s petition seeks to reverse three decisions which eviscerated the Pennsylvania Legislature’s protections against mail ballot fraud, including (a) prohibiting election officials checking whether signatures on mail ballots are genuine during canvass-

<sup>31</sup> Coffee County elections director, Misty Martin, demonstrates to county elections board members how blank ballots can be ‘adjudicated’ and counted.” Video 1 (6 minutes, 13 seconds): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46CAKyyObls&t=4s>. Video 2 (8 minutes, 11 seconds): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijjwS6h-PyU>. Related articles: “Georgia Election Officials Investigate Problems with Coffee County Recount,” WRDW/WAGT (Atlanta), December 10, 2020 (<https://www.wrdw.com/2020/12/10/georgia-election-officials-investigate-problems-with-coffee-county-recount/>); Krista Monk, “Secretary of State Opens Investigation Into How Coffee County Handled Recount,” WALB News Atlanta, December 9, 2020 (<https://www.walb.com/2020/12/09/secretary-state-opens-investigation-into-how-coffee-co-handled-recount/>).

<sup>32</sup> See <https://www.sidneypowell.com>.

<sup>33</sup> Maggie Haberman and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, “Trump Weighed Naming Election Conspiracy Theorist as Special Counsel,” *New York Times*, December 19, 2020 (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/19/us/politics/trump-sidney-powell-voter-fraud.html>).

<sup>34</sup> *Pierson et. al, versus State of Georgia et. al.*, Brief, pp. 11-12 ([https://www.scribd.com/document/487983175/Final-Ga-Brief-Booklet-Size-pdf#from\\_embed](https://www.scribd.com/document/487983175/Final-Ga-Brief-Booklet-Size-pdf#from_embed)).

<sup>35</sup> See Rudy Giuliani, attorney to President Trump, “Trump Campaign Taking Constitutional Fight to Supreme Court,” press release, December 20 (<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/media/trump-campaign-taking-constitutional-fight-to-supreme-court/>).

ing on Election Day, (b) eliminating the right of campaigns to challenge mail ballots during canvassing for forged signatures and other irregularities, (c) holding that the rights of campaigns to observe the canvassing of mail ballots only meant that they only were allowed to be ‘in the room’—in this case, the Philadelphia Convention Center—the size of several football fields, and (d) eliminating the statutory requirements that voters properly sign, address, and date mail ballots.<sup>36</sup>

## What’s Next

Long term, if Trump prevails, look for the next four years to be markedly distinguished from the past fifty. We’ll likely see deeper cleaning of federal government and of local elections corruption, particularly if Trump can appoint a more principled Attorney General who’s also courageous (like Sidney Powell). A winnowing of Chinese support in American Universities is likely as is growth in promising charter schools. Further atrophy of slave states like Iran and Venezuela are very likely, as are improvements in domestic law and order. Many Democrat-run cities and states will bear the just consequences of their profligacy alone, without federal bailouts. As we’ve long shown, low tax rates, moderate and stable interest rates, and currency that’s good as gold are the antidotes for congressional profligacy and the Fed’s idiotic ZIRP monetary policy.<sup>37</sup> The Trump Treasury Department wanted and caused dollar weak-

ening which will likely persist. Curiously, Trump’s gold-advocating nominee for the Fed Board, Judy Shelton, tweeted, “Waiting for Senate Confirmation” on December 23<sup>rd</sup>—the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fed’s creation under President Wilson.<sup>38</sup> The Senate apparently is too busy evading the election fraud to confirm Shelton.

If Biden “wins,” we expect his episodes of dementia will usher in a Harris Presidency. Under either of those lawless leaders, we expect the U.S.’ past fifty-year decline to near its nadir as the 110-page “Biden Sanders Unity” plan moves the U.S. into the express lane for unbridled corruption and economic stagnation under full socialism.<sup>39</sup> We recall Biden’s promise to “rejoin the Paris Agreement and put America back in the business of leading the world on climate change”—“on day one.” Given the Biden family’s record of influence peddling to Communist China, we expect America will actually be in “the business” of stagnation by carbon taxes alone, so China may enjoy a more leisurely approach to cleaning its far more contaminated air and waters, and a more rapid destabilizing of the U.S. How much of this might be driven by Biden’s decades-long deference to China? On December 7<sup>th</sup>, Fox host Tucker Carlson aired a video translated from a recent Chinese television show in which a prominent professor of economics declares with pride that the Communist Party has “people at the top” of the U.S. government.<sup>40</sup>

<sup>36</sup> Trump-Pence Campaign, “Trump Campaign Taking Constitutional Fight to Supreme Court,” press release, December 20, 2020 (<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/media/trump-campaign-taking-constitutional-fight-to-supreme-court/>).

