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President CJ's Letter

Dear Friends,

Happy 282nd Birthday (April 13) to Thomas Jefferson – a true patriot, renaissance man, and Charlottesville's most famous resident. On this occasion, I would like to celebrate Jefferson's accomplishments and contributions, often overshadowed in today's environment.

Thomas Jefferson is best known for his role in drafting the Declaration of Independence, which declared the American colonies' independence from Britain and established the principles of liberty and self-government.

Jefferson served as President from 1801 to 1809, during which time he prioritized reducing the size and power of the federal government, expanding westward through the Louisiana Purchase, and sponsoring the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the newly acquired territories.

Jefferson was also a strong advocate for religious freedom, authoring the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, and was most proud of his role in founding the University of Virginia. Jefferson envisioned the university as a place where students could pursue knowledge and critical thinking, preparing them for leadership roles in a democratic society.

During his presidency, Thomas Jefferson signed legislation in 1802 that established the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. The academy was founded to provide a formal education and training program for future military officers.

Thomas Jefferson was a strong proponent of agrarianism, a philosophy that emphasized the importance of agriculture and the virtues of rural life. Jefferson believed that the success and stability of a nation depended on an independent and self-sufficient agricultural society. He championed scientific and technological advancements in

agriculture, advocating for the use of crop rotation, improved farming techniques, and the introduction of new crop varieties. He saw agriculture as a way to create a prosperous and virtuous society based on self-reliance and the stewardship of the land.

In addition, Thomas Jefferson was also an accomplished architect. He designed and oversaw the construction of his famous home, Monticello, a neoclassical masterpiece that reflects Jefferson's architectural vision and personal style. Jefferson incorporated innovative features and design elements, such as the use of natural light, unique floor plans, and a blend of classical and modern architectural influences. His architectural expertise was not limited to his own residence; he also played a significant role in designing the Virginia State Capitol building in Richmond.

Thomas Jefferson had a deep interest in the natural sciences and made significant contributions in this field. He was an avid botanist, geologist, and naturalist, conducting extensive studies and collecting specimens of plants, fossils, and wildlife. His curiosity and scientific inquiry led him to expand knowledge in fields such as paleontology, biology, and meteorology.

Jefferson's extensive collection of books, maps, and scientific instruments formed the foundation of the Library of Congress after it was purchased by the U.S. government in 1815.

Jefferson's scientific pursuits and contributions not only furthered understanding in various disciplines but also fostered a spirit of scientific inquiry and exploration that influenced future generations of scientists.

Jefferson's accomplishments and ideas continue to shape American democracy and are revered as a cornerstone of American education and scientific inquiry.

CJ. Hatcher, President, W.A.C.

"The greatest danger to American freedom is a government that ignores the Constitution." - Thomas Jefferson

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In February, WAC Members Heard from The Federalist Correspondent Breccan Thies about the Press and the US Constitution. In March, U.S. Constitution Specialist Gary Porter Discussed the Dangers of Rank Choice Voting

In February, Breccan Thies, Correspondent for the Federalist news organization gave a talk to our members on the responsibility and failures of the press and its history dating back to the Founding of the United States through the present day. He discussed what the Founding Fathers thought about the press, how they believed it needed to be totally separate from government interference, and how over time the press and the government have slowly melded into one unit to the detriment of the American people.

In March, we enjoyed hearing from Gary Porter, the Founder of the Constitution Leadership Initiative, who spoke about the dangers of ranked choice voting. He discussed numerous problems, including lack of transparency, the end of one person/one vote, complicated voting technique that requires an extensive education effort for all Americans, could elect a second or third choice candidate if voting goes to a second or third round, and if someone undervotes their ballot is eliminated after the early rounds forcing people to vote for all candidates even if they do not like their policy positions, among others.







Note from Our Election Integrity Committee Chair Karen Juul-Nielsen:

Greetings, Patriots, from your Election Integrity Committee

With two elections this year we are busy – the general state wide election on November 4 for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and House of Delegates, as well as the local Albemarle County elections for Board of Supervisors and School Board. Also, on June 17, there is the dual Primary Election (Democrat and Republican) selecting the candidates who will be on the ballot in November. Please vote in the primary on June 17 – last year only 7% of registered voters voted in the primary. It matters because the primary determines who is on the ballot – make sure your voice counts!

One of our main objectives is to ensure there are Republican Election Officers for the elections. The bad news this year is that 45 of the 186 Republican Election officers recommended to represent the Republican party were not reappointed by the Electoral Board. This is a normal culling process for the Board that happens annually. Reasons for being dropped were varied – retirement, physical move, but mostly there was no response from the election officers to requests from the Registrar. We are exploring how to reach these folks to see if we can recover some of them to serve as EO's, but the process is tedious. As you can tell, we have a very strong need for Republican or conservative-minded election officials to sign up and serve. It is not a hard job and there is not a great deal of commitment – 2 days a year and the training require 1-2 hours at most. Please consider serving – and let me know so I can walk you through the process.

