

Trump, White Collar Crime & Criminology

Beyond High Crimes &
Misdemeanors

A 21st Century Research Agenda for Investigating
the World's Greatest Rule Violator

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Donald Trump: A Wealth of Criminological Projects

Within the criminological framework to follow there are many research questions raised to pursue and answer, and no fewer than three books waiting to be written:

The Social Construction and the Trumpization of
Crime, Law, and Criminal Justice

Trumpian High Crimes and Misdemeanors

Criminal & Victim Profiling of Donald J. Trump

President Trump: A Criminological Phenomenon

Core propositions:

- No American president has been accused of a broader range of criminal activities than Donald Trump.
- No American president has displayed a more flagrant disregard for law and for the institutions of justice than Donald Trump.

Should this reality matter to residents of the USA and to criminologists?

- In addition to the actual corruption and potential harms experienced by ordinary Americans and the ecosystem, criminologists are obliged to consider the political consequences for the study of crime, the administration of justice, and the rule of law. We would also be irresponsible and not doing our jobs by ignoring the Trumpian worlds of chaos & lawlessness, criminality & injustice.

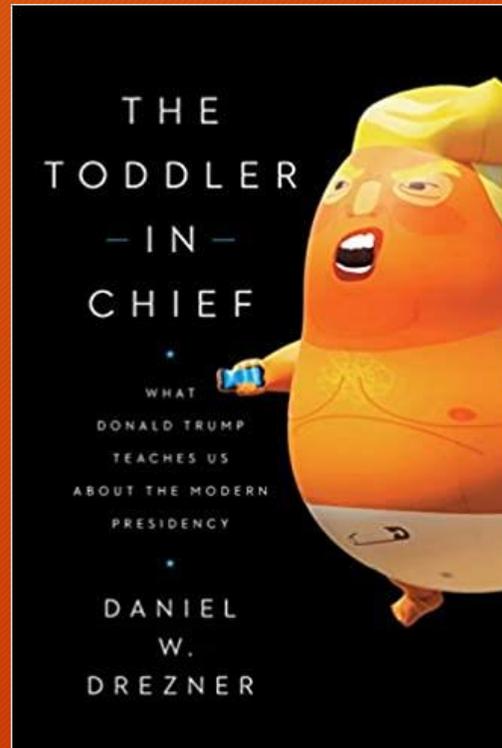
Social Construction & the Trumpization of Crime, Law, and Criminal Justice

- **Key question:** How is the Trumpian world impacting, shaping and distorting, the representations of crime & deviance, law & justice, and the understanding and outlooks of children, adolescents and adults?
- Affecting the socialization processes: informal and formal?
- Affecting the mediation processes: news, entertainment, Internet?
- Affecting the sources of common understandings of crime, law, and the administration of justice?
- **Comparative studies** are also needed in relation to past 8 Presidents: Kennedy? Johnson? Nixon? Reagan? Bush I ? Clinton? Bush II ? Obama?

Imitating or Acculturating Memes & the Criminalization by and of Trump

- “Mafia Boss”... “Witness Intimidator” ... “Witness Retaliator”
- “Con Man” ... “Grifter” ... “Huckster”... “Self-made Sham” ... “Charlatan”... “Amoral Demagogue”... “Shameless Bully”... “Gaslighter”... “Neo-fascist Gangster”
- Trump organization incorporated as a “Corrupt Enterprise”
- “The Great Disruptor”... An Impeached president allegedly “not guilty” of political treason, bribery, abuse of power, obstruction of Congress, obstruction of justice, wire fraud ... POTUS, AG, Judiciary & Cabinet as “extended crime family” ... “Corruptor-in-Chief” ...
- “More than at any time in history, the president of the United States is actively using the power and prestige of his office to line his own pockets.” Investigative journalist David Kay Johnston (2018)
- “Toddler-in-Chief” ... “Assassin-in-Chief” ... “Joker-in-Chief” ... “Divider-in-Chief” ... “Liar-in-Chief” ... “Projector-in-Chief” ...

How Much Damage Can Be Done By A Giant Infantile-Man?



**I AM GIVING IRAN
AN OFFER IT CAN'T REFUSE**

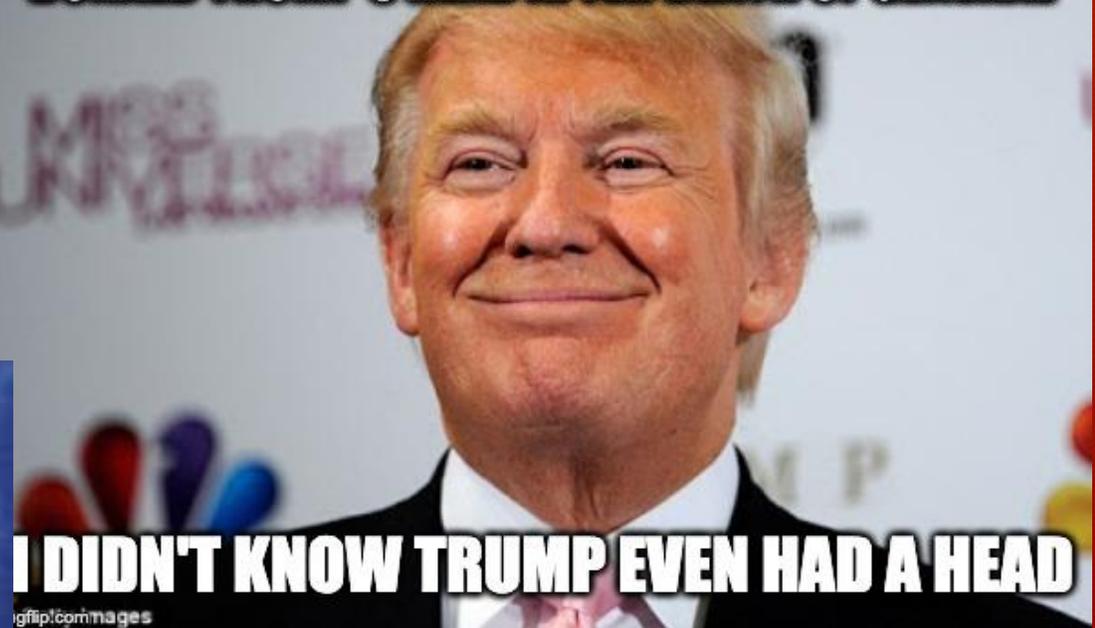


Mafia Boss

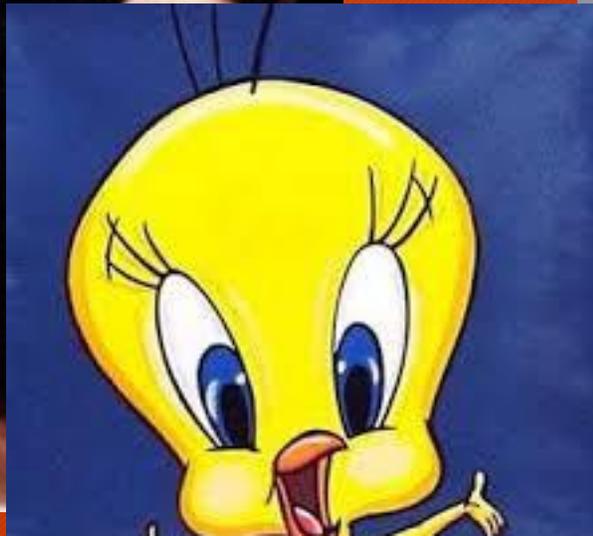
What are the consequences of and
for the Assassin-in-Chief?