<sup>37</sup> See “Depreciated Currency, Depreciated Country,” *The Capitalist Advisor*, August 3, 2020; “Minority Report: Judy Shelton and Gold at the Fed,” *The Capitalist Advisor*, July 21, 2020; “Fiscal-Monetary ‘Stimulus’ is Depressive—as Japan Proves,” *The Capitalist Advisor*, June 5, 2020; “A Desperate Fed Panics—Right on Cue,” *Investor Alert*, March 5, 2020; “Fed Cuts Its Policy Rate Again, But Keeps the Yield Curve Inverted, Inviting Recession,” *Investor Alert*, September 18, 2019; and “Perma-ZIRP: Why the Fed Won’t ‘Normalize’ Rates in Our Lifetime,” *The Capitalist Advisor*, March 20, 2015.

<sup>38</sup> See “Minority Report: Judy Shelton and Gold at the Fed,” *The Capitalist Advisor*, July 21, 2020.

<sup>39</sup> “The Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations: Combating the Climate Crisis and Pursuing Environmental Justice,” July 3, 2020. Selected recommendations: “Rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement ... on Day One.” Transform the “fleet of 500,000 school buses to American-made, zero-emission alternatives” in five years. “End Cash Bail.” “Stop the practice of arresting children for behavior that ought to be handled in the principal’s office.” “Repeal so-called ‘right to work’ laws.” “Democrats will recognize unions with majority sign-up—via so-called ‘card check’ processes” (ending the secret ballot to usher in more union voter intimidation); “. . . give all Americans the choice to select a high-quality, affordable public option through the Affordable Care Act marketplace. The public option will provide at least one plan choice without deductibles, will be administered by the traditional Medicare program, not private companies, and will cover all primary care without any co-payments and control costs for other treatments by negotiating prices with doctors and hospitals, just like Medicare does on behalf of older people.” *Source*: <https://joebiden.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/UNITY-TASK-FORCE-RECOMMENDATIONS.pdf>.

<sup>40</sup> Tucker Carlson, “Our Elites’ Collusion with China is Real and Widespread.” Excerpt: “On November 28, Di Dongsheng, a professor at Renmin University in Beijing, appeared on a Chinese television show about Wall Street and international trade. Like so many in academia in China, Di is a servant of his country’s government. This video was deleted from Chinese social media soon after being uploaded, and here’s why: ‘DI DONSHENG (translation): ‘The Trump administration is in a trade war with us, so why can’t we fix the Trump administration? Why, between 1992 and 2016, did China and the U.S., use to be able to settle all kinds of issues? No matter what kind of crises we encountered ... things were solved in no time ... We fixed everything in two months. What is the reason? I’m going to throw out something maybe a little bit explosive here. It’s just because we have people at the top. At the top of America’s core inner circle of power and influence, we have our old friends.’ ‘Two different Chinese speakers have confirmed the above translation. This is as close to a smoking gun as we have ever seen.’ Text and video: <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/tucker-carlson-elites-china-collusion-di-dongsheng>.



Near term, the road to a second Trump term enjoys the momentum created by his first term's policies toward transparency, lawfulness, prosperity and safety at home and abroad. Trump tailwinds include some 80 million Democrat and Republican voters who believe the Biden victory is illicit.<sup>41</sup> Also aiding Trump is the fact that tens of millions of people have grown irate and impatient with the destructive financial, social and psychological toll of the Democrat's tyrannical lockdowns. Among the headwinds Trump faces are the anti-outsider bias of elected officials and the corrupt judges and politicians whose careers are jeopardized by the obvious evidence of election fraud. The media's evasion and propaganda pander to the Trump-destroying whims of the status quo.



