



Disclaimer: I am not a Donald Trump fan. Out of the twenty-one GOP candidates for the 2016 presidential election, he was my last choice. Trump is a narcissistic, crude, rude, bombastic person who is a populist and definitely not a conservative. He won the 2016 election because Hillary (remember her remarks branding Trump supporters as a “basket of deplorables) was even less palatable. Trump lost the 2020 election not because it was stolen, but because he was Trump. He’ll likely win the 2024 election because he is the lesser of two evils compared to an infirm Joe Biden.

However, the way our justice system has been utilized by liberals to punish Trump when he became a private citizen is a travesty. Four examples follow:

Federal Documents Case

The fact that Donald Trump illegally retained documents after leaving office as President is unquestioned.

The fact that Joe Biden illegally retained documents after leaving office as Vice President is also unquestioned.

The fact that Mike Pence illegally retained documents after leaving office as Vice President is also unquestioned.

However, Trump is the only one being prosecuted in the much-celebrated Documents case.

Pence confessed to the records retention crime, but was not prosecuted.

The federal prosecutor reviewing the Biden crime admitted Biden committed a crime and that there was enough incriminating evidence for a conviction, but declined to prosecute due to his opinion that a sympathetic jury wouldn't convict a feeble, elderly man.

This abuse of prosecutorial discretion for political purposes is outrageous.

Civil Sexual Assault and Defamation Cases

E. Jean Carroll was awarded a civil judgement for an alleged sexual assault by Donald Trump in a dressing room at the Bergdorf Goodman department store for which no criminal case was ever raised. In fact, Carroll was not certain of even the year in which the assault occurred and never filed charges. In this civil action based upon "he-said, she-said" testimony supported by other womens' unsupported accusations which shouldn't have been allowed as testimony, substantial damages were awarded. In a subsequent defamation action related to Trump's denying the allegations, even more damages were awarded. During the trial, U.S. District Judge Lewis Kaplan ruled that Trump would not be allowed to testify that he didn't assault Carroll, or that she lied about the assault allegation, because those questions were not before the jury.

New York City Civil Fraud Case

This case was brought by New York Attorney General Letitia James, whose campaign promise was to get Trump. Ostensibly, Trump exaggerated the value of his assets (a common business practice) to get favorable terms on financing for his business ventures. In a bench trial (without a jury and a liberal judge), the alleged bank victims testified that they had done their own due diligence and suffered no injury or damages. Yet the judge awarded 450 million dollars in damages, even though there weren't any.

New York Falsification of Business Records Case (The Hush Money Trial)

This criminal case, brought by Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg, who publicly vowed to punish Trump, was essentially about falsely claiming personal expenses as business expenses, which is certainly illegal. Yet, it should be noted that there was never a Federal or IRS accusation of criminal conduct. However, the majority of the month-long trial was devoted to salacious testimony about Trump's alleged affairs with various women, information and testimony which had no bearing on the crime and should not have been allowed. Testimony was also allowed by a key witness who had been convicted of perjury. In addition, the liberal judge cited Trump for contempt numerous times when he publicly responded to unfounded accusations made by witnesses at the trial.

These four cases are a disturbing example of how our justice system has been politicized to punish, in these cases, someone on the right. It should be noted that, after Trump won the 2016 election, despite some "lock her up" rhetoric during the campaign, no punitive investigations, criminal or civil actions were pursued by the Trump administration or conservative-leaning prosecutors against Hillary. This brings to mind the current trumped (no pun intended) up charges and conviction in Russia against the Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich. Trump is often derided as another Putin, yet the actions brought against him by a liberal cabal have a similar smell like the one just concluded in Russia.

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