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J6 Propaganda Show Won't Stop Trump

While Trump-endorsed candidates won stunning primary victories in Ohio and Pennsylvania, Democrats and the liberal media went all out with a propaganda hearing to air the evening of June 9. ABC, CBS, NBC, and every other network except Fox ganged up with the same futile goal: to try to stop one man, Donald Trump.

Americans have already heard and rejected the anti-Trumpers' fraudulent spin on last year's January 6 rally at the U.S. Capitol, and the public has long since moved on. More Americans prefer Trump to Biden now, as we struggle to cope with the "Bidenflation," another foreign war, and many other problems.

But rather than address real issues facing our country, Democrats and Liz Cheney (R-WY) resort to their theater of the absurd. They presented their tedious, biased version of January 6, while Tucker Carlson competed with an honest explanation of what happened.

The U.S. Capitol is a public building, and video evidence shows that police officers opened an entrance to welcome the rally-goers inside on January 6, 2021. Other video evidence shows uncharged individuals who infiltrated a peaceful crowd and incited confrontations that day, yet government witnesses refuse to explain the active role of government agents and informants.

Liz Cheney is not a Hollywood actress, and should not embarrass herself by trying to be one. No amount of make-up can transform her dog-and-pony show into anything more than an amateurish county fair skit.

Desperate people do desperate things, and no one is more desperate than Cheney now as she faces a rebuke by Wyoming voters in her primary in August. She is delusional if she thinks Wyoming voters support her never-ending jihad against Trump.

Congress lacks credibility with the American public, and few are fooled by its fake, self-serving investigations. The Pelosi-led House has failed to gain traction with its headline-grabbing subpoenas, contempt citations, and silly disclosures of old text messages.

A reality show about how the Deep State mistreats January 6 activists would have higher television ratings. Video from the "D.C. Gulag," where patriots who exercised their First Amendment rights at the Capitol remain incarcerated under inhumane conditions without a trial, would attract a larger audience.

The first witnesses at the prime-time hearing should have been the provocateurs who were never arrested or charged. They need to be asked why they incited the crowd, and who paid them to do that.

Federal agents spend too much of their time in undercover work that borders on entrapment, eliciting alleged criminal conduct that never would have occurred without their incitement. The recent jury acquittals of men accused of trying to kidnap the Michigan governor was a repudiation of government sting operations.

The next witnesses at the J6 hearing should have been the many innocent people who entered the Capitol to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights. The public should hear about the toll that the Deep State infringement on their constitutional rights has taken on them and their families.

A real hearing would invite testimony by Trump supporters abused in the DC Gulag, who could be brought into the hearing room in shackles and chains. Then the public would benefit from testimony by their family members about how difficult this ordeal has been for them.

Television ratings might perk up from abysmally low levels if the colorful Shaman were invited to appear in costume. He was callously sentenced to nearly 3.5 years in prison for the "crime" of his entertaining protest against Vice President Mike Pence, who had planned to fly to Israel that same day rather than listen to Trump supporters.

Viewership would perk up by inviting testimony from the guy who declared he "broke the internet" by carrying off Pelosi's podium. That was genuine entertainment by the stay-at-home dad Adam Johnson, for which he received a 75-day prison sentence, and rewatching those images would attract a larger audience than the communist-style show hearing that Pelosi and Cheney aired.

A television audience might gather if there were candid testimony about the DOJ's biased practice of prosecuting conservatives more harshly than liberals. The unfair sentencing recommendations by the DOJ of J6 participants was criticized by federal judge Trevor McFadden: "The U.S. Attorney's Office would have more credibility if it was evenhanded in its concern about riots and mobs in the city."

Democrats and Liz Cheney are in panic mode now a mere 4 months away from early voting for the midterm elections. If the negative 16-point approval/disapproval rating of Biden persists then it will be a Republican landslide, which Democrats are trying anything to avert.

Fortunately, Americans dislike propaganda shows. Trump's post-show mockery of the Pelosi-Cheney charade was more worthwhile and interesting.