A mixed blessing may be the media's now vividly conspicuous, incessant bias against Trump. Since the election, the media and political establishments have been spoon-feeding the populace two mantras: "There's no evidence of election fraud," and "it's time for Trump to be a good sport and concede" because "America likes comebacks, but not sore losers."<sup>42</sup> Such characterizations confess ignorance and desperation. Few in-person voters view voting and governance as mere sport. Euphemisms that belittle voter disenfranchisement as "funny business," "shenanigans," or "irregularities" are among the final steps from "regularity" and "normalcy" to tyranny. In Russia and Venezuela in recent decades the purpose of elections hasn't been to establish legitimate governance but to cloak despotism.

Clearly, the media and entrenched officials in America have become complacent. They've forgotten that *all* the people can be fooled only *some* of the time.

There are momentous dangers unique to each side of the political divide and common to both. On the right, there's a danger that a majority will grow despondent if voting and fighting for law and liberty become futile; a compliant nation is then easily steamrolled. There's also the danger that mobs on either side take to the streets in waves of violent lawlessness that's tolerated (as in

Portland last summer) or put down (by overwhelming military force). It's well known that some of the socialist thugs last summer were funded, trained, cash-bailed and flow from one targeted city to another, as carnage ensued. Violence will be new for the right, but history shows that those who fight *for* a fervently-believed cause often defeat the mercenaries and those who are only fighting *against* some alleged evil. The American Revolution is a fitting example: fervent, pro-liberty patriots defeated George III's great army and his paid Hessians. We doubt today's American right is sufficiently angry or compulsive to take to the streets; but who doubts that BLM/Antifa will resume their thuggery if Trump were to win? No one.

There's also a more imminent, potential danger feared most by the American left: that the U.S. House of Representatives rejects the presidential electors on January 6<sup>th</sup> and chooses Trump for a second term. The Democrat Party will then face the prospect of "re-positioning" (to a temporary respite from socialist rhetoric). Their credibility is already eviscerated following four years of massive hoaxes (e.g., Russian collusion, impeachment, and lockdowns). Their left-stream media outlets' circulation and ratings are down by double-digits (making M&A consolidations likely). Desperation will no doubt drive them to conjure *new* scapegoats and hoaxes, but four years of deeper, more confident Trump swamp-draining could further deplete their inside operatives and leakers.

In the event the Justice Department gains more principled leadership and ceases being a euphemism, Democrats may also finally have to face their malfeasances in criminal trials (a 21<sup>st</sup> century Nuremberg which populists relish and we see as a prerequisite for the return to rule by law). Longer term, we see very high probability that the socialists will contend with yet another challenge: the restoration of fair elections. When neither party can cheat, both (especially the Democrats) will have to drop the pretense that their losses are necessarily illegitimate. Elections will become more lawful again—prompting better candidates and better-funded GOP campaigns to challenge and defeat previously immutable incumbents.

<sup>41</sup> See "Almost Half (47%) of American Voters Believe There was Enough Fraud to Ensure Biden Would Win in the Recent Elections, Including 75% of Republicans and 30% of Democrats" ([https://twitter.com/Rasmussen\\_Poll/status/1340397848135917571](https://twitter.com/Rasmussen_Poll/status/1340397848135917571)).

<sup>42</sup> Mary Papenfuss, "Karl Rove On Trump: America Likes Comebacks, Not Sore Losers," *Huffpost*, December 14, 2020 ([https://www.huffpost.com/entry/karl-rove-trump-comeback-sore-loser\\_n\\_5fd6ef11c5b6218b42ea4c62](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/karl-rove-trump-comeback-sore-loser_n_5fd6ef11c5b6218b42ea4c62)).



The United States today is too large, culturally diverse, and—amid a growing undercurrent of alert citizens—too tied to its founding principles of liberty to simply creep and slide into banana republicanism. It must either fall to socialism or dictatorship soon under Biden/Harris or enjoy a reprieve during another four years of likely political remediation by Trump.