FOR EXAMPLE

**IRAN OFFERS \$80MILLION BOUNTY FOR
DONALD TRUMP'S HEAD AFTER DEATH OF GENERAL**



I DIDN'T KNOW TRUMP EVEN HAD A HEAD



“War Criminal” Trump Crossed an International Legal Line with Soleimani’s Assassination: Who Is Next?



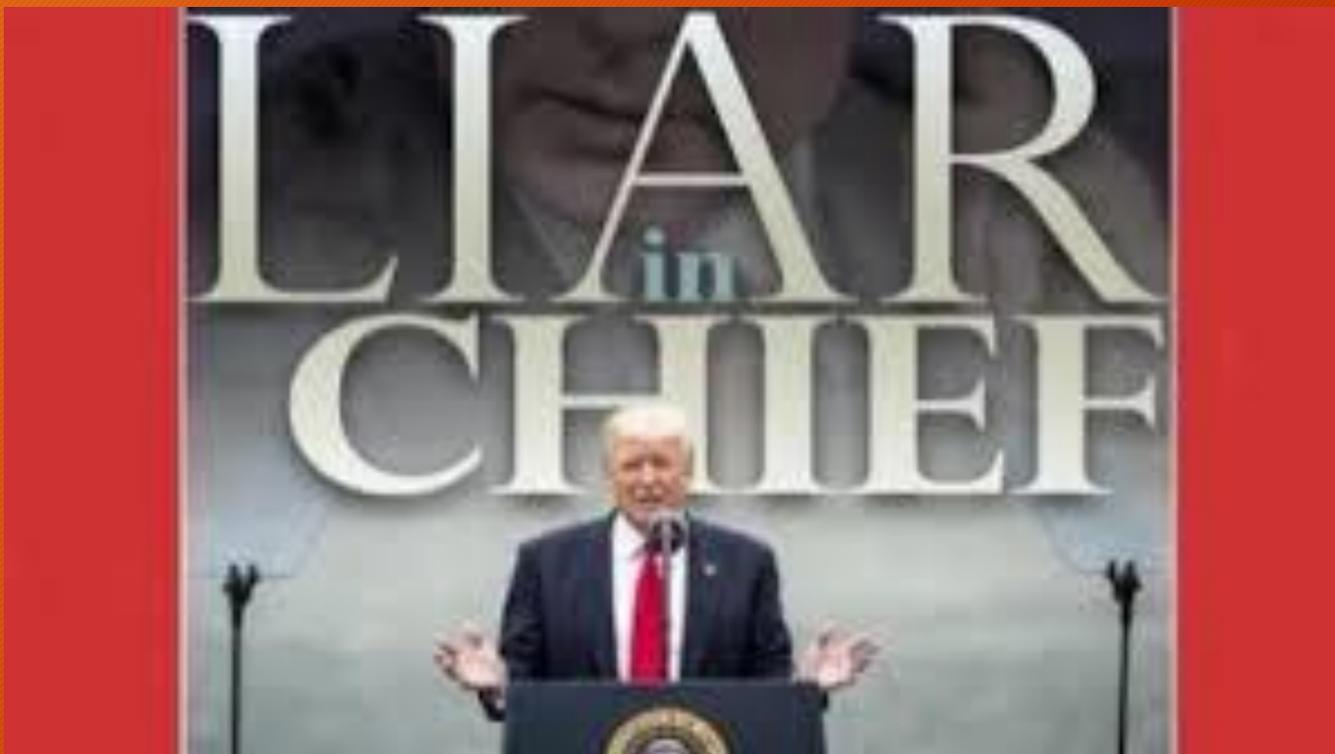
Trump as the Joker-in-Chief ?



Trump as the Divider-in-Chief ?



The Challenge for Everybody!



What are the Consequences from the “Truth Optional” Presidency's Pathological Lies, Falsehoods & Narcissism?

In three years as the POTUS, Trump’s false or misleading claims totaled 16,200 by 1/20/20. Even during his “State of the Union” addresses in 2019 & 2020, he spread as usual more lies, more falsehoods, and more misleading claims than actual facts or truths. Trump even initially referred to the Coronavirus pandemic as a media hoax and Democratic Conspiracy.

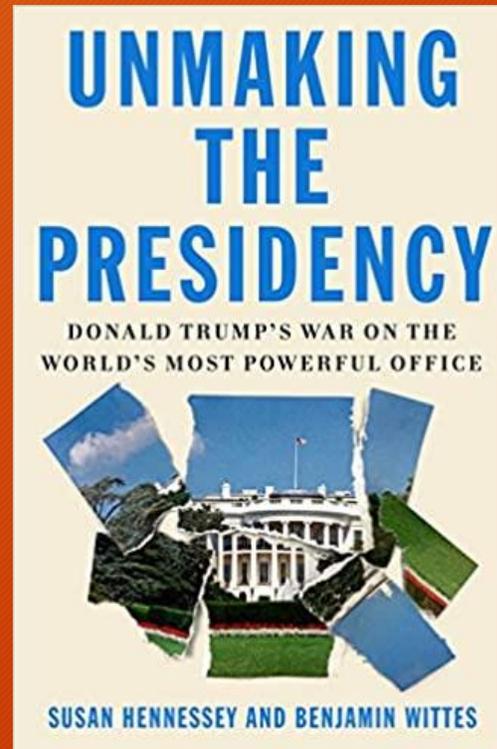
- He asks of us to Inhabit a “reality distortion field”
- He promotes an “imaginary social order”
- He renders a “post-truth” era or a “post-fact” world where “fake news” claims and “factual counter-claims” compete for narrative dominance over social reality

Our research objective is to establish an effective methodology for framing and examining the Trumpian “alternative universe,” while unpacking its myths from its realities, explaining its deleterious effects & social harms, and spreading some light on such fundamentally contradictory questions as:

Is President Trump the most successful criminal in US History or are we just speaking in hyperboles and bashing the Commander-in-Chief?

