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# Day 2: Why Everything Is At Stake (Or Nothing Is At Stake) When It Comes to the January 6 Hearings

This past Monday saw the continuing partisan efforts of the "witch-hunt" January 6 committee hearings drag on into Day 2, wherein the latest installment of the primetime, televised "show trial" featured lengthier, more extensive recorded testimonies from some of Trump's closest allies and friends, including Attorney General Bill Barr and other top campaign experts and advisors. But as one reporter so aptly stated, the point of these hearings is not to get at the truth, but to hide the truth.

The nine-member committee panel, comprised of seven Democrats and two Republicans, has crafted and curated thousands of hours of video testimony with the goal of seizing the opportunity to expose the "big lie" touted by Trump — supposedly baseless claims of election fraud — since the November 3, 2020 election.



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At yesterday's hearings, extensive clips were played of AG Barr telling the president that his claims of voter fraud were "unfounded." These videos were described by <u>The New York Times</u> as "compelling" in their shaping of an "unvarnished portrait of Mr. Trump who knew his claims of election fraud were not true but made them anyway."

In the mock-trial courtroom, Trump was characterized as an unhinged madman, someone "detached from reality" after the election. This portrayal is clearly intented to distract the American public from the real issues the Biden regime would rather we not think about — e.g., soaring inflation, an escalating proxy war with Russia, potential food and energy shortages, and a housing and stock-market crash.

But are Americans listening? Are they so easily led to believe Trump is a liar or, even worse, a sociopath who tells enough lies that he comes to believe those lies he is telling? Indeed, many are pondering whether to care at all about these trials perpetuated for the sole purpose of preventing Donald Trump from ever running for office again.

As Darren Beattie of <u>Revolver News</u> in a recent <u>interview</u> with Charlie Kirk incisively remarked, "How conservatives approach these hearings ... there is really no easy answer. My position is that most people should ignore it [the hearings], [but] I do think we should be very aware of the diversionary component of all of this and get our priorities in order. And for the handful of people who are well-informed on this issue, I think it's critical to speak out."

"While we may not hear anything of importance from the committee," Beattie continued, "getting to the heart of January 6 is not only explosive, it is really a precondition for reorienting our political position in

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a way that we can win."

Clearly poised to reorient the political position of the establishment Republicans in Washington, which America First candidates and their constituents must reject, is Wyoming Republican Representative Liz Cheney.

Cheney opened Day 2 of the <u>abysmally viewed</u> prime-time production by defending her thesis that Donald Trump's claims of election fraud were baseless and unfounded and part of a nefarious, wellplotted "seven-part" plan to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Cheney's opening statement focused on three key points: 1) how the president rejected the advice of his campaign advisors who urged him to await the counting of votes and not to declare victory on election night 2) how the president understood that many more Biden voters cast their ballots by mail and thus the counting of those votes would not be started until the end of Election Day and not finished for several more days, and 3) how Trump rejected the advice of his campaign advisors on election night and instead followed the advice of an "inebriated" Rudy Giuliani to just claim he won and insist that the vote counting stop, and to falsely claim everything was fraudulent.

Notably, Cheney offered no substantial evidence for her claims, aside from edited and altered video clips and text messages, but said such evidence would be forthcoming in the days ahead.

Appearing on <u>Fox News on Monday</u>, Representative Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) vehemently claimed members of the January 6 committee doctored a text message communication between him and former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows:

We also know that this committee has altered evidence and lied to the American people about it, so much so that they had to issue a statement which says, "We regret the error," which is government-speak for, "We got caught lying." So, that's what this committee is about. I think the country sees it for what it is — a partisan, political activity.

As the bulk of the evidence presented during the first two days of the hearing was interviews lacking full context and decisively edited to fit a certain scripted narrative, it is fair to say the American people are seeing this show trial for what it is — a charade where there is no respect for truth, only a perpetuation of fear.

New video testimony by AG Barr and other campaign election experts claiming Trump's alleged efforts in convincing millions of Americans that the election was stolen accompanied a cited "review by a federal court" that allegedly considered the elements of Trump's claims of election fraud and offered this statement:

In the months following the election, numerous credible sources from the president's inner circle to agency leadership and statisticians informed President Trump and Dr. Eastman that there was no evidence of election fraud.

Yet so many questions remain unanswered, as none of the thousands of election irregularities brought forth by Americans and election officials were noted or even considered for examination during the hearing. Aside from a glossing over of the historic audits in Arizona, Georgia, and Pennsylvania, all of which found ample evidence of voter irregularity and fraud, no testimonies of fraud were examined.

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Throughout, Cheney, a staunch Never-Trumper and one of two "Republicans" staffed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and led by Democratic Chairperson Bernie Thompson (Miss.), reassured viewers that because of Trump's allegations of voter fraud, millions of Americans believed him, and were punished severely for it. She discredited the president's claims that Dominion Voting machines were unreliable, the same machines used in Venezuela at the direction of former president Hugo Chávez.

#### The Evil of the Feds

"If people have heard the thesis that the Feds were involved in January 6, that comes from Revolver's reporting," said Beattie. "Just to suggest it is shocking and even offensive to conservatives who don't want to go that far and entertain the idea that their own government could be that malevolent and evil and malicious."

He continued,

If you're skeptical, that's fine. If people you know are skeptical, that's fine. Take the challenge! Once you see the evidence there's no way you can say there's no federal involvement here. There's so much at stake pertaining to J6.... This is a major pretext that our government is using upon which to reorient and reconfigure the entire national-security apparatus against the American people. To treat people as domestic terrorists. There is so much at stake here as far as what the regime is trying to do as part of this narrative that right-wing terrorism is the No. 1 national security threat. Given the magnitude of the threat and as much as we'd like to ignore it and give attention to other things, I think ignoring it completely would be a severe mistake.



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