Another focus for Election Integrity is cleaning up the voter rolls. We have a team looking into returned mail ballots and dead people still on the rolls. There is a process in place for the Registrar to review returned mail ballots and our team is working with the Registrar to expedite this process. We are also reading obituaries and looking for those registered that are over the age of 95 to see if they are still alive. Both of these objectives are critical and time sensitive as the November election approaches.

Thank you for considering helping with elections as elections officers or poll watchers. Please contact me for more information and to sign up.

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We are Living Through a Second Revolution



The American people are once-again asserting their right to self-governance.

By Kevin D. Roberts, The Spectator World, President of The Heritage Foundation

On March 23, 1775, a month before the first shots would ring out at Lexington and Concord, Patrick Henry entered Saint John's Church in Richmond, Virginia to deliver a bold conviction. "The war is actually begun," he said, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Henry's rallying cry remains one of the most iconic speeches in American history and is one of my personal favorites. Indeed, multiple times since we moved to northern Virginia in 2021, my family and I have made the drive south to see Henry's speech reenacted. The message remains as compelling as ever, and this year, on its 250th anniversary, I believe it is especially relevant to our current political moment.

We are facing a struggle for ordered liberty. We are challenging a political regime that subverts our rights, ignores our petitions, persecutes our friends and spurns our way of life. We are, as I put it on Steve Bannon's *War Room* last July, "in the process of the second American Revolution, which will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be."

When I first suggested this, the Biden campaign, MSNBC hosts and their wax-museum conservative counterparts relentlessly mocked and attacked me – just as British loyalists and "moderate" colonists no doubt did to Henry in

1775 when he correctly predicted that conflict was inevitable. But much as the subsequent victories at Lexington and Concord confirmed Henry's prediction, President Trump's definitive victory in November and his blitz of executive actions to cut down the deep state since taking office have confirmed my own.

The American people are once again asserting their right to self-governance. They are rejecting submission to unelected bureaucrats and slavery to technocratic government. They are embracing common sense and exercising their power to advance the common good. And the left – bereft of ideas and more concerned with maintaining the status quo than honoring the will of the American people – has responded to this popular upheaval with desperation, profanity and violence.

This became obvious to every American when President Trump was shot in Butler, Pennsylvania last July. It has only become more undeniable since.

On Inauguration Day a man in Oregon threw Molotov cocktails at a Tesla and threatened the driver with a gun. Later that month, a woman in Colorado repeatedly went to a Tesla car lot to spray paint "Nazi" on the dealership's sign. This, it turns out, was only the beginning. Since then, the American car business has been under attack across the country, as more cars get set alight.

Meanwhile a crazed Massachusetts man came to Washington with Molotov cocktails, knives and the intent to burn down the Heritage Foundation and kill Pete Hegseth, Speaker Mike Johnson and Scott Bessent.

In February, Democrat elected representatives joined in and began pushing crazy rhetoric of their own. Representative Kweisi Mfume – whose birth name is Frizzell Gerard Tate – proposed a "street fight" to push back against Elon Musk. Ilhan Omar escalated even further, arguing that Musk's efforts "might actually see somebody get killed." And to make the second American Revolution analogy concrete, Representative LaMonica McIver came right out and said, "We are at war!"

This insane rhetoric only shows how out of touch Democrats are with the American people. Today their motto is effectively: give me \$2 million for sex changes and "LGBT activism" in Guatemala or give me death. It is the antithesis of the American spirit, and their "resistance" is as pathetic as it sounds.

That's because the Democrats don't represent a "resistance" at all. They are part and parcel of the Uniparty establishment that controls Washington and has been working for decades to expand its malign influence into every part of American

life. Similarities between them and the overbearing British who ruled over the colonies in the 1760s and 70s abound.

The British forced Patrick Henry and his fellow patriots to quarter soldiers in their homes. Our tyrannical elite is forcing us to pay millions of dollars to process illegal immigrants into our country, house them in our communities and educate them in our schools.

Britain's Royal Proclamation of 1763 restrained Americans' frontier spirit by forbidding them from settling west of the Appalachian Mountains. The unelected bureaucrats that rule us are restraining that same spirit through overregulation and censorship.

King George III and the British parliament unjustly taxed the colonists to pay for their incompetent management of a global empire. And if Donald Trump's dismantling of USAID has proven anything, it is that our rulers have been unjustly taxing us to pay for their own incompetent management of a global empire.

The Second American Revolution pits this insulated elite class of managers and bureaucrats against an increasingly broad swath of the American people, whom they do not know, can make no credible claim to represent and have utterly failed. The diverse coalition that elected President Trump this November proves as much. One in four black men under 50 voted for Trump. Roughly 45 percent of Latinos voted for Trump. Voters without a college degree supported President Trump by 13 points.

These Americans have even less in common with the progressive bureaucrats ruling them than America's founders did with their British overlords at the time of the first American revolution. Sure, it could take up to six weeks to travel across the Atlantic in the 1770s, but at least the English spoke the same language as their subjects, structured their families in similar ways and worshipped the same God. Today, our bureaucrats mock religion and are so morally bankrupt that it is oftentimes impossible to reason with them.

