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House Votes To Impeach Trump. Motive: Criminalize Dissent, Declare Opposition a Crime

Radical leftists in the House of Representatives and their Republican enablers might have impeached President Trump for the second time, but the hate-Trump elites haven't fooled anyone.

Today's impeachment of Trump — 232-197, with four Republicans not voting and 10 Republicans helping the Democrats stage the pointless last-minute coup — has nothing to do with punishing Trump for “high crimes and misdemeanors,” real or imagined.

Rather, it's a means for hard-left Democrats to keep Trump from running again, and more importantly, to stigmatize opposition to their radical agenda. Oppose them, and you'll be labeled “seditious” or even a “domestic terrorist.”



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The 10 Republicans who joined the Democrats in voting to impeach President Trump are the following representatives:

- 1) Liz Cheney of Wyoming;
- 2) Jaime Herrera Beutler of Washington;
- 3) John Katko of New York;
- 4) Adam Kinzinger of Illinois;
- 5) Fred Upton of Michigan;
- 6) Dan Newhouse of Washington;
- 7) Peter Meijer of Michigan;
- 8) Anthony Gonzalez of Ohio;
- 9) David Valadao of California; and
- 10) Tom Rice of South Carolina.

Yet if anti-Trumpers were truly opposed to protesters forcing their way in to and taking over government offices, they would have severely punished the 2018 takeover of the Hart Senate building by anti-Kavanaugh leftists when he was nominated for the Supreme Court, but they didn't.

If the Democrats really opposed the violence in the U.S. Capitol on January 6, the proximate excuse for Impeachment 2.0, they would have condemned violence when Antifa and Black Lives Matter mobs were burning and looting American cities over a period of months.

If they honestly opposed “sedition” and “insurrection” — the central false claims of the impeachment resolution — they would have censured their own members, and refused to permit Kamala Harris and



other Democrats to run for president after they encouraged rioting and looting across the nation.

Impeachment Articles

The one-article impeachment resolution is a leftist fantasy. It accuses Trump of “incitement of insurrection,” a preposterous charge given that Trump did no such thing, as his speech at the Ellipse prior to the ruckus at the Capitol well shows.

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Nonetheless...

In the months before the joint session of January 6, at which Congress met to validate Democrat Joe Biden’s vote fraud, Trump “repeatedly issued false statements asserting that the Presidential election results were the product of widespread fraud and should not be accepted by the American people or certified by State or Federal officials,” the resolution complains, deeming it a treasonous offense to disagree with Democrats or the mainstream media even if one has piles of evidence and eyewitnesses to fraud.

Bad as that speech was, the resolution offered just two statements from Trump during his speech at the Ellipse that “incited” the protesters who marched to the Capitol.

“He reiterated false claims that ‘we won this election, and we won it by a landslide,’” and “he also willfully made statements that, in context, encouraged — and foreseeably resulted in — lawless action at the Capitol, such as: ‘if you don’t fight like hell you’re not going to have a country anymore.’”

Thus, the protestors sought to “interfere with the Joint Session’s solemn constitutional duty to certify the results of the 2020 Presidential election, unlawfully breached and vandalized the Capitol, injured and killed law enforcement personnel, menaced Members of Congress, the Vice President, and Congressional personnel, and engaged in other violent, deadly, destructive, and seditious acts.”

But that isn’t the only crime Trump committed, the resolution says. His “prior efforts” to overturn the election result included his phone call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger “to ‘find’ enough votes to overturn the Georgia Presidential election results and threatened Secretary Raffensperger if he failed to do so” — another falsehood, as Trump merely said in that conversation that he’d been cheated of hundreds of thousands of votes and that the secretary didn’t need to prove that all of them were fraudulent, he merely needed to do his job well enough to show that enough were fraudulent to give Trump his rightful win. That’s hardly asking someone to rig an election for him.

But according to them, Trump, then, is a menace to public safety who must be stopped:

In all this, President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of Government. He threatened the integrity of the democratic system, interfered with the peaceful transition of power, and imperiled a coequal branch of Government. He thereby betrayed his trust as President, to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Donald John Trump thus warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.



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Reprising the debate in full would be pointless, although one high point of the absurdity is worth observing.

Representative Eric Swalwell, the leftist from California and one of the impeachment managers, claimed Trump incited “thousands of radicalized terrorists” on January 6.

From 2011-2015, [Swalwell was tight as an Asian tick](#) with a Red Chinese spy who even raised money for him. Her name was Fang Fang.

Why isn't Swalwell in Jail Jail?

Pence's Letter

The House impeached after Vice President Mike Pence refused to invoke the 25th Amendment of the Constitution to remove Trump.

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“Last week, I did not yield to pressure to exert power beyond my constitutional authority to determine the outcome of the election, and I will not now yield to efforts in the House of Representatives to play political games at a time so serious in the life of our Nation,” he wrote to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi:

As you know full well, the 25th Amendment was designed to address Presidential incapacity or disability. Just a few months ago, when you introduced legislation to create a 25th Amendment Commission, you said, “ [a] President’s fitness for office must be determined by science and facts.” You said then that we must be [v]ery respectful of not making a judgment on the basis of a comment or behavior that we don’t like, but based on a medical decision. Madam Speaker, you were right. Under our Constitution, the 25th Amendment is not a means of punishment or usurpation. Invoking the 25th Amendment in such a manner would set a terrible precedent.

Pence’s refusal to tear up what’s left of the Constitution — the way Pelosi tore up Trump’s State of the Union speech in 2019 — triggered the latest attempt to depose Trump by impeachment, which, while successful in the House, might fail in the U.S. Senate.

Though Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell betrayed Trump and now backs the coup, as the [New York Times reported](#), he has said the Senate will not reconvene until January 19, the day before the Biden regime takes power.

Yet that doesn’t mean Trump is safe, particularly given McConnell’s deceit. McConnell can call an emergency session of the Senate, or the Senate could begin the trial before Trump leaves office, only to convict after January 20. This would allow them to vote to disqualify Trump from holding future office. That means Democrats *and* Deep-State Republican elites get they want: Trump blocked from running again in 2024.

As for the impeachment, and the claims that Trump “incited” violence and sedition, in July, the Democrats blocked a resolution to condemn the widespread, deadly violence in cities where BLM-Antifa terrorists [burned buildings](#), [assaulted journalists](#), [attacked police](#) and [police stations](#), and [attacked](#) and [murdered Trump supporters](#).

The resolution, [Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey thundered](#), “reeks of supremacist views.”



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Now that the Democrats have declared any opposition to their plans “sedition,” “insurrection,” and “supremacist,” Americans should brace for what’s next. The Democrats will pass laws, as journalist Paul Sperry tweeted, that silence dissent and declare peaceful protest against Biden’s Deep State Regime regime “domestic terrorism.”



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