Is Trump an existential threat to our Democracy & Rule of Law or merely an existential crisis?

Breaking Norms versus Breaking Laws?



Trumping the other Presidencies for Abuses of Power and Corruption

- Impeachment proceedings & abuse of power & high crimes: Andrew Johnson and W. J. Clinton; Trump; Inquiry process for Richard Nixon when he resigned
- Crimes against slaves & indigenous Americans: e.g., Washington, Jefferson and Jackson [Slave owners: Total of 13 presidents]; Civil rights violations of tenants, workers, and others by Trump
- Crimes in relation to war: e.g., T. Roosevelt, Truman, L. Johnson, Nixon, Reagan, GHW Bush and GW Bush, Trump Drone killing of an Iranian General
- Crimes of personal enrichment: e.g., Washington, Arthur, LBJ, Nixon, Trump
- Crimes of corrupt administrations: e.g. Grant, Harding & Trump

Trump's diversity and persistence of alleged criminal conduct (e.g., emoluments clause; dozens of dismissals and resignations of his appointed positions; corruption of governmental institutions, etc.

Criminally Convicted Campaign Associates and the Curtailed Mueller Russian Investigation

- Paul Manafort, former campaign manager >7+ yrs prison and fines
- Michael Cohen, former personal attorney > 3 yrs prison
- Rick Gates, deputy to Manafort= 45 days in jail & 3 yrs probation
- Michael Flynn, former national security advisor and Roger Stone, long time pal and informal advisor, felony convictions & sentencing conflicts
- Subsequence to the 2016 election, there are numerous other alleged, accused or convicted associates of the President: Including but not limited to the corrupt activities of several cabinet secretaries, the probable perjury by AG William Barr before Congress, or the illegal actions/misrepresentations by his personal attorney Rudolph Giuliani, not to mention the activities of at least two of Trump's own children.

From U.S. Attorney & America's Mayor to Trump's Point Man & Convicted Felon?

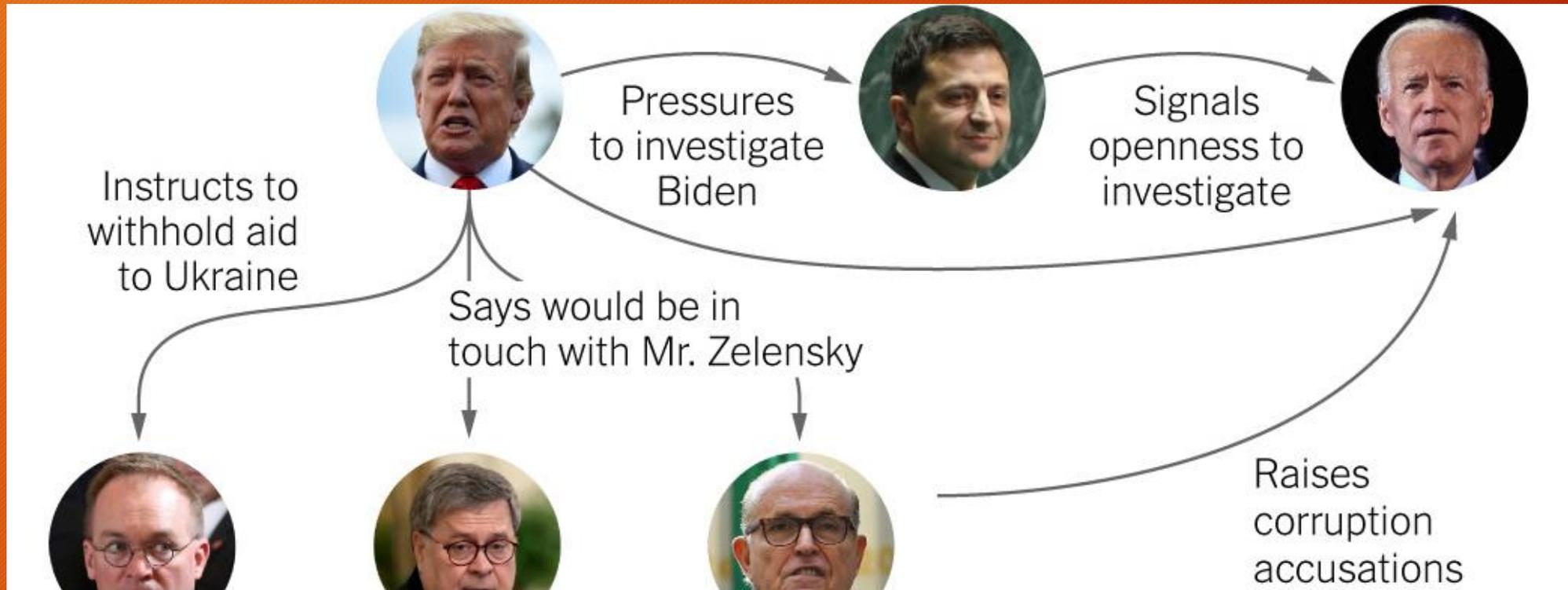
Giuliani is under investigation by U.S.SDNY that he was once head of for:

- Money Laundering
- Obstruction of Justice
- Campaign Financial Violations
- Relationships with indicted Lev Parnas & former Rep. House Head of Intelligence, David Nunes from California
- Possible indictment under RICO (Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act) or any statute is not likely since Rudy is collaborating with AG Barr & POTUS to break various laws, Constitutional & otherwise