The only legitimate option is to defeat them. Like our founding fathers, we must be victorious.

The good news is that we are well on our way. Right now, President Trump's executive orders and decisive actions are systematically dismantling the deep state's hard power. On his first day in office, he terminated all remote work arrangements for federal employees. Then, he introduced an unprecedented, deferred resignation program which convinced more than 75,000 unelected bureaucrats to resign their posts. And last month he signed a new executive order requiring all federal agencies to fire at least four people for every one person they hire. Meanwhile, the Department of

Government Efficiency's (DOGE) incredible work has undermined the regime's soft power by exposing its waste and corruption unlike ever before.

Make no mistake, these have only been the opening skirmishes in what will be a long fight. Though President Trump's has already delivered a major blow, the deep state remains powerful. Slowly but surely, it is forming its counteroffensive. Corrupt federal judges are blocking the President's executive orders. Colleges and universities are disguising their DEI programs to prevent losing federal funding. Countless bureaucrats are laying low in federal agencies, waiting for the opportunity to upend the people's agenda. Even as fewer and fewer people are tuning in, the mainstream media is still doing everything it can to disparage Trump.

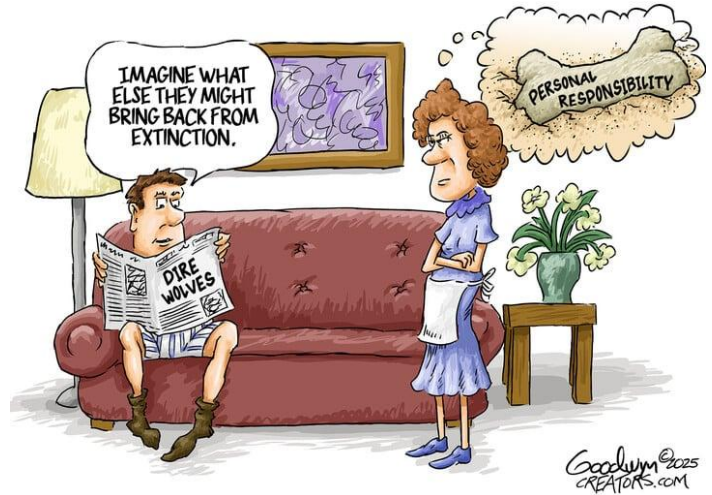
Confronting such a force, there is no room for complacency. Patrick Henry understood this. In his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, he reminded his fellow patriots of the need for urgent action against the enemy, saying: "They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger?"

We must heed his words and ask the same question today. When shall the American people be stronger? When will the American people have a better chance to dismantle the deep state and restore their rights? When will they get another opportunity to rescue the Republic our ancestors fought and died for?

They may not get another opportunity. There is no better time than now.

We are living in the Second American Revolution. We are stronger than we've ever been, and we must use every moral lever of power at our disposal to restore our founding principles, recover the basic norms of Western civilization (such as the notion that men and women are different), and revive the traditional institutions of American life by restoring their original purpose.

Despite the left's fearmongering, none of this requires violence. But it does require us to remember the promise of Patrick Henry that "millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us."



A Roadmap to Independence

By Michael Brewer, *The American Mind*

The most powerful nation in history has spent the last three decades outsourcing its strength. Factories have been shuttered, energy dependence was reinstated, domestic bureaucracies have continued to grow, and bad trade deals were signed with rivals—all moves that have weakened America's sovereignty. The Trump Administration is reversing this decline not only through rhetoric but also through action (which, admittedly, can be confusing at times).

The common thread weaved through President Trump's current efforts is self-reliance. It's evident in the concessions the Trump Administration is seeking from partners and adversaries alike. The administration's "Liberation Day" reciprocal tariffs illustrate this tone. Unlike the soft diplomacy of the past, President Trump is seeking to rebalance trade and renew focus on American industry, while forcing better terms for America by using access to our markets as common leverage. While confounding critics who are accustomed to diplomatic platitudes and bureaucratic stagnation, this signals a return to American independence.

The stakes are existential. A nation that outsources critical resources, indebts itself to adversaries, and cedes technological leadership is a vassal state in waiting. The past few decades offer a sobering tally of missteps. Though well-intentioned, globalization has hollowed out American manufacturing, and supply chains that are vital to our nation's survival were exported abroad. Today, America's position is weak. But the path forward is clear: a national strategy rooted

in self-reliance across every domain—resources, trade, debt, innovation, energy, and military readiness.

Securing the Essentials

Wars are often decided before the first shot. Victory hinges on supply chains, not just soldiers. China's dominance in rare earth minerals, semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, and manufacturing infrastructure exposes a glaring vulnerability. If conflict erupted tomorrow, how long could America's military-industrial complex function with supply lines tethered to Beijing? The answer is not reassuring.

Building up our national defense, which is often narrowly conceived as military might, is in truth a broader project of self-reliance: economic control, technological dominance, and the ability to secure a way of life without bending to external coercion.

