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"Bipartisan" Hoax: The January 6 Committee's Far-Left Agenda

As the first anniversary of the January 6 Capitol riot approached, the *New York Times* Editorial Board, in a January 1, 2022 opinion piece, declared, "Truly grappling with the threat ahead means taking full account of the terror of that day a year ago. Thanks largely to the dogged work of a bipartisan committee in the House of Representatives, this reckoning is underway."

The "bi-partisan" committee to which the Times' editorial collective referred is, of course, the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (hereafter referred to as the I6 Committee). The *Times* says the I6 Committee is bipartisan and doing "dogged" work to bring a "full account of the terror." And, if the *Times* says it, then it must be so, for (to paraphrase Marc An-tony's mocking description of Brutus and his fellow assassins) "the Times says the I6 Committee is bipartisan and the *Times* is an honorable source." Besides, the *Times* is not the only honorable, impartial source saying so; we have such additional honorable, impartial sources as CNN, CBS, NPR, MSNBC, Associated Press, Wikipedia, etc. In fact, it is difficult to find a news story that doesn't include an obligatory mention that the J6 Committee is a "bipartisan" effort to get to the truth concerning what really happened on January 6, 2021 and who was responsible for it.

The constant repetition of the J6 Committee's supposedly bipartisan nature is part of the full-court media press to inoculate the J6 Committee against charges that it is using its "investigation" as a purely partisan weapon, which is precisely what it is doing. Contrary to the media narrative, the J6 Committee is a *totally partisan* sham committee set up by Speaker Nancy Pelosi to carry on the Democrats' continuing war (with their media allies) against President Trump and his "basket of deplorables" —

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meaning not just the approximately 80 million Americans who voted for Trump, but every American whom the Biden-Pelosi-Schumer-DNC regime decides to designate (by foul means or fair) as a "white supremacist," "violent extremist," "insurrectionist," "domestic extremist," or other such pliable, political label.

Pelosi and company have pledged to reach across the aisle and work fairly with their Republican colleagues. "We will have a full accounting of that deadly day, and we will endeavor to do so with bipartisan sobriety," said Representative Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), a senior member of the J6 Committee. But, for some reason, those assurances are less than convincing. Does anyone really believe that Adam "Shifty" Schiff, one of the most implacable and partisan antagonists of President Trump over the last five years, suddenly will be any less partisan and deceitful than he has been as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and any less malevolent than he was as lead manager in the House's first impeachment trial of President Trump? Apparently the entire Fake News media choir thinks so — and has total confidence in the impartiality of the entire J6 Committee. So, let's take a look at the J6 Committee to see just how "bipartisan" and unbiased it truly is.

Rigging the Game

Holding a press conference on January 7, 2021, the day after the Capitol riot, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared that "yesterday, the President of the United States incited an armed insurrection against America." "In calling for this seditious act, the President has committed an unspeakable assault on our nation and our people," she charged. "I join the Senate Democratic Leader in calling on the Vice President to remove this President by immediately invoking the 25th Amendment."

Throughout her press conference, Pelosi repeatedly used the terms "sedition," "seditious," and "undermining the election," attempting to conflate the actions of President Trump, members of Congress, and Republicans who legally challenged the 2020 elections with the illegal and violent acts of a few hundred rioters who invaded the Capitol on January 6. It is worth reminding readers that this was not the first time Pelosi had called for exercising the "25th Amendment option" to remove President Trump from the Oval Office. In October 2020, three weeks before the presidential election and 14 weeks before the January 6 riot, Pelosi joined Representative Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) at a press conference to announce the introduction of legislation to establish a permanent body that could declare the president "unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office." This Raskin-Pelosi effort was modeled on Raskin's earlier 25th Amendment legislation introduced in 2017, immediately after Donald Trump's inauguration. Before President Trump could even get established in the White House and get his Cabinet confirmed, the Democrats and Deep State saboteurs (including Trump appointees) inside the federal bureaucracy were plotting to remove him by either impeachment or the 25th Amendment.

Following the January 6 Capitol riot, Speaker Pelosi and a media chorus began a high-powered campaign to establish an "independent" commission modeled after the 9/11 Commission that "investigated" the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. However, they failed to win sufficient support in the Senate for a grand January 6 Commission of establishment "experts." So, Pelosi was forced to settle for a less-grandiose "bipartisan" House committee stacked with her selected Democratic operatives.