Unlike other countries with illiberal founding principles and rampant election fraud (e.g., Venezuela and the Philippines), America's founding principles were distinct, revolutionary, liberal, and clearly identified in founding documents. Is the number of Americans now willing to fight for those principles sufficient to repel the attempted Democrat/Socialist Coup? More importantly, of those who are willing to fight, how clearly do they grasp the incontrovertible principles worth fighting for? Can they articulate the case for individual rights and equal justice under objective law, amid today's status quo, especially to the young (who are alarmingly pro-socialist)?<sup>43</sup> A few markers suggest "yes."

*First*, Trump received more votes than any previous incumbent. *Second*, he received 11 million more votes than in 2016—the third largest increase ever for an incumbent. (Obama, by contrast, received 3.5 million fewer votes in 2012 than in 2008). *Third*, although Biden notched a record high in the popular vote, he won only 524 (17%) of all U.S. counties—a record low. That anomaly alone suggests fraud. The long predicted "blue wave" was actually red.

Significantly, some 20,000 supporters attended Mr. Trump's *post-election* rally in Valdosta, GA on December 5<sup>th</sup>, which garnered over 5 million views in less than 24 hours on three emerging networks (RSBN, NTD and DJT). During the December 5<sup>th</sup> event, RSBN registered 276,000 viewers—seven times the 39,000 viewers that the former darling of conservatives, *Fox News*, registered.<sup>44</sup> This result suggests pro-Trump activists will be battling and getting out the vote for the two GOP Senate candidates in January's run-off election in Georgia. Consider also evidence of Trump's *populist* support: professionally produced music videos by people with names like "Mad American"—and titles like "*We're Not Gonna Take It*" (set to a rock music hit by the same name). Roughly 1.4 million people have viewed that video since it was posted to YouTube one day *after* the election.<sup>45</sup>

Nonetheless, amid such evidence favoring a second Trump term is evidence that his party may lose control of the Senate. Two Atlanta-based pollsters correctly predicted the 2016 and presumed 2020 Trump Presidential victories: Trafalgar and Insider Advantage. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, their principals stated that both Senate run-off races are *too close to call*. Early voting rates have not materially declined from the November 3<sup>rd</sup> elections. Both parties are intensely focused on getting out the vote. Trump, with a Senate that's evenly split or Democrat-controlled, will be more bullish than a Biden/Harris presidency who flaunts their executive-order powers over *either* party's control of the Senate. That either of these races is even close today, given the overt anti-Americanism and socialism of the two Democrats, should be disturbing to any pro-capitalist liberty-lover.

### Standards & Conflicts

The standard for evaluating America's political conflicts—and forecasting their consequences—arises from the purpose and functions of government, namely: its protection of individual rights against criminals foreign and domestic, by means of police, military, and courts. Administering these functions once rested on a magnificent, constitutional rule of law that provided for three separate but co-equal branches operated by rational statesmen and jurists with checks against corrupting factions. Government was further checked by a "fourth estate," journalists who scrupulously observed, uncovered, reported (and *then* opined) on the news of the day. They once "spoke truth to power" but now speak lies to support those who most crave illegitimate power. After 130 years of relentless assault by "progressive activists," appeasers, opportunists, and muckrakers, the fourth estate is now devoted mainly to extolling statism and eroding individual rights. Most in government, education, and "elite" cultural institutions support collectivism and subjugation. Today's true fourth estate is now "social media" and the handful of rising cable and internet news networks and podcasts.

As government becomes lawless, commerce and society become unstable or impossible. Ultimately the lawlessness and instability spread and must be resolved. The only options: restoring objective law and order or descending into despotism. To establish tyranny in the absence of a military coup, a populace must be made to

<sup>43</sup> See "Good News, Bad News: Americans' Views on Capitalism versus Socialism," *The Capitalist Advisor*, September 10, 2018.

<sup>44</sup> RSBN (2.10M); NTD (2.42M); DJT (0.61M). Note: live, initial viewers: RSBN: 276,000; Fox: 39,000.

<sup>45</sup> Mad American, "We're Not Gonna Take It," video, 3 minutes (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1l-nR1Apj4>).

feel uncertain, hence fearful, hence willing to succumb to the pied pipers who admonish them to “do their part in these extraordinary circumstances” (and today, “close down” and “mask up”). Government schools have already been proselytizing drivels like this for some 50 years, replacing facts with fallacies (e.g. the “1619 Project”) and diminishing the ability to make logical, purposeful connections (i.e., think). The extent of Covid-phobia is a preview of how large numbers of deficiently educated people can be rapidly manipulated into “virtue-signaling” and compliance with arbitrary and self-destructive edicts abetted by a climate of fear.

