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A Note to Readers

A political revolution is underway in the nation now, as I am sure everyone here knows. The best coverage, I think, of the indictment of President Trump, what the charges are, and what it means, potentially, for the Presidential election next year is this article from my colleague at LaRouche PAC, Barbara Boyd: "*The Trump Indictment Backlash Storm, One Day In.*" I include the complete article in the **Feature** this week.

In the rest of this week's report:

Drought in California continues to fade away, with just under one-quarter of the state in Moderate Drought. And less than one percent in Severe Drought.

Following the U.S. Drought Monitor map, we have an update on the status of the Sites Reservoir Project. Twenty years of "planning" and now another six years of construction beginning next year is a good illustration of the bankruptcy of the political class and the limited thinking of water managers, who are good at managing crises, but not solving them.

The snowpack and the rainfall this winter has either matched or exceeded records over the past 50 years. As I reported last week, since the 1862 mass flooding that put the Central Valley under up to 30 feet of water for months, accurate records date back to just the 1890s, and that is for just some of the major population centers.

The flooding continues and will get worse, if not much worse, as the snowpack begins to melt with the warmer weather.

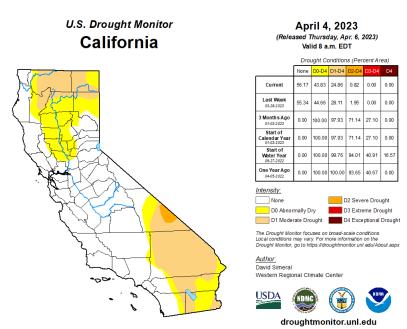
The damage to agriculture is in the hundreds of millions of dollars and is expected to become much more as it is tallied and the Spring flooding to come will inflict further damage.

Even the largest lake west of the Mississippi River has returned. Tulare Lake, which over 100 years ago was drained to create one of the most productive agricultural areas in the world, has been restored by our winter storms.

While a decent snowpack and rain has given a small boost to the Colorado River reservoirs, the river and the water storage levels are still in crisis.

April 1 has come and gone, and the Bureau of Reclamation still has not announced how the cuts of two to four million acre feet are to be apportioned between the seven states. Contentious negotiations are still going on.

U.S. Drought Monitor



Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	<u>2023-04-04</u>	56.17	43.83	24.86	0.82	0.00	0.00
Last Week	<u>2023-03-28</u>	55.34	44.66	28.11	1.95	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	<u>2023-01-03</u>	0.00	100.00	97.93	71.14	27.10	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	<u>2022-12-27</u>	0.00	100.00	97.94	80.56	35.50	7.16
Start of Water Year	<u>2022-09-27</u>	0.00	100.00	99.76	94.01	40.91	16.57
One Year Ago	<u>2022-04-05</u>	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.65	40.67	0.00

The West

Out West, widespread improvements were made on the map including areas of California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, and New Mexico in response to excellent snowpack conditions across many of the drainage basins in the region.

In California, the statewide snowpack (April 5) was 243% of normal, with the Northern Sierra at 198%, Central Sierra at 242%, and Southern Sierra at 302%. The California Department of Water Resources reported that the 2022-23 season will go down as one of the largest snowpacks on record in California.

In Nevada and Utah, current SWE percentages of median for select basins are as follows: Central Lahontan 273%, Central Nevada Desert Basins 267%, Great Salt Lake 224%, Lower Green 202%, Upper Colorado-Dolores 207%, and Upper Colorado-Dirty Devil 219%, according to the NRCS SNOTEL network.

In Arizona and New Mexico, snowpack levels are above normal, especially in the ranges of northern and central Arizona. In Arizona, the total reservoir system (Salt and Verde River system) is currently 100% full as compared to 72% full at the same time last year, according to the Salt River Project.

For the Colorado River system, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is reporting (April 4) Lake Mead at 28% full and Lake Powell at 23% full.

What is Wrong With Them?

A water infrastructure project that has been on the books for 20 years, has almost got the go ahead, but, if construction actually begins next year, it will be another six years to completion.