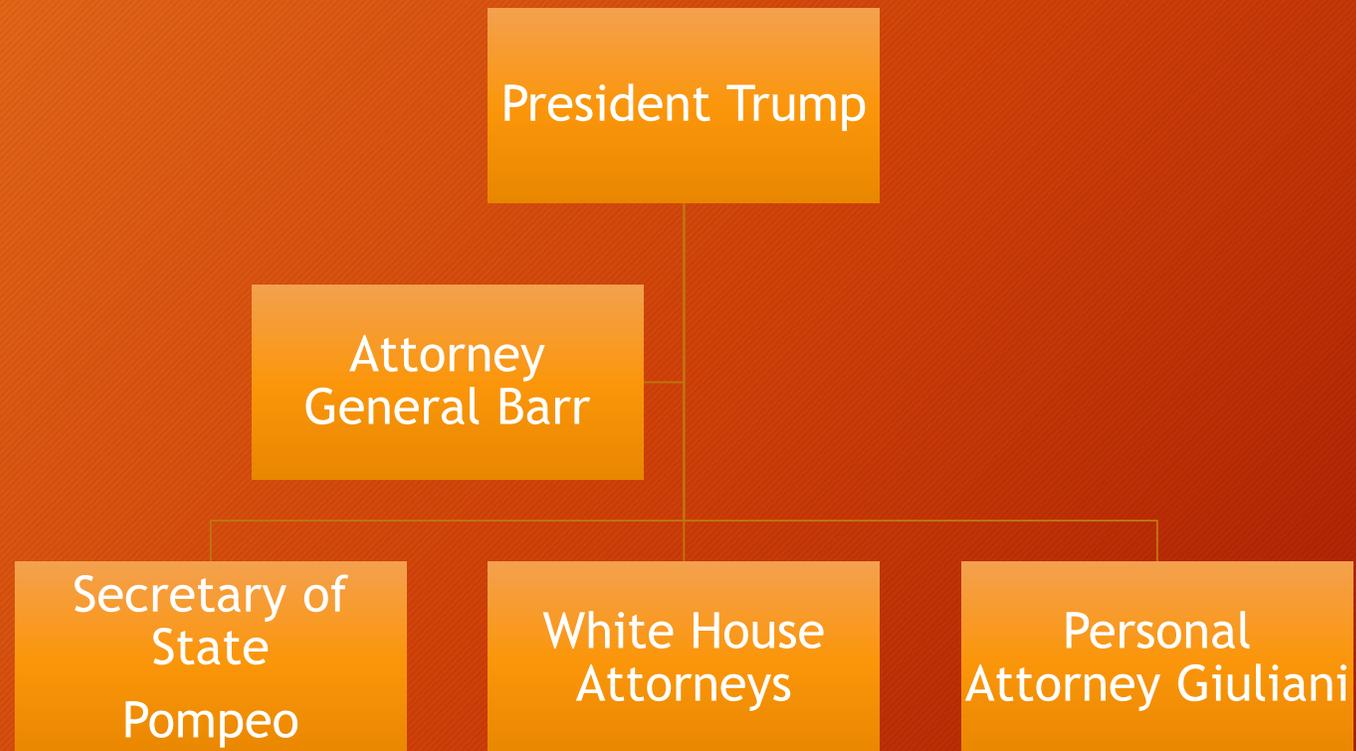
Trump Campaigning, Russian Collusion, Ukrainian Extortion and Electoral Cheating

- Mueller Report (Spring, 2019) portrayed as “exoneration” by the Donald, Attorney General Barr, and the rest of his politically obedient cronies & sheepish followers
- Numerous ex-prosecutors read this report as documenting crimes that Trump could be prosecuted for - were it not for DOJ policy prohibiting indictment of a sitting president
- Trump’s failure to take steps in relation to anticipated Russian interference in the 2020 presidential election
- Trump’s attempted “collusion” with Rudy Giuliani, the President’s personal attorney, the AG, & Secretary of State with the (ongoing) attempt to pressure and/or work with Ukraine to announce an investigation on Donald’s 2020 political opponent, Joe Biden and his 50+ year old son, Hunter Biden, based on a totally discredited conspiracy theory, for which the President was Impeached on December 18, 2019
- Trump’s admitted public openness to foreign-based “dirt” on opponents from wherever
- Trump’s political-electoral corruption and national security abuse of power for personal gain

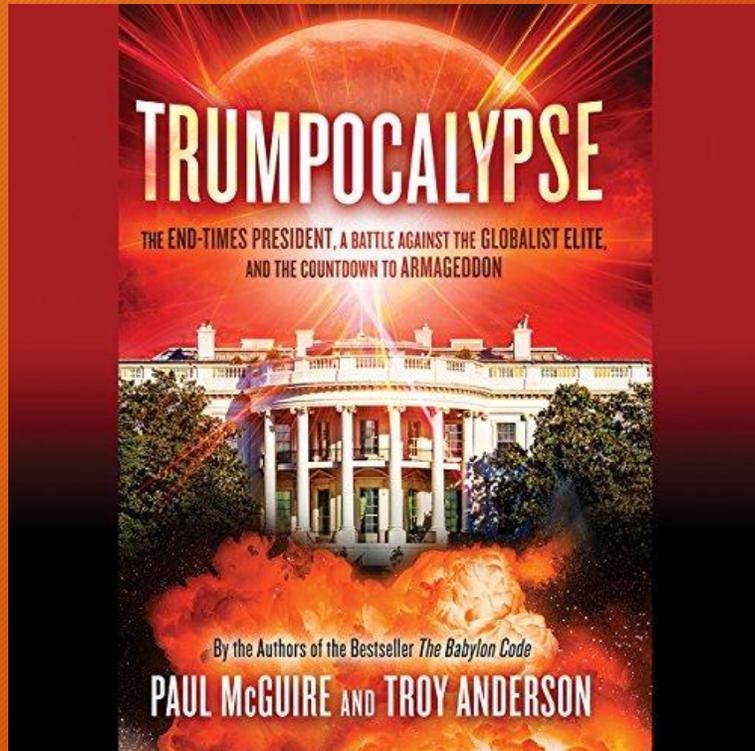
Trump's Efforts to Extort Ukrainian President to Announce Corruption Inquiry of Joe Biden, Removal of an Ambassador & Debunked Conspiracies



Engaging in HC & M, Violations of the Presidential Oath of Office, and the Abuse of Power and Obstruction of Congress cover ups by POTUS, the ATTY GEN, the SEC of STATE, etc. → Impeachment



Dueling Narratives



“Why the globalist elite & Deep State will stop at nothing—assassination, military coup, staged economic collapse, or worse—to overthrow him.”

