

## The Trouble with Trump is Why I Support Him

He's 100% of the reason he got elected in 2016, and 100% of the reason he was not elected in 2020.

That's the trouble with Donald Trump.

Though it is true that President Trump has a massive following of MAGA supporters and received 74 million votes in 2020, there is just something about him that drives some people crazy. Some call it TDS, *Trump Derangement Syndrome*. Many lifelong Republicans for one reason or the other, simply won't vote for him. I was a John Kasich fan in 2016. I get it.

I've lost friends over voting for Trump in 2020. Real people. I could give names, *you* may be one of them, despite the fact that I never gave Trump money, or spent much time chatting him up. This despite agreeing with much of the personal criticism about him: boorish, womanizer, combative, insulting, materialistic, disloyal, juvenile, vulgar. I get it.

However, none of this means he is unqualified to run for or hold office, and none of this means he did a poor job as president 2017-2021.

President Trump boasted many accomplishments:

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| -Cut taxes                       | -Out of the Iran deal           | -Three SCOTUS justices        |
| -Regulations reduced             | -Out of the Paris Accord        | -Operation Warp Speed         |
| -Rapid economic growth           | -Embassy moved to Jerusalem     | -Achieved energy independence |
| -Lowest unemployment in 40 years | -Hostages home from North Korea | -Appointed 54 Federal Judges  |
| -Wages up                        | -New NAFTA                      | -Low inflation                |

These accomplishments impress me. I certainly understand that a Democrat might not agree. But whether you support these or not, he worked hard, accomplished much--all without a salary. He was also the first president to leave office with a lower, significantly lower, net worth than any president in history--the very definition of a public servant for any other president.

But not for Donald Trump.

Instead, this is what he got:

- 55 Democrats boycotted Trump's 2017 inauguration based on false allegations about Russian election interference
- Trump was impeached in 2020 for the same now discredited allegations about Russian election interference
- Deplatformed by Facebook & Twitter, the two biggest social media platforms, and uniformly maligned by a biased media
- Impeached for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, the first president in history, for contesting the 2020 election
- First president in history to be indicted
- Facing four legal cases brought by political opponents, that depend on "unprecedented" and "novel legal theories" for success

It would be hard for an outsider to believe that these monumental attacks against a former president are not politically motivated, particularly since each case, deplatforming, impeachment, and arrests, were brought by partisan Democrats with significant policy differences against a conservative pro-life white male billionaire businessman.

Additionally, denying and contesting election results are as old as our country. No major office holder, Hillary Clinton, Stacey Abrams, Kamala Harris, Joe Biden, Jimmy Carter, Hakeem Jeffries, Nancy Pelosi, Al Gore, Maxine Waters, John Kerry, Dick Durbin, etc., all Democrats, all of whom fiercely challenged various elections, has ever been charged for contesting elections.

Meanwhile Trump and 18 other Republicans were charged?

Many will impartially conclude that this characterizes at least un-equal justice, and at most peak corruption for a Department of Justice and its sponsor, the Democratic Party.

Particularly incriminating is the timing.

Even while President Biden's son, Hunter Biden, faces charges for significant crimes (tax evasion and illegal possession of firearms), none which, unlike Trump's, were politically motivated; and serious accusations that his influence peddling/lobbying included material conflicts of interest with President Biden, all of the unwanted attention is drawn to former President Trump because of these charges.

And, is it any coincidence that the Republican presidential debates are happening at the same time?

If Donald Trump were just a private citizen, had not decided to run for re-election, did not also happen to be the runaway Republican presidential front-runner, none of these charges would have been brought against him, the first impeachment would face a [symbolic resolution](#) to expunge, and the second impeachment would have never arisen.

This, I, and many others, assert with complete confidence.

Why?

Trump announced his run for president, November 15, 2022. Only four months later, March 30, 2023, a Manhattan grand jury indicted Trump. The follow-on Trump indictments came *after* Hunter Biden was charged June 20, 2023, and grew in number as more and more damning information was uncovered about Hunter and President Biden's alleged [illegal business deals](#).

None of this is a coincidence. And none of this is the result of the noble blind scales of justice. These are vintage Putinesque political attacks on a sitting president's leading opponent, unprecedented in our 247 year history as a nation.

Accordingly, a strange thing happened.

I had moved on from Trump before all of this. Honestly, I was disappointed when Trump announced a run for re-election. *Here we go again*, I lamented. As good a president as he was, I understood and felt the angst against this bombastic personality. I was hoping for a DeSantis candidacy, started watching a guy named Vivek with the unpronounceable last name, and even followed Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., a Democrat, with interest. All three looked promising to me.

Call me lukewarm MAGA. Guilty.

However, no one can accuse me of being a lukewarm patriot, American citizen, or conservative.

And that's why, after this outrageous treatment of President Trump, I changed my mind.

Now it's personal. They are attacking *my* values, and the values of millions of conservative and even liberal-minded Americans who believe in a just society and the rule of law.

Unthinking Leftists can't make this case. They simply don't like Trump. You can tell when anti-Trump protestors are interviewed and asked, "exactly what is it you don't like about Trump?" The answers are subjective, vague, mindless, and sometimes even funny—he's *mean*, a *jerk*, *racist*. Whatever.

However, thinking Leftists, and professional Democratic Party apparatchiks like Biden's handlers, the DOJ, and their collusive state AG's can (but do not) say exactly what it is about Trump they won't abide: "He is stridently pro-America, pro-family, pro-Judeo-Christian values, pro-free enterprise, pro-border, pro-police, pro-military, pro-life, anti-swamp; has millions of fervent powerful followers, and may win the 2024 presidential election if we don't shut him down for good." This, they believe, but do not say.

The permanently embedded deep state Democratic juggernaut is not just attacking a controversial ex-president -- It is important to see this -- they are attacking values and principles that appall deep state Left. They've made the courts the polling place.

The Left will not tolerate Trump's threat, any more than Putin tolerated Yevgeny Prigozhin, Alexei Navalny, Alexander Litvinenko, and scores of others. Likewise, [Tucker Carlson asked](#) former President Trump, "Are you worried that they're going to try and kill you?" A macabre but revealing question.

On August 25, Sen Ted Cruz, [posted](#), "Every candidate on the debate stage should have said, "Hell yes, I will pardon Donald Trump on January 20, 2025." Cruz is right. Instead, most candidates, except Vivek, trashed President Trump and played into the hands of the corrupt Left. This is why many said that President Biden won the first debate.

I am a lifelong conservative. I have written scores of conservative pieces that have been published in major periodicals, attended the 1992 Republican convention as a guest of Sen Howard Baker, was the former president of a national conservative free-enterprise non-profit, helped many Republican candidates get elected, and have always been steadfast in my "faith."

Embracing and passing along conservative values is in my blood. It has never been about being popular, winning business, or following the latest trend. I do this because it is right.

The trouble with Donald Trump is the trouble with America. We are being attacked, and we have to see that, or the freedom we enjoy may fade forever.

President Ronald Reagan [said](#), "Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people."

Make America great again. I support President Donald Trump.