Is secuing a storage facility for water that, as we have seen this winter, would have stored water for 1.5 million people and 500,000 acres of farm land, a priority or not?

The state is nearly always in a water crisis, but the mentality of the last couple of generations of political leaders and water managers, when not environmentalist idiots, is to manage crises, not solve them. Huge dams like Grand Coulee or Shasta did not have 20 years of arguing, multiple years of impact statements, law suits to stop the projects. Leaders like Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy saw a need, and got the job done.

Unlocking California's \$4.4 Billion Water Solution: When Will Sites Reservoir Finally Be Completed?

April 3, 2023 <u>https://www.activenorcal.com/unlocking-californias-4-4-billion-water-solution-when-will-sites-</u>

reservoir-finally-be-completed/

For decades, California has been relying on an extensive reservoir system to provide the majority of its drinking and irrigation water. The Sites Reservoir, a long-planned project in the western Sacramento Valley, has been gaining momentum since 2014 when Prop. 1, a water bond, authorized \$2.7 billion for new storage projects.

However, the reservoir is still nearly a decade away, with water rights acquisition, permitting, and environmental review ongoing. Construction, which includes two large dams, is set to begin in 2024, though it may be delayed by a year. The project is expected to be completed by 2030 or 2031. The Sites Reservoir aims to store up to 1.5 million acre-feet of Sacramento River water, potentially enhancing water supplies for over 24 million people and 500,000 acres of Central Valley farmland. The project's cost is estimated at \$4.4 billion, with Prop. 1 covering up to \$875 million and the remaining funds coming from federal loans to water suppliers. The reservoir could have captured 120,000 acre-feet of water during January's storms, enough to serve about 1.3 million Californians for a year.

The Snowpack, Flooding and the Damage to Agriculture

California's Snowpack is Now One of the Largest Ever, Bringing Drought Relief, Flooding Concerns

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https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2023/April-23/Snow-Survey-April-2023? utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today conducted the fourth snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 126.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 54 inches, which is 221 percent of average **for this location** on April 3. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of DWR's water supply forecast. DWR's electronic readings from 130 snow sensors placed throughout the state indicate the **statewide** snowpack's snow water equivalent is 61.1 inches, or 237 percent of average for this date.

"This year's severe storms and flooding is the latest example that California's climate is becoming more extreme," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "After the driest three years on record and devastating drought impacts to communities across the state, DWR has rapidly shifted to flood response and forecasting for the upcoming snowmelt. We have provided flood assistance to many communities who just a few months ago were facing severe drought impacts."

Just as the drought years demonstrated that California's water system is facing new climate challenges, this year is showing how the state's flood infrastructure will continue to face climate-driven challenges for moving and storing as much of these flood water as possible.

On March 24, DWR <u>announced an increase</u> in the forecasted State Water Project (SWP) deliveries to 75 percent, up from 35 percent announced in February, due to the improvement in the state's water supplies. Governor Newsom has <u>rolled back some drought emergency provisions</u> that are no longer needed due to improved water conditions, while maintaining other measures that continue building up long-term water resilience and that support regions and communities still facing water supply challenges.

Trillions of gallons have soaked California. Is this the state's wettest winter ever?

Doyle Rice USA TODAY March 29, 2023 https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/03/29/californias-snow-rain-totalsexplained/11525451002/

A colossal amount of rain and snow has fallen on California over the past few months from a dozen atmospheric rivers: more than 78 trillion gallons of water and counting.

It's not the wettest year the Golden State has ever seen, but it is a massive amount of water in a state that has been beset by drought for several years. The number of gallons is according to data from the <u>National Weather Service</u> that was compiled by meteorologist <u>Ryan Maue</u>.

The 78 trillion gallon number is based upon the statewide average of 27.6 inches of rainwater and "snow-water equivalent" that's fallen on the state from Oct. 1 – the beginning of <u>California's water</u> year – to the week of March 20.

