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## Whistleblowers Shine Light on FBI Corruption

Only days after the release of the long-awaited Durham Report, the House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government held hearings featuring testimony from four FBI whistleblowers focusing on abuse of power in the January 6 investigation. The viewing public was treated to a spectacle of three courageous live witnesses (plus a fourth witness in a videotaped interview) subject to hostile, carping interrogation by Democratic lawmakers bent on scoring partisan points above all else. The hearing did nothing to allay public concerns that, after all, the FBI has been transformed into the Biden-era enforcement Stasi of radical Left orthodoxy and the enemy of ordinary decent Americans. It is only the new GOP majority in the House that has finally allowed the testimony of these whistleblowers to see the light of day.

The three live witnesses — Garret O’Boyle, Stephen Friend, and Marcus Allen — were all suspended without pay and had their security clearances revoked and their health benefits taken away simply for questioning the FBI’s aggressive tactics in investigating anyone and everyone in and around Capitol Hill on January 6, 2021. O’Boyle, a former police officer from Waukesha, Wisconsin, who was also a veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan before becoming an FBI special agent, was transferred across the country to a new assignment in Quantico — only to have his clearance suspended and all his belongings seized the day after he and his family arrived in Virginia. Because of an arcane FBI policy, he also is being forbidden from getting any new employment, leaving him and his family without income and without health insurance. Friend was similarly suspended without pay for making protected disclosures, and was also barred from seeking other employment. All three men have exemplary credentials and service histories, but because they dared to question the increasingly suffocating leftist January 6 orthodoxy at the FBI, they and their families have been made to pay a terrible price by their vindictive employer.

Nor did they receive any sympathy from bitter, apoplectic Democrats on the subcommittee, who expressed not a scintilla of compassion, preferring instead to assassinate their character and impugn their motives. The sorry spectacle began with the ever-bilious Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the ranking member of the subcommittee, who unleashed a racist jeremiad characterizing the hearing as a “circus” indulging “conspiracy theories and speculations” — and Republicans as only interested in protecting the rights of white men; this, despite the embarrassingly inconvenient fact that one of the three whistleblowers, Allen, is black.



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Committed to the truth: Members of the House Judiciary Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government listen to whistleblower testimony on February 9, 2023.



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Allen was later singled out for awkward obloquy by the pink-haired Linda Sanchez of California, who attempted to smear Allen by associating him with a retweet of a post blaming January 6 on Nancy Pelosi. When Allen pointed out that the Twitter account was not his, Sanchez, rather than apologizing for the misinformation and moving on, continued talking over Allen and aggressively pressing him to state whether or not he agreed with the post.

Despite the efforts of the Democrats to divert the hearing from its intended purposes, we learned a lot from the four valiant whistleblowers. For one thing, George Hill, the whistleblower who appeared on videotape and who had worked in the FBI's Boston field office, confirmed what has long been suspected — that the FBI has been unwilling to release the full footage of the events of January 6 because it had assets on the ground there, likely both undercover agents and civilian informants. Hill indicated that, in a back-and-forth between his office and the Washington office, agents in Boston were under pressure to launch investigations on anyone from their area who had been in D.C. on January 6 — but that Washington refused to furnish any video evidence of criminal activity of the 140 people on its Boston-area target list unless it had “the exact time and place those individuals were inside the Capitol.” When agents in Boston expressed reluctance to target people with no evidence of criminal activity, the Washington office admitted that it needed to protect the identities of assets on the ground — “UC's, undercover officers, or CHS, confidential human sources, on those videos whose identity we need to protect.” Agents in the field, they insisted, just needed to take them on their word that all of the 140 alleged suspects in fact needed investigation.

All of this was widely alleged prior to the latest hearings, but such testimony all but confirmed it, in spite of withering efforts by the Democrats to cast the whistleblowers as unstable, dishonest, and unreliable witnesses.

Even more eye-opening was testimony elicited by Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) that illustrated how certain private corporations appear to be operating in concert with the FBI's unprecedented general crackdown on American citizens. Agent Hill explained in a taped interview how Bank of America, “with no directive from the FBI, data-mined its customer base.” The banking behemoth generated a list of all customers who had carried out a debit-card or credit-card transaction in the D.C. area between January 5 and January 7, 2021 — and then cross-checked it with all customers who had purchased a firearm, any place, anytime. It then handed over the massive list to the FBI. This testimony was corroborated by that of another whistleblower, Joseph Bonavolanta, according to the House write-up on the hearings. This means that the FBI in essence cooperated with a sympathetic private entity to obtain confidential records without a warrant or any other color of legality. And Bank of America is evidently mimicking its Washington masters in dissembling and covering up after the fact. TND news approached the bank for comment on its alleged involvement with the FBI's January 6 investigation, only to be told by a bank spokesman, “Bank of America follows all applicable laws and regulatory requirements to receive, evaluate, process, safeguard and narrowly respond to law enforcement requests.” When asked point-blank whether Bank of America could verify complying with a request from the FBI for customer information, the bank spokesperson refused to answer.