Nevertheless, human nature hasn’t changed. More of those whose earnings *support* government and culture are awakening to the fundamental need for lawful, individual freedom and creativity to triumph over deceit and lawlessness. To them at least, the conflict has become clearer than in the past. Something’s gotta give.

## Conclusion

In “The Wizard of Oz,” Dorothy eventually learns that her ruby slippers have held the means to terminate her dream-turned nightmare and return her to her preferred lifestyle: home. In the U.S., law-abiding citizens have always retained the moral basis of Constitutional law which is the moral high ground of the Declaration:

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form,<sup>46</sup> as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their

right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance — /// — of Americans beginning some 130 years ago when so-called “Progressives,” their appeasers, and other opportunistic frauds began undermining the rule of law which in turn undermined Americans’ freedoms, security, schools, work, currency and savings, health, glorious history and results, and their un-breached pursuits of happiness—alone, and in mutual, voluntary consent to mutual benefit with each other.

In the aftermath of last month’s election fraud, the silence in the halls of state and federal legislatures has been deafening. Unlike the aftermath of the 2016 election, no one today dares say “illegitimate.” Some have conducted hearings signifying little or nothing. Some have promised “investigations,” but their chambers are now *conspicuously chock full* of disgusting and complicit frauds, thieves, destroyers, liars and craven appeasers (in both parties). Some, like Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), recognize that the recent election was stolen, but “the only way it will be fixed is by, in the future, reinforcing the laws”—as if voters will bother again after such political leaders condone the 2020 theft of the highest office.<sup>47</sup> Other leaders, like Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), will pledge more “investigations,” also with much sound and fury signifying little. Many might find useful scapegoats in the opposing party, house, state, country or businessman, but few will uphold their oath. Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) has been courageous, an exception.

If more silent incumbents are barraged by complaining constituents between now and January 6<sup>th</sup>, they might become convinced that it’s safer to reject the election fraud now, than to risk becoming its victim in *their* next election. These are the “pragmatic” (unprincipled) politicians who glance furtively to discern where the “consensus” is heading, and *then* commit. Meanwhile, status quo Republican Senators—including Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Majority Whip John Thune (R-SD)—are pushing for the Senate to “move on” and not raise any “messy” electoral challenges in January.<sup>48</sup> Perpetual traders in favors, they fail to realize that if fraud on the scale of the 2020 general election is permitted, they and their fellow Republicans will have smaller chances of winning in a future replete with Democrat sham elections: i.e., in an American Banana Republic.

<sup>46</sup> i.e., The protection of inviolable individual rights by a judiciary, executive and legislative body under the rule of law, not men.

<sup>47</sup> John Bowden, “Rand Paul Claims Election ‘in Many Ways was Stolen’ During Krebs Hearing,” *The Hill*, December 16, 2020 (<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/530492-rand-paul-claims-election-in-many-ways-was-stolen-during-krebs-hearing>).