"Snow-water equivalent" is the depth of water that would cover the ground if the snow cover was in a liquid state," according to the <u>weather service</u>.



Farmers brace for more destruction, losses from floods

April 5, 2023 <u>https://www.agalert.com/california-ag-news/archives/april-5-2023/farmers-brace-for-more-destruction-losses-from-floods/</u>



(Photo/ Anja Raudabaugh) Bales of hay are inundated with floodwaters at Lerda-Goni Farms in

Tulare. By Ching Lee

https://www.agalert.com/california-ag-news/archives/april-5-2023/farmers-brace-for-moredestruction-losses-from-floods/

Months of heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding have dealt a new financial blow to California farmers as they come out of a multiyear drought that had them fallowing land and plowing under crops due to water shortages.

They now face flooded fields, waterlogged plants, crop delays and property damage. From dairies and orchards in the San Joaquin Valley to strawberry and vegetable fields along the Central Coast, farmers are also bracing for longer-term fallout that could threaten one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world.

With some fields still underwater and farmers continuing to tally losses and damage, full extent of the storm impacts remains unclear. Farmers say time will tell how fast fields dry out and whether crops on them will survive.



Initial ag damage estimates put price tag at \$60M in Tulare County

Flooding at this Tulare County farm along the Tule River between Tulare and Tipton has caused long-term damage to trees, a major investment for farmers. Image courtesy Schuil Ag Real Estate.

April 3, 2023 - 3:09 PM Written by <u>Edward Smith</u> <u>https://thebusinessjournal.com/initial-ag-damage-estimates-put-price-tag-at-60m-in-tulare-county/</u>

On Mar. 28, Newsom penned a letter to President Joe Biden and the Federal Emergency Management Agency requesting additional resources to California counties affected by flooding.

Silt brought from flooding can be seen from this aerial photo of a farm off the Tule River between Tulare and Tipton. Images courtesy Schuil Ag Real Estate.

According to the letter, over 4,000 evacuation orders had been issued in Tulare County and over 9,000 warnings had been given at the worst of the flooding. Two homes had been destroyed, 101 had suffered major damage and 52 suffered minor damage. Because of "extensive flooding," initial estimates to fields are at \$60 million, but the letter notes that impacts will be even greater as unemployment levels will increase to the effect flooding has had on ag land.

Officials estimate costs to remove debris and emergency protective measures throughout the state to be \$156 million while damage to roads, bridges, water control facilities, public buildings and parks to be

\$368.27 million. Costs to FEMA for Calaveras, Los Angeles, Monterey and Tulare counties alone has already hit \$92.2 million.

The first sense of damage to flooded land is beginning to make itself clear, but farmers "are still panicking about getting flooding under control," he said.

Water has damaged in-field crops and sent massive amounts of debris and silt onto land.

Wheat planted in winter to feed cows is unable to be harvested and corn that should have been planted for summer feed can't be planted in soaked ground, Verhoeven said.

A Lake Returns

More than 100 years ago the largest lake west of the Mississippi River was drained and the land became one of the most productive agricultural producing regions in the world.

Now, with this winters atmospherica rivers creating flooded conditions throughout California, the lake has returned, doing tremendous damage to the agricultural production in the area.



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Tulare Lake was once considered the largest fresh water lake west of the Mississippi River. The lake measures about 40 miles long and 20 miles wide. In flood season, it has measured as much as 75 miles in length. In the spring, the shallow lake could be larger in area than Lake Tahoe.

Inland Lake In Central California, Reappearing After Decades, Could Be Harbinger of Wet Seasons to Come

https://sfist.com/2023/03/30/inland-lake-in-central-california/

Tulare Lake, which used to have ferries going across it and was reportedly four times the size of Lake Tahoe, reemerged this winter in Tulare and Kings Counties, swamping farmland that has been in use for decades.

As the <u>Chronicle reported last week</u>, the inundation of reclaimed farmland in what was once the lakebed of Tulare Lake happened because of overwhelmed dams and levees. And we're still just at the

beginning of the spring season, with a record amount of snowmelt yet to come.