TRUMPOCALYPSE

RESTORING
AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

DAVID FRUM

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING
AUTHOR OF TRUMPOCRACY



A Sham Impeachment Trial, a Kangaroo Court & Jury Nullification

On February 5, 2020

After no law, no facts, and no witnesses were presented by Trump's defense lawyers to exonerate POTUS from the two articles of Impeachment, and not withstanding the "slam dunk" of a case presented by the U.S. House Managers for presidential Abuse of Power & Obstruction of Congress,

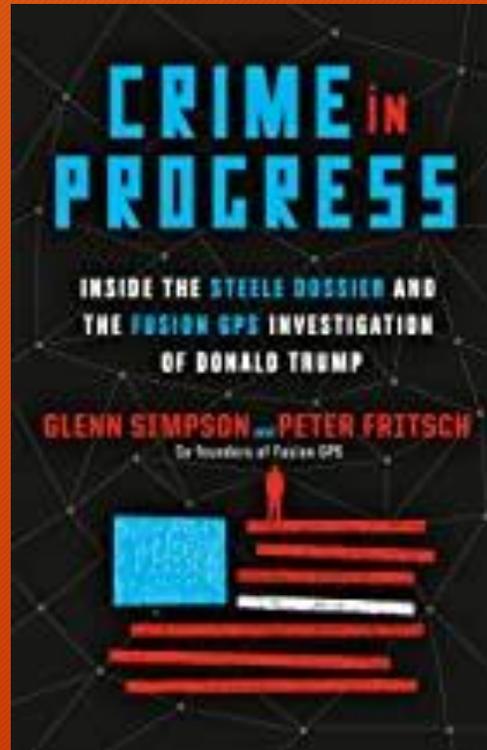
the U.S. Senate Republican majority by voting, 52-48 (less 1) & 53-47 respectively, not guilty or to acquit POTUS, engaged in a form of both **Jury Nullification** and **Cover Up**.

In our alternative legal universe, we would seek to Impeach the Republican majority for being Accomplices and for Senatorial Abuse of Power & Obstruction of Justice.

Organized Criminal Activities Orchestrated from the White House: An Incomplete Summary

- Violation of “emoluments” clause (e.g., Trump Int’l Hotel, D.C.)
- Corrupt dealings with foreign governments (e.g., Trump Moscow project ... Call to Ukraine president to investigate Bidens)
- Obstruction of justice (e.g., firing of Comey; stonewalling on Mueller investigation and cover ups regarding two Congressional investigations)
- Violations of FOIA as part of the Ukrainian Cover Up, etc.
- Using Cabinet Offices/Secretaries and AG Barr to protect “friends” and pursue “enemies” → More than 2,000 former DOJ official call on Barr to resign, 2/17/20
- Foregoing is not an exhaustive listing as these allegations do not address “crimes” in the broader sense: e.g., in relation to the promotion of environmental destruction, harm to asylum seekers, violence both direct (inciting assaults) and indirect (failure to sponsor effective gun control)
- Crimes of Omission: failure to responsibly respond to the Coronavirus pandemic

Beyond Presidential Corruption, High Crimes & Misdemeanors



Glenn Simpson & Peter Fritsch 2019

A Lifetime of Charges of White Collar & Ordinary Criminal Activities

Sexual assault (e.g., first wife, numerous additional allegations)
Tax evasion and fraud (personal, family-related, and business)
Defrauding housing tenants and customers (e.g., Trump University)
Defrauding contractors and employees (e.g., non-payment)
Defrauding investors and banks (e.g., real estate loans)
Defrauding charities for misuse of funds (e.g., Trump Foundation)
Money-laundering (e.g., real estate property sales; Deutsche Bank)
Campaign-finance violations (e.g., hush money to porn star, etc.)

A Typology of White Collar Crime from David Friedrichs' *Trusted Criminals*, 1996, and the Case of Donald Trump

- Corporate crime (e.g., strategic bankruptcies)
- Occupational crime (e.g., real estate developer frauds)
- Avocational crime (e.g., tax evasion)
- Governmental crime
 - Crimes of states (e.g., abuses of asylum seekers, children in cages)
 - Political white collar crime (e.g., campaign-finance violations; violation of “emoluments” clause; wire fraud phone calls with President of Ukraine)
- State-corporate crime (e.g., Moscow Trump building venture)
- Crimes of globalization (e.g., Paris treaty withdrawal)

Typology of White Collar Crime & Trump (continued)

- Financial crime (e.g., money-laundering activities)
- Enterprise crime (e.g., dealings with Felix Sater, other OCs)
- Contrepreneurial crime (e.g., Trump “University”)
- Technocrime (e.g., political exploitation of hacked accounts)
- Also: Some criminal allegations outside the scope of “white collar crime” (e.g., sexual assault allegations, inciting violence)

Trumpian Risks for Terminal Criminality?

- Trump and “regulatory rollback” > criminogenic opportunities for environmental and workplace crimes
- Trump white nationalism & the promotion of hate crimes
- Trump military initiatives and the “wag the dog” scenario, (i.e., Turks & Kurds, Iranian “pre-emptive” strike in Iraq)
- Trump and a nuclear holocaust: Negotiating with “Rocket man”
- Trump policies as ecocide in relation to the destruction of natural ecosystems and climate change

Carbon Criminals, Climate Crimes by Ronald C. Kramer

Rutgers UP
2020



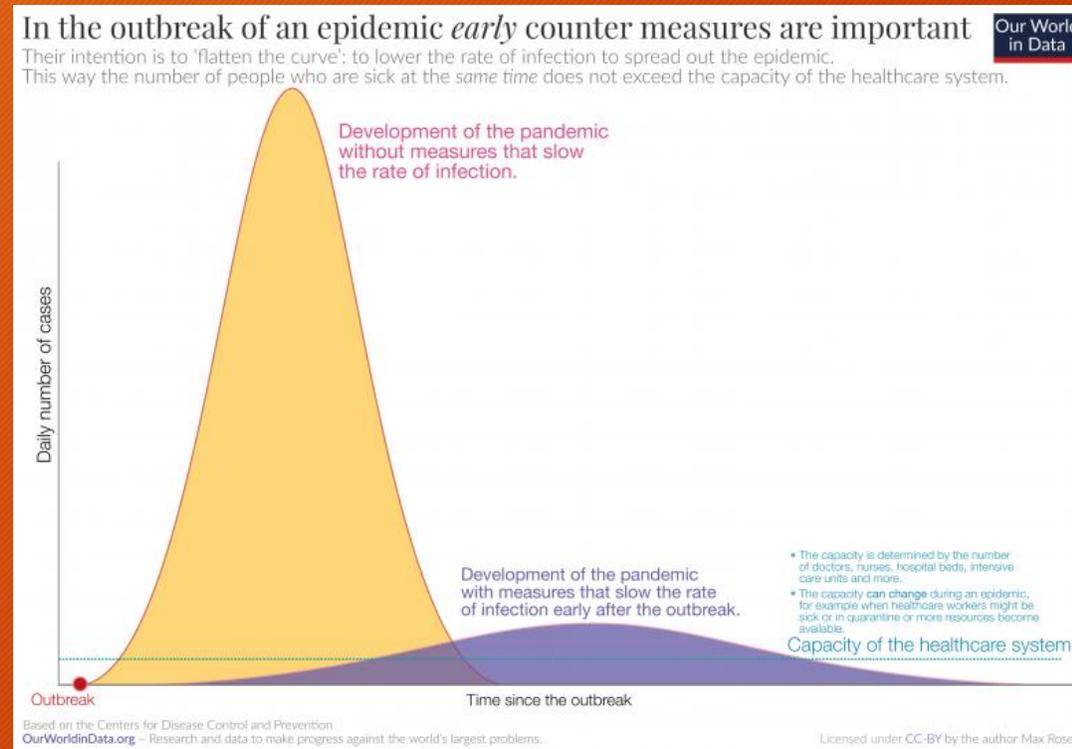
Kramer argues that Trump & his administration are Guilty of all four of the major Climate Crimes

