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It Didn't Start With Biden

Author, radio-TV commentator, and constitutional scholar Dan Smoot served as an FBI special agent during the 1940s and early 1950s. After leaving the bureau, he gained national recognition with his books, articles, broadcasts, and authoritative and well-researched newsletter *The Dan Smoot Report*.

In an issue of his *Report*, Smoot recounted one of his experiences as an FBI special agent that caused him to contemplate the terrible prospect that would confront Americans if the bureau were ever corrupted and turned into an instrument serving an unconstitutional, all-powerful federal government. He and his FBI team were hunting a criminal fugitive whose trail had taken them to a desert of the American Southwest. They were staking out an abandoned shack in the middle of nowhere. While hiding and waiting for their prey to show up, Smoot reflected on the awesome power of the FBI and its capacity to track this elusive outlaw and to predict (correctly) that he would come to this remote hideout. He pondered the bleak future that would face all freedom lovers if this power were turned against the American people.

The recently released report by Special Counsel John Durham and the testimony of FBI whistleblowers before the House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government should leave no doubt in any mind capable of reason that the FBI has been corrupted and is being weaponized to attack and destroy political opponents of the Biden/Deep State regime. Every sentient observer can see that this is happening real-time before our eyes: the phony "Russia collusion" narrative, the prosecution of General Michael Flynn, the illegal FBI bugging of President Trump, the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago, the persecution of innocent J6 victims, the raid on the home of pro-life activist Mark Houck, the FBI's targeting of parents protesting school abuses, the FBI's targeting of Traditional Latin Mass Catholics, the FBI's collusion with Big Tech social media to censor Americans, the FBI's quashing of the Hunter Biden laptop story, the FBI's failure to raid Joe Biden's home or think tank to recover illegally held classified documents, the FBI's failure to investigate the Biden family's business deals with Communist China, and on and on.

Since the passing of longtime FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in 1972, the FBI and the DOJ have been led by a succession of operatives of the Deep State — which Smoot identified in 1962 as [The Invisible Government](#). Over the decades, *The New American* has chronicled this insidious transformation — under both Republicans and Democrats — and sounded the alarm, as whistleblowers, inspectors general, congressional investigations, lawsuits, and our own investigations have exposed the gradual makeover of the FBI into something more closely resembling a budding Gestapo, Stasi, or KGB.

The Durham Report and the ongoing FBI whistleblower hearings are finally causing this once-gradual but now rapidly escalating transformation to come to the fore and to be given the public attention it deserves.

Veteran journalist R. Cort Kirkwood has done a masterful job of wading through the 300-page Durham Report, selecting the most salient passages and placing them in context with other important facts that are not included in the report. Steve Bonta, our executive senior editor, has watched the hearings of the House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government, studied the hearing documents, and brought us an excellent summation of the testimony of the heroic FBI whistleblowers. Reading, understanding, and disseminating this information is essential to our survival as a free nation. This weaponization of the DOJ and FBI can be and must be reversed. It is the duty of every American to



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expend every effort to assure that this happens.

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