Toward that end, creating a National Strategic Materials Reserve that stockpiles microchips, rare earths, and industrial components sufficient for a world war-level catastrophe is long overdue. This isn't a luxury or a contingency plan—it's the difference between standing tall as a sovereign nation and groveling at the feet of a rival who's already hoarding the means to our survival. Without it, we're simply preparing for our own surrender. Laws must mandate the onshoring production of essential goods, backed by incentives that penalize offshoring. The Trump Administration's tariff threats have already spurred some reshoring, but the effort must intensify. A superpower cannot afford to beg for the tools of its own defense.

Trade mishandled is a blueprint for collapse. Dependence on adversaries for strategic goods—whether steel, tech, or medicine—is a self-inflicted wound.

Tariffs, subsidies, and reshoring incentives are acts of national security. Critics decry the disruption—but disruption to the existing order is long overdue and necessary. Trump's trade policies, often dismissed as populist bluster, are aimed at a higher prize: control over America's economic fate. This is about breaking the chains of dependence that bind us to hostile powers. Tariffs are the administration's battering ram, wielded to secure the resources that keep America free, ensuring that no foreign capital can choke off our steel, our chips, or our medicine in a crisis. The squealing from affected industries and foreign capitals only underscores the stakes.

Contrast this with Europe's reliance on Russian gas, a dependency that invites coercion while its leaders preach moral superiority. The United States must not follow suit. Trade agreements should favor American interests unequivocally, ensuring that strategic commodities remain under domestic command. Anything less is strategic folly.

No nation can secure its future by borrowing from those it may one day confront in battle. China holds over \$850 billion in U.S. debt—a financial sword of Damocles. This leverage must be dismantled. Foreign debt is not an accounting quirk but a weapon. The U.S. should stop investing in our adversaries, redirect spending to prioritize self-sufficiency, and ban hostile nations from purchasing strategic assets like farmland near military bases—a trend that security experts rightly find alarming. Several states have acted; federal resolve must follow.

Untangling this web is a Herculean task: slashing foreign investment risks tanking revenue, alienating allies, and spooking markets—all while Beijing exploits the chaos. Still, the problem will only get worse the longer it's ignored. Markets currently aligned to unfettered globalism can't help but react negatively, but there's a bigger picture that's essential, and the Trump Administration gets it.

The administration should start targeted restrictions and cap adversarial ownership of U.S. bonds at a shrinking percentage, say 5% annually, while offering tax breaks to domestic investors who step in. The dip in the market will encourage this as a matter of course as investors run from unpredictability toward the relative stability of bonds. Pair that with a phased repatriation of critical industries, funded by defunding the litany of wasteful programs identified by DOGE through the congressional rescission process. It's messy, costly, and slow—but dependence is costlier. The potential upside if we have the will and pain tolerance to endure short-term hardship is huge. The downside is nothing short of existential.

Spending trillions on wasteful programs while indebting future generations to foreign creditors is national suicide. Redirecting funds from bureaucratic bloat (say, student loan bailouts) to reindustrialization and military modernization would fortify America's backbone. Issuing tax credits for domestic production and penalties for outsourcing to rivals like China could accelerate the shift. Trump's China policies reflect this logic, even if the broader political class remains mired in short-term thinking.

Independence Means Innovation

A superpower that trails in innovation is a superpower on borrowed time. America must reclaim its role as the global hub of business, technology, and industry. Tax incentives and government-backed investment in AI, cyber warfare, and next-gen manufacturing are essential.

Intellectual property theft—China’s economic warfare playbook—demands a harder line: trade restrictions, asset freezes, and market bans for offenders like Huawei or ByteDance. Espionage, whether through hacking or programs like China’s Thousand Talents Plan, should trigger asset seizures and retaliatory tariffs. Power is economic as much as military; leadership in both is non-negotiable.

The next war won’t be won with bullets alone but also with cyber-attacks, AI, and autonomous systems. A national initiative on the scale of the Manhattan Project is needed to secure the high ground in AI and cyber warfare. Energy grids must be hardened against cyber threats, physical attacks, and EMP threats. Quantum computing, space warfare, and AI-driven logistics must become American domains. The White House’s engagement with industry leaders hints at progress, but Congress must match the urgency. Technological supremacy is not optional—it is a necessary prerequisite for battlefield supremacy.

Energy security is national security. Reliance on OPEC, Russia, or China for oil and power is strategic surrender. Expanding domestic oil, gas, and nuclear capacity—while innovating in next-gen energy—would make America an exporter, not a supplicant. Russia’s war in Ukraine exposed the folly of energy dependence; the U.S. must not ignore the lesson.

Energy independence is a necessity. Under Trump’s first term, America hit net energy exporter status by 2020, pumping 13 million barrels of oil daily, slashing OPEC’s grip, and staring down Russia’s gas leverage with LNG exports. Biden reversed course, canceling the Keystone XL pipeline, choking permits, and begging Saudi Arabia for oil as production dipped below 11 million barrels by 2022. The result? Gas prices spiked, and our enemies smirked.

