



Indicting the MAGA Ham Sandwich

While the particulars of the more than 30 charges in the Trump indictment have yet to be revealed, New York DA Alvin Bragg's case against the former president is on extremely shaky, if not completely untenable, legal ground. Procedurally, the indictment is a clear violation of New York laws regarding statutes of limitation, which for misdemeanors is two years, and for felonies five. Trump's alleged payment of hush money to disgraced lawyer Michael Cohen — who then allegedly gave it to former porn queen Stormy Daniels in exchange for her silence — back in 2016 was about seven years ago, so how can any such charges be legitimate?



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New York law allows for tolling or pausing the statute of limitations clock for defendants whose whereabouts were unknown or who were not residents of New York during the period in question. However, neither of these exceptions applies to Trump, whose whereabouts were very public from 2016 to 2020, and who legally maintained his New York state residency during that entire period, regularly visiting New York City as well. On such grounds alone, the charges against Trump should be summarily dismissed.

But there's more. Bragg is also attempting to conflate the trivial and vague misdemeanor charge of falsifying business records with felonious campaign-finance violations. Quite aside from the fact that such conflations are not allowed, Trump's alleged campaign-finance misdeeds were in the context of a federal campaign, over which the New York DA has no jurisdiction.

Payment in exchange for non-disclosure agreements is completely legal, whatever the pharisaical radical Left and its media myrmidons would have us believe. Proving that Trump somehow engineered a complex and Machiavellian misuse of campaign funds for nefarious purposes would be extraordinarily difficult, especially given the fact that his lawyer, notorious liar Michael Cohen, allegedly took care of the entire deal.

Finally, both the Department of Justice and the Federal Election Commission — neither of them a Trump ally, to put it mildly — looked at the Stormy Daniels matter in minute detail and concluded that there was no evidence of criminal wrongdoing. Yet somehow, a New York DA who has often and vehemently professed both his hatred for Trump and his intention to prosecute him by any means possible has managed to find compelling evidence of criminal activity that platoons of anti-Trump legal eagles at the DOJ somehow overlooked.

Still, despite the risibility of the entire matter, it is by no means a foregone conclusion that someone in New York's legal food chain will see through the partisan posturing and put an end to this contemptible spectacle. In our opinion, neither judges nor jurors in New York are any more likely to apply blind justice than New York's corrupt District Attorney, given the rabid partisanship that has taken



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possession of the Democrat Party. Unfortunately for The Donald, the radical Left New York establishment that sees no harm in letting murderers, rapists, and thieves run amok in the Big Apple will probably be only too happy to devour the ham sandwich that Bragg has indicted.



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