Speaker Pelosi shot herself in the foot right out of the starting gate by taking the unprecedented step of demanding control over whom the Republicans could choose to put on her new J6 Committee. She not

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only would appoint her own radical Democrats to the committee, but would claim veto power over whom the House GOP leaders could appoint. When House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy nominated Representatives Jim Banks (R-Ind.), Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), Rodney Davis (R-Ill.), Kelly Armstrong (R-N.D.), and Troy Nehls (R-Texas) to serve on the committee, Pelosi nixed Banks and Jordan. Jordan had particularly inflamed Democrats with his articulate, effective responses to their attacks and his aggressive, rapid-fire grilling of Democratic witnesses. He was too big a threat to their Kabuki theater. To his credit, McCarthy refused to play in the Pelosi-rigged game and pulled all five of his nominees. Adamant to have her way with her "bipartisan" committee, Pelosi appointed her own "Republicans": Representatives Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, two of the most notorious Hate-Trump RINOs (Republicans In Name Only) in Congress. Now, that's *real* bipartisanship!

The Democrats on the J6 Committee are hardly more anti-Trump than Cheney and Kinzinger: Adam Schiff, Zoe Lofgren, and Pete Aguilar of California; Jamie Raskin of Maryland; Elaine Luria of Virginia; and Stephanie Murphy of Florida. The chairman is Bennie G. Thompson of Mississippi, but Schiff and Raskin are the real leaders; Pelosi placed Thompson in the figurehead role because she needed a black face to spout the Democrats' boilerplate charge of racist, white supremacist Republicans. We provide below profiles of the J6 Committee members.

A "Bipartisan" Rogues' Gallery

• *Adam Schiff (D-Calif.)*, a lawyer and former California state senator, was elected in 2000 to the U.S. Congress representing California's 27th District (now the 28th) to replace Republican James Rogan. Rogan had been particularly targeted by the Democratic Left for his role as a House manager in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton. Two organizations funded by George Soros, MoveOn and the Council of State Governments, greatly aided Schiff's campaign. Also providing crucial campaign aid to Schiff was the Council for a Livable World, the pro-Soviet propaganda outfit founded by nuclear physicist Leo Szilard, whom former KGB General Pavel Sudaplatov identified as a Soviet agent of influence. Schiff is also a strong supporter of Communist China, working closely with the Committee of 100 and other organizations that promote the Chinese Communist Party's agenda.

During his 22 years in Congress, Schiff has earned a failing 17-percent score on The New American's Freedom Index, which rates congressional votes based on adherence to the Constitution. He came to the attention of most Americans as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, where he engaged in relentless harassment of President Trump with conspiracy theories that proved to be false, kept a steady stream of leaked classified documents going to his media pals, was repeatedly caught lying, and repeatedly claimed to have smoking-gun evidence that repeatedly turned out to be duds. Perhaps most infamously, he was caught several times falsifying evidence, as in the case of his fabrication of a transcript of a 2019 phone call between then-President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Not surprisingly, Schiff has carried over this activity into the J6 Committee. During a committee hearing on December 13, 2021, Schiff claimed to have proof that a member of Congress (Representative Jim Jordan) had texted former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows on January 6 to instruct former Vice President Mike Pence to overturn the 2020 presidential election results. Not only was his claim false, but Schiff had doctored the purported text message between Jordan and Meadows, which he displayed as an exhibit to the committee.

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In truth, Jordan had merely forwarded a message from Joseph Schmitz, a Washington attorney and former Department of Defense inspector general, which included a four-page letter in which Schmitz laid out the constitutional basis and legal reasoning for Vice President Pence to refuse to certify electoral votes from states where the votes were in question. Reasonable minds can differ on Schmitz's legal theory, but even if Pence had followed it, clearly his actions would not have been tantamount to insurrection. It would have created a temporary impasse that would have to be resolved by Congress, the courts, and the states. However, Schiff's intent in highlighting the doctored text message clearly was to advance the Democratic narrative that Republican members of Congress had conspired with President Trump and the rioters to advance an "armed insurrection against America."

Schiff's actions and statements on the J6 Committee and Intelligence Committee are especially alarming in view of the promiscuous use of the "insurrectionist," "white supremacist," "domestic terrorist," and "domestic extremist" labels by the Democrat/media complex. On August 16, 2019, in a press statement introducing the Confronting the Threat of Domestic Terrorism Act, Schiff announced that "Americans today are more likely to be killed by white-supremacists than international terrorism organizations," and therefore, "This legislation will tackle that challenge by providing new and necessary tools to prosecutors and investigators to respond to the rising threat of domestic terrorism."

Statements and actions by Pelosi, Schiff, and other members of the J6 Committee have taken on even more ominous tones since Attorney General Merrick Garland and the Department of Justice, together with the Department of Education and the National School Boards Association, have been exposed in an apparent conspiracy to target parents who exercise their freedom of speech at school-board meetings as "domestic terrorists."