Congress was humiliated by the public on January 6. But Congress has not learned, and steps into more embarrassment for itself.

Why Not Praise the Heroic Border Patrol?

Border patrol agents were the heroes who risked their own lives to intercede during the shooting at the elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, located merely 70 miles from the border. These agents defied requests by local police to stand down, and they stormed the classroom to save lives by killing the assailant.

These heroes recognized this as a suicide mission, because the 18-year-old shooter had locked himself inside a classroom intending to kill whoever tried to stop him. Highly trained by playing many hours of violent video games as teenage shooters do, the assailant probably sought to rack up his "score" by killing as many as possible.

One of these valiant border patrol agents took a bullet to his head as fired by the assailant before the agents killed him. The bullet pierced the agent's baseball cap and the skin of his scalp — there was not enough time to obtain protective gear — and he needed four stitches later to patch his wound.

Yet missing is national praise for these border patrol agents who put themselves in peril to save children. Biden should be immediately granting them Presidential Medals of Honor, as Trump would have already done by now.

Our border agents should know that their heroism will be recognized, especially when they go above and beyond the call of duty. Instead, an unhelpful blame game against local law enforcement is being played by the media.

On May 28, Trump held in Wyoming the biggest rally in its history, as the crowd overflowed a 10,000-seat arena. That was an immense crowd in the sparsely populated state where a total of only 267,000 voted in the last presidential election.

Trump earns credit for Ken Paxton's 68-32% victory over George P. Bush in the runoff for Attorney General of Texas, which ends the Karl Rove-Bush era in the GOP. Trump pointed out at the rally how weak George W. Bush was in failing to pardon a high-profile victim of a political prosecution, Scooter Libby, the top adviser to Bush's Vice President Dick Cheney.

Trump himself had to correct that injustice by pardoning Libby in 2018, a decade after Bush should have done it. Bush's effete record on political prosecutions may have weighed down George P. Bush in his race against Paxton in a state called home by two presidents named Bush and a large Houston airport bearing the Bush name.

Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) tried to help George P. Bush by criticizing Paxton for being under indictment, but that tactic only seemed to backfire. Voters realize now how politicized prosecutions are, and the indictment of a Republican may simply mean that he is being effective.

Bush and Cheney also refused to pardon two other courageous border patrol agents, Jose Compean and Ignacio Ramos (no relation to the school shooter), and merely commuted their prison sentences after a Bush-appointed prosecutor locked them up for decade-long terms for defending our border. The Biden Administration continued the abuse of border patrol agents by wrongly accusing agents mounted on horseback of using whips to corral illegal aliens.

Phyllis Schlafly was rightly critical of the Bush Administration's prosecution of border patrol agents Ramos and Compean, who were punished based on a confrontation in 2005 with an illegal alien who was smuggling a million dollars worth of illegal marijuana across our border. Trump granted those border patrol agents the full pardons they deserved, and they never should have been prosecuted in the first place.

Trump also commuted the sentence of former Rep. Steve Stockman (R-TX), who received a grossly unjust 10-year prison sentence over a dispute about fundraising. Trump pardoned many other victims of political prosecutions, and promises to pardon more when he returns to the White House.

The Department of Justice refuses to accept any oversight or accountability, and its Biden-appointed Attorney General Merrick Garland called on the FBI to investigate parents who object to a Leftist curriculum at their public schools. Rather than immediately honor the heroic patrol agents in Uvalde, the Biden Administration is apparently investigating what happened instead.

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) said to Garland after learning about parents being targeted by government, "This testimony, your directive, your performance is shameful. Thank God, you're not on the Supreme Court. You should resign in disgrace, judge."

Meanwhile, some Democrats and perhaps anti-Trump Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) hope for an indictment of Donald Trump, which would clearly be politically motivated. It would backfire on the Democrats and Cheney if such a stunt is attempted against Trump, just as political misuse of an indictment of Paxton backfired against his opponents.