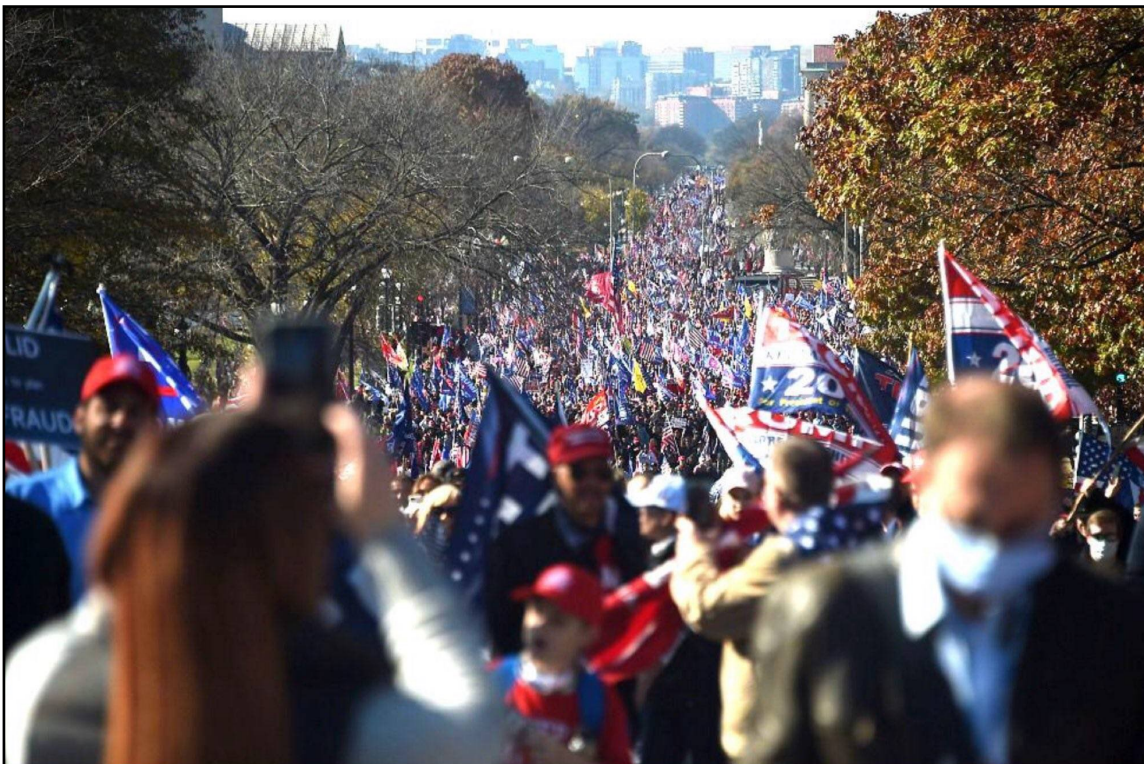
<sup>48</sup> Alexander Bolton, “GOP Seeks to Avoid Messy Trump Fight Over Electoral College,” *The Hill*, December 25, 2020 (<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/531562-gop-seeks-to-avoid-messy-trump-fight-over-electoral-college>).

Whether they recognize it or not, the problem facing every elected official in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives is one of complicity. The moment a fence accepts stolen property, he's complicit in the crime. Biden can only be inaugurated if Congress accepts the electoral college electors or objects and accepts him by the alternate constitutional provisions involving their own deliberations and votes. If Biden is inaugurated, they're all complicit in the theft of the people's highest office, regardless of how they chose him. They will have approved the theft and fenced it to themselves with only a veneer of legitimacy. In reality, the consent of the governed has gone missing, so every government office and power has thereby lost its legitimacy. Again, fraud vitiates all. When the police finally show up, every fence must surrender his loot (here, the people's office which he occupies). But the police are far from being called, let alone showing up.

If defeated, Trump will likely gain martyr status among his supporters. Those who grasp the whole truth will become further agitated. Some will be despondent. Whether a majority descends to law-breaking remains to be seen; it's not their custom; their preference is law-

fulness. Many may run for office themselves—a likely positive development, and something the rank-and-file, black-garbed thugs cannot do. But history and political philosophy show that when push comes to shove, the lawful (those who want objective laws upheld equally and with dispatch) are those most worthy, willing, and capable of fighting for justice, if necessary to the death. All that's needed is a spark.

We can see some such lawful fighters in the Trump camp and many more in the public square of social media. If Trump can extricate enough of the snakes and grasp how principled action is the most practical kind, he might abandon more of the derivative rules and crowd-pleasing; then he can leverage more of the ethical arguments (election integrity) which presuppose law, vanquish the lawless, and hence *protect the lawful*. In this battle, the good guys have the powerful truth, the moral high-ground, and the unassailable legal arguments. Will they be able to shift or upend the status quo? Will they be able to find five honest Supreme Court justices? It depends on the remaining degree of respect that exists for *the rule of law*. The inflection-point chapter is upon us. It's a worldwide suspense thriller.



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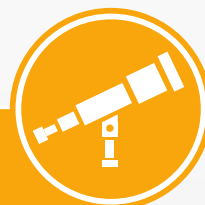
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