The entire town of Corcoran, with a population of 22,500 primarily made up of farmworkers and employees of the state prison there, would have been in the former lake. And while Corcoran is mostly staying above water now, that could change.

There are also massive fields of cotton, tomatoes, alfalfa, and pistachios where the lake once was — and it was diversion of water to irrigate farms that began causing Tulare Lake to dry up in the late 19th Century. And all of those crops could be threatened.



In an aerial view, a car is left stranded in widespread flooding as a series of atmospheric river storms melts record amounts of snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains on March 23, 2023 near Corcoran, California. The region is site of the once-massive Tulare Lake, which was the largest freshwater lake in the western United States, before farming diverted its waters and the area was developed for agriculture. As levees become unable to hold back the floods, speculation is rising that the lake will reappear. (Photo by David McNew/Getty Images)

The Colorado River

A wet winter won't stave off the Colorado River's water cuts. Interior officials and senators from river states begin trip to work toward agreement on water cuts

By Joshua Partlow April 3, 2023 at 8:18 p.m. EDT https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2023/04/03/colorado-river-negotiations-watersnowpack/? pwapi_token=eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUz11NiJ9.eyJzdWJpZCI6IjQ4MzQ3ODI5IiwicmVhc2 9uIjoiZ2lmdCIsIm5iZiI6MTY4MDU4MDgwMCwiaXNzIjoic3Vic2NyaXB0aW9ucyIsImV4cCI6MTY4M Tg3Njc5OSwiaWF0IjoxNjgwNTgwODAwLCJqdGkiOiJhNWVkZWM0NS1hNmNhLTRhZmUtYWNmYy 05YWQ5ZWViNTNjMzYiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53YXNoaW5ndG9ucG9zdC5jb20vY2xpbWF 0ZS11bnZpcm9ubWVudC8yMDIzLzA0LzAzL2NvbG9yYWRvLXJpdmVyLW51Z290aWF0aW9ucy13YXRl ci1zbm93cGFjay8ifQ.DwyHUczh8nhlEpy84mq0113rttQo_SACV1U6_DOLthU

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The abundant snow in the Rocky Mountains this year has been a welcome relief, but is not enough to overcome two decades of drought that has pushed major reservoirs along the Colorado River down to dangerous levels, Camille Calimlim Touton, the commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, said Monday at the outset of a three-day trip along the river with a bipartisan delegation of senators to push for an agreement on how to conserve an unprecedented amount of water.

The snowpack that feeds the Colorado River — which 40 million people rely on in the West — is at 154 percent of average for this time of year, Touton said.

"This is great thing for this year. But it doesn't solve a 23-year drought," she said. "We're here to find a solution together."

The trip comes as negotiations among the seven states of the Colorado River basin have stalled, with California proposing one plan for cuts and the other six states — Arizona, Colorado, <u>Nevada</u>, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah — offering another. The Interior Department is expected to publish an environmental review later this month intended to clarify its authority to make unilateral cuts to water usage and how those could be distributed if the states don't reach an agreement.

Colorado River Basin reservoirs still face grim outlook despite healthy snowpack

Winter snow accumulation offers water officials a breather as they face the basin's long-term drought

Shannon Mullane 4:02 AM MDT on Apr 4, 2023

https://coloradosun.com/2023/04/04/colorado-river-basin-march-reservoir-outlook-healthy-snowpack/



Glen Canyon Dam at Page, Arizona, holds back the massive Lake Powell on March 25, 2022. Drought conditions in the West have led levels of water in the lake to drop near where the dam will no longer be able to generate electricity. (Worm Charbonneau, Special to The Colorado Sun)

The healthy snowpack whitening Colorado's mountain peaks has given water officials some breathing room to manage the Colorado River Basin's ongoing drought. The challenge will be not to squander it.