- (1) Trump appointed climate change deniers to his cabinet including the secretaries of state, energy, and interior as well as head of EPA.
- (2) Trump is all in for fossil fuel production and dangerous greenhouse gas emissions.
- (3) Trump administration has attempted to roll back Obama's Clean Power Plan, including automobile mileage standards and the Clean Power Plan.
- (4) Trump's hostility toward immigrants and climate refugees has ratcheted up politics of "armed lifeboat" diplomacy through fear-mongering rhetoric and militaristic border policies.

*Trump Didn't Just Botch the Coronavirus Response:
He Enabled Its Spread & the Unnecessary Deaths of 100,000s of Americans?*



If “a full-court press” to limit the Viral Spread is not taken, then as many as 2.2 million people in U.S. could die over the course of the pandemic, Neil Ferguson, Epidemiologist, Imperial Covid-19 Response Team, 3/19/20



On March 25, 2020
The World Health Organization (WHO)
reported that:

U.S. likely to be the next epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic as confirmed cases topple 65,000 and deaths surpass 1000. According to WHO, this is a direct result of Trump's absolute failure to take early action and follow science, data, and the advice from health experts.

Had Trump responded during the early outbreaks of the COVID-19, the U.S. would have produced enough tests to get ahead of this global health crisis. Instead, the Trump administration was in denial & refused to use COVID-19 test kits that were already adopted by WHO and asked the CDC to develop their own tests that were initially contaminated.

By the time the CDC had an approved test, the virus had been in the U.S. for two weeks. More than three months later on April 17th, things are essentially the same and Trump's tweeting, "Liberate Wisconsin" "Liberate Michigan" "Liberate Virginia" to encourage his anti-science follows to violate their Governors' stay at home orders and to spread the coronavirus.

Meanwhile, it's almost May 2020 and inquiring minds want to know: Where are the mass testing, tracking, quarantining, and PPEs? Why hasn't the President declared a national emergency and utilized the Defense Production Act to make these tools available?

Projector-in-Chief

Public
Citizen
4/19/20

The following true statements about Trump and his Administration are examples of many more direct quotations from Trump trying to displace blame for his incompetent reaction to the pandemic on everyone else, from China to WHO to Governors to Demos to Fakenews:

- “severely mismanaging and coverying up the spread of the coronavirus”
- “failed to investigate credible reports”
- “tremendous death and economic devastation because those tasked with protecting us by being truthful and transparent failed to do so”
- “so much death has been caused by their mistakes”
- “failed in [their] basic duty and must be held accountable”

Trump Demotes Coronavirus Vaccine Research Chief

HuffPost
April 22
2020

Dr. Rick Bright, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services Biomedical Research and Development Authority, was reassigned to a more marginal position after he publicly called for a proper vetting of hydroxychloroquine, which Trump was actively promoting as a Covid-19 cure.

Bright files a whistle-blower retaliation complaint:

“...said he was removed as head of BARDA because he challenged the use of drugs promoted by the administration that lacked scientific backing.”

Explaining the Trumpian Crime Phenomena

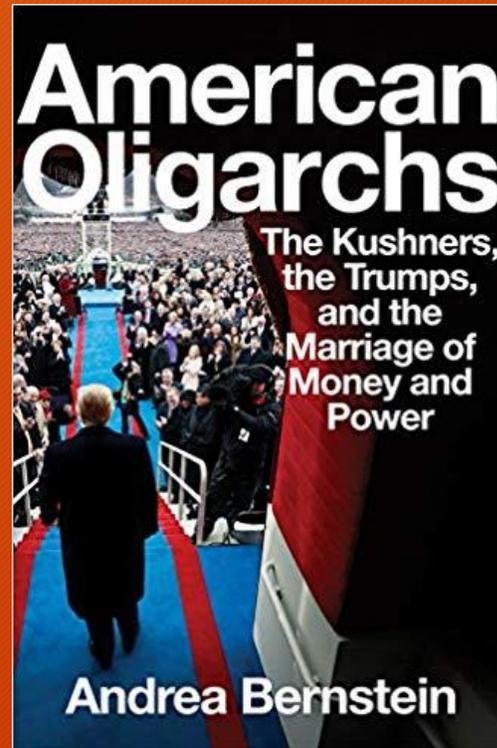
Which of these Theories of Criminality should we invoke?

- Biogenetic (ADD, impulsivity disorder)
- Psychopathological (Personality disorder: Narcissism, Megalomania)
- Sociological (Privileged social class, role models, entitlement)
- Situational (Special access and opportunities)
- Organizational (Routinizing culture and incentives)
- Structural (neo-liberal/laissez-faire, political economy)

A List of Readings for Investigating the Crimes of the Powerful

- Criminology until relatively recently had been exclusively about the crimes of the powerless (i.e., a focus on paupers, not on presidents)
- Crimes of the Powerful *are still only marginally studied*-- a history:
 - Louis Proal, *Political Crime* (1896)
 - Edwin Sutherland, *White Collar Crime* (1949)
 - Frank Pearce, *Crimes of the Powerful* (1976)
 - Steve Tombs & David Whyte, (eds.) *Unmasking the Crimes of the Powerful* (2003)
 - Gregg Barak, (ed.) *Routledge International Handbook of the Crimes of the Powerful* (2015)
 - D. L. Rothe & D. Kauzlarich, *Crimes of the Powerful: An Introduction* (2016)
 - Bittle, Snider, Tombs & Whyte (eds.) *Revisiting Crimes of the Powerful* (2018)

“The Kushners, the Trumps, and the Marriage of Money & Power”



Situating the Trump Family with other Crime Families

- Traditional criminological views of crime in ordinary families
- SES bias in the characterization of crime families
- The Trump family as a criminal family? Several generations of alleged involvement in criminal activity, from his grandfather (Friedrich Trump) to his children (Don Jr. and Ivanka)
- Organized Crime and Extended Crime Families
- Fox Butterfield (2018) *In My Father's House: A New View of How Crime Runs in the Family*

