Donald Trump's Two Crimes Edward D. Duvall 11 Jan 2020

The House of Representatives impeached President Trump on 18 Dec 2019 in the form of two articles:

Article 1: "Using the powers of his high office, President Trump solicited the interference of a foreign government, Ukraine, in the 2020 United States Presidential election. He did so through a scheme or course of conduct that included soliciting the Government of Ukraine to publicly announce investigations that would benefit his reelection, harm the election prospects of a political opponent, and influence the 2020 United States Presidential election to his advantage. President Trump also sought to pressure the Government of Ukraine to take these steps by conditioning official United States Government acts of significant value to Ukraine on its public announcement of the investigations. President Trump engaged in this scheme or course of conduct for corrupt purposes in pursuit of personal political benefit. In so doing, President Trump used the powers of the Presidency in a manner that compromised the national security of the United States and undermined the integrity of the United States democratic process. He thus ignored and injured the interests of the Nation."

Article 2: "The Constitution provides that the House of Representatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment" and that the President "shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". In his conduct of the office of President of the United States and in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—Donald J. Trump has directed the unprecedented, categorical, and indiscriminate defiance of subpoenas issued by the House of Representatives pursuant to its "sole Power of Impeachment". President Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency in a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the Constitution, in that:

The House of Representatives has engaged in an impeachment inquiry focused on President Trump's corrupt solicitation of the Government of Ukraine to interfere in the 2020 United States Presidential election. As part of this impeachment inquiry, the Committees undertaking the investigation served subpoenas seeking documents and testimony deemed vital to the inquiry from various Executive Branch agencies and offices, and current and former officials."

The first article claims that there was a quid pro quo in regards to releasing foreign aid to Ukraine; the second states that Trump has prevented Congress from exercising its powers of supervision and oversight.

The first article is false for two reasons. The first is: if any taxpayer money is sent to any foreign government, especially one known to be as corrupt as Ukraine, there should be a quid pro quo. Why would any logical taxpayer want a President to send money to a foreign government without getting something in return? Are we American taxpayers a bunch of dimwitted Santa Clauses -- we give money away to people known to be crooks? Secondly, Joe Biden has already bragged on video that he intimidated and blackmailed the Ukrainian government into terminating an investigation into his son's (Hunter Biden) employment with a Ukrainian energy firm. Now put this in perspective: suppose Mr. Biden wins the Democratic nomination, and then goes on to defeat Mr. Trump in the 2020 election. Do you, a citizen, want a President Biden that can be blackmailed by Ukraine in order to cover for his son? Keep in mind that if Ukraine has dirt on either Biden, it has already been speedily transmitted to Russia. Do you want Putin

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giving orders to President Biden? Trump had a perfectly legitimate reason to ask the Ukrainians to either clear Biden or expose any crimes in order to ensure that Americans do not inadvertently find themselves voting for a crook.

The second article is also false. There is no provision in the Constitution that guarantees that Congress can have any Executive branch document it wants. Taken to its extreme logical progression, the Democrats are claiming that the Presidential veto power is unconstitutional. Also, subpoenas are routinely arbitrated by a petition to the courts, but the Democrats in Congress made no attempt to do so. If the Democrats were sincere about seeing all Executive documents, surely they would have impeached President Obama for declaring Executive Privilege regarding the entire Fast and Furious gun-running scheme (providing guns to the Mexican drug cartels).

But Donald Trump has committed two crimes which can never be forgiven nor forgotten nor excused by the ruling elite:

Crime 1: Donald Trump asked "Why?"

a. Why is the US supporting NATO when the other members of NATO, much closer to the assumed Russian threat, do not support it commensurately? If the French would not help us get the Germans out of France in WW II, why would we assume the Western Europeans would help us get the Russians out of Western Europe now?

b. Why do the Western Europeans and the US foreign policy bureaucrats believe Russia would or could invade Western Europe in the first place?

c. Why is America attempting to cure the ills of the open sewer known as the Middle East? Why are we spending blood and treasure attempting to provide the virtues of democratic institutions on a group of people who believe that "freedom" means of the ability to kill your neighbor because he attends a different mosque? Why are we trying to guarantee free and fair elections in Baghdad, when we can't seem to have one in Chicago?

d. Why is America allowing 30 million illegal immigrants into American without knowing who they are, where they are, or what they are doing? Why is the American taxpayer being expected to pay the living expenses of illegal immigrants?

Crime 2: Donald Trump asked "How?"

a. How does the continued presence of American troops in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia benefit the American people?

b. How are illegal immigrants improving the lives of Americans who are struggling along paycheck to paycheck as it is?

c. How has the ruling elite served the American people these last 40 years, given the general decline in wages and opportunity, combined with a decline in the quality of the education system?

d. How has the American citizen benefitted from trade deals with China in which the Chinese get to steal everything they can, force technology transfers, and export to the US cheap crap made of Chinesium by undercutting American workers?

Those are Donald Trump's real crimes, and that is why he will be pursued by the ruling elite for the rest of his life, even after he leaves office.

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