Reclaiming independence means doubling down on the Trump energy playbook: fast-tracking drilling leases on federal lands—30% of U.S. oil is untapped—while slashing red tape for small modular nuclear reactors, which could power grids by 2030. Pair that with tax credits for LNG export terminals to flood markets, and Putin’s energy blackmail is capped at the knees.

American Might, Unshackled

Military strength remains the bedrock of sovereignty. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has rightly prioritized readiness over red tape—a shift long overdue after years of Pentagon bloat. Wartime production must be self-sufficient and free of foreign chokeholds. A military that can’t make its own bullets or repair its own ships is a paper tiger. Though the FY2025 National Defense Authorization Act topped \$895 billion in spending, it largely fails to address the coming disaster.

Consider the Navy’s shipbuilding woes: 40% of critical components come from overseas, and delays in Virginia-class submarines trace back to supply chains snagged in Asia. A positive initiative so far is Secretary Hegseth’s moves to onshore production, like reviving steel forging for armor and stockpiling munitions before the next fight, not during it.

We must look at how defense dollars are best spent to address the broadest possible spectrum of future threats. Elite special forces and asymmetric capabilities, proven decisive in recent conflicts, deserve expansion. The SEALs and Delta Force didn’t win battles in Afghanistan with trillion-dollar jets—they did it with adaptability and precision. They are uniquely positioned to engage and embed with our allies as well, enhancing interoperability and coordination long before the next conflict erupts. Doubling their ranks and training budgets would cost a fraction of a single F-35—and yield tenfold the impact.

Industry and defense experts alike have long lamented the challenges created by the defense acquisition bureaucracy’s “colors of money” structure and the “use it or lose it” budgetary environment it has helped create. Critically, it chokes innovation and the development of rapidly fielded programs here at home and favors the “easy button” of buying foreign components rather than trying to navigate the minefield of DoD’s research and development avenues.

Under President Trump, the Department of Defense is moving to address this problem. The president announced he would seek \$1 trillion for defense, which is on top of the \$50 billion he has ordered Secretary Hegseth to cut from existing programs. It doesn’t take much imagination to speculate that this reflects the president’s stated priorities of modernization and lethality, border security, and perhaps, most ambitiously, missile defense. President Trump’s proposed “Golden Dome” program will be a leap forward in integrated missile and hypersonic weapons defense for the homeland, and the plan to increase

spending signals the administration's seriousness about getting it done.

Next-gen force projection, including space-based systems, should focus on lethality and ubiquitous, integrated assets, not bloated budgets. Low-cost satellite swarms for surveillance and targeting must be prioritized over gold-plated boondoggles. Ukraine's drone ingenuity—\$500 quadcopters shredding \$20 million tanks—and the Taliban's resilience remind us that effect, not cost, wins wars; a \$6 trillion Middle East quagmire taught us that lesson. A military obsessed with quotas over combat effectiveness is a military primed to lose. Hegseth's vow to ditch DEI checklists for a war-fighting focus is about survival. The enemy doesn't care about our diversity stats—they care about our kill rate.

A Stark Choice

Though foreign threats loom large, the gravest danger festers in Washington. Bureaucrats and politicians have spent decades eroding America's independence not through treason but a slow drip of corruption, waste, and shortsightedness. Factories shuttered by onerous regulations, energy independence traded for donor profits, and critical industries ceded to rivals all bear the fingerprints of a government for sale. Accountability is a mirage; consequences for the corrupt are rare.

Trump's second term and his cabinet picks offer hope, but the entrenched status quo resists. This isn't mere incompetence—it's a heist in broad daylight. Self-serving mandarins and elected grifters have turned the federal leviathan into their personal piggy bank, peddling influence to the highest bidder while the nation bleeds strength.

This internal rot has the potential to be even more lethal than an external foe, because it renders every tariff, stockpile, and troop deployment moot if the profits are siphoned off by career crooks in DC. A nation cannot be self-reliant if its leaders auction off its future or pick the winners in business based on who they can extort the most money from among the donor class.

The DOGE team's waste-hunting is a start—but it's a drop in a swamp of self-dealing where both parties play ball. Rooting out waste, fraud, and bloat must transcend party lines. Without a reckoning—real jail time for the thieves and legislation that formalizes DOGE's findings and exercises Congress' authority to return dollars to the Treasury—every call for independence is hollow. America's resources and will are intact, but its

government must align with the mission: it must be able to assert control over its own destiny.

A secure America controls its resources, dominates its trade, sheds its debts, leads in innovation, and wields unmatched military power. The Trump Administration's moves—disruptive, unvarnished, and often maligned—point toward this vision. Without a fundamental reordering within major areas of U.S. policy, we risk becoming a superpower in name only, or worse, a nation whose next chapter is written by others.

The choice is stark: reclaim independence or fade into dependence. History suggests the former is still within reach if our will endures.



The Judicial Insurrection is Worse than You Think

The point of all the injunctions and restraining orders is to preserve the supreme rule of unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats.