Democrats who exploit the criminal justice system to obtain unjustified indictments for political reasons should be put on notice by Paxton's landslide victory while under indictment. The corruption is in politically motivated prosecutions, not in the Republican candidates they target.

Violent Video Games Unleash More Terror

"He was definitely into video games – shooter games," a classmate observed about the Buffalo grocery-store mass murderer. A British tabloid reported this truth about the tragic massacre on May 14, while liberal American media hid this crucial detail from their one-sided accounts.

Classmates confirm his devotion to online streaming video games, but internet trolls quickly shouted down anyone suggesting this link. Even a black former lineman for the Green Bay Packers was forced to delete a tweet pointing out the obvious similarity between what happened in Buffalo and the shooter video games.

In a rare split a decade ago between Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito, Scalia held that violent video games are free speech fully protected by the First Amendment. Only two members of that 5-4 majority creating this constitutional right remain on the court, one of whom, Elena Kagan, has since publicly doubted her support of that bad decision.

Justice Alito, who reportedly wrote the strong first draft to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in the pending abortion case, did not endorse a First Amendment right to train teenage boys to maim and kill, as many video games do. Neither did Justices Thomas and Roberts, and they would likely rein in the exploitation by the \$60 billion video game industry.

By comparison, the film industry had annual box office receipts of only \$11 billion at its peak, in 2019, before the Covid pandemic caused movie revenue to drop sharply. Meanwhile, the video game industry surged in revenue during the pandemic, as more teenage boys stayed in their rooms playing these games for many more hours each day.

Video game playing is up 14% over its already-high levels in 2020, such that the average player wastes nearly 8.5 hours weekly on video games. A quarter of all players spend more than 12 hours per week on these games, which is enough time to hold a part-time job or learn a useful skill instead.

The next time you're waiting endlessly on hold for customer service, you might wonder if the workers are playing video games instead. One survey found that 14%

of respondents play video games daily during work hours.

Binge gaming, which may be a key factor in mass shootings, has also increased by 13% since 2020. A third of gamers say that they sometimes play for five hours in a row, which further desensitizes them to the depravity of killing someone.

Few doubt the enormous influence of Hollywood on culture and politics, but the video game industry is many times larger and more consequential. In video games, spectators do not merely watch while eating popcorn, but are drawn into the game as participants who win or lose based on how many people they kill.

The accused upstate New York shooter, Payton Gendron, who is only 18 years old, dressed up like a character found in violent video games to which millions of teenage boys are addicted. He wore camouflage and a helmet as can be seen in images from "Call of Duty," one of the most popular shooter games having billions of dollars in sales.

He has no military training and yet ruthlessly killed with horrific efficiency, just as a "gamer" is trained to do by these shooter games. Being shot at by a security guard did not faze him, as these games train players to continue shooting rapidly in order to score as many points as possible.

The deadly skills developed and encouraged by playing thousands of hours of shooter games make it more difficult to stop a player when he goes on a real rampage. The heroic security guard at the Buffalo grocery store, a retired police officer, repeatedly shot the intruder only to be killed himself by the teenager trained by shooter video games to quickly fire back.

Young men at age 18 should be learning skills to become productive members of society. Gendron is apparently from a strong family having parents who are civil engineers, so familiar arguments about broken families leading to crime do not explain this shooting rampage by a privileged young man.

This was not the only mass shooting over that same weekend. In Milwaukee, gunmen opened fire on a crowd of 300 to 500 people after game six of the NBA playoffs between the Milwaukee Bucks and Boston Celtics.

Police complained about understaffing to handle such violence in a rowdy crowd, which resulted in 17 people being shot, none fatally. But understaffing of urban police does not fit the liberal narrative, either.

Republicans are obviously not to blame for these mass shootings, and should take the lead to address the contributing causes of addictive violent video games and understaffing police departments. The demagoguery by Democrats in exploiting these tragedies does not help prevent them.