• Jamin "Jamie" Raskin (D-Md.) may suffer from an even more virulent form of Trump Derangement Syndrome than that afflicting Adam Schiff. During the 2017 certification of electoral votes, Raskin fought to prevent then-President-elect Donald Trump from assuming office by challenging 10 of Florida's electors as "not lawfully certified." As noted above, Representative Raskin introduced legislation in 2017 and again in 2020 to use the 25th Amendment to remove the president. In 2021, he was the Democrats' lead manager in the second impeachment effort against President Trump.

On January 6, 2022, Raskin declared, "One year ago today, we witnessed the unthinkable: an attempted coup organized by a president.... This coup against democracy was surrounded and camouflaged by a violent insurrection that laid siege to the Capitol." In an interview with MSNBC, Raskin charged that President Donald Trump and his congressional "flunkies" constituted the "inner ring of the coup."

Representative Raskin *does* know a thing or two about coups and insurrections, since he (along with his wife) worked relentlessly to remove Donald Trump, a legally elected president of the United States, from the White House. In 2020, Raskin's wife, Sarah Bloom Raskin, an Obama appointee to the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury Department (and a member of the globalist, subversive Council on Foreign Relations), was revealed to be one of several Obama administration officials requesting the "unmasking" of General Michael Flynn, which was the beginning of the political persecution of Flynn and one of the bogus pieces of evidence in the Democrat/media conspiracy theory known as the Trump-Russia collusion hoax.

However, the FBI and DOJ were having trouble finding facts to support the fevered coup-insurrectionterrorist theories regarding January 6, and the Pelosi-Schiff-Raskin cabal was getting exasperated with

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Merrick Garland's failure to do so. That changed on January 13, 2022, when Garland announced indictments for 11 members of the Oath Keepers group on charges of "seditious conspiracy." Raskin could barely contain his glee and sense of vindication over the DOJ's charges. In an interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper, Raskin said he hoped the newly filed charges would "shut up those of our colleagues who keep saying, 'Well if it was a conspiracy, how come there are no conspiracy charges? If it was seditious, how come there were no sedition charges?' So, there we go." He continued, "We've got those with, undoubtedly, a lot more to come soon."

As with many "red diaper babies" of the 1960s, Raskin has been deeply involved in radical, procommunist, anti-American activities his entire life, including close involvement with the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), a Marxist group founded by his father, Marcus Raskin, and closely tied to Soviet and Cuban intelligence operatives. (Trevor Loudon provides a revealing portrait of Jamie Raskin's subversive activities in a detailed profile on his <u>Keywiki.org</u> website.) And as does his far-left comrade Adam Schiff, Raskin has a failing 17-percent score on The New American's Freedom Index.

• *Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.)* has been a member of Congress since 1995, earning a meager lifetime constitutional rating of 24 percent on The New American's Freedom Index. Her pro-abortion militancy has been rewarded by a 100-percent rating from the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) and a zero-percent rating from the National Right to Life Committee. She has received a 100-percent rating from the LGBTQ radicals at the Human Rights Campaign, and an eight-perent rating from the Christian Coalition.

A strong open-borders advocate, she received a zero-percent rating by U.S. Border Control and zero percent from the Federation for American Immigration Reform. A staunch backer of restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms, Lofgren has earned an "F" rating from the National Rifle Association (NRA).

• Stephanie Murphy (D-Fla.) is usually described as a "moderate Democrat," which, in the current makeup of the Democrat-controlled Congress, can mean someone who doesn't wear (openly, at least) a hammer-and-sickle lapel pin or a Chairman Mao cap. The three-term Florida congresswoman has an abysmally low nine-percent constitutional vote rating on The New American's Freedom Index. She is a champion of gun control, LGBTQ "rights," taxpayer funding of abortion, fewer restrictions on immigration and migration, and "green" energy. One of the many global-warming alarmists in Congress, she has declared that climate change is a "national security threat." On January 7, 2021, Murphy called for removing President Trump by invoking the 25th Amendment. "The President incited a violent insurrection against our democracy — proof he's unable to uphold the Constitution," she tweeted. "The 25th Amendment should be invoked & the President removed to ensure a peaceful transition of power." In September 2018, she wrote a letter to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) commending and offering assistance to the group, which is notorious for supporting the Hamas terrorists and other radical Islamist groups.

• *Bennie G. Thompson (D-Miss.)*, as noted above, wears the title of chairman of the J6 Committee, even though he is merely serving as front man for Schiff and Raskin. One of Communist Cuba's best friends and propagandists in Congress, Representative Thompson has visited the dictatorship multiple times and has been warmly received by Fidel Castro and other communist officials. Castro, in his own official newspaper, *Granma*, credited Thompson and the Congressional Black Caucus (of which Thompson is a longtime member) with arranging for American youth to visit Cuba on scholarships to "study medicine."