By John Daniel Davidson, *The Federalist*, condensed

At this point it's not too much to say that the federal judiciary has plunged us into a constitutional crisis. The fusillade of injunctions and temporary restraining orders issued by district court judges in recent weeks against the Trump administration — on everything from foreign aid to immigration enforcement to Defense Department enlistment policy to climate change grants for Citibank — boggles the mind.

More nationwide injunctions and restraining orders have been issued against Trump in the past month that

were issued against the Biden Administration in four years. In a single day recently, four different federal judges ordered Elon Musk to reinstate USAID workers (something he and DOGE have no authority to do), ordered President Trump to disclose sensitive operational details about the deportation flights of alleged terrorists, ordered the Department of Defense to admit individuals suffering from gender dysphoria to the military, and ordered the Department of Education to issue \$600 million in DEI grants to schools.

On one level, what all this amounts to is an attempted takeover of the Executive Branch by the Judicial Branch — a judicial *coup d'état*. These judges are usurping President Trump's valid exercise of his Executive Branch powers through sheer judicial fiat — a raw assertion of power by one branch of the federal government against another.

But on another, deeper level, this is an attempt by the judiciary to prevent the duly elected president from reclaiming control of the Executive Branch from the federal bureaucracy — the deep state, which has long functioned as an unelected and unaccountable fourth branch of the government. This unconstitutional fourth branch has always been controlled by Democrats and leftist ideologues who, under the guise of being nonpartisan experts neutrally administering the functions of government, have effectively supplanted the political branches. Unfortunately, to large extent the political branches have acquiesced in the usurpation of their authority.

Trump, with a strong mandate from the American electorate, has resolved to wrest control of the government from the deep state. The deep state in turn has been forced to fall back on its last line of defense: the courts.

What we're seeing, in other words, is the return of the political (in the classical sense) to American governance. The political never really went away, of course. The idea of a neutral, nonpartisan class of experts and bureaucrats was always a fiction, a thinly-veiled scheme for implementing the Democrats' agenda and neutralizing the effect of elections on actual governance. The voters could elect whomever they liked, but it would not much change what the bureaucracy did. This scheme has been the greatest scandal of modern American government, and the crisis unfolding now is a direct result of Trump's efforts to dismantle it.

Why are the courts willing to defend the deep state? One reason is simply the unabashed partisan hatred of Trump by specific federal judges, like U.S. District Judge James Boasberg of the D.C. circuit, who arrogated to himself the authority to command federal law enforcement and military personnel overseas in a failed attempt to halt the Trump

administration's deportation of hundreds of alleged foreign terrorists.

There is also the encouragement that judges like Boasberg have received not only from the Supreme Court's refusal to step in and check these abuses of power but also from Chief Justice John Roberts' unprecedented statement attacking the president for suggesting that Boasberg should be impeached (which he should).

The larger cause of this judicial insurrection, however, is structural and historical, going back more than a century to the emergence of the theory of the administrative state. As a practical matter, the modern administrative state was created by Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, which in the 1930s established a federal bureaucracy powerful enough to actually govern. But its intellectual and conceptual roots go back to Woodrow Wilson, an academic and unabashed progressive. Long before Wilson's political career, he studied what he called "the science of administration" and looked to the imperial bureaucracy of Prussia in the 1880s as a template for how to transform American governance.

Wilson's goal was to overcome what he saw as the needless inefficiencies and limitations of constitutional government. The role of government in society, according to Wilson (and contrary to the Founding Fathers), should adjust to meet the demands of the moment. At the turn of the 19th century, Wilson believed the moment demanded a government not bound by outdated concepts like rule of law or separation of powers. "Government," he wrote in 1889, "does now whatever experience permits or the times demand."

To accomplish this, Wilson (along with other pioneers in administrative law and politics at the time, like Frank Goodnow) believed it was necessary to create a realm of neutral administrative authority totally shielded from political influence and the vicissitudes of the ballot box. Above all, Wilson wanted to separate the business of governing from public opinion. "Wherever regard for public opinion is a first principle of government, practical reform must be slow and all reform must be full of compromises," he wrote in 1886. "For wherever public opinion exists it must rule." The crucial thing, then, was to separate politics from governance.

But if you take politics out of governance, where does that leave public opinion? How do you maintain a democratic form of government in which the people are supposed to have a say in how they're governed? You don't, actually. It would be, and is, impossible. Indeed, the entire point of the administrative state is to render elections largely meaningless. Whether it's a change of president in the White House or a shift in the congressional majority, the goal is to strip the authority of the political branches to

adjudicate political questions and place that authority in the hands of so-called experts inside the bureaucracy.

After generations of this sort of rule, we can see what it produces: a bloated and unaccountable deep state controlled by partisan ideologues who wield massive policymaking power, answerable to neither the president nor the Congress. Whatever you call this system of government, it isn't the republican constitutionalism that our Founders set up, and it isn't accountable to the American people. Voters can twice elect a president like Trump, who openly ran on dismantling the deep state, only to find that the deep state is not controlled by the elected president. It is a power unto itself, indifferent to the wishes of the people.