Corruption and the \$2 Trillion Stimulus/Economic Disaster Relief

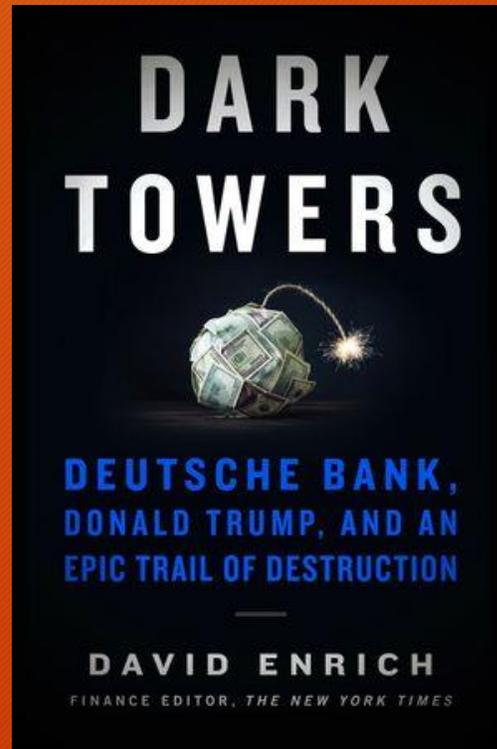
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- Trump did not rule out relief to Trump-owned businesses; despite specific stipulation in final bill precluding this, so some of his businesses may benefit anyway.
- Dismissed the respected Inspector General Michael Atkinson for overseeing the Intelligence Community.
- Moved to oust Glenn Fine, with a solid record, as Acting Inspector for trillions of dollars of pandemic recovery (PR) funds.
- Nominated a Trump loyalist, Brian Smith (vulnerable to a range of fraudulent claims), to be Special Inspector General for PR.
- Relief funds disproportionately directed to wealthy Trump supporters and donors.

What Would a Victimological Approach to Trump Look Like?

- Victimology and the Victims Rights Movement: SES, ideological biases, and the differential ascriptions of victim status & blame
- Victim as a contested claim revolving around the politics of “deep states,” “moral panics,” and which narrative claims prevail: Victims of Trump versus the Victimization of Trump
- Victims of Trump: Direct (e.g., personal assaults) and indirect (e.g., future victims of climate change) - and everything in between (e.g., from defrauded contractors to defrauded investors)
- Trump’s Victims of the COVID-19 pandemic in the USA

A searing expose of the most scandalous bank in the world, including its shadowy ties to Trump's business empire



Criminal Deutsche Bank Bails Out Trump and Bankrolls him into the White House

- **Trump's tendency to stiff** his partners and associates, his Wall Street lenders and creditors, as well as a long list of contractors, vendors, and lawyers who all had to settle for a fraction of what they were owed, would eventually catch up with him. By the 1990s, after all of Trump's casino companies had defaulted on their debts, filed for bankruptcies, and ultimately agreed to pay back only pennies on the dollar for hundreds of millions, the Donald had to look outside the U.S. for loans. He hooked up with Germany's Deutsche Bank that has lent Trump Enterprises over the past couple of decades some two billion dollars.
- **DB's Rap Sheet includes:** manipulating international currency markets; playing a central role in rigging the benchmark LIBOR interest rate; whisking billions of dollars from sanctioned countries like Iran, Syria, etc.; laundering billions of dollars on behalf of Russian oligarchs, etc.; and misleading local & global customers, investors, and regulators.

Trump's 2016 Successful Election in Victimological Terms: Weaponizing Hillary's Basket of Deplorables & a Rethuglican Majority into his Sycophantic Base

- Successful exploitation of pervasive sense of resentment by and “victimization” of white Americans or the “forgotten” men and “anti-feminist” women
- Trump on the “crimes” of downsizing/de-industrialization, climate control hoax, & regulatory rollbacks in relation to American jobs & security
- Trump on “elitist criminal enterprise” as “draining the swamp”
- Trump on the “criminal” threats of Muslims as terrorists, Mexicans as rapists and the “invasion” of Central American gangs (e.g., MS-13)
- Trump on conventional lies about crime and violence, such as murder rates highest in half a century when the actual rates are the lowest, or that immigrants commit more rather than less crime than nonimmigrants

Trump's Politicizing of Crime and the Administration of Justice: Pre and Post 2016 Election Rhetoric & Actions

- Hillary Clinton: “Lock her up!”; Telling Congressional women of color “to go back to their shithole countries”
- Those who investigate him: “Witch hunters, scum, and scammers”
- “Deep state” conspiracy claims
- Pardons granted to a war criminal, to convicted Sheriff Joe Arpaio, former Governor Rod Blagojevich, junk bond king Michael Milken to political supporters, or dangled before those who do not cooperate with investigations about him.
- Attorney General/FBI director: Primary obligation is to service the interests of the POTUS - AG Barr intervening to protect his Boss (Mueller investigation) and his convicted criminal cronies (Flynn, Stone) and to investigate his political adversaries.
- Congressional investigations, separation of powers, subpoenas, impeachment, and the Constitution as part of a criminal conspiracy against POTUS.

The Trump Administration, the DOJ and the Politicizing of Legal Institutions

- Administrative/Regulatory Agencies
 - EPA, SEC, FTC, CFPB, etc.: Regulatory rollback and diminished oversight
- Department of Justice
 - Shift of priorities: E.g., to immigration crime, away from white collar crime
 - Shifting support from factual science to ideological nonsense
 - Diminished support for *independent* criminological research
- Criminal Justice agencies: Federal, state and local
 - Promotion of “tough on crime” and the unrestrained use of discretionary law enforcement force, e.g., cancellation of Consent Decrees
 - Lifetime Judicial Appointments
 - DOJ request that Congress suspend habeas corpus and due process of criminal & civil law during the coronavirus emergency

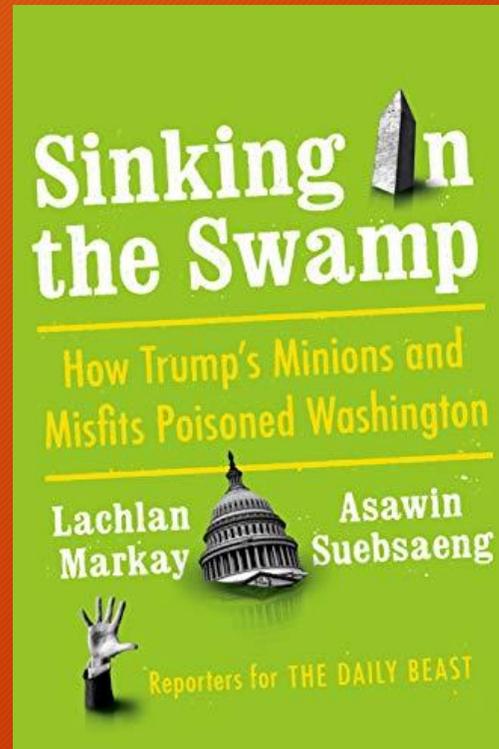
President Trump & Bipartisan Low Impact Correctional Reform