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**Bank betrayal:** The hearings revealed that Bank of America was a willing accomplice to the FBI, and data-mined its customers on a massive scale to find out which of its customers in the D.C. area on January 6 had ever purchased a firearm. (AP Images)

Aside from the J6 investigation, the whistleblowers addressed other examples of FBI excess with an “I-told-you-so” ring. Stephen Friend, whose specialty had been the investigation of child pornographers and child traffickers — the sort of human refuse that most of us would not have the stomach to deal with as a matter of course — testified about being relieved of those duties and reassigned to investigation of “domestic terrorists” that included both the open-ended J6 dragnet and parents at school-board meetings. In his official declaration, he wrote:

In October of 2021, an Assistant Special Agent in Charge informed my supervisor that I was reassigned as a member of the Joint Terrorism Task Force ... and directed to concentrate my time towards domestic terrorism investigations.... I was also told that child sexual abuse material investigations were no longer an FBI priority and should be referred to local law enforcement agencies.

In response to questioning by Representative Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Friend admitted that he had been involved in the surveillance of parents attending school-board meetings, confirming another of the major allegations against the Biden-era FBI that have been generating public outrage for months. This claim, of course, has long been dismissed by the leftist lapdog news media, with *The Washington Post* on October 15, 2021 scornfully labeling as “false” the notion that Attorney General Merrick Garland’s Justice Department was spying on parents at school-board meetings. This and other effusions of the kept media were in response to the now-notorious memorandum issued by Garland on October 4, 2021 in response to a request by the National School Boards Association that the Justice Department use counterterrorism tools, including the Patriot Act, to go after obstreperous parents at school-board meetings. In the months since, House Republicans have amassed a large body of whistleblower testimony confirming the weaponization of the FBI against disgruntled parents — testimony that had been ignored and marginalized by Democrats and disdainfully dismissed by their legion of symps in the corporate media. Seeing such testimony for the first time from living, breathing witnesses is long-overdue vindication for those of us weary of the lies of the radical Left faction in control of the federal



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government and its media myrmidons.

Friend's testimony also gave Americans an unsettling view of the warped priorities of the new FBI and its leftist enablers in the D.C. establishment. Merrick's minions are now far more focused on taking revenge on anyone who might have been ushered by Capitol Hill police into the halls of the Capitol on January 6, and whose shoes might have left unsightly scuff marks on its polished floors, than on running to ground international sex traffickers, producers of child pornography, and other malevolent criminals some of whose crimes against the innocent would make even the late, unlamented Jeffrey Epstein blush with shame. That so many Democrats would viciously attack the men trying to expose the FBI's deprioritizing of such crimes speaks volumes of their own demagnetized moral compasses.

The testimonies of O'Boyle, Fields, Allen, and Hill are but the latest in a series of devastating disclosures showing how the FBI of yore has been transformed into an American-flavored Stasi. And the ongoing abuses of whistleblowers are symptomatic of an organization with no intention of reforming itself. While the media have been busy mischaracterizing the abuses detailed in the Durham Report as mistakes that have since been corrected by internal reforms, the FBI's crackdown on internal dissent and whistleblowing is both unapologetic and ongoing. The FBI's response to the whistleblower testimony was to accuse all three live witnesses of unprofessional conduct, extremist views, and even violations of the law — this, even as the bureau shows flagrant contempt for congressional authority by repeatedly defying a congressional subpoena for an unclassified document that might incriminate the Bidens.

For this viewer, at least, the most damning testimony was less about misconduct (although that was galling enough) than about the misplaced moral priorities that are the hallmark of the radical Left. Left unchecked and unreformed, we can only wonder how long before the FBI reallocates resources from the pursuit of bank robbers and serial killers to the surveillance and prosecution of anyone openly opposing the woke orthodoxy being imposed everywhere in the commons, both online and offline. Will we soon see federal agents breaching the homes of people criticizing the sexual mutilation of minors, or questioning the approved narrative on Covid vaccines, or taking homosexual activists to task?

Given the revelations of these whistleblowers, that day may not be far off, unless the FBI is speedily brought to heel or defunded entirely. Given the entrenched power of the FBI and the rest of the intelligence community, defunding may be the only viable option. This agency, now proven complicit in the destruction of an entire presidency, as well as engaged in a no-holds-barred campaign of intimidation against patriotic Americans, may be unsalvageable. Whatever the case, Republicans in the House will have to act soon — before Garland, FBI Director Christopher Wray, and company turn their formidable powers against them.



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