As winter storms wind down, water managers and policymakers are mulling over decisions about how to release and retain water in shrunken reservoirs across the basin, which supports 40 million people across the West. This year, many Colorado reservoirs will have the chance to refill, but the situation is still grim for the two largest reservoirs in the system, Lake Mead and Lake Powell.

"While having a decent year of snowpack doesn't solve all of our problems, it does give us a little bit of breathing room to focus on longer-term issues," said Amy Ostdiek, chief of the interstate, federal and water information section at the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the state's leading water agency.

Reservoirs that capture Colorado River Basin water can hold, in total, about <u>60 million acre-feet of</u> water. Together, Lake Powell on the Arizona-Utah border and Lake Mead on the Nevada-Arizona

border hold about 83% of the total storage capacity for the basin.

The issue is that the Colorado River Basin is in a 23-year megadrought and those reservoirs are running short on water savings. If Lake Powell and Lake Mead fall too low, they cannot produce hydroelectric power — or release water to downstream users at all.

As of Sunday, the basin's entire reservoir storage system held about 19 million acre-feet, or about 32% of its capacity, according to the Bureau of Reclamation. An acre-foot is enough water to supply two to three U.S. households for a year.

"It would take something like six years in a row like this year to refill these reservoirs, and no one thinks that's very likely," said Brad Udall, senior water and climate scientist at the Colorado State University Colorado Water Center.

Lake Mead water level rises, defies projections

by: Duncan Phenix, Marc Sternfield

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Lake Mead, the largest reservoir on the Colorado River and a major source of Southern California's water, is staying above the most recent projections released by the government several weeks ago, KTLA sister station KLAS reports.

According to the US Bureau of Reclamation's "Most Probable 24-Month Study" published in March, Lake Mead was projected to have dropped to approximately 1,043.06 feet (above sea level). But as of April 3, Lake Mead's water level is at 1,045.91, almost three feet above the projected level. It's a positive trend seen in the last three months of projections.

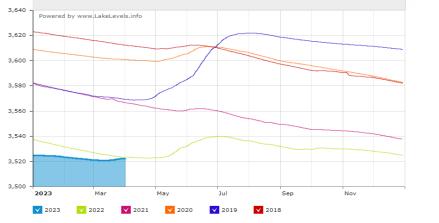
As shown in the graphic below, Lake Mead's water level did rise at the beginning of this year, followed by a small drop. However, partially due to recent rain in the Las Vegas area, the water level stabilized for a few days before rising almost half a foot at the end of March. Since then, the level of the lake has dropped again by about half a foot.



Lake Mead water level as of 9 a.m. Apr. 3, 2023 (Image: uslakes.info - Data: US Bureau of Reclamation)

Upstream, Lake Powell has shown signs of rebounding and has risen more than a foot over the last

month after dropping to a new all-time low in mid-March. Many people are speculating the Bureau of Reclamation will allow Lake Powell to benefit from the melting snowpack in Colorado before Lake Mead.



Powell water level as of 12 a.m. Apr. 2, 2023 (Image: uslakes.info - Data: US Bureau of Reclamation)

The Trump Indictment Backlash Storm, One Day In

By <u>Barbara Boyd</u> April 05, 2023



"The only crime that I have committed is to fearlessly defend our nation from those who seek to destroy it! #MAGA" *President Donald J. Trump, April 4, 2023.*

"We just have to demonstrate that he will not take power if he does run, making sure he—under legitimate efforts of our Constitution—does not become the next president again." *Pretend President Joseph R. Biden, November 9, 2022.*

It has not yet come to a physical assassination of the 45th President of the United States. That would be a very messy operation in information warfare, and it is doubtful the current incompetents could pull it off in a climate where the American population is very much awake. Moreover, Dr. King reminded us that the long arc of the moral universe bends toward justice and no one anymore believes the myths they concocted concerning John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King himself. Few

would buy a new one. Lyndon LaRouche once raised the question as to whether John F. Kennedy was assassinated because he was the American president or because he was Kennedy. History suggests that both were major factors, given the dedication of the modern British Empire to destroying our Republic, an intent in place since they lost the Civil War.

