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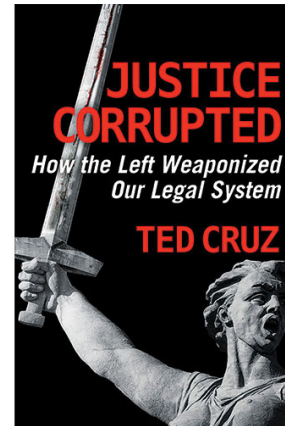
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The Review

Politicized “Justice”

Justice Corrupted: How the Left Weaponized Our Legal System, by Ted Cruz, Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, 2022, 233 pages, hardcover.

One of the most memorable passages in George Orwell’s *Animal Farm* is when the ruling pigs change the “commandment” of “All animals are equal” by adding “but some animals are more equal than others.”



That sums up the situation we face in America today, as chronicled by Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) in his new book *Justice Corrupted: How the Left Weaponized Our Legal System*. Senator Cruz is on the short list of the most conservative members of the U.S. Senate, and he has had a front-row seat to multiple examples of the basic thesis of his book — that the Left has largely captured our legal system, and is using it to advance its agenda.

One of my favorite parts of the book was Cruz’s firsthand account of the effort by him and a handful of other members of the Senate not to “overturn” the results of the 2020 presidential election on January 6, 2021, but simply to have a 10-day investigation by an Electoral Commission — with full investigatory and fact-finding authority — into potential election fraud in Arizona and Pennsylvania. After that investigation, the results would be turned over to those disputed states, which would then evaluate the commission’s findings. Then, if they felt there were sufficient evidence, those states could convene a special legislative session to certify a change in their electoral vote, if needed.

Of course, once some of the January 6 protesters began to pour into the Capitol, many of Cruz’s fellow senators who had agreed to participate in the effort to get Congress to authorize such a commission lost their nerve, and Biden was certified the winner of the presidential election.

Readers who believe that there were significant irregularities surrounding the 2020 presidential election will have those suspicions confirmed by Cruz’s book. He doesn’t make wild and unsupported charges, but rather offers specific examples of ways in which the Democrats abused the election process to produce a Trump defeat. Cruz went to bed on election night assuming that Trump had been reelected, but woke up the next morning with the media declaring a victory for Joe Biden instead.

Cruz details the problems in Pennsylvania, where the state’s constitution prohibits mail-in voting, but mail-in voting was done anyway. He gives behind-the-scenes details about the lawsuit that his state of Texas, along with four other states, filed in a vain effort to expose ways in which the election was manipulated in Biden’s favor.

But Cruz gives a much broader picture of how the Left is corrupting American justice to advance their agenda than simply writing about the controversial 2020 election.

He opens the book with a story of how a 14-year-old girl was sexually assaulted in the girls’ bathroom by a boy wearing a skirt, and how a “woke” school board attempted to cover up the incident in an effort



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to protect support for the transgender cause. This was followed by the National School Boards Association persuading Attorney General Merrick Garland to issue a formal memo to the FBI and the criminal division of the Department of Justice labeling protests at school-board meetings examples of domestic terrorism, and stating that the DOJ would “use its authority and resources to discourage these threats.”

Cruz opines that the DOJ — rather than being an arm of the Democratic Party, as it is now — should be “apolitical.” He explains how the DOJ was begun by President Ulysses S. Grant to combat the post-Civil War Ku Klux Klan, but in 1933 its role was expanded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. When Richard Nixon became president, he tried to use the FBI to punish his enemies, but then-Director J. Edgar Hoover resisted these efforts.

Since that time, other presidents may have pushed the FBI and the DOJ to operate in a manner to help them against political opponents, but, as Cruz notes, “no president flouted the norms of judicial independence quite so brazenly as Barack Obama.” Rather than viewing the DOJ as an entity that should be strictly nonpartisan, Eric Holder, who was Obama’s attorney general, bragged, “I’m still the president’s wing man.”

The scandals of the Nixon presidency, including Nixon’s attempt to use the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service to his advantage, are documented by Cruz, who explained how Nixon’s efforts were largely rebuffed by the two agencies. But that all changed under Obama, as his administration made frequent use of both the IRS and the FBI to advance its agenda by harassing conservative organizations.

The Obama IRS frequently denied the nonprofit tax-exempt status of organizations such as True the Vote, which simply advocated for the implementation of some suggested reforms designed to protect the integrity of American elections.

As Cruz put it, “Anyone who raised concerns about voter fraud [was] quickly labeled a conspiracy theorist,” and all such persons were “deemed enemies in the eyes of the Obama administration.”

True the Vote was one of the targets of Obama’s politicization of the IRS. When its leader, Catherine Engelbrecht, applied for 501(c)(3) status to operate as a nonprofit, the IRS made hundreds of demands, including copies of every Facebook post and every Twitter post she had ever made. They also demanded a detailed list of any speaking engagements she had done since the group’s founding. “The FBI opened multiple lines of inquiry into their activities,” Cruz wrote, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives opened an investigation concerning her husband’s gun sales. OSHA also investigated the couple’s small manufacturing firm.



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Ted Cruz (Gage Skidmore)

As it turns out, this attack on True the Vote was part of a concerted effort by the Obama IRS to shut down conservative organizations. Cruz also documents abuse of the IRS by other presidents, including FDR and John F. Kennedy.

In 2012, IRS agents were instructed to single out “political action type organizations involved in limiting government” and “education on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.” Cruz summarizes it all: “The Obama administration was able to do what even the Nixon administration could not — successfully use the IRS to harass, intimidate, and silence its enemies.”

Part of the problem is the length of the Internal Revenue Code, which is now 2.4 million words and 70,000 pages long. “The tax code,” Cruz explains, “is so complicated that it can be weaponized against virtually anyone at any time.” Because of this, Cruz advocates abolishing the IRS.

While presidents from Roosevelt to Obama have been able to abuse their position as chief of the executive branch, agencies such as the IRS and FBI have now been filled with so many radical leftists that, if the American people elect a president who is not favorable to the progressive platform, these agencies can be weaponized against the president himself. This was quite evident when the FBI and America’s intelligence apparatus conspired to bring down President Trump in what was dubbed “Operation Crossfire.”

It was then-Vice President Joe Biden who suggested in January 2017, in the last days of the Obama presidency, going after Trump’s incoming National Security Advisor Lt. General Michael Flynn because he had spoken with the Russian ambassador, Sergey Kislyak.

But there are many efforts of the Left that have not received the same level of notoriety as the attempt to destroy the Trump presidency. In other chapters, Cruz addresses critical race theory; lawlessness; individual targets of the Left such as Dinesh D’Souza, Scooter Libby, and Senator Ted Stevens; and affirmative action.

Cruz explains that critical race theory is simply a branch of Marxist ideology. He notes that when he was at Harvard, there had been efforts to advance Critical Legal Studies, which argued that the law served no purpose other than to perpetuate the interests of the ruling class.



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CRT is another example of this ideology. Today, it is being transmitted to young children in the education system, coming out of the college departments where teachers, including kindergarten teachers, are produced.

And then there are what Cruz dubs the “Soros prosecutors,” leftists who won their positions with contributions from Soros organizations. When these prosecutors take office, they refuse to prosecute multitudes of crimes.

Justice Corrupted is a good summary of these issues and more.

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