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Chairman Thompson's current status as head of a Democrat-led effort to root out "sedition" is ironic considering his support back in the 1960s and 1970s for the black secessionist and communist revolutionary organization known as the Republic of New Africa (RNA). The RNA was formed under the leadership of Robert F. Williams, a violent domestic extremist who spent much of his time in exile in Communist Cuba and Communist China. And Thompson's relationship with the RNA was not merely a youthful misstep of half a century ago; in 2013 he endorsed the RNA's former vice president, Chokwe Lumumba, for mayor of Jackson, Mississippi. In fact, Thompson campaigned for him and recorded a campaign radio advertisement for Lumumba, who won the mayoral race.

• *Elaine Luria (D-Va.)*, a former U.S. Navy Commander, is another "moderate Democrat" whose actions belie the label. Her lifetime score on The New American's Freedom Index is a pathetic five percent, which may explain why she was endorsed and promoted by Virginia's Progressive Voter Guide and her House race was listed as a "Top 10 Priority District" by PowerPac, the megadonor outfit run by Steve Phillips, the radical son-in-law of billionaires Herb and Marian Sandler.

Luria provided a critically important "moderate" vote in paving the way for Nancy Pelosi to initiate the first impeachment effort against President Trump. Since she represents a district that includes many conservative military families, it has been important for her political viability to present herself as a "security Democrat." This has included repeated statements describing China as a security threat that she takes "seriously." However, not seriously enough, apparently, to cause her and her husband to divest themselves of between \$250,000 and \$500,000 of stock in the Alibaba Group, one of China's largest corporations, controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

Representative Luria has a 100-percent rating from both the NARAL and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund (PPAF), a zero-percent rating from the National Right to Life Committee, and a fourpercent rating from the Family Research Council. She received eight percent from Gun Owners of America (GOA) and zero percent from the NRA.

• *Pete Aguilar (D-Calif.)* has earned a lifetime constitutional rating of only 24 percent on The New American's Freedom Index, but 100 percent from the Big Labor radicals at the National Education Association, the American Federation of Government Employees, and the Communication Workers of America. The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence gives him a 100-percent rating, while the NRA and GOA both give him zeros. He gets 100-percent ratings from both NARAL and PPAF, and zero-percent ratings from the National Right to Life Committee and the California Pro-Life Council. When it comes to LGBTQ issues, Aguilar gets 100-percent marks from the Human Rights Campaign and Equality California, in contrast to zero percent from the American Family Association and four percent from the Family Research Council.

• *Liz Cheney (R-Wy.)*, who serves as Wyoming's lone member of Congress in the House, is somewhere near the top of the Never Trump/Hate Trump "Republicans." Last November, the Wyoming Republican Party Central Committee formally rebuked Cheney by voting for a resolution to no longer recognize her as a member of the party. The state GOP had already rebuked her with a formal censure after she joined the Pelosi Democrats in voting to impeach President Trump for "incitement of insurrection." Last May, the House Republicans stripped her of her post as chair of the House Republican Conference, the third-highest position in the House Republican leadership. She now faces a serious primary challenge for her congressional seat from Trump-backed Harriet Hageman, who won the Wyoming GOP straw poll on January 22.

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Compared to the House Democrats, Cheney appears to be the conservative she claims to be. She has a zero-percent rating from both NARAL and PPAF, and a 100-percent rating from the National Right to Life Committee. On gun issues, she gets 69 percent from Gun Owners of America and 92 percent from the NRA. On The New American's Freedom Index, she has a pallid lifetime score of 60 percent.

Being from one of the most conservative states in the union, Cheney has had to toe a conservative line on most issues. However, her father, former Vice President Dick Cheney, who held the congressional seat she now occupies, also put on a good conservative act for many years before coming out of the closet as a full-blown globalist. Realist observers have long suspected that Liz Cheney was following her father's path of playing down-home cowboy while schmoozing with the Rockefeller Republicans.

Now, as Nancy Pelosi's hand-picked vice-chair of the J6 Committee, she is the darling of the Democratic Party and the Fake News media. Cheney is regularly lionized as a heroic figure standing against the sedition, racism, and fanaticism of the Republican Party's "cult-like" Trump followers.

• Adam Kinzinger (R-III.), like Liz Cheney, appears conservative when his overall votes are paired against those of, say, Maxine Waters or Adam Schiff, but he can be counted on to fold on strategic votes. He has accumulated a lifetime score on The New American's Freedom Index of 51 percent. Along with Cheney, he has parlayed his position on the J6 Committee into a platform for nonstop face time with the anti-Trump media. He has announced he will not be running for reelection to Congress, but reportedly is looking toward a future run for the White House.



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