All of this directly relates to the judicial coup now underway. The injunctions and restraining orders coming out of the federal courts are a result of the complete takeover of the administrative state. Indeed, they are one of the deep state's last lines of defense against the reassertion of actual political power in the person of Trump.

Take for example something like immigration and asylum policy, which is inherently a political question that in a properly functioning republic should be decided by the elected representatives of the people. Instead of passing clear laws that settle the political question of who is allowed into the country and who isn't, Congress created an elaborate immigration bureaucracy that purported to transcend the political nature of the question in favor of fake process neutralism.

This immigration bureaucracy was housed in the Executive Branch, but as we can see now it was only ceremonially under the control of the president, and only so long as the president did not interfere with the bureaucracy. Presidents and members of Congress would inveigh against illegal immigration and promise to secure the border. But this was just political theater. In practice, the immigration bureaucracy implemented mass immigration by flooding the country with millions of illegal immigrant "asylum-seekers" who had no valid claims to asylum but were nevertheless allowed to remain in the U.S. as their cases wended their way through the system, a process that takes years.

That is to say, a political question was answered with a political decision. But because Congress abdicated its duty to settle that political question, it was settled instead by the unelected bureaucrats of the deep state, who had their own policy preferences.

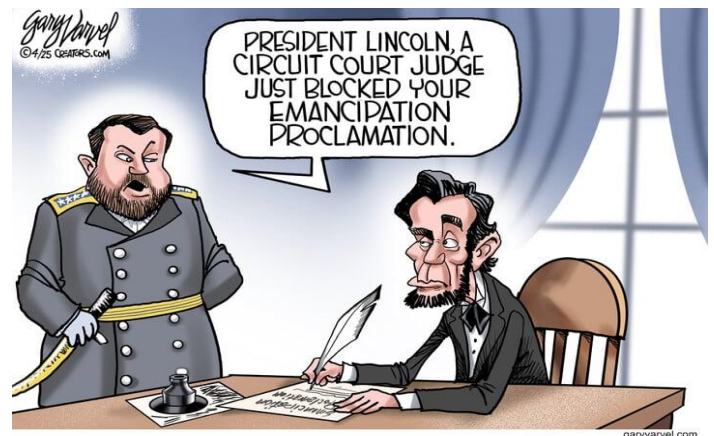
It wasn't until Trump came along and attempted to reassert political governance that the reality of administrative rule became so obvious that anyone could see it. Trump wants

to change how we run our immigration system, and he has a mandate from the voters to do so. He tried to change it but was immediately challenged by the deep state, which is now relying on the judiciary to uphold its authority over and against the president.

The good news is that by attacking the deep state, Trump has forced it to fight back and expose its true nature, which isn't that of neutral experts but of politically and ideologically motivated actors. Trump has also exposed the collusion and corruption of the judiciary in upholding the authority of the deep state. Radically partisan judges (who are also supposed to be neutral arbiters of the law) are now resorting to increasingly outlandish injunctions and restraining orders to maintain the deep state's hold on power.

This state of affairs cannot continue. Thus far, Trump has shown remarkable restraint in how he has responded to judicial usurpation of his legitimate executive authority. But he's running out of ways to show deference to these federal judges, who have only been emboldened by his restraint.

The plain reality is that this fight with the federal courts is really a fight against the entire progressive scheme of administrative rule, and it's one that Trump has to win if we ever want to restore the role of politics — that is, of public opinion and the consent of the governed — to its rightful place in America.



A Writ of "Facilitation"? Court Issues Curious Order in the Garcia Case

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The media lit up yesterday with the order of the Supreme Court in the case of Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia, an accused MS-13 member mistakenly sent

to El Salvador. I have previously said that the Administration should have brought back Garcia immediately and pushed for deportation under existing laws. Yet, in the order, the Court ordered the government to “facilitate” the return without stating what that means.

Last evening, the Court issued the short three-paragraph per curiam opinion in *Noem v. Garcia*.

After the ruling, many on the left claimed “Supreme Court in a unanimous decision: He has a legal right to be here, and you have to bring him back.”

It is a bit more ambiguous than that. The Court actually warned that the district court could order the government to facilitate but not necessarily “to effectuate” the return.

*The application is granted in part and denied in part, subject to the direction of this order. Due to the administrative stay issued by THE CHIEF JUSTICE, the deadline imposed by the District Court has now passed. To that extent, the Government’s emergency application is effectively granted in part and the deadline in the challenged order is no longer effective. The rest of the District Court’s order remains in effect but requires clarification on remand. The order properly requires the Government to “facilitate” Abrego Garcia’s release from custody in El Salvador and to ensure that his case is handled as it would have been had he not been improperly sent to El Salvador. **The intended scope of the term “effectuate” in the District Court’s order is, however, unclear, and may exceed the District Court’s authority. The District Court should clarify its directive, with due regard for the deference owed to the Executive Branch in the conduct of foreign affairs.** For its part, the Government should be prepared to share what it can concerning the steps it has taken and the prospect of further steps. The order heretofore entered by THE CHIEF JUSTICE is vacated.*

So what does that mean? The Court disagrees with many, including the Fourth Circuit, that President Trump had no inherent executive powers to countermand the district court’s order. He clearly does have countervailing powers that have to be weighed more heavily in the matter. The district court is expressly ordered to show “due regard for the deference owed to the Executive Branch in the conduct of foreign affairs.”

