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### Alvin Bragg: Soros Legman Running Amok

The prosecution of Donald Trump might well be the highlight of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's career in weaponizing the law on the slippery slope to anarcho-tyranny.

The leftist prosecutor is pursuing Trump even as he permits real criminals to skate free by dismissing and lowering charges for real crimes. He sued the Trump administration to stop it from including a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. And most recently, he actually charged a shop owner with murder for defending himself during a savage attack.



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Bragg relented on the shop owner, but he hasn't on Trump, and has hoked up a grand jury indictment in blue Manhattan (see article on page 10) to cripple the former president's 2024 run.

Bragg's background as a legal torpedo for the Left, with funding from socialist billionaire George Soros, explains why.

#### **The Soros Connection**

Bragg is one of 75 prosecutors bought and paid for by the Soros Combine that's working overtime to undermine American justice. Though leftist media "fact-checkers" deny it and call it an anti-Semitic canard, the Hungarian-Jewish subversive funneled some \$1 million into Bragg's campaign.

"In May 2021, the progressive Color of Change PAC endorsed Bragg and pledged to spend \$1 million to aid his campaign," Fox News reported in an answer to those "fact checks." "Days later, Soros made a \$1 million contribution to the PAC, which later spent roughly \$500,000 on Bragg's campaign rather than the full million it pledged."

Soros' New York Safety and Justice PAC also pumped money into Bragg's effort.

Despite that obvious pass-through, a CNN reporter actually claimed that connecting Bragg to Soros was a "centuries old antisemitic trope" about a "sinister Jewish puppet master somehow orchestrating US and international events with their cash, and attacks on Soros are often either explicitly antisemitic attacks or dog whistle attacks, invoking that trope."

Except that Soros did indeed pump more than \$1 million to Bragg through the usual cutouts, and shoveled \$40 million in elections nationwide that planted 75 leftist Soros operatives in prosecutors' offices. They include Los Angeles DA George Gascon and others who have systematically undermined criminal justice.

Those prosecutors, Bragg included, are anti-cop, anti-victim, and pro-criminal.

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**Follow the money:** The leftist money machine of subversive billionaire George Soros helped elect Alvin Bragg and 75 other leftist prosecutors. (AP Images)

### **Tough on Victims**

What Bragg did to bodega owner and attempted-murder victim Jose Alba, and what he doesn't do to career criminals, shows just how Bragg is cementing the anarcho-tyranny's power in New York City.

The trouble for Alba began when a 32-year-old woman claimed that "Alba grabbed [potato chips] out of her daughter's hand" after the store turned down her EBT card, the *New York Post* reported. "So she knocked over items on the counter and ran home to get [boyfriend Austin] Simon, who stormed into the bodega and attacked Alba about 10 minutes later."

"During the fight, Simon's girlfriend allegedly stabbed the worker in the shoulder with a knife she had in her purse, according to Alba's defense attorney — but she is not facing charges," the *Post* reported.

But then Simon brutally attacked Alba, who stabbed the career criminal in self-defense. Simon was "on parole for assaulting a cop at the time of the deadly encounter — and has at least eight prior busts, including for assault, robbery, and assault during a domestic dispute," the *Post* explained.

No matter. Bragg charged Alba with second-degree murder and sent him to the notoriously dangerous Rikers Island jail.

Even leftist Mayor Eric Adams denounced Bragg, who dropped the charges only after he was shamed into doing so.

#### **Easy on Criminals**

As for Bragg's boon companions in the crime business, he recently reduced felony robbery charges on one Rodney Johnson, a 90-arrest veteran of the criminal justice system, down to misdemeanors.

"This guy has been breaking the law for 35 years," a lawman told the Post:

"He's been a one-man robbery spree preying on low-wage workers, then when the cops catch the guy, Bragg's office downgrades the felony charges," the sources said.

"All the while [Bragg] chases an indictment of the former president for paying a porn star.

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Priorities."

Even worse, Johnson paid \$1 bail on previous charges. Bragg's office dropped the charges on his latest crimes — robbing two pharmacies — from felony third-degree robbery to misdemeanors, menacing, and petit larceny, the *Post* reported:

Johnson's criminal history dates to 1987, and includes a string of larceny and robbery busts and a 2005 domestic violence rap after he allegedly threatened to kill his ex-girlfriend's daughter.

He has also served state prison time on a 1994 robbery conviction and a 1998 grand larceny conviction, state correction records show.

"A major principle of our system is the more crimes you commit, the worse the punishment," said defense attorney Mike Discioarro, a former Bronx prosecutor. "How is this guy getting a deal?

Others of Bragg's greatest hits, the *Post* reported, include these:

• Major felony arrests led to "five sessions of a youth diversion program" for a gang member. That decision freed the criminal to prey again, and "he and three cohorts allegedly mugged a 14-year-old in Bedford-Stuyvesant in January."

- In another pharmacy case, Bragg's office released a criminal who had 100 previous arrests.
- One of his prosecutors even wrote a letter pleading for clemency for a murderer.

#### Anarcho-tyranny

None of this is a surprise, as a *Daily News* profile of Bragg shows. He's a hard-core "social justice" activist. When he worked for the state attorney general's office, he managed the Criminal Justice and Social Justice Divisions, which sued not only Trump's foundation but also the Trump administration to stop the addition of a citizenship question to the decennial U.S. Census.

And now, with the indictment of Trump on misdemeanors he wants to call felonies, Bragg might have established himself as the anarcho-tyranny's principal leader. And anarcho-tyranny might be the most dangerous enemy Americans have ever faced.

It is, conservative columnist Sam Francis wrote in 1994, "a kind of Hegelian synthesis of what appear to be dialectical opposites: the combination of oppressive government power against the innocent and the law-abiding and, simultaneously, a grotesque paralysis of the ability or the will to use that power to carry out basic public duties such as protection or public safety. And, it is characteristic of anarcho-tyranny that it not only fails to punish criminals and enforce legitimate order but also criminalizes the innocent."

Bragg's attempt to prosecute a man for defending himself against a murderous thug is tyranny, and his undercharging and releasing dangerous criminals is anarchy.

But the prosecution of Trump on charges for which the statute of limitations has expired, and that required connecting those charges to "another crime" to make a prosecutable felony, is anarcho-



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tyranny on steroids.

Forget "democratically" passed laws — such as those requiring seatbelts or motorcycle helmets, or those controlling guns — that ensnare the law-abiding in a web of petty infractions that turn them into criminals.

Bragg is actually *manufacturing crimes* to attack his political opponents. If successful, he could do that to anyone else who fits Trump's anti-establishment mold.

And that's what you call weaponizing the law, a new and dangerous tool in the hands of the anarchotyranny.



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