Instead, we have lawfare, legal assassination or "neutralization" as they call it in their soothing security state bureaucratize, which has been systemically applied to the 45th President of the United States. It began in 2015, when he announced his first presidential campaign. That was the subject of Donald J. Trump's fierce and defiant denunciation of the bogus Manhattan indictment against him last night <u>in a national speech delivered from Mar-a-Lago</u>. Today, Wednesday, Trump celebrated his surging poll numbers– now 10 points up over Biden– <u>while cautioning that Congress must defund the American security state now, starting with the DOJ and FBI.</u>

In his Mar-a-Lago speech, the 45th president of the United States reprised the entire long running soft coup d'etat beginning with "Russia, Russia, Russia", two impeachments, a stolen election, and now four prosecutions planned between now and November 2024 designed to eliminate his presidential candidacy. This is what fascist little man, Joe Biden, calls "legitimate efforts of our Constitution." Trump also reprised the current destruction of our nation engineered by Biden and his incompetent British imperium controllers from the farcically named "rules based international order." He emphasized our immediate proximity to nuclear World War III.

A portion of our population has been systematically brainwashed to hate the 45th President of the United States by a now eight-year security state/Silicon Valley military grade full spectrum information warfare operation. Under that regime, Donald J. Trump is the modern Emmanuel Goldstein of George Orwell's novel, *1984*. Goldstein, like Trump, was once an accepted leader within the regime. Then he rejected it and began a relentless campaign in defense of the people. In response, the regime ordered ritualistic "2 minutes of hate" sessions to be performed daily by the population against Goldstein. They also created existential emergencies (like our present climate apocalypse and COVID myths) and endless war. All of it was designed to maintain a permanent climate of fear and popular cowardice.

But the portion of the irretrievably brainwashed in our country is smaller now and shrinking. Economic collapse, COVID lies, a genocidal war in our name against Russia and the mad desire to extend it to China, and, most of all, Donald J. Trump's courage and resilience have broken the spell and that courage and resilience is contagious. The Democratic strategy rests on controlling the cities and shrinking residual pockets in the professional and college educated suburbs. They believe they can beat Trump in 2024 through the same tactics they used in 2020: mass psychological profiling and assaults on a dumbed down and cowardly population, continuous information war, and vote fraud. Trump's heroic stance, however, has now been supplemented by the action of Elon Musk, who bought Twitter and now, through the work of journalists given access to its secrets, exposed the entire brainwashing mechanism of the modern security state.

Thus, the actions of the Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, intended to publicly humiliate and dethrone Trump have instead unleashed a massive popular backlash which is extending everywhere. That backlash had already begun to manifest itself with the gun-toting FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago for overdue documents at the National Archives, back in August. Bragg's "no there, there" indictment has now produced an unparalleled outcry based on the unanticipated arousal of Lady Justice from her apparent deep sleep in the American conscience.

As a result, all of the commentariat yesterday, be they liberal or conservative, struggled to make sense of the nonsense indictment, declaring it "nuts," "deeply disappointing," a "dangerously weak" legal stew appetizing only to passionate Trump haters. And that was only on MSNBC.

The Stormy Daniels, Karen McDougal sex coverup claims were first created in Robert Mueller's failed Russiagate obstruction of justice setup. Andrew Weissman, the thug prosecutor who ran the Mueller prosecution for the senile former FBI Director Mueller, takes personal credit for developing these canards even if they were not pursued then. <u>The Mueller investigation itself was, of course, the coverup for the crimes committed against the Trump campaign by the British, Ukrainian, and U.S. governments in collusion with Hillary Clinton's donors, lawyers, and presidential campaign.</u>

The Daniels-McDougal-Michael Cohen hush money claims were completely investigated by the FEC, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and Bragg's office itself and rejected for prosecution. Michael Cohen was charged by the Southern District of New York for personal business and tax crimes and for his role in payments to Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal, but he asserted, truthfully at the time, that Trump played no role in these arrangements. Cohen was also separately convicted of perjury for lying to Congress. Thanks to the counsel of Hillary Clinton fixer Lanny Davis and, apparently, lots of brain shampoos, Cohen is now Bragg's star witness. This follows years of revolt in the Manhattan DA's office against using Cohen because he is a provable pathological liar.