- Trump signed the Second Chance Reauthorization Act in December, 2018, allocating \$75 M annually for 5 years; no money was provided in 2019 budget; only \$14 M in 2020.
- Act calls for some progressive initiatives in terms of reduced sentences; rehabilitation options, etc.
- Acknowledges a relatively rare bi-partisan recognition of the failures of a purely punitive, “mass imprisonment” approach.
- Jared Kushner, son-in-law, credited for supposedly promoting; his father spent time in prison for blackmailing his brother-in-law.
- Critics: Limited in impact even when combined with federal “First Step” budget of \$409 million proposed in the House Bill of \$31.7 billion for the DOJ.
- On-going Trump rhetoric/DOJ commitment to “tough on crime” and resistance to the national movement for prosecutorial reform.

Trump Ushers in and Welcomes “The Golden Age of White Collar Crime”

Since Trump took office, “nearly every institution of American life has taken on the unmistakable stench of moral rot. Corporate behemoths like Boeing and Wells Fargo have traded blue-chip credibility for white-collar callousness. Elite universities are selling admission spots to the highest Hollywood bidder. Silicon Valley unicorns have revealed themselves as long cons (Theranos), venture-capital cremation devices (Uber, We Work) or straightforward comic book supervillains (Facebook). Every week unearths a cabinet-level political scandal that would have defined any other presidency. From the blackouts in California to the bloated bonuses on Wall Street to the entire biography of Jeffrey Epstein, it is impossible to look around the country and not get the feeling that elites are slowly looting it.” Michael Hobbes, 2/15/20 HuffPost Highline

An eyewitness account of Trump's clown car of lieutenants and lackeys who have polluted the corridors of power with their unprecedented awfulness



U.S. Corporate Crime Prosecutions Fall to Record Low in 2019

- With the exceptions of wealthy people/corporations victimizing other wealthy people/corporations, the CJS “has given up the pretense that the crimes of the wealthy are worth taking seriously.” (Hobbes, 2020)
- In January 2019, WC prosecutions fell to the lowest level since researchers started tracking them in 1998.
- In 2018, 19,000 people were sentenced to federal court for drug crimes alone; meanwhile, prosecutors convicted just 37 corporate criminals who worked at firms with more than 50 employees.
- Since 2015, criminal penalties levied by the DOJ fell from \$3.6 B to roughly \$110 million; meanwhile, illicit profits seized by SEC have reportedly dropped by more than half.

Is Trump the Litigious Mastermind of all Time? Highlights from his Legal Scorebook*

USA
Today,
6/2016

From 1986 to 2016, Trump and his businesses were involved in 3500 legal cases in U.S. federal and state courts:

- Plaintiff in 1900 lawsuits; Defendant in 1450 lawsuits
- Trump has won 451 times and has lost only 38 times
- In some 500 cases, judges dismissed plaintiffs claims against Trump; hundreds of other cases ended with the available public record unclear about the resolution
- Legal cases include contract disputes, defamation claims, allegations of sexual harassment, and more than 100 tax disputes, including at least 36 occasions where NY State Dept of Taxation & Finance obtained tax liens against Trump properties for nonpayment of taxes

*Does not count 88 multi-state lawsuits filed against Trump Administration as of August 2019—more than double the number of any other President

Taxes, the Litigiousness of Trump, and the arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court scheduled for March 31, 2020 put on temporary hold because of COVID-19

Trump is the first president in decades not to make his tax records available to the public and the only president in modern history not to divest his business entities, raising several ethical and legal questions.

In three different pending law cases consolidated into one, Trump has also refused to turn over his tax records to investigations by the Manhattan DA into improperly recording wealth estimates to avoid paying taxes and insurance, and to two subpoenas by the House for tax records involving the president, his children, and his businesses as part of investigations into possible conflicts of interest and foreign influence.

Trump's lawyers will argue that he should be protected from criminal investigations through presidential immunity. Will the Conservative Majority establish a precedence and vote in favor of this type of lack of transparency, inquiry, or cover up and obstruction of justice?

District of Columbia AG Sues Trump's Inaugural Committee, January 22, 2020

The lawsuit alleges that the Committee improperly used nonprofit funds to pay highly inflated prices totaling \$1 million to the president's own hotel. In seeking to recover one million dollars, Attorney General Karl Racine was quoted in *The Hill* as saying:

“An independent investigation by my office has revealed that the Inaugural Committee made exorbitant and unlawful payments to the Trump hotel to rent space for inaugural activity. This came as a result of coordination between Inaugural Committee Deputy Chairman Rick Gates, Trump International Hotel Management and members of the Trump family,” including daughter Ivanka Trump.

“America Needs a Leader We Can Trust”

Priorities USA Advertisement Slams Trump on COVID-19 Response, airs 3/26/20

Within hours of the advertisement airing, MSNBC reported that:

The president’s re-election campaign is threatening legal action against television stations in key battleground states if they continue to air the Priorities USA ad showing clips of the President referring to the coronavirus as “the new hoax,” assuring the American people that his Administration “has gotten this totally under control” and that “like a miracle it will simply disappear” one day and, of course, “No, [he] won’t take any responsibility” for the terrible job that he is doing. Instead, he’d rather blame his clueless performance on Obama, the Democrats, and fake news.

Summing Up: A Research Agenda for the Crimes of Trump

- Identify core parameters of Trump's alleged criminal activity
- Situate Trump's criminal activity in relation to comparable past and present crimes of the powerful, including other presidents
- Content analysis of old and new media and how Trump uses both to criminalize/victimize others (especially his political allies/enemies) and how Trump is portrayed as both criminal & victim
- Empirical investigation of socialization dimensions regarding core concepts during Trump era
- Investigate measurable impact of Trump era law enforcement initiatives on criminal justice system policies and practices

Research Agenda--continued

- Chart out a victimological analysis of the crimes of Trump
- Investigate the dynamics of power in relation to how the specific types of criminal activities by Donald Trump play out
- Advance a prospective criminological analysis that maps out anticipated criminological (and the criminogenic) consequences of the crimes of Trump
- Incorporate the case of Trump into an evolving and expanding criminology of the crimes of the powerful

Trump Unleashed

Have we only seen a preview of worse things to come, should he be re-elected & the Republican Senate hold the majority in 2020?