What is left is a legal pushmi-pullyu that seems to be going in both directions at once. What if the Trump Administration says that inquiries were made, but the matter has proven intractable or unresolvable? Crickets.

No one would seriously believe that, but what right does the district court have to manage the relations or communications with a foreign country?

The problem with this shadow docket decision is that there is more shadow than sunlight in its meaning.



The List Below was Taken from an X Account— Author Unknown

When millions of illegals were ushered in through the southern border, you said nothing!

When they abandoned millions of dollars worth of military equipment in Afghanistan, you said nothing!

When they flaunted a two-tier justice system, one for them and one for everyone else, you said nothing!

When they covered up the Hunter Biden laptop, you said nothing!

When they passed a trillion-dollar infrastructure bill that failed miserably, you said nothing!

When inflation crushed the middle class, you said nothing!

When they sent billions to Ukraine, you said nothing!

When chemicals polluted the water in East Palestine, Ohio and they ignored it, you said nothing!

When Americans were raped, robbed and murdered by illegals, you said nothing!

When they implanted Kamala as the presidential nominee without getting a single vote, you said nothing!

When billionaire and anti-American George Soros funded dozens of AG elections, you said nothing!

When they turned our classrooms into liberal indoctrination camps, you said nothing!

When they spent our tax dollars on inmates' transition surgeries, you said nothing!

When they gave the citizens of Hawaii \$700 after losing their entire city, you said nothing!

When they gave free money, food and 5-star hotel lodging to illegals, you said nothing!

When they came for our free speech, you said nothing!

When DEI weakened the military and put our national security at risk, you said nothing!

When they colluded with the media to push false reports, you said nothing!

When it was open season on law enforcement and criminals reigned, you said nothing!

When they weaponized the justice system to take down their political opponents, you said nothing!

When the bureaucrats took over the White House and ran the government, you said nothing!

When they covered up Biden's rapidly declining mental state, you said nothing!

When they groomed our kids in school and hid it from the parents, you said nothing!

When the drug epidemic exploded and 1000s died annually, you said nothing!

When they accosted the Jews on their campuses, you said nothing!

When they weaponized the intelligence agencies against Americans, you said nothing!

When they spent \$45 million on "Diversity and Inclusion" scholarships in Burma, you said nothing!

When they let men play women's sports, you said nothing!

When they chanted "Death to America" and burned our flag, you said nothing!

When they shut down our energy production and emboldened Russia, you said nothing!

When the crime rates in American cities increased, you said nothing!

While thousands of veterans were left to sleep on the streets, you said nothing!

When 300,000 migrant children went missing and no one had a clue, you said nothing!

When Joe Biden pardoned his friends and family, you said nothing!

When they sent billion to Iran and inadvertently funded Hamas, you said nothing!

When men were celebrated for pretending to be women, you said nothing!

When they let a Chinese spy balloon sail across America, you said nothing!

When 50 intelligence agents all lied to bury the Hunter Biden laptop as Russian disinformation, you said nothing!

When American citizens were taken hostage and held for a year in Gaza, you said nothing!

When Facebook admitted they conspired with the Biden administration to censor the truth, you said nothing!

When they cleaned the streets of San Francisco for the Chinese Communist President Xi Jinping, you said nothing!

When Fauci and the WHO peddled covid 19 virus lies, you said nothing!

When they sealed the January 6th commission files or "lost them", you said nothing!

You saw the corruption, the lies, the bad policy, the anti-American agenda and said nothing, so please spare us your crocodile tears and all your fake hysteria now.

For 4 years you watched this country get run into the ground on all fronts and you said nothing! Now, it's our turn!





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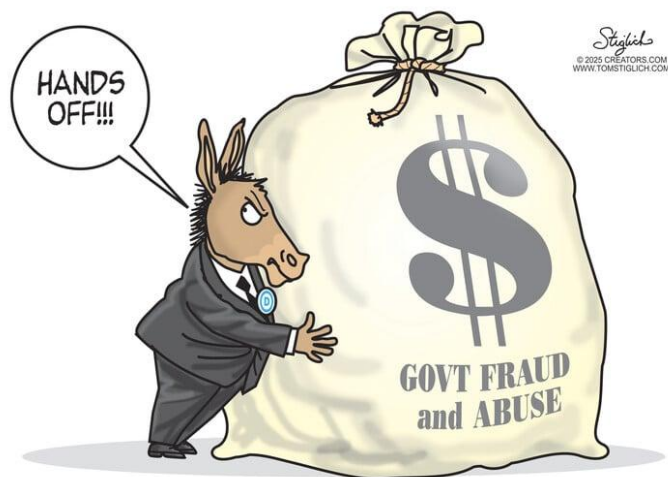
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