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## Democrats Have Storied History of Election Denial, Accusations of Fraud

If President Donald Trump committed “fraud” when he claimed the Biden Mafia stole the 2020 election, as Special Counsel Jack Smith’s [preposterous indictment](#) claims, then so have dozens of Democrats over the past 25 years.

The names include, most significantly, President Joe Biden, failed presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and her husband, enviro-huckster and former Vice President Al Gore, and the Democrat president most beloved by all, Jimmy Carter.

Everyone in that gang claimed that Trump was an illegitimate president. They also claimed that POTUS 43 George W. Bush didn’t win the 2000 and 2004 elections.

### 2016

A mash-up of video provided by the GOP depicts Hillary Clinton and other top Democrats floating the debunked conspiracy theory that Trump didn’t really win the 2016 election because of “Russian interference.”

Despite that fraudulent claim, none of them were indicted for “spreading lies.”

“You can run the best campaign, you can even become the nominee, and you can have the election stolen from you,” Clinton said.

“Trump knows he’s an illegitimate president,” the [mastermind of the Russia Collusion Hoax](#) said.

Clinton claimed at least nine times that Trump lost the election, the GOP research shows.

“Trump didn’t actually win the election in 2016. He lost the election and he was put into office because the Russians interfered,” Carter falsely claimed. He also called Trump “illegitimate.”

When a woman at a Biden campaign event in New Hampshire in 2019 [claimed Trump](#) was “illegitimate,” Biden replied this way: “I absolutely agree.”

Other prominent Democrats [also promoted](#) the debunked conspiracy theory that Trump was “illegitimate,” the GOP report notes:

- Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) said “I believe” Russian interference altered the outcome of the election.
- Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) dodged answering whether Trump was “a legitimate president.”
- Rep Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) said the “legitimacy is in question” of Trump’s presidency.
- Then-Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) said he did not believe President Trump is a “legitimate president.”
- Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) “applauded” John Lewis and said that he was “right on target.”



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- Then-Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA) said that John Lewis' remarks on Trump not being legitimately elected "are reasonable."
- Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA) said "there absolutely is a cloud of illegitimacy" to Trump's presidency.
- Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) said that Trump's election was "illegitimate" and that Trump "is an illegitimate president."
- Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) justified his decision to object to certification saying Republicans engaged in "deliberate voter suppression ... in numerous swing states."
- Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) refused to attend President Trump's inauguration ceremony because Trump's election victory was "tainted" by "foreign interference and voter suppression."
- Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) refused to say if Trump was a "legitimate president."

Amusingly, during President Trump's second bogus impeachment trial, his attorney played video of Democrats who objected to the certification of his electoral votes.

Some 67 [Democrats boycotted](#) Trump's inauguration. Communist Antifa goons rioted in Washington, D.C., setting cars ablaze and vandalizing storefronts. Leftists also called for outright violence against Trump and his Cabinet members. Representative Maxine Waters of California [called for](#) supporters to harass and even attack Trump officials.

Hate-Trump rhetoric and violence [continued for some time](#) afterward.

## 2004, 2000

But the lies about GOP victories didn't begin on Election Day 2016. Democrats also fraudulently claimed that Al Gore, then John Kerry, defeated George W. Bush in 2000 and 2004.

In 2002, Gore himself falsely claimed that he lost because all the votes in Florida weren't counted, and retailed the same nonsense 14 years later when he campaigned for loser Clinton. The following year, he peddled the bizarre claim that then-Florida Governor Jeb Bush, George's brother, "may have had something" to do with his loss. "Actually, I think I carried Florida," Gore said.

Election-denier Hillary Clinton questioned the 2002 result, too, and said that Bush was "selected," not elected, when the U.S. Supreme Court settled [Bush v. Gore](#). In 2016, she claimed that SCOTUS "took away a presidency" from Gore.

In 2001, former President Bill Clinton falsely said that "the only way [Republicans] could win the election was to stop the voting in Florida."

2004 was no different, the GOP research shows.

Thirty-one Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives "voted to reject electoral votes from the state of Ohio, including Reps. Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Barbra Lee (D-CA), Maxine Waters (D-CA), Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), James Clyburn (D-SC), and now-Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)."

Loser Kerry and others repeatedly claimed the results in Ohio were bogus.

And again, election denier Hillary Clinton was running her yap. She questioned the election's "accuracy," "integrity," and legitimacy.

Other Democrats who claimed the election was rigged: Senators Barbara Boxer, Dick Durbin, Ted Kennedy, Frank Lautenberg, Tom Harkin, and Boxer, and Rep. Tubbs Jones. Harkin falsely said Republicans made a "concerted effort to suppress the vote." "Serious fraud," [he said](#), was afoot.



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Another election denier: Representative Nancy Pelosi, [who called](#) Donald Trump and the GOP “domestic enemies.”



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