

# **Trump Convicted: certain considerations**

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**Donald Trump was convicted of thirty-four felonies. While the Dems pushed this case for purely political purposes, the fact is that Trump did commit the felonies for which he was found guilty. Trump engaged in an ongoing pattern of deceit to disguise payoffs to a woman named Stormy Daniels as legal expenses. That is a fraud. There is no doubt about that.**

**Trump denies that he committed a fraud, that those expenses noted as legal expenses in his ledger books were in fact legal expenses. No, they were not legal expenses. They were monies given to a lawyer named Michael Cohen as reimbursement for monies Cohen laid out to pay off Daniels who testified that she had sex with Trump in 2006, something that Trump denies.**

**Everything relating to this case is sordid. While one can deplore how the Dems weaponized the judicial system in New York City and elsewhere as part of a comprehensive campaign to force Trump from running for POTUS, a campaign that resoundingly failed, one cannot agree with Trump's claim that he did nothing illegal. Michael Cohen testified against Trump because law enforcement authorities were ready to charge him with being the originator of the scheme to buy Daniel's silence. Cohen was neither willing nor obliged to take the blame for a scheme he was a part of but did not originate.**

Now, it can be argued that this entire case is much ado about nothing, that no one was hurt and that this was merely a case of poor bookkeeping on the part of accountants who acted with no criminal intent. But careful examination of the evidence that can be found online reveals a far more serious crime, that of fraud. The record shows that Donald Trump authorized a total of thirty-four payments to Michael Cohen for legal expenses. Each payment was an installment to reimburse Mr. Cohen for money he paid to Daniels to buy her silence on a sexual rendezvous she allegedly had with Trump in Nevada in 2006.

Cohen provided no legal services. He provided no legal counseling nor any other services other than to serve as a bagman for Trump who for whatever reasons did not want his affair with Daniels to become public. That Mr. Trump made these payments to Cohen during and after a presidential campaign made these payments subject to scrutiny as to their purpose.

Making false entries in a business record is a crime and when the Dems learned about this, it was inevitable that they would use the courts to try to get Trump labeled as a felon, all for political purposes. While it is true that the Manhattan DA prosecuted this case to fulfill a campaign promise to get Trump and that the case probably would have never been brought in the first place if the defendant was someone other than Trump, that in no way changes the facts to the case. Trump did what the DA accused him of doing and got a jury to find Trump guilty.

Justice was not served because the DA was not interested enforcing the law but rather to use Trump to score cheap political points. Now Trump, who is scheduled to become POTUS on January 20, 2025, will enter office as a convicted felon, which places a stigma upon the office of presidency and which Trump will now have to expend time and resources to try to expunge.

While legal experts claim that Trump has many grounds for a successful appeal, from the judge being biased to disallowing the introduction of evidence absolving Trump of guilt to the DA's motives for having prosecuted the case to the fact that other prosecutors declined to prosecute the case to the fact the DA's star witness had major credibility issues and that the alleged crimes did not rise up to the level of a felony, the fact remains that Trump did the crime for which he got caught and which his political enemies used against him, luckily for Trump with little practical effect. Further, in this case the judge, despite being a hardcore Dem, imposed no penalties on Trump, treating Trump with leniency that allowed Trump to go on with his life with no restrictions or further supervision from the court.

While Trump does not like being labeled a felon, nonetheless he was convicted as such by a jury in a court that heard evidence and rendered a verdict, in a manner consistent with the rules and regulations governing the judicial procedures in New York County where Trump's trial was held. Life goes on. Trump's felony conviction will not stop him from becoming POTUS and enacting his pro-America, pro-middle class and pro-law and order agenda, or for acting in kind against his own political opponents if he so chooses.

**For the court system has now been weaponized and now it is only a question of who is in charge. For that, the Dems are to blame for by weaponizing the courts to target Trump for political prosecution, they established a legal precedent, and, in this country, a legal precedent once established becomes part of the common law and thus part of the mainstream of judicial procedure and almost impossible to revoke or ignore.**

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