

Trump, the Democrats and US Foreign Policy

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The Democrats have pulled all the stops to prevent Donald Trump from running for president. In an act of desperation, the Democrats have transformed the judiciary into a political weapon targeting Donald Trump who is now facing ninety-one felony counts in four jurisdictions. If the courts find Trump guilty on just one of these felony counts, he will be sentenced to prison thus leaving Biden to run for re-election with no viable opposition.

As Richard Nixon would have said, that's politics. It is easy to deplore how the Dems have corrupted the judiciary into a political weapon but let us forget that through his actions, Trump made himself vulnerable to this form of political persecution. Many disparage the charges against Trump as baseless, but that did not stop grand juries from issuing indictments and did not stop the courts from keeping these cases alive.

So far, Trump has succeeded in avoiding prison. Trump's goal is to delay these cases from going forward. So far, his strategy is succeeding. In Georgia, Trump managed to make the Fulton County DA Fani Willis the target of an investigation which revealed her to be a corrupt political operative. But the judge refused to throw out the case. In New York, the DA, Alvin Bragg, has requested a delay in the hush money case, to collect more evidence. The US Supreme Court

found unconstitutional Colorado's decision to remove Trump from the ballot. The same court also denied special prosecutor Smith's motion to schedule a trial in March in the documents case.

If Trump can stay out of jail, the Dems will be in deep trouble. That is because Trump will win the election. Anyone objective observer of the 2024 campaign would have to agree that in a fair election Biden will lose. The Dems' efforts to remove Trump have transformed Trump into a victim of injustice. It has galvanized the Republican party which is now under Trump's firm control.

A Trump win will mean doom for the Democrats. The Democrats have placed the survival of their party on the line. A Trump win will leave the Democrats vulnerable to the exact same treatment they have dished out to Trump, but unlike Trump, the Democrats will not be able to take it. Even mail-in balloting will not save the Democrats from defeat. First, the Republican voters can vote by mail and second, election laws have been changed to make voter manipulations more difficult. The Republicans' message that the Democrats are to blame for the open border, crime, and inflation have gained traction and the Dems cannot shake that off. The Republicans have also succeeded into making Biden's age into a major political issue.

And finally, the Republicans have succeeded into casting the Dems as anti-Israel, which is political poison. What is worst for the Dems, they actually ARE anti-Israel and Biden is the first US president to openly side with Israel's enemies

who want to eradicate Israel from the planet. Biden's anti-Israel position is driven entirely by politics as he scrambles to try to shore up support from his real or imagined political base which is anti-Israel. The term cease fire are code words for surrender and if Israel surrenders and Hamas is still intact, then Israel will have failed to achieve its strategic objective thus leaving Israel totally vulnerable to more attack. It's as simple as that. It's either Hamas or Israel. THAT'S IT.

Political commentator Simon Shuster is saying that Putin wants to have a hot war with the US. He want to recover all the nations that were part of the Soviet Union. To that I say so what. I couldn't care less if Russia invades all of Europe. Europe is the biggest headache for the United States. The Europeans have absolutely no respect for the United States and treats Americans as if they are a bunch of clueless chumps.

Any country that is stuck trying to shore up Europe places its own survival at risk. One need only to consider the Ukraine War. The US is pouring in billions of dollars, all borrowed, in a futile attempt to defend Europe from Russian expansion. I reject the premise that the expansion of Russia poses a threat to the United States. The opposite is the case, i.e., US expansion through NATO poses a direct threat to Russia.

The US is trying to imposer its will on Russia and Russia will have none of that. What makes the US effort even more ridiculous is that the US cannot even regulate its own border, much less that of Ukraine. I couldn't care less if Russia reincorporate the so-called Baltic states into Russia. Those nations are just a source of trouble. Ditto for Poland.

I simply cannot get myself to feel concern for those nations whose connections with Russia extend back over one thousand years. There is no way that the US can overcome the intimate historical connections that exists between those states and Russia. Also, Russia is not operating in a vacuum. It is supported by China, North Korea and even to a lesser degree by India, which is now the largest country in the world by population. Further, while the US is part of the G7, Russia is part of a competing economic alliance, BRIC, i.e., Brazil, Russia, India and China.

Russia is demanding that the US stop treating Russia as a second-rate power. The US cannot agree with Russia's demand. Historically, the US has always viewed Russia with suspicion and as an adversary. The US has never had warm relations with Russia. That is too bad because a US-Russia alliance would only strengthen the US.

Working together, the US and Russia could greatly enhance each other's collective security. Instead of being adversaries and driving Russia toward China, a US – Russia alliance would allow the US to deal more effectively with China which wants to impose its direct control over the entire western Pacific region. Russia does not want to become a satellite of the United States. Time will tell.