Once Trump began to surge in the polls, however, the assessment of Cohen changed. Then Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance told initially reluctant prosecutors that the anti-Trump bias of Manhattan jurors would overcome the complete lack of Trump's criminal culpability in the case. To convince an initially reluctant Bragg, when he took over from Vance, Biden, et al, dispatched a trusted legal assassin, Matthew Colangelo from the third highest position in the Biden Justice Department, to Bragg's office in order to coordinate the hit job. Colangelo had formerly been employed by the New York Attorney General's office in their endless quest to "get Trump."

The indictment unveiled yesterday consists of thirty-four misdemeanor counts, transfigured through prosecutorial black magic into 34 felonies. If the 34 charges were misdemeanors, they would be barred by the statute of limitations. They only become felonies, (tenuous also under the statute of limitations) if they were done to cover up another crime. Contrary to law, the indictment does not say what the other crime is. If, as speculated, it is an FEC violation, the FEC has already said there was no crime. Other speculations fare no better. Stacking up the business record entries for payments to reimburse Michael Cohen as alleged by him because the DA thinks the descriptions should have said "payments to cover up a sex affair with Stormy Daniels" rather than "legal services" fares no better. It simply is not a crime. Dividing up the sequence of payments into 34 separate charges violates prosecutorial ethical prohibitions about "stacking" criminal charges.

The context makes matters even worse. In context, Alvin Bragg, sitting in the middle of the most criminal business crime and securities crime arena in history, that is, modern Wall Street and its City of London co-conspirators, sanctimoniously declared that a totally legal Non-Disclosure Agreement and a totally common opposition research suppression scheme are the crime of the century while Wall Street's economic hitman proceed untouched. In context, Alvin Bragg, acting as the Biden DOJ's cats' paw, sanctimoniously declared that Trump somehow misled the 2016 voting public through the 2017 bookkeeping entries the indictment alleges while Joe Biden's supporters in Silicon Valley and the intelligence community used all the powers of the state and millions of dollars to suppress the Hunter Biden laptop story in 2020. They too, have been excused.

As significant in the illegitimacy of this charade is the fact that Alvin Bragg and New York Attorney General Letica James both campaigned for their offices on the proposition that they would "get Trump." The Judge, Loren Merchan, previously presided over the recent trial of the Trump Organization for tax charges involving compensation to CFO Allen Weisselberg, and the sentencing of Weisselberg to jail for five months under a plea deal. Merchan said he would have imposed an even tougher sentence on the 75-year-old Weisselberg. Merchan's daughter works for a political consultancy employed by the Biden/Harris campaign in addition to other Democratic Party politicians, including Adam Schiff. Under the circumstances even *Politico*, citing court officials and lawyers, raised questions about why Merchan is trying this case.

Former lead Southern District of New York prosecutor Andy McCarthy points out that the indictment is based on the apparent inability of DA Bragg to even read a calendar: bookkeeping entries in 2017 are alleged to have deceptively effected an election which occurred in 2016.

https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-slams-bragg-plead-not-guilty-never-thought-anything-likethis-happen-america A further major complication is the fact that Donald Trump did not make or cause to be made the bookkeeping entries in question. He had resigned all roles in his companies and was serving as President of the United States.

But the abject legal insufficiency of Bragg's political attack is not the point here. We could go on, as others, like <u>Adam Mill of *American Greatness* have done admirably.</u> Bragg's attack is only part of the culmination of a now eight-year coup against the United States presidency and our Constitution. Trump is right to mobilize the public to impose its will on the Congress: defund the security state in all of its aspects now before it destroys the Republic. Do that now with urgency.