

“Who’s Been Busy Destroying Democracy?”

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VISALIA, Calif.—“Destroying democracy”—the latest theme of the left—can be defined in many different ways.

How about attempting to destroy constitutional, ancient and hallowed institutions simply to suit short-term political gains?

- Who in 2020, and now once again, has boasted about packing the 156-year-old, nine-justice Supreme Court?
- Who talks frequently about destroying the 187-year-old Senate filibuster—though only when they hold a Senate majority?
- Who wants to bring in an insolvent left-wing Puerto Rico and redefine the 235-year-old District of Columbia—by altering the Constitution— as two new states solely to obtain four additional liberal senators?
- Who is trying to destroy the constitutionally mandated 235-year Electoral College by circumventing it with the surrogate “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact?”
- Does destroying democracy also entail weaponizing federal bureaucracies, turning them into rogue partisan arms of a president?
- Who ordered the CIA to concoct bogus charges of “collusion” to sabotage Donald Trump’s 2016 campaign, the 2016-2017 transition and the first 22 months of Trump’s first term?
- Who prompted a cabal of “51 former intelligence officials” to lie to the American people on the eve of the last debate of the 2020 election that the FBI-authenticated Hunter Biden laptop was instead the work of a “Russian intelligence operation”?
- Who ordered the FBI to connive and partner with social-media conglomerates to censor accurate news deemed unhelpful to the 2020 Biden campaign?

- Who pulled off the greatest presidential coup in history by using surrogates in the shadows to run the cognitively debilitated Biden presidency, then by fiat canceled his reelection effort—and finally anointed as his replacement the new nominee Kamala Harris, who had never won a single primary delegate?
- Who ordered FBI SWAT teams to invade the home of a former president because of a classification dispute over 102 files out of some 13,000 stored there?
- Who tried to remove an ex-president and leader of his party from at least 25 state ballots to deprive millions of Americans of the opportunity to vote for or against him?
- Who coordinated four local, state and federal prosecutors to destroy a former and future president by charging him with fantasy crimes that were never before, and will never again be, lodged against anyone else?
- Who appointed a federal prosecutor to go after the ex-president, who arranged for a high-ranking Justice Department official to step down to join a New York prosecutor's efforts to destroy an ex-president, and who met in the White House with a Georgia county prosecutor seeking to destroy an ex-president—all on the same day—a mere 72 hours after Trump announced his 2024 reelection bid?
- Who but the current Democrats have ever impeached a president twice?
- Has any party ever tried an ex-president in the Senate when he was out of office and a mere private citizen?
- When have there ever been two near-miss assassination attempts on a major-party presidential candidate during a single presidential campaign?
- Who destroyed the southern border and broke federal law to allow in, without criminal or health background audits, some 10-12 million illegal aliens?
- Who created 600 "sanctuary jurisdictions" for the sole purpose of nullifying federal immigration law, in the eerie spirit of the renegade old Confederacy?
- Who allowed tens of thousands of rioters, arsonists and violent protesters over four months in 2020 to destroy more than \$2 billion in property, kill some 35 people, injure 1,500 police officers and torch a federal courthouse, a police precinct, and a historic church—all with de-facto legal impunity?
- How do the purported destroyers of democracy find themselves winning 60-70 percent approval on most of the key issues of our times, while the supposed saviors of democracy are on the losing side of popular opinion?
- How does a president "destroy democracy" by his party winning the White House by both the popular and Electoral College vote, winning majorities in both the Senate and House by popular votes and enjoying a 6-3 edge in the Supreme Court through judges appointed by popularly elected presidents?

So what is behind these absurd charges?

There are three catalysts.

- One—the new anguished elitist Democratic Party alienated the middle classes through its Jacobin agenda and therefore lost the Congress, the presidency and the Supreme Court—and now has no federal political power.
- Two—the Democratic Party is polling at record lows and yet remains hell-bent on alienating the traditional sources of its power—minorities, youth and Independents.
- Three—Democrats cannot find any issues that the people support, nor any leaders to convince the people to embrace them.

It is no surprise that the panicked Democrats bark at the shadows—given that they know their revolutionary, neosocialist agenda is destroying them. And yet, like all addicts, they choose destruction over abandoning their self-destructive fixations.