Fauci's Next Lockdown Victim: Free Speech

Anthony Fauci delivered a bizarre commencement address on May 7 at the University of Michigan, where he implied freedom of speech should be the next lockdown target. After botching the Covid pandemic, team Fauci needs a backup plan to reduce their accountability in the upcoming midterm elections.

Fauci sang from the same song sheet recently used by other officials in the Biden Administration. Their top priority has become to control information and demonize those who dare to question the powers-that-be, in order to limit the political fallout that would otherwise drive liberals out of office.

"It is our collective responsibility not to sink to a tacit acceptance of the normalization of untruths," Fauci urged the impressionable young college graduates. Ironically, this was a combined graduation of several years for students who were denied a timely commencement ceremony because of the very misguided restraints imposed by Fauci.

A generation ago, liberal speakers urged college graduates to embark on the lifelong pursuit of free inquiry that they were supposedly encouraged by higher education to embrace. Today's liberals urge the opposite approach, to lock down debate and criticism of anything contrary to what Leftist elites dictate.

There Fauci stood, maskless, giving a pompous address that lasted not even 15 minutes in bestowing his words of wisdom during this so-called Comeback Commencement. Much of America has predictably stopped listening to Fauci altogether, and as recently as the end of April he had to reverse his statement that the pandemic was over because the White House tells us the opposite.

Apparently not even the almighty media can restore credibility to a man who has so often contradicted himself. Prior to the onset of the pandemic, Fauci disparaged mask-wearing as paranoid, and after the pandemic began he criticized drug store masks as ineffective, yet before long Fauci became insistent on mandatory mask mandates, even for school children having little to fear from Covid.

Fauci has demanded mandatory vaccination but recently the federal government had to reverse its recommendation for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine because of the severe injuries it apparently causes. Federal agencies finally admitted to 60 confirmed cases of a deadly clotting disorder known as thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome associated with this vaccine.

The chant by public health authorities of "anecdotal" and "no evidence" of harm caused by Covid vaccines finally stopped as the government confirmed nine deaths from this vaccine adverse effect. It took the federal government more than a year to admit to this vaccine-related harm after it was identified in early April 2021, then recognized but deliberately ignored by the Biden Administration.

Despite being fully vaccinated with boosters, New York Democrat Governor Kathy Hochul tweeted to the public that she tested positive for Covid. Cases have recently risen in New York to high rates not seen since January.

Against this backdrop, a new \$10 billion spending bill for Covid has stalled in Congress, as congressional leaders instead focus on sending four times as much money to the corrupt government of Ukraine. It remains to be seen how congressmen will explain to voters this fall that they prioritized sending money to perpetuate a distant war before helping Americans against Covid.

Fauci's odd phrase decrying a "tacit acceptance of the normalization of untruths" sounds eerily like the Disinformation Governance Board that was revealed on April 27 by another functionary in the Biden Administration. The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, spilled the beans about that Orwellian agency in his testimony to Congress.

The commencement speaker at the University of Minnesota Medical School graduation on May 6 was Andy Slavitt, MBA, who was a senior Covid advisor to Biden. Slavitt had criticized President Trump's approach in 2020, while praising liberal New York Governor Andrew Cuomo for his tightfisted extreme lockdown.

But many more Americans have died from the coronavirus under Biden than under Trump, and a tidal wave of new infections is predicted.

The latest estimate is that 100 million Americans will be infected by coronavirus this fall, which may be rattling the economy now. Despite this, Biden demanded that Congress place greater importance on rushing \$40 billion in new funding to Ukraine before helping Americans harmed by Biden's mishandling of the Covid pandemic.

Mandatory vaccination has not averted the continued harm caused to millions of Americans by the Chinese coronavirus. There is a loss in credibility by public health officials, who long pushed forced vaccination and masking that appears to have accomplished nothing or worse.

Perhaps realizing that the public no longer believes the sermonizing by Fauci and others, Democrats shift their game plan to control information and silence dissent. Fewer will realize how badly the socialists' approach to the Covid pandemic has failed if criticism of